

DUCK STAMP 20 \$2,200

1987 WEST VIRGINIA 1<sup>ST</sup> OF STATE EXECUTIVE EDITION WITH MEDALLION AND COLOR  
REMARQUE

This most exclusive offering of the 1987 West Virginia First of State Duck Stamp Print with Medallion and Color Remarque by world renowned wildlife artist DANIEL SMITH is marked 89/145 and is in pristine condition. Daniel has exhibited his wildlife art in the most prestigious venues around the globe. The set includes the signed print of two Canadian Geese in flight, a wonderful color remark by the artist and signed, a gold-plated medallion and two duck stamps, with one signed by the artist. Additionally, included is a third stamp in the original folder with information on the edition and artist. Professionally framed, it measures 18" x 17". Any distortions in the photos are due to light on the glass.





# WEST VIRGINIA

## THE PROGRAM

A pair of Canada geese winging through a stormy West Virginia sky appear on the official 1987 "First of State" West Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Stamp and Print. The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources commissioned the nation's most popular "First of State" stamp print artist Daniel Smith to produce their "first" stamp image.

In 1986 the West Virginia Legislature passed a law requiring all waterfowl hunters to purchase a "duck" stamp beginning with the 1987 hunting season. The funds from the sale of stamps and print royalties will be used for the maintenance of the Atlantic flyway, preservation of waterfowl habitat and continued conservation of migratory wildfowl and other wildlife within the state.

## THE PRINT

Daniel Smith's winning design is printed on acid-free paper using special fade-resistant inks. Image size: 6 1/2 x 9 inches. Paper size: 12 x 14 inches. The edition size was determined by the number of orders received by July 31, 1987.

## THE PRINT AND MEDALLION SET

The special collector medallion and print set consists of a limited edition art print and a special 24 karat gold plated medallion. The edition size was determined by the number of orders received by July 31, 1987.

## THE EXECUTIVE EDITION

The Executive Edition consists of a print and medallion plus a special color remarque hand painted by the artist. The edition size was determined by the number of orders received by July 31, 1987.

## THE ARTIST

Daniel Smith always demands the very best of himself as a wildlife artist. He never picks up his brush until he has first studied his subject in its natural habitat and then captured it with his camera. The paintings which result provide us with portrayals of representative moments in the lives of the subject which are both beautiful and technically correct.

This self-imposed demand for excellence has served Smith well. The 1987 West Virginia Stamp print marks the sixth time he has been selected to print a "First of State" Contemporary Stamp image. He was also the artist for the 1983 Minnesota "First of State" Pheasant Stamp, the 1986 "First of State" New Mexico Turkey Stamp, the 1987 Arizona "First of State" Duck Stamp, the 1985 Georgia "First of State" Duck Stamp, and the nation's largest-selling state stamp print, the 1985 "First of State" Alaska Duck Stamp.

Competition is keen among wildlife artists seeking recognition and coveted assignments. Although relatively young at 32 years of age, Smith is seasoned in his craft. He has been juried into the highly competitive Birds in Art Exhibition at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum every year since 1981. Smith's talents were further recognized when The National Geographic Society selected him to paint the color plates for its Field Guide to North American Birds, published in 1983. He quickly



followed that by taking two "Best of Show" awards at various exhibitions in 1984 alone, including one at the Minnesota Wildlife Heritage Show.

The 1987 West Virginia "First of State" stamp and print display once again why Smith has become one of the nation's most successful wildlife and stamp print artists. He has developed a loyal following which creates both enthusiastic initial orders in spite of his price and sustained investment interest.

