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“Spring Chicken,” a bronze sculpture by prize-winning artist, Diane D. Mason, celebrates the *Avian Diseases* Journal’s 50th Anniversary publication cover. This piece has been exhibited at a number of top wildlife/animal shows around the country. The artist was inspired to capture the charm of a young pullet just beginning to grow a comb and wattles and the innocence and beauty of one of her own chickens that she raises in Loveland, CO. Ms. Mason specializes in avian subjects, including chickens, ducks, geese, penguins, and herons. She currently serves on the executive board of the Society of Animal Artists. Her work can be viewed on her Web site: www.ddmason.com. Requests for submitting art for a future feature cover should be directed to: avian.diseases@umn.edu.