



AWCA IMAGES OF NATURE

ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION

IMAGES OF NATURE 2021

35th. ANNUAL WILDFOWL & WILDLIFE CARVING SHOW

AND COMPETITION

At

NEW LOCATION

Whitecroft Hall
314, 52313 RRD 232
Sherwood Park, Alberta

NEW LOCATION

April 30, May 1st, & 2nd, 2021

For Information Call

Glenn Maber (780) 907-0454

Show times

Friday

Registration: - *Metro Edmonton Entrants* - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday

Late Registration: - *Entrants Outside Metro Edmonton* - 8:00 am to 9:30 am

Judging: 10:00 am to Completion. Critiques 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Show: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Open to Carvers and Friends
2:00 pm to 5:00pm Open to the Public

Sunday

Show: 10:00 am to 2:30 pm Open to the Public

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ENTRY FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Province _____
Postal Code: _____ Phone: (____) _____
E-Mail: _____

Level (mark one) **Junior** ☐ **Novice** ☐ **Intermediate** ☐ **Open** ☐

Show Entry Conditions: *EVENTS I, II, III*

- For detailed guidelines covering the AWCA Images of Nature "Annual Wildfowl & Wildlife Carving Competition", please refer to (<http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com>. the AWCA website.
- An entrant has the option to move back 1 level if they have not won a "Best of Division" ribbon within the last 3 years proving they have been competing regularly in the Images of Nature show.
- As an entrant to the AWCA "**Images of Nature**" annual Wildfowl and Wildlife Carving Competition, I acknowledge that AWCA and its Show Committee do not accept any liability for damages that may occur to an entry resulting from the handling and/or display of show submissions.
- The primary reference for judging is "the Sibley Guide to Birds".
- Access to the judging and competition area is restricted to Judges and authorized Show Committee officials.
- Judges and Show Committee officials reserve the right to reclassify entries to another division or class, when less than 3 entries are present within a division or category prior to commencement of judging.
- The Show Committee reserves the right to move an entry prior to judging if it is determined that it was inappropriately registered or misplaced.
- Carvings will not be released from the show prior to 3:00 pm Sunday.

I agree to the terms noted above for the Images of Nature show entry conditions and acknowledge that I have reviewed the rules governing this competition on the AWCA website.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Print Name: _____

AWCA Images of Nature Registration Fees (fees payable to AWCA – cash or check)				Number of Entries	Amount
Event I, II, III Entry	(max. fee of \$24.00)	\$8.00	X	_____	= \$ _____
Event IV - Purchase Award		\$15.00	X	_____	= \$ _____
Total Show Fees					\$ _____
Membership fees for the Upcoming year		\$30.00		_____	= \$ _____
Images of Nature Barbeque		\$30.00	X	_____	= \$ _____
Total Registration Amount				TOTAL PAID	\$ _____

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Event I

WILDFOWL COMPETITION

Division A Decorative Life Size Waterfowl (flat bottom, non-floating)		
Sponsored by: Stan McKinley		
A1	Marsh Ducks	Details - <i>specify</i>
	Black Duck	
	Gadwall	
	Mallard	
	Pintail	
	Shoveler	
	Teal (specify)	
	Widgeon	
	Wood Duck	
	Other (specify)	
A2	Diving Ducks	Details - <i>specify</i>
	Bufflehead	
	Canvasback	
	Eider	
	Goldeneye	
	Harlequin	
	Merganser (specify)	
	Oldsquaw/Long Tail	
	Redhead	
	Ring-necked Duck	
	Ruddy Duck	
	Scaup	
	Scoter	
	Other (specify)	
A3	Geese & Confidence	Details - <i>specify</i>
	Geese (specify)	
	Coot, Grebe, etc.	
	Seabirds (specify)	
	Shorebirds (specify)	
	Other (specify)	

Division B Champagne Waterfowl (floating) Miniature Smoothies & Others		
Sponsored by: Kathleen Norton		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
B1	Champagne Waterfowl	
B2	Miniature Smoothies	
B3	Songbird Smoothies	
B4	Other Smoothies (specify)	

Division C Super Slicks (flat/full body, non-floating) All smoothies except Event III		
Sponsored by: Bob & Carmen Steele		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
C1	Marsh Ducks	
C2	Diving Ducks	
C3	Geese, Confidence Shorebirds (See A3)	
C4	Other (specify)	

If you have more than one entry in a Division/Class, please record them in the section below.

Additional Entry Information

	Specify – Div/Class	Details - <i>specify</i>

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Event 1

Division D* Decorative Life Size under 7" (full body) if not shown in guidelines Small Songbirds: Includes Buntings, Chickadees, Creepers, Finches Flycatchers, Hummingbirds, Kinglets, Nuthatches, Pipits, Sparrows, Swallows, Swifts, Titmice, Vireos, Warblers, Waxwings, Wrens. All Raptor and Upland Game Birds are entered in Div. E		
Sponsored by: Glenn & Jeannine Maber		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
D4	Songbirds	
D7	Other (specify)	

***7" dimension from Sibley Guide to Birds**

Division G** Exotic non-North American (all sizes – miniature to full body)		
Sponsored by:		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
G1	Waterfowl	
G2	Shorebirds	
G3	Seabirds	
G4	Songbirds	
G5	Upland Game Birds	
G6	Raptors	
G7	Other (specify)	

**** Reference materials required within entry**

Division E* Decorative Life Size 7" & over (full body) if not shown in guidelines Large Songbirds: Includes Blackbirds, Bluebirds, Cardinals, Crows, Cuckoos, Dippers, Gnatcatchers, Grosbeaks, Jays, Kingfishers, Larks, Orioles, Parrots, Robins, Shrikes, Starlings, Tanagers, Thrashers, Thrushes, Woodpeckers. All Raptor and Upland game birds		
Sponsored by: Kilford's Water Services		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
E4	Songbirds	
E5	Upland Game Birds	
E6	Raptors	
E7	Other (specify)	

If you have more than one entry in a Division/Class, please record them in the section below

Division F Decorative Miniature		
Sponsored by: Russ & Johann Mann		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
F1	Waterfowl	
F2	Shorebirds	
F3	Seabirds	
F4	Songbirds	
F5	Upland Game Birds	
F6	Raptors	
F7	Other (specify)	

Additional Entry Information		
	Specify – Div/Class	Details - <i>specify</i>

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Event 2

WILDLIFE COMPETITION

Division H <i>Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles</i>		
Sponsored by:		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
H1	Fresh Water Fish	
H2	Salt Water Fish	
H3	Amphibians	
H4	Reptiles	
H5	Other (specify)	

Division I <i>Sculptures/Stylized</i> (focus must be wildlife)		
Sponsored by:		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
I1	Painted	
I2	Unpainted	
I3	Other (specify)	

Division J <i>Mammals</i>		
Sponsored by: Albert & Brenda Mitchell		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
J1	Hooves	
J2	Non-Hooves	
J3	Ocean	
J4	Other (specify)	

Division K <i>Wildlife Carving</i> (other than wood)		
Sponsored by:		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
K1	Stone	
K2	Antler/Bone	
K3	Bronze	
K4	Other (specify)	

Division L <i>Busts</i>		
Sponsored by:		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
L1	Birds	
L2	Mammals	
L3	Other (specify)	

Division M <i>Native Art</i>		
Sponsored by:		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
M1	West Coast	
M2	Plains Indians	
M3	Feathers	
M4	Other (specify)	

Division N <i>Other Carvings</i> (focus must be wildlife)		
Sponsored by:		
		Details - <i>specify</i>
N1	Bark	
N2	Chip Carving	
N3	Intarsia	
N4	Other (specify)	

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Additional Entry Information		
	Specify – Div/Class	Details - <i>specify</i>

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Event 3

HUNTING DECOYS COMPETITION

Guidelines governing submissions include:

- Decoys must be made of wood, cork, or stretched canvas; glass eyes are permitted and materials other than wood can be used in fragile tails and crests. Machine duplicated decoys will be disqualified.
- Decoys will be floated and must self-right from any position, except Geese, Swan and Confidence, which must right only from their side(s). All entries will be judged for stability and proper floatation. Antique Decoys are NOT floated
- Carvings must have sturdy tails and all raised wings must be durable.
- No burning or fine stoned texture is allowed. However, simulated texture using gesso, modeling paste, or texturing paint in combination with combing, scratching, or brushing is acceptable. Minimal carving techniques used to simulate feather texture on heads, i.e. merganser heads are acceptable.
- Painting techniques shall be typical of modern functional decoys. Entries may include some simple blending of feather edges and internal markings, feather splits, highlighting and hand vermiculation. (Carvings with fully developed painting should be entered in the Super Slick division.
- Any deterioration of the paint or structural integrity at the completion of judging will result in disqualification of the entry.
- **See details in the Guidelines and instructions.**

Division O Traditional Decoys (no feather groups simple painting)	
Sponsored by:	
	Details - <i>specify</i>
O1 Marsh Ducks	
O2 Diving Ducks	
O3 Geese & Confidence	
O4 Other (specify)	

Division P Contemporary Decoys (feather groups allowed; detailed painting permitted)	
Sponsored by:	
	Details - <i>specify</i>
P1 Marsh Ducks	
P2 Diving Ducks	
P3 Geese & Confidence	
P4 Other (specify)	

Division Q Contemporary Antique Decoys (old decoy tradition)	
Sponsored by:	
Antique decoys are NOT floated	Details - <i>specify</i>
Q1 Marsh Ducks	
Q2 Diving Ducks	
Q3 Geese & Confidence (Includes Shorebirds)	
Q4 Other (specify)	

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Division R Shorebird Decoys (stick birds)	
Sponsored by:	Details - specify
R1 Traditional Shorebirds	
R2 Contemporary Shorebirds	
R3 Antique Shorebirds	
R4 Other Shorebirds	

Event 4 JUNORS COMPETITION

12 AND UNDER ☐
AGE _____

Division S** JUNIORS 12 AND UNDER (all sizes – miniature to full body)	
	Sponsored by:
	Prize Money by: A.W.C.A. \$100.00-1st., \$50.00-2nd., \$25.00-3rd.
S1	Waterfowl
S2	Songbirds
S3	Raptors & Upland Game Birds
S4	Mammals
S5	Fish
S6	Others (specify)

13-17 YEARS ☐
AGE _____

Division T** JUNIORS 13-17 YEARS (all sizes – miniature to full body)	
	Sponsored by: <i>Puhlmann Enterprises Inc.</i>
	Prize Money by: A.W.C.A. \$100.00-1st., \$50.00-2nd., \$25.00-3rd.
T1	Waterfowl
T2	Songbirds
T3	Raptors & Upland Game Birds
T4	Mammals
T5	Fish
T6	Others (specify)



CABELA'S People's Choice Award

People's Choice Award: 1st Place \$100.00 Gift Card for Cabela's

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Event 5

PURCHASE AWARDS COMPETITION

Images of Nature Purchase Awards Conditions:

- Participation in the Images of Nature Purchase Awards is optional and requires a separate entry for inclusion in this Event. If your entry is selected, you must accept the prize and release the entry and all rights.
- The sponsor has the right to decline the judges' choice and make their own selection. If this should be the case, the judges' selection will retain the first-place ranking and the ribbon, the sponsor's selection will receive the cash purchase award.
- The sponsor may also decline all entries, in which case the cash award will not be presented, and judging will be deemed to not have taken place.
- Entries have no restrictions as to composition other than it must be a creation of the artist and created from the medium specified by the sponsor.
- There are no restrictions on habitat, feet, eyes or limitation on the date of creation, unless specified in the specific rules for a particular purchase award.
- Judging for these awards is based on sponsor specified stipulations.
- The key criteria for the AWCA Images of Nature Awards will be the suitability of the items to function as a promotional raffle piece as determined by the Event judges and AWCA Executive.

I agree to the terms noted above for the Images of Nature Purchase Awards.

Signed _____ Date _____

Division U Purchase Award – Focus must be Wildlife		
Sponsored by: AWCA and Cabela's		
	Award Value	Details - <i>specify</i>
U1		
U3 North American Shorebird - Any Species	\$500	The Winner of this Purchase Award will be Displayed in Cabela's Edmonton Stores for the next year and will be donated back to the AWCA by Cabela's as the 3 rd place raffle prize for Next Year
		