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Daven Claerbout is Awarded the Bronze Teal Award by Ducks Unlimited.

OOSTBURG, WI, November 1, 2011 – Dutchland Plastics’ Co-Owner, Daven Claerbout received the Ducks Unlimited Bronze Teal Award for his many contributions to their organization. An accomplished auctioneer, Claerbout has volunteered many hours applying those skills at Ducks Unlimited events. He has also made many other contributions, helping advance the initiatives of Ducks Unlimited.



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Auctioneer-Volunteer Daven Claerbout Receives Bronze Teal Award

Daven Claerbout can pick a likely bidder out of the crowd faster than a duck hunter wakes up on opening day. For him, auctioneering is a skill that became a passion. It's also a unique way to give back to his community.

"Ducks Unlimited and other conservation organizations are outlets for me to use my auctioneering," Claerbout said. "These events help me fulfill my desire to perform, and at the same time fulfill my obligation to my parents, who always told me, 'In order to receive, you have to give.' My parents are great examples of people who knew that giving back to your community as well as others is your responsibility."

In addition to leading live auctions, Claerbout, through his third-generation family-run company, Dutchland Plastics, has donated more than 10 kayaks to auctions at regional DU events in Wisconsin. For all his gifts and the many hours he has volunteered as an auctioneer at Badger State events, he was recently recognized with DU's Bronze Teal Award.



Claerbout caught the auctioneering bug from his father, who was an auctioneer and real estate broker for 31 years. Following in his father's footsteps, he went on to start his own auctioning and real estate business, but abandoned it for the family plastics business in the mid-1990s. "I knew I was going to miss auctioneering, so I decided to continue to pursue it only for fundraising events," Claerbout said. "This year I will do 46 auctions, along with my engineering director, Ted Mentink. And honestly, we enjoy every single one!"

(From left) DU Regional Director Tom Munich and DU Zone Chairman James Nielsen present Dutchland Plastics owner Daven Claerbout with a Bronze Teal Award.