



Fine Feathers

Newsletter of the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association

APRIL 2024

A NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

Message from the President

Annual General Meeting AWCA will hold its AGM on Tuesday April 23, 2024, in the IA lab at Amiskwaciy Academy from 6 – 7:30 pm. All members should receive an agenda and other documents in early April. Please set the time aside and I hope to see you there.

Images of Nature Show 2024 AWCA's "Images of Nature Show" will go ahead as planned May 3/4/5 at Whitecroft Hall. This will be an excellent opportunity for AWCA carvers to enter their and have them judged by our expert judges. We would encourage all students in our classes to enter their class birds. Hope to see you there!

AWCA Annual BBQ We will be holding our annual BBQ in conjunction with our Images of Nature Show. **The BBQ will be held from 5pm – 9pm Saturday May 4 at Whitecroft Hall. The BBQ will once again feature Beef Tenderloin Steak and all the trimmings at a cost of \$35/person. Again, this year, attendees can bring your own Wine and Beer to the BBQ.** I encourage all members to attend this wonderful get together. Tickets will go on sale in mid-April – see Carmen Steele or Kathleen Norton and get your name on the list.

IMPORTANT UP-COMING EVENTS

APR 23- AGM AT AMISKWACIY

MAY 3, 4, 5TH - IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW AT WHITECROFT HALL

JUNE 5-10, 2024 CARVING IN THE PARK JEFF KRETE-FLYING PILEATED WOODPECKER

AUG. 26TH. To AUG 31ST. CARVING A SHORT- EARED OWL AT COUNTRY HAVEN WITH JEAN MINAUDIER.



Images of Nature 2024

37th ANNUAL WILDFOWL & WILDLIFE CARVING SHOW AND COMPETITION

May 3-5, 2024

For Information Call: Curtis Blair (780) 238-0267

Location

Whitecroft Hall 314, 52313 RRD 232 Sherwood Park, Alberta

Registration

Friday All Entrants - 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturday 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 times

Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Competition Judging, Open to Carvers and

Friends 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm Open to general public.

Annual BBQ 5:00 PM TO 9:00 PM Saturday May 4

Sunday 10:00 am to 2:30 pm Open to general public.

FEATHERING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY MAY 5, 2024 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

COST: NO CHARGE TO NOVICE AND BEGINNER AWCA MEMBERS

SIGN UP REQUIRED



TECHNICAL NOTES

The wise Eagle told me that some carvers are not using their micromotors correctly. When removing large amounts of wood you should be using a Fordom, however several carver are using their micromotors and using large agresive bits at high speeds. This is not only hard on your hand piece but is not safe. Sabertooth and carbide bits should **not** be used at high speeds, if the handpiece **vibrates** the bit is bent or you are **going to fast!** Many of the handpieces can run at 45,000RPM or higher. These bits should be run at 24,000 RPM that's 50-60% of full speed.



RAFFLE PRIZES FOR 2024/25

The AWCA sells Raffle Ticket's to help keep our costs and fees down, as well as fund and support special projects and activities of our organization. Please do your part, see Kathleen to obtain Raffle Books.

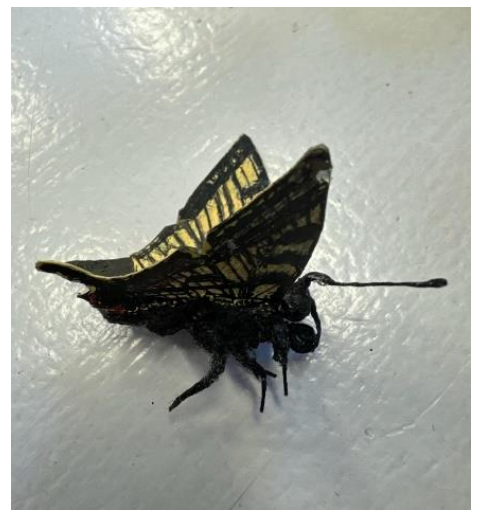
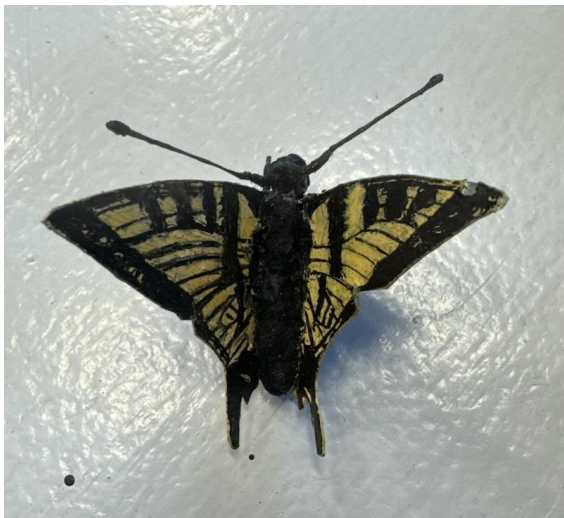
Thank you for your support.



FEATURE CARVER

NIEL GRAY

Niel a long time carver with the AWCA has created a very unique piece of habitat a Canadian Tiger Swallow Tail Butterfly.



- 1. Wings are made of plastic file folders.
- 2. Body is made of Brass tubing one smaller one for tail that fits into the larger tube for body. I used an old collet for my first butter fly because it had slits to insert the wings into. So now you have to cut slits into the tubing. I use body filler to shape the body.
- 3. Dental floss with the fluffy ends I attach to the body for the legs
- 4. The tongue is made with dental floss and a drop of crazy glue on the end.
- 5. Gesso and paint. I used a black sharpy to color the legs
- 6. You can make any butter fly you want, just look in the internet and apply the same techniques.

AWCA Classified Ads

AWCA Embroidered Clothing Line.

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association is pleased to offer our Embroidered Clothing Line to our members and friends. To place an order, please specify the Item Name, Style #, Colour, Size and Quantity Please Email the information to Elvin Smith at elvin.smith@edmonton.ca Orders can be placed between Aug 15 and Oct 15 for delivery in November. Members can also place their order at the Tuesday Night Classes Up to Oct 15. Payment is due at time of order. See AWCA website www.albertawildlifecarving.com click AWCA EMBROIDERED CLOTHING for descriptions of items available and order form.

Images of Nature Garage Sale

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association conducts a "Garage Sale" at our Images of Nature Show the weekend before Mother's Day each year. If you have tools, books or items of interest to carvers please consider putting them up for sale at our show. The AWCA charges a nominal fee of 10% for members and 20% for non-members for all items sold.

Maple & Bass

We encourage all AWCA members to visit website for all your carving needs via:
mapleandbass.com.

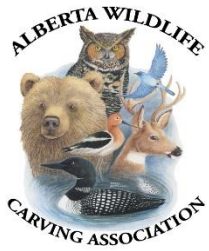
Maple and Bass can be contacted toll-free by phone: 1-833-520-2277.

Alberta Carving Supplies

We encourage all AWCA members to visit Alberta Carving Supply Store for all your carving needs see Glenn

Alberta Carving Supply Glenn can be contacted by phone: 780 907 0454.

Email: gmaber@yahoo.com



ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION

www.albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com

CARVING IN THE PARK (Summer Semester)

JEFF KRETE- 6 DAY CLASS

CARVING AND PAINTING A FLYING MINIATURE PILEATED WOODPECKER

June 5 to 10, 2024

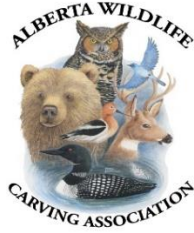


\$750.00CAN/\$575.00US (This price includes Tupelo cut-out, Eyes, Reference Pack and Lunches)

Whitecroft Hall 314, 52313 RRD 232 Sherwood Park, Alberta

Email cbsteele@telus.net

\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING FINAL PAYMENT DUE MARCH 1, 2024.



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CARVING IN THE PARK (Fall Semester)

JEAN MINAUDIER- 6 DAY CLASS

CARVING AND PAINTING A MINIATURE SHORT EARED OWL

AUG. 26TH. To AUG 31ST. 2024 CARVING AT COUNTRY HAVEN



\$700.00CAN (This price includes Tupelo cut-out, Eyes, Reference Pack and Lunches for the six days.)

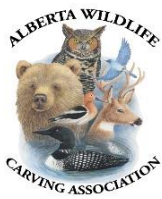
COUNTRY HAVEN STUDIO IS LOCATED 30 MINUTES WEST OF EDMONTON NEAR ALBERTA BEACH

\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING

FINAL PAYMENT DUE JULY 1, 2024.

See our website www.albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com

Or Contact BOB STEELE AT cbsteele@telus.net



ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION TUESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

DOWNEY WOODPECKER BEGINNER/NOVICE CLASS

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY (101 AIRPORT ROAD EDMONTON) STARTS ON TUESDAYS OCT 1 ST. TO APRIL FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM. FEE: \$350.00 WITH INSTRUCTOR RYAN PUHLMANN (587 590-8161) EMAIL: rpuhl69@gmail.com

DOWNEY WOODPECKER



This class is designed for new and beginner carvers.

RYAN will walk the new carver through the various stages of carving from selecting the best wood to which tools to use including, micro motors, burners and painting as well as the various techniques for all the skills required for wildlife carving. Some of these skills will be stoning and burning techniques as well as making legs, mounting and presentation of your project.

REQUIRED TOOLS: Students are required to bring a micro motor power grinder i.e. Strong, NSK, Foredom or similar machine. Some coarse bits and some fine bits. A burner i.e. Razertip, Colwood, burner tips i.e. large bent tip, straight tip. A pair of calipers, a flexible ruler or straight edge, a mechanical pencil, an assortment of paint brushes #1,2,3. Acrylic paint. Dust masks and safety glasses are recommended. Tool kits can be rented from the AWCA for 1st. year carvers not sure where to start. Kits are \$50.00 plus \$50.00 deposit. A limited number of kits are available to 2nd. Year carvers at \$100.00 plus \$50.00 deposit.



ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION TUESDAY NIGHT CLASS

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE

AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY (101 Airport Road Edmonton)

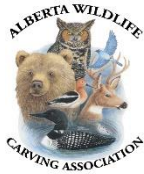
Tuesdays Oct 1, 2024 to April 2025 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. (SET-UP 5:30 to 6:00)
Cost \$350.00. Blanks, eyes and feet materials will be supplied.

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL
CARVING COURSE.

WITH INSTRUCTOR'S BOB STEELE 780 464-4622 cbsteele@telus.net and
WAYNE OLSEN 780 886-0073 lwolsen@shaw.ca



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ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION TUESDAY NIGHT CLASS

MINIATURE RED SHOULDERED HAWK

AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY (101 Airport Road Edmonton)

Tuesdays Oct 1, 2024 to April 2025 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. (SET-UP 5:30 to 6:00)

Cost \$350.00. Blanks, eyes and feet materials will be supplied.

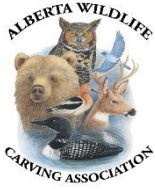
THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE.

WITH INSTRUCTOR GLENN MABER 780-907-0454 Email gmaber@yahoo.com



NOTE TO NEW STUDENTS: You will need to take a stoning and burning class prior to starting this class if you do not have substantial amount of experience in these skills. These classes will be offered Tuesday nights, Sept 24 and Oct 1 at Amiskwaciy from 6 to 8:30 PM (No charge for student registered in this class).

REQUIRED TOOLS: Students are required to bring a micro motor power grinder i.e. Strong, NSK, Foredom or similar machine. Some coarse bits and some fine bits. A burner i.e. Razertip, Colwood, burner tips i.e. large bent tip, straight tip. A pair of calipers, a flexible ruler or straight edge, a mechanical pencil, an assortment of paint brushes #1,2,3. Acrylic paint. Dust masks and safety glasses are recommended.



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Tuesdays from 10 AM to 3 PM.

BUFFALO BUST

Tuesdays from 10 AM to 3 PM.

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE WITH INSTRUCTOR BRENDA MITCHELL 780-910-2615

Email bmitchell2788@gmail.com

CLASSES ARE HELD AT COUNTY HAVEN STUDIO NEAR LAC ST. ANN

BLANKS, WILL BE SUPPLIED

COURSE STARTS SEPT 24 TO DEC.16, 2024

FEE: \$350.00



REQUIRED TOOLS: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A MICRO MOTOR POWER GRINDER I.E. TSP, NSK, FOREDOM OR SIMILAR MACHINE. Some coarse bits and some fine bits. A sharp carving knife, a pr. of calipers, a flexible ruler or straight edge, a mechanical pencil, an assortment of paint brushes #1,2,3. Dust masks and safety glasses are recommended.



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CEDAR WAXWING, ONE WING OPEN

Tuesdays from 10 AM to 3 PM.

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS WINTER CARVING COURSE WITH INSTRUCTOR BRENDA MITCHELL 780-910-2615

COURSE OFFERED AT **COUNTRY HAVEN CARVING STUDIOS**

Email bmitchell2788@gmail.com

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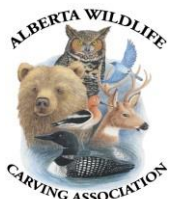
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COURSE STARTS Feb 2 to April 28, 2025

FEE: \$350.00



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Alberta Wildlife Carving Association

Carving Calendar 2024/25

APR 19, 20 & 21 PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING WINNIPEG

APR 23- AGM AT AMISKWACIY

APR 26-28, 2024 WARD'S WORLDS OCEAN CITY

APR 30- FINAL AND CLEAN UP AMISKWACIY

MAY 3, 4, 5TH - IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW AT WHITECROFT HALL

MAY 31, JUNE 1, & 2ND. CANADIAN NATIONAL WILDFOWL CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP WATERLOO, ONT.

JUNE 5-10, 2024 CARVING IN THE PARK JEFF KRETE-FLYING PILEATED WOODPECKER

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SEPT 24- **TOOL & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION** AT AMISKWACIY. STONING WORKSHOP FOR RED

SHOULDERED HAWK CLASS. **SIGN UP AT COUNTRY HAVEN STUDIO**

OCT 1- START OF CARVING AND FINAL DAY FOR CLASS SIGN UP AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 8- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY & COUNTRY HAVEN STUDIO

JUNE, 2025 CARVING IN THE PARK

PAT GODIN – PAINTING A FEMALE LONGTAIL DUCK



GOLD PARTNERS



SILVER PARTNERS



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/>.