



## Fine Feathers - August 2013

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

### Message from the President AWCA

As another summer draws to an end it is time to think about getting back to carving. The executive has been working hard to get the upcoming year's classes, show, raffle, summer school ready to go. We will be starting the year on **Tuesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** in the industrial arts lab at Amiskwaciy Academy with a general meeting, course sign up and time with your individual instructor. As we enter the 2013/14 carving year the AWCA is in great shape financially, we have a permanent home at Amiskwaciy Academy a healthy membership, great instructors and a strong executive. With these factors in mind I am confident that we will have an exceptional carving year. So welcome aboard and let's get carving!

Bob

### **Current News**

- **Outgoing Executive**

The Alberta Wildlife Association would like to thank our outgoing executive members for their leadership and tireless work over the years. The AWCA depend on the willingness of individuals like these who volunteer to serve the general membership as

Executive Members. We extend our thanks to: Kay Price, Gerry Beyersbergen and Bob Steele.

- **AWCA General Meeting and Election of Executive**

AWCA will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 at 6:00 pm at Amiskwacy Academy. An important item on the agenda will be the election of a new Executive for the Association. The following is a listing of continuing executive members and vacant executive positions. In addition we have listed committee membership information. AWCA members are encouraged to consider serving as executive or committee members.

#### **2013/14 AWCA Executive**

**PRESIDENT:** Vacant

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Kathleen Norton

**SECRETARY:** Vacant

**TREASURER:** Russ Mann

**DIRECTORS:** Glenn Maber, Cheryl Hepperle, Brian Hepperle

#### **2013-2014 COMMITTEES**

**Instruction:** Glenn Maber

**Newsletter:** Vacant

**Membership:** Brian Hepperle

**Library:** Vacant

**Community Relations:** Cheryl Hepperle

**Coffee-** Vacant

**Website:** Don Delaney

**Advertising:** Russ Mann,

**Carving in the Park:** Glenn Maber, Bob Steele,

**Images of Nature Show:** Brenda Mitchell, Glenn Maber, Bob Steele, Jim

McLaughlin, Wayne Olsen

- **Cabela's Fall Great Outdoor Days**

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped us with our display at this year's Fall Great Outdoor Days at Cabela's. The two week end event provided a great opportunity to demonstrate our art to a large number of people and generate some interest in our beginner loon class. Special thanks to Cheryl who coordinated the two weekend event.

- **AWCA Carving Calendar**

Alberta Wildlife Carving Association will be holding its weekly, Tuesday carving nights in the Industrial Arts Lab at Amiskwaciy Academy from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the following dates:

October 1 – Start of Carving/General Mtg. / Tues. Night Class sign up (last day)

October – 8/15/22/29

November – 5/12/19/26

December – 3/10/17

- Christmas Party December 17th)

Christmas Break

January – 7/14/21/28

February – 4/11/18/25

March – 4/11/18

Spring Break

April – 1/8/15/22/29

May 5 - Final clean up and sign out of Amiskwaciy Academy

The AWCA carving calendar can also be found on our Website in the section entitled “About Us and our Carving Classes” or by [Clicking here](#)

- **2013-14 Carving Classes (Tuesday Night Carving)**

The goal of our **Tuesday** Night Carving Classes is to provide a setting for beginning carvers to learn basic carving skills and provide opportunities for intermediate and advanced carvers to continue their learning.

**Place:** Amiskwaciy Academy (101 Airport Road – The old City Center Airport Terminal)

**Dates:** **October 1, 2013** to **May 5, 2014**(all classes are full year)

**Time:** 6:00pm – 9:00 pm

**Cost:** All classes are at a cost of **\$300 plus a shop fee of \$30.**

- In order to encourage new carvers, our beginner class (**Beginner Loon**) will be offered for the full year at a cost of \$175 for new carvers which includes AWCA membership and shop fee. Non-beginner carvers

taking this class will be charged the full \$300 plus the shop fee and will be responsible for their own AWCA membership fee.

o Junior carvers under the age of 15 will be provided free classes but must be accompanied by an adult.

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Instructor</u></b>
American Robin	Cheryl Hepperle
Kingfisher	Glenn Maber
Big Horn Sheep	Brenda Mitchell
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Wayne Meyers
Common Loon	Brian Hepperle

**TO SIGN UP PLEASE CONTACT GLENN MABER EMAIL [gmaber@yahoo.com](mailto:gmaber@yahoo.com) /phone Glenn at 780 - 417-1462 or sign up in person at our Organizational Meeting on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Course descriptions and pictures regarding Tuesday night classes can be found on the AWCA website on the home page under "About Us and our Carving Classes" or by [clicking here](#).**

<http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/>

- **Boag Lake Studio**

Boag Lake Studio will be offering the following courses during the upcoming year:

1. Oct 4/5/6/11/12/18/19/20 **Mini Kestrel Course** with Ted Trusz
2. Oct. 28/29/30/31 Nov. 1/2 **Snow Bunting Course** with Jean Minaudier
3. Feb. 12 – 17 **Miniature Ruffed Grouse** with Bob Lavender

More information regarding these courses can be found on our website under Boag Lake Studio or [by clicking here](#).

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- **Images of Nature Show 2014**

Next Year's Images of Nature Show will be held again at the **Sherwood Park Community League "Log Cabin"** (50 Spruce Avenue Sherwood Park, Alberta) **Friday May 2<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association will sponsor three purchase awards with additional community based purchase awards to be announced as they become available. AWCA 2014 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)
- All entries must be wildlife, no carvings of domesticated animals.

- **Carving In the Park 2013**

This year's Carving in the Park Summer School was a huge success with all classes completing their projects and carvers commenting on the fabulous instruction, wonderful food, a great BBQ and most importantly a great time with other carvers. For pictures of this year's summer school check our website under "Photo Galleries" or by [clicking here](#).

Next year's Carving in the Park Summer School will be held once again at the Red Barn in Sherwood Park, set up will be **Monday July 7<sup>th</sup>** classes begin **Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup>** with classes ending on **Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>**. More information will be provided at a later date in subsequent newsletters and on our website.

- **Membership**

New memberships will be sold on an ongoing basis with members asked to renew their memberships early in the fall. Memberships will remain at \$25 per carver with a family rate of \$25.

As was the case last year, the membership form includes a waiver for the AWCA regarding injury as a result of an individual's use of power tools, knives etc. In addition carving instructors will be taking a few minutes to review SAFETY at the beginning of this year's courses especially with new carvers.

- **AWCA Raffle 2013/14**

Arrangements for this year's AWCA Raffle are currently being finalized; pictures of the prizes and tickets should be available for club members this fall. Once again the draw will be made at our Images of Nature Show in May 2014.

This year's prizes are:

- 1) **Red Breasted Nuthatch** by Lana Cowel
- 2) **Female Grizzly Bear** by Brenda Mitchel
- 3) **American Avocet** by Harvey Welch

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