



Fine Feathers – March 2013

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

Message from the President AWCA

With March upon us, the days are getting longer, daylight saving, and the end of another winter carving season a little more than six weeks away, club members are looking to finishing their projects, pushing to sell the AWCA Raffle Tickets and getting ready for this year's Images of Nature Carving Show.

This season the club has been quite busy with its partnership with Cabela's that has resulted in new members to our Tuesday night classes and more community awareness of the club and our art form. Many thanks to our executive who have spearheaded this partnership and our members who have volunteered to help with our demonstrations at the Cabela's store.

- **AWCA Website**

The AWCA's most up to date information on an ongoing basis can be found in our website. The website can be reached online under "Alberta Wildlife Carving Association" or directly at <http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/>.

Current News

- **AWCA Carving Calendar**

Our carving calendar for the remainder of the year is as follows:

REGULAR CARVING AND CLASSES

March – 5/12/19

Spring Break

April – 2/9/16/23/30

May 3/4/5 - Images of Nature Show

- **Tuesday Night Tucan Class**

Glenn's Tuesday Night Tucan Class looks like they might finish by year's end – the birds look great! We are not sure where the pink class uniforms came from!



- **Images of Nature Show 2013**

This year's Images of Nature Show will be held at the **Sherwood Park Community League "Log Cabin"** (50 Spruce Avenue Sherwood Park, Alberta) **Friday May 3rd to Sunday May 5th 2013**. More information about the "Log Cabin" can be found at www.spmba.ca

With the annual Images of Nature Show approaching quickly, members are encouraged to support our show by volunteering to help and by entering your finished wildlife art pieces. Carvers are reminded that competitions like our Images of Nature Show provide opportunities to have your carvings assessed by a panel of judges. This assessment and feedback is invaluable to carvers at all levels wishing to improve their skills. Sign-up sheets and more information regarding how you can help at this year's show will be forthcoming from the show committee (listed below). Information and entry forms for this year's show can be found on the AWCA website under 'Images of Nature Show'.

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association will sponsor three purchase awards with additional community based purchase awards to be announced as they become available. Please note that the AWCA has increased the number and value of its purchase awards for next year to include a third award and an increase in the Song Bird Purchase Award from \$750 to \$1000. AWCA 2013 Purchase Awards are as follows:

- \$1000.00 for the best **life-size Songbird**, M/F decorative or slick with suitable habitat.
- \$750.00 for the best **North American Land Mammal**, decorative or slick with suitable habitat.
- \$500 for the best **North American Shorebird**, decorative or slick (gunning style on a stick acceptable)

Images of Nature Show – Guest Judge

AWCA is pleased to announce that Bob Lavender has agreed to be our guest judge at this year's Images of Nature Show. Bob is a very talented carver who has won many national and international awards over the years and is a favorite among many of our carvers. Good News for AWCA!

- **Carve and Paint a Killdeer with Bob Lavender**

AWCA members are invited to carve and paint a Killdeer Shorebird with Bob Lavender while he is in Edmonton for the Images of Nature Show. Carvers will pre-carve the basic bird at Boag Lake Studio prior to the show (April 20/21/27/28 9:00am to 4:00pm) and then finish carving and painting the Killdeer when Bob is in Edmonton (May 1/2/3 8:30am to 4:30pm). The total cost of the course is \$290. A \$50 deposit is required upon registration and the balance due April 1, 2013. See more information on our website.



To register contact:

Glenn Maber at 780-417-1462 or e-mail at gmaber@yahoo.com

- **Annual End of Season and Images of Nature BBQ**

Each year the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association holds its year-end BBQ in conjunction with its Images of Nature Show. Club members, spouses and Images of Nature participants are encouraged to attend this unique event. This year's BBQ will be held **Saturday May 4th from 5:30 - 8:00pm** "out in the country" at Jeannine and Glenn Maber's home at a cost of \$25.00 per person. (This is a BYOB event!) Tickets can be pre-ordered or purchased from Kathleen prior to Tuesday April 23th.

- **AWCA Raffle 2012/13**

Ticket sales for this year's AWCA Raffle are ongoing - once again the **draw will be made on Sunday May 5th at our Images of Nature Show**. AWCA members are encouraged to sell off their remaining tickets as soon as possible. **All money and unsold tickets are to be turned into Kathleen Norton by Tuesday May 23, 2013.**

This year's AWCA Raffle prize are:

A Marsh Wren by Cheryl Hepperle

A Blue Wing Teal Drake by Ted Trusz

A Baby Black Bear by Brenda Mitchell

- **Carving In the Park 2013**

This year's Carving in the Park Summer School will be held once again at the Red Barn in Sherwood Park: **July 23rd through July 28th**. The classes are as follows:

Beth Crabb - Basket Weaving

AWCA is asking the assistance of club members in marketing Beth's classes. We have a number of spots left in all classes and members are asked to talk to neighbors and friends about the classes. We have attached a detailed course description, pictures and sign-up instructions to this newsletter – please copy and distribute to interested people.

These courses are designed for you to learn and create, while having fun. Three one and a half to two day basket weaving classes will happen over the six days of the school. Using various widths of reed, students will learn basket weaving techniques to create and finish three baskets. They will choose from a variety of natural and hand-dyed reeds, as well as yarn to incorporate their own color choices during the weaving.

Class #1 Square Basket with Japanese Diamond Weave or Cherokee Wheels July 23/24



Class #2 Potato Basket - 1.5 days July 25-26



Class #3 Cherokee Picnic Basket - 2 days July 27-28



(For more information on these classes please see the AWCA website)

FEES: Any Single Class: \$125.00 + materials fee of \$30.00/ basket
 Any 2 Classes: \$200.00(total of both classes) + materials fee of
 \$30.00/Basket
 All 3 Classes: \$275+materials fee \$30/basket

Lunch Included for all classes

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Bob Guge – Male Cardinal

Bob will be joining us again this summer for the annual Carving in the Park Summer School. This year he will offer a course in carving and painting a male Cardinal. Bob's vast experience, excellent teaching style and superior carving skills are a definite plus to the summer school experience. The six day course offers more time for students to work with Bob and the results in the past have been outstanding. **The total cost of the course is \$690.00** this includes all supplies and materials and lunches for the week. Final payment due May 23rd.



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Byron Crabb – River Otter Pair

Byron will be with us once again this summer with a new exciting project for wildlife carvers. This year's project is a pair of River Otters. This six day course offers carvers an opportunity to carve with one of the best wildlife carvers in North America. Byron is known for his wonderful animal carvings and has been able to pass these skills on to carvers through classes like this one. One advantage of the six day format of the "Carving in the Park" summer school is the ability to spend more time with instructors like Byron to develop more detail in your carvings. **The total cost of the course is \$490.00** this includes all supplies and materials and lunches for the week. A \$100 deposit is required upon registration. Final payment due May 23rd.



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