



The Wildlife Art of Jeanie Beline

We were in the offices of the Kayak Fishing ClassicS today to check out some new sponsor gear when the postman delivered a large package. Captain Pat Horrigan, National Director of Tournaments for the ClassicS became excited and could not wait to open the box. "Wait until you see this," he said. He carefully opened the box and removed two heavily wrapped items.

I could not believe what I was looking at. The captain explained that the hand crafted boxes were made by artist Jeanie Beline of "Wildlife from Scratch." Inset into the outer box lid of each box, were a beautiful redfish that had been recreated on tile from the artists original artwork.

As I understand it, artist Jeanie Beline finds special woods that have been sunken in the ocean or lakes and makes these wonderful pieces of art from them. She burns her wildlife art into the wood and then adds color by painting them. A very special processes no doubt. She then, somehow recreates the image onto tile for the inset.

The boxes in this case are made from salvaged spaulted maple and cedar and smell of fond memories from days gone by. The salvaged woods are enhanced by nature with holes and gouges and have been hand worked by a master craftsman. Their constructions are without compare or compromise. The boxes themselves are a piece of art and the combination of the two rare and beautiful art forms is nothing short of breath taking.

I am sorry that the fly rod review will have to wait. It is very windy anyway and after being introduced to theses fantastic works, I just had to turn my attention toward them. I found myself unable to take my eyes off of them, a fate that waits for all who gaze upon this most unusual and beautiful creation by a true master of the arts.

The Kayak Fishing ClassicS awards some very outstanding marine artwork by Florida artists. The contestants of the national series greatly enjoy and appreciated the artwork provided in the 2010 series year. They are sure to be taken aback with what is in store for them this year.

To learn more about the artwork of Jeanie Beline, please visit her on the ClassicS website at www.KayakFishingClassicS.com