

Summer 2020



The Call of the Wild

A Wildlife Forever Member Newsletter



Into the Wild

This summer will mark the 10th anniversary of the passing of Seth Thomas Spradlin. He was a **State-Fish Art Contest** winner and aspiring wildlife artist. We celebrate Seth's legacy by naming our *Best of Show Award* in his honor. Today, his nieces and nephews compete in the annual contest and won big from the state of Indiana.

[Read the full story here...](#)

Support Our Mission Drive

This year we have a fundraising goal of \$25,000 to support programs such as the State-Fish Art Contest and Clean Drain Dry Initiative. Please, make a donation and help reach our goal. Gifts of \$35 or more will



2020 Seth Thomas Spradlin Best of Show Award

In this E-newsletter, you'll see our latest fundraiser and *Mission Support Drive*. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, your contribution is critically needed to ensure programs like *State-Fish Art* continue to inspire and build stewardship.

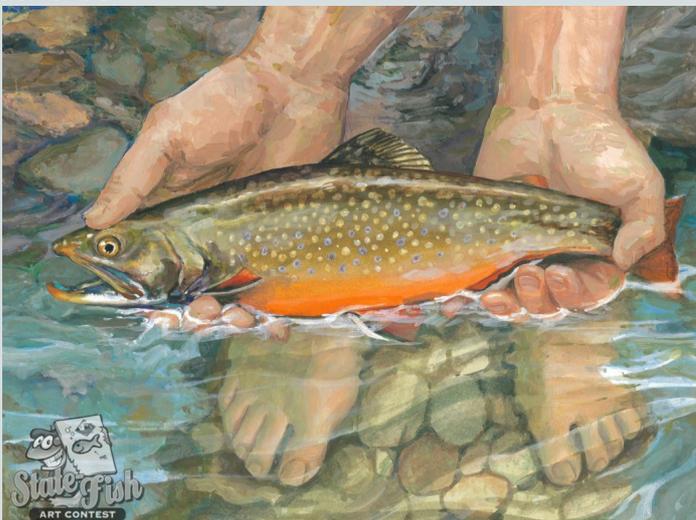
Thank you for your gift of support. Take time to get outdoors or reminisce with a moment in nature that brings you peace and know, Wildlife Forever works on your behalf to ensure the future of our outdoor heritage.

Yours in conservation,

Pat Conzemius
President & CEO

State-Fish Art™

The 2020 *State-Fish Art Contest* Winners were announced in May. We received more than 5,200 entries this year from 47 states and 33 different countries.



This has been the largest year for the *Fish Art Contest*

receive a choice of Wildlife Forever multi-tool or Rosewood pen as a thank you gift.



Give to the
Mission Drive

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Now**

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The Brella Project

Wildlife Forever is working with Brella on their launch of high performance, non-restrictive waterproof outerwear. Brella is currently offering a pre-sale special, for every

due in large part to our supporters, *Title Sponsor* Bass Pro Shops, the USDA Forest Service, Guy Harvey Foundation and World Fish Migration Foundation.

Be sure to check out the 2020 winners by visiting www.StateFishArt.org

Clean Drain Dry Initiative™

The Clean Drain Dry Initiative is working in high gear to prevent the spread of invasive species this summer. With more people enjoying the outdoors than ever before, our nations waters need to be protected.

In Ohio, you'll see signs about the *Trash Unused Bait* campaign. We coordinate this message to help prevent Asian Carp from spreading into the Great lakes.



Wildlife Forever recently released the *Clean In - Clean Out Roadside Station*. This water-less cleaning station offers complete customization with multiple options for tools and signage at boat ramps and accesses. The station is an affordable option for anyone looking to provide much need tools and education to boaters, anglers and hunters. A [new study](#) by the Wisconsin Sea

Grant shows that a boater utilizing these tools can remove invasives as well as a trained inspector.

purchase made using the fundraising code **WILDLIFE**, you receive **25-35% off** and we receive a **\$5 donation** at no cost to you.

www.brellabrella.com



Green Lights Recycling



Wildlife Forever has partnered with Green Lights Recycling to help promote responsible recycling practices. Ever wondered what you should do with items such as spent light bulbs, batteries, and electronic scrap? Through **Green Lights Recycling** [Recycle & Restore](#) program, you can purchase prepaid mail-back containers to responsibly recycle materials from your

Prairie City USA®

Our inaugural program in Fergus Falls has begun. Restoration experts have removed 17 acres of grasses at Pebble Lake Golf Course and 6 acres at a local park. Replacing these unused mowed lawns with native prairie plants will provide important habitat for pollinators, birds and wildlife and save taxpayer dollars.



At the Wildlife Forever headquarters, our native prairie planting is flourishing just one year after its initial planting. Flowers such as Phlox, Bee Balm, Black-eyed susan, and Butterfly weed serve as an important food source for local pollinator species.



Be sure to like our new [Prairie City USA Facebook Page!](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

For the second year, Wildlife Forever is working with

home or business.

Our Partners



the MN Department of Agriculture to educate the public about invasive species that can be transported on firewood. Staff are working on a media campaign targeted at MN counties currently infested with Gypsy Moth and Emerald Ash Borer.

Emerald Ash Borer is in Minnesota

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Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
Larvae can live in firewood for two years



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