



## Fine Feathers - November 2013

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

### The Prez Sez:

We are off to a good start to our carving year as the Tuesday nights are buzzing with a happy group of carvers doing their thing. You will see from the following information in the Newsletter there is a lot happening and lots coming up. Please pay special attention to the Christmas Party info as this is always a fun night. We welcome all carvers and partners and especially members that aren't carving Tuesday nights as this is a great time to get together and tell lies.

*Alan Price*

### Current News

#### **AWCA Executive for 2013/14:**

As a result of the AWCA AGM on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2013, the following members have volunteered to either the Executive or standing committees for the upcoming year:

#### **2013-2014 AWCA Executive:**

**PRESIDENT:** Alan Price

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Kathleen Norton

**SECRETARY:** Cheryl Hepperle

**TREASURER:** Russ Mann

**DIRECTORS:** Glenn Maber, Paul Hanson, Brian Hepperle

#### **2013-2014 AWCA Committees:**

**Instruction:** Glenn Maber

**Newsletter:** Sandy Stevenson

**Membership:** Brian Hepperle

**Library:** John Stevenson

**Community Relations:** Paul Hanson

**Raffle:** Kathleen Norton

**Coffee:** Kathleen Norton

**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

The AWCA would also like to welcome Sandy Stevenson, Caroline LeCourtois and Paddi Boyes as new members. Sandy and Caroline are currently carving the Loon with instructor Brian Hepperle.

### **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 until year-end:

November – 5/12/19/26

December – 3/10

Our Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, commencing at 6 pm at the Amiskwaciy Academy. The cost to members will be \$10.00/person, given to Kathleen Norton prior to the end of Tuesday night class of December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Regular classes at the Academy commence on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in the New Year.

### **Improving your Carving Skills:**

Carving is like golf, you need to play to improve! The AWCA provide courses on Tuesday nights from Oct to April, with two hours of teaching per night, commencing at 6 pm with a break for coffee in between, finishing at approx. 8:30 pm. This is equivalent to approx. 40 – 48 hrs. of course time over the 6-7 months, which is equal to a 5-6 Day class. **COST \$330.00**

#### **Options to Improve:**

- **Carve at home** or with a friend. The AWCA offers a large amount of reference material in our library, which includes cast, patterns and reference books. Talk to John Stevenson if you need something. If you know of some material that is not in our library, we can purchase it for your use and then add it to our system. **COST \$0.00**
- **Take carving classes at other locations:**
  - **BOAG LAKE WOOD CARVING STUDIO** located 1 mile East of Sherwood Park offer various classes for all skill levels. Check out the information on the AWCA website and posted on the bulletin board at Amiskwaciy. **COST \$390.00-\$650.00**. Currently Boag Lake is offering the following course during the upcoming year:
    - Feb. 12 – 17, 2014: **Miniature Ruffed Grouse** with Bob LavenderTo sign up for this course, contact Glenn Maber via EMAIL at [gmaber@yahoo.com](mailto:gmaber@yahoo.com) or phone Glenn at (780) 417-1462

- **SASKATCHEWAN RIVER ART SCHOOL-SHEKINIAH** on May 16-21, 2014. This is a five day artist retreat located north of Saskatoon offering classes in Carving, Painting and Photography. See the information on their website. **COST \$650.00 + TRAVEL**
- **CARVING IN THE PARK** sponsored by the AWCA. These workshops are being held July 8-13, 2014 in Sherwood Park at the Strathcona Arts Red Barn. Lana Cowel will be doing a female American Goldfinch, Byron Crabb will be doing a Mammal TBA, Beth Crabb will be doing baskets. **COST \$490.00 - \$590.00**
- **SHUSWAP SCHOOL OF CARVING-in SORRENTO, B.C.** on Sept 21-26, 2014. This five day carving school offer a variety of courses for carvers. Check their website for more information. **COST \$650.00 + TRAVEL**

There are also several other classes held throughout Canada and the US. The above costs are for members in the Edmonton area. Cost for Shekinah and Sorrento include accommodation and food, the local classes do not. The above information is an estimate only. Each artist needs to evaluate their goals and objective and enjoy carving to the fullest.

#### **Images of Nature Show 2014:**

Images of Nature Show will be held at the Sherwood Park Community League "Log Cabin" (50 Spruce Avenue Sherwood Park, Alberta) on 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, with no carvings of domesticated animals.

#### **And The Winners Are:**

At the 2013 Reflections of Nature Show held in Saskatoon on October 25-27, 2013 the following AWCA best in show winners are:

##### Event 1: Bird Carving NOVICE

1<sup>ST</sup>. Russ Mann – Violet Tailed Sylph

2<sup>nd</sup>. Alan/Kay Price – Shoveler Hen

##### Event 1: Bird Carving INTERMEDIATE

1<sup>st</sup>. Wayne Olsen – Toucan

3<sup>rd</sup>. Carmen Steele – Shoveler Hen

##### Event 2: Wildlife Sculpture INTERMEDIATE

3<sup>RD</sup>. Wayne Olsen – River Otters

Other Division Winners include: Alan Price, Steve Ewashko, Wayne Olsen, Shirley Stewart, Russ Mann, Bob Steele, Glenn Maber, Brenda Mitchell, and Cheryl Hepperle. Our apologies for anyone we missed.

***And while we are at it....*** Congratulations to Brenda Mitchell, Bob Steele, Brock Love, Russ Mann and Glen Maber for their carvings of a Snow Bunting from Jean Minaudier's class at Boag Lake Wood Carving Studio.



**AWCA Raffle 2013/2014**

Raffle Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 and Raffle Ticket booklets have been issued to members, who are encouraged to sell tickets for the upcoming draw 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

***Coming up in our next newsletter, Carving Profile and Tips from the Professionals!***

## **AWCA Sponsors**



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