



Fine Feathers December 2016

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

President's Message

It is hard to believe we're already nearing Christmas and the carving projects from Tuesday Evening classes are starting to take shape, which is exciting! We would like to extend a warm welcome to new carvers who have shown lots of enthusiasm. New carvers should not hesitate to ask questions or to request instruction from any of the more advanced carvers. All carvers, even the ones that started a long time ago, were beginners as well at one time! Thank you to our instructors who are all doing a terrific job. It is exciting to walk around and see the work being done in each of the classes.

Congratulations to the carvers that participated in the Reflections of Nature Carving Show in Saskatchewan. Our club had terrific representation and our club members did very well. Great job!!

The AWCA clothing line has come in and it looks great. If you didn't pick up your order, it can be picked up Tuesday night at carving classes.

The big news is that the Club's Christmas Party is fast approaching. Here are the details:

AWCA Christmas Party

Date: December 20, 2016
Time: 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM
Cost: \$20.00 per person/spouse or partner
Place: Amiskwacy Academy in the Upstairs Cafeteria

Members and spouses/partners will have a chance at the raffle items; there will be a 50/50 draw and a Fun Gift Exchange. There will be prizes which will include gift certificates from Cabela's and Razertip, \$50.00 Instructor discounts for next year's classes and other goodies! We will be having Chinese food from the same restaurant as last year.

Fun Gift Exchange: For those who wish to participate, search your house for an item that would look much better in someone else's home rather than yours. You could even bring in the gift you received last year and give someone else the opportunity to enjoy it. If you bring a gift, you get to participate in the exchange. If you have nothing that fits this description, you can buy a

gift (gender neutral) but nothing over \$15. Wrapping the gifts is optional. There will be a time limit this year along with a limit to the exchanges so bring some good foot gear! Please sign up by contacting Kathleen Norton. P.S. Raffle Tickets make good Stocking Stuffers!!

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

AWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2015-2016-2017 COMMITTEES/MEMBERS

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CARVING IN THE PARK:	Glenn Maber, Bob Steele

2017 IMAGES OF NATURE COMMITTEE/MEMBERS

COMPETITION CHAIRPERSON:	Brenda Mitchell
COMPETITION AND SHOW:	Glenn Maber, Clarence Bereska, Jim MacLachlan
CARVING REGISTRATION:	Bob Steele, Rick St Arnaud, Will Simpson, Keith Middleton
JUDGES:	Brenda Mitchell
EDUCATION/MEMBERSHIP BOOTH:	Cheryl Hepperle
SUMMER BBQ's:	B. & C. Steele, G. & J. Maber, W. & W. Olsen
RAFFLE:	Amelia Leung
GARAGE SALE BOOTH:	Wayne Olsen, Barb Mikaluk, Steve Ewashko
RIBBONS & AWARDS:	Glenn Maber
SHOW RESULTS & PHOTOGRAPHY:	Bob Steele, Don Delaney
SHOW PR AND ADVERTISING:	Brenda Mitchell

AWCA Raffle for 2017

Note that the Raffle is in full swing and Tickets sales will be 3 for \$5.00 again this year, with 3 great prizes to be drawn on May 7, 2017 at the Images of Nature Show. Prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize: Chickadee – carved by Brenda Mitchell
- 2nd Prize: Bear with Fish – carved by Werner Groesch
- 3rd Prize: Ruddy Turnstone – carved by Bob Steele



Results from Reflections of Nature Show, Saskatoon **October 21 to 23, 2016**

Once again, congratulations to our club members that participated in the Saskatoon Show this past October. We are pleased to announce the winners of the Best in Show awards:

Event/Name:	Best in Show	Description:
Event 1: Novice:		
Diane Sharkey	1 st	Redhead Hen
Diane Sharkey	2 nd	Wood Duck Hen
Diane Sharkey	3 rd	Cedar Waxwing
Event 2: Novice:		
Cathy Hostyn	1 st	Buffalo
Event 2: Intermediate:		
Diane Craven	1 st	Hawksbill Turtle
Event 2: Open:		
Gail Kopp	1 st	Swimming Otter
Wayne Olsen	3 rd	Sharks & Mantaray

Member News

The AWCA would like to welcome the following new members to our carving Tuesday Classes:

Arlene Fieldhouse, Bennett Fieldhouse, Everett Fieldhouse, Dave McLaughlin and Ryan Puhlmann.

Up-Coming Courses



BOAG LAKE WOOD CARVING STUDIO

FLYING BARN SWALLOW COURSE

INSTRUCTOR: BOB LAVENDER



DATES: CARVING: FEB 10, 11 AND 12TH, 2017 from 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM
YOU WILL HAVE 11 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE STONING AND BURNING ON YOU OWN.
PAINTING: FEB 24, 25, AND 26TH, 2017 from 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM
COST: \$450.00

CONTACT GLENN MABER TO SIGN UP 780-417-1462
BOAG LAKE STUDIO (SHERWOOD PARK)
#295-52467-RRD 225
SHERWOOD PARK, AB T8A 4S1
EMAIL: gmaber@yahoo.com

ONE (1) DAY Air Brush and Paint a 12" Blue Heron Cast Course

INSTRUCTOR: BOB LAVENDER



Date: February 27th, 2016 from 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM
COST: \$75.00 + \$20.00(cast) TOTAL \$95.00

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DENNIS DRECHSLER - GREAT WHITE SHARK AND GREEN SEA TURTLE - 5 DAY COURSE



ALL LEVELS INCLUDES BASE AND MOUNTS

We will be carving a Great White Shark and a Green Sea Turtle with Dennis. Painting will be done with an air brush, if you don't have one we have extras.

DATES: AUG. 7TH TO 11TH, 2017 from 8:30AM TO 5:00PM

COST: \$390.00

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MINIATURE GREAT GRAY OWL 6 DAY COURSE

INSTRUCTOR: JEAN MINAUDIER



DATES: CARVING: OCT 24TH, TO 28TH, 2017 from 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM and OCT 29th, 2017 from 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

COST: \$700.00

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CARVING IN THE PARK Courses

PAT GODIN- 6 DAY CLASS PAINTING AN AMERICAN WIGEON DRAKE (Pat's new Scolding Wigeon Pattern)

JULY 11TH TO 16TH, 2017



\$790.00 (This price includes Tupelo cut-out, Eyes, CD and Photo Pack and Lunches for the six days.)

**\$200.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING (Once you have paid your deposit you will receive the cut-out, eyes, pattern, CD and Photo-pack)
FINAL PAYMENT DUE MAY 11, 2017.**

BYRON CRABB- 6 DAY CLASS MOUNTAIN GOAT JULY 11TH TO 16TH, 2017



\$650.00

**PRICES INCLUDE ALL CUT-OUTS AND LUNCHES
\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING.
FINAL PAYMENT DUE MAY 11, 2017.**

July 11 to 16, 2017

BETH CRABB BASKET WEAVING

These courses are designed for you to learn and create, while having fun. Three one-and-a-half-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 up to 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.

Beth Crabb- Weaving Biography

Beth started weaving in 1991 at Crete Nebraska, and learned willow weaving in Sask. She is largely self-taught, and enjoys creating her own designs. Her work in watercolor and clay influence the development of her weavings. Beth enjoys teaching basketry, and sharing her passion for weaving and her love of creating functional works of art. Her baskets have been exhibited in Moose Jaw at Yvette Moore's Gallery, Creative Photo graphics, the Moose Jaw Museum and Art Gallery, Moose Jaw Cultural Centre, and Lumsden's Letterbox Gallery. In 2007 she was selected as one of three artists to represent Moose Jaw in Ottawa on July 1, to celebrate Moose Jaw as one of the Cultural Capitals of Canada. In 2011 Beth was juried into the Sask. Craft Council. Her weavings are in collections across Canada.

FEE: ANY SINGLE CLASS \$180.00 INCLUDES MATERIAL FEE OF \$30.00 PER BASKET. ANY 2 CLASSES \$280.00(TOTAL OF BOTH CLASSES) INCLUDES MATERIAL FEE OF \$30.00 PER BASKET. ALL 3 CLASSES \$380.00(TOTAL FOR 3 CLASSES) INCLUDES MATERIAL FEE OF \$30.00 PER BASKET



First Basket: Beth's Basket with Cherokee Wheels
July 11th full day and July 12th, 2017 AM.

This 8 X 12" market basket is woven to 5 1/2" tall, using a combination of plain weave, twining, continuous weave, and the addition of beautiful Cherokee wheels. We will use flat and flat/oval dyed and plain reed, and add a notched wooden handle.



Second Basket: Genie Basket
July 13th full day and July 14th, 2017 AM.

This basket starts with a T-pin start and twines to a 6" base, then gradually swells to about 10" across before it shrinks to its' 4" neck at 12" tall. This basket's main goal is to teach shaping, and the beautiful Japanese wave weave, seen in the "X" pattern over the wider flat reed.



Third basket: Appalachian Egg Basket
July 15th, and July 16th, 2017 AM.

This egg basket can be woven with a fancy handle, or not, and has the option of a God's eye beginning, or an "X" three-point lashing. You will learn how to measure the ribs to create the shape you want, and have the opportunity to include yarn in your weaving. We will use an 8" round hoop, and an 8 X 12" oval hoop to create the framework.



Library & Equipment News

A database covering Wildfowl Carving Magazines from 2000 to present will be available in the first quarter of 2017. Don't forget to utilize our Library resources at the Amiskwaciy Academy Class Room.

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/>.

AWCA Classified Ads

We encourage all AWCA members to visit Razertip's website for all your carving needs via: www.razertip.com.

Razertip Industries Inc. can be contacted toll-free by phone: 1-877-729-3787.

Many Thanks

A huge Thank You going out to A.J., the owner of the Rock & Gem Shop for his donation of Jo Sonja Paints to the Club. Rock & Gem is getting out of Wood Carving equipment and supplies however items such as micro motors, foredoms, texturing stones and some burrs will still be available. He currently has a dust collector, a white dust filter, burning pens and various burrs and stones available at a reduced price. You can reach A.J. at (780) 452-3704 or visit Rock & Gem at 14444 – 118 Avenue in Edmonton.

Carving Calendar

DEC 6 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 13 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 20 – XMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 3, 2017 - NO CARVING SCHOOL CLOSED

JAN 10, 2017 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 17 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 24 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY (No Kestrel Class)

JAN 31 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY (No Kestrel Class)

FEB 7 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 10, 11, 12 - BOB LAVENDER'S FLYING BARN SWALLOW CLASS AT BOAG LAKE

FEB 14 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 21 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 24, 25, 26 - BOB LAVENDER'S FLYING BARN SWALLOW CLASS AT BOAG LAKE

FEB 27 - BOB LAVENDER PAINTING AND AIR BRUSH CLASS AT BOAG LAKE

FEB 28 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 7 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 14 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 17, 18, 19 - CANADIAN NATIONAL CARVING SHOW, WATERLOO, ONT.

MAR 21 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 28 - NO CARVING AT AMISKWACIY (spring break)

APR 4 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 8-9 - BRANT CARVING SHOW IN PARKSVILLE

APR 11 – REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 18 –FINAL REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 21-22-23, 2017. PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING AND SHOW, WINNIPEG, MB.

APR 25- A G M & FINAL CLEAN UP AND SHUT DOWN AT AMISKWACIY

APR 28-29-30, 2017. WARDS WORLD CARVING, OCEAN CITY, MD.

MAY 6,7, 2017 IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW

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Pat Godin Painting an American Wigeon

Byron Crabb Carving a Mountain Goat (TBC)

Beth Crabb Basket Weaving

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