



# *Fine Feathers*

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APRIL 2018

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

## **Message from the President**

Hello everyone!!

It is hard to believe our carving year is quickly drawing to a close. We have important dates for everyone to place in their calendar. The first one is our Annual General Meeting Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 at Amiskwaciy. It is important everyone attend. We cover business of the year and election of officers. There will be information about our carving show in May.

This brings me to another very important set of dates which is our carving show May 4, 5 and 6. I hope everyone will enter their carving projects. This is a chance for our club to show our work which hopefully encourages new carvers to join our club. It is also an opportunity for you to get a critique from the judges. It is a great way to improve your carving. This year we had some extremely enthusiastic carvers which was exciting. With the carving show is the garage sale. It is an opportunity to sell some of your books, tools so you can then get some new things for yourself. If you have something for the garage sale, talk to Wayne Olson or Barb Mikaluk.

Along with the show is the raffle. The draw is the Sunday, May 6 at the show. SELL THOSE TICKETS!! The sale of these tickets is important. It helps the support of the club.

Saturday night, May 5 is the wind-up Bar B Q at Glenn and Jeannine Maber's. It is a wonderful evening to wrap up the year. Spouses and significant others are all welcome. The food and steaks are awesome. Mark it down.

Carving in the Park has been moved to June 12 to the 17. The classes include Dennis Drechsler - Sting Ray on Abstract Base, Jeff Krete - Miniature Flying Tundra Swan and Pat Godin - Carving a Hooded Merganser. This is a fantastic opportunity to improve your carving skills with some tremendous instructors. Plus meet some other carvers. If you are interested, talk to Glenn Maber. There are still some spaces in the classes.

A big thank you to Diane Sharkey. She has set the club up on Facebook and Instagram. They are terrific!! Check it out. It is impressive.

Mark down those dates and we will see you there.

Kathleen Norton  
President A.W.C.A.

**[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/>.

[SEE US ON FACEBOOK](#)

ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION

[WE HAVE AN INSTAGRAM PAGE](#)

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## AWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Board of Directors is elected to represent the members of the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association. If you have any concerns or suggestion regarding association operations, please feel free to discuss them with one of the Board members or Email them. The Board meets a minimum of four times per year, your comments and suggestions will be discussed at these meetings. Only through your input are we able to address your concerns and requests.

### **Pacific Brant Carving and Art Show**

Just a quick reminder that the **Pacific Brant Carving and Art Show** is coming up on **April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**. Vancouver Island and Oceanside Woodcarvers Clubs welcome you to join us at the Community & Conference Centre in **Parksville B.C.** There is still plenty of time to register your carvings on-line for only \$5 each at [www.thebrant.ca](http://www.thebrant.ca).

We still have room in the **two-day painting course** April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> (airbrushing and/or hand brushing) with World Class Master Carver **Glenn McMurdo**, only \$250. Paint a **Killdeer** casting (included) while learning techniques. Just RSVP by email and send me a registration form (attached). Don't miss a great opportunity to learn from a master.

### **Prairie Canada Show and Competition**

The **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prairie Canada Show and Competition** location at the Pembina Curling Club Winnipeg **April 22-24<sup>th</sup>**.

[prairie.canada.carvers@gmail.com](mailto:prairie.canada.carvers@gmail.com)

<http://www.prairiecanadacarvers.com/>

**IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW-2018 33<sup>RD</sup>. ANNUAL**

## **WILDFOWL AND WILDLIFE CARVING COMPETITION MAY 4, 5, 6**

FRIDAY SET-UP AND REGISTRATION STARTS AT 2PM TO 6PM

OUT OF TOWN REGISTRATION SATURDAY 8AM TO 9:30AM

JUDGING SATURDAY FROM 10AM TO FINISH

SUNDAY OPEN TO PUBLIC 10AM TO 2:30PM

**BOB LAVENDER SNOWY OWL COCKTAIL BIRD CLASS SUNDAY 8 AM TO 2 PM**



**GARAGE SALE RUNS FROM SET-UP TO 1PM SUNDAY**

**PURCHASE AWARDS**

\$1000.00 For any entry that meets the qualification in Event 1 or 2

\$500.00 Cabela's North American Shorebird

**SHOW LOCATED AT "LOG CABIN"**

**50 SPRUCE AVENUE**

**SHERWOOD PARK, ALBERTA**

**CARVING IN THE PARK**

## [AWCA's Annual Summer Carving School](#)

Welcome to the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association's "Carving in the Park" Summer Carving School. "Carving in the Park" began in 2010 with the mandate of creating a summer program featuring the highest quality instructors available. The classes are designed to expand the AWCA member and instructors carving skills, abilities and understanding of three-dimensional wildlife art.

AWCA believes it is far more cost effective for its membership to bring instructors to Western Canada than for individual carvers to travel to carving schools elsewhere in Canada and/or the United States given the cost of travel, food, accommodations and registration fees. In addition, AWCA tries to keep costs, especially to members, reasonable and has opted for 6-day courses rather than the usual 5-day format.

Classes are conducted at **our new location WHITECROFT COMMUNITY HALL #314 – 52313 range Road 232 (Sherwood drive)** Sherwood Park, Alberta with the number of classes limited to two or three. This results in a very casual cozy atmosphere with an emphasis on making the experience as pleasant as possible for participants. The coffee is always on with home-made treats as well as wonderful lunches. "Carving in the Park" also hosts a Saturday evening BBQ to allow participants and their families to get to know each other a little better.

**PAT GODIN- 6 DAY CLASS**  
**TECHNICAL CARVING DETAILS- HOODED MERGANSER**  
**(Pat's new Hooded Merganser Pattern)**  
**JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**



**\$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 APRIL 12, 2018.**

**JEFF KRETE-FLYING MINIATURE TUNDRA SWAN**

**JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**



**\$690.00**

**PRICES INCLUDE ALL CUT-OUTS AND LUNCHES  
\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING.  
FINAL PAYMENT DUE APRIL 12, 2018**

**CARVING IN THE PARK**

**DENNIS DRECHSLER- 6 DAY CLASS**

**CARVING A 3 STINGRAY SCULPTURE ON AN ABSTRACT WAVE BASE**

**JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**



**\$490.00**

**PRICES INCLUDE ALL CUT-OUTS AND LUNCHES  
\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING.**

**2018-2019 AWCA's Tuesday Night Carving School**

**WITH INSTRUCTOR KATHLEEN NORTON 780-591-0403**

**Email [klorton@me.com](mailto:klorton@me.com)**

STARTS OCT 9 TO END OF MAR FEE: \$350.00

**ATLANTIC PUFFIN**



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INSTRUCTOR WAYNE MYERS 780-435-1773

COURSE STARTS OCT 9 TO END OF MAR

FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fee

**EUROPEAN BEE EATER COURSE**



INSTRUCTOR BRENDA MITCHELL 780-910-2615

COURSE STARTS OCT 9, 2018 TO END OF MAR

FEE: \$350.00 includes class fees

## GRIZZLY BEAR



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INSTRUCTOR GLENN MABER 780-417-1462

COURSE STARTS OCT 9 TO END OF MAR

FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fees.

## MINIATURE MANDARIN DUCK





Bob Lavenders Miniature Bluejays

From his class at Boag Lake

**COCKTAIL BIRDS**

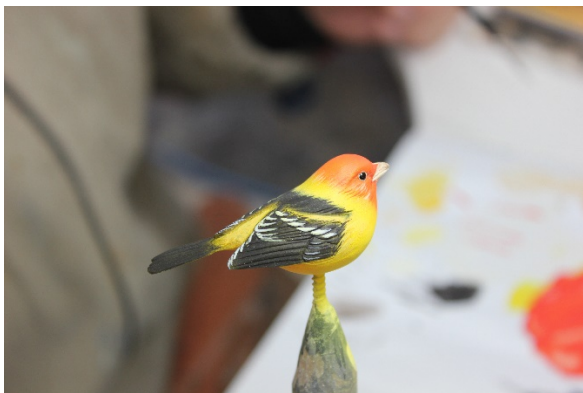


Members of the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association under the guidance of Bob Lavinder as part of the Miniature Bluejay class completed some cocktail birds. Cocktail birds were started at the California Show as a way of raising funds and so other carvers could collect small pieces of each others work. Carvers would carve a small bird, small enough to fit in a cocktail glass, this bird is then donated to the show as a jester of support. These donation are then auctioned off to the highest bidder at the show with the proceeds going to help cover the cost of the show. Our show “Images of Nature” does not have an auction however if you are traveling to the Brant in Parksville, The Prairie Canada show in Winnipeg or the Reflections of Nature show in Saskatoon they do.

**However this year at our Xmas party we will have an auction of donated cocktail birds! So give it a try!!!**

**A challenge to all of the Tuesday night instructors to do a cocktail carving of their class project!!! and donate it to the auction!!!**

For those of you that have not done one, Bob is teaching a cocktail snowy owl class at our show on Sunday May 6, if you are not registered then stop by and take a look.



***Shuswap School of Carving and Arts.*** A Prospectus describing the 9 carving (wood, bark, and stone) and watercolour classes being offered at the 2018 five-day School in Sorrento, BC – from September 24-28<sup>th</sup>. Should you encounter a problem opening the

attachments and/or printing single pages, all of the pages are also available and printable from our website at [www.bccarvingschool.com](http://www.bccarvingschool.com). If you would like one or more copies of the Prospectus sent to you by ground mail, please let me know.

The Early Bird Registration draw date is April 15<sup>th</sup>. If any class has more than 10 (max. 12 in some cases) registrations on this date, a draw will occur to see who gets confirmed in the class, and who gets put on a wait list. We therefore recommend you register before April 15<sup>th</sup> for your best chance of getting into your 1<sup>st</sup> choice class.

Whether you're able to attend or not, we hope you'll help us advertise the School by forwarding this information to anyone you feel might be interested and/or by posting or circulating the front-page poster at your community events, on bulletin boards, etcetera. Thank you one and all, and I hope to see you in the Fall.

Kathy Phoenix, Coordinator (250-573-2277)

**Shuswap School of Carving and Arts**

Visit our website at [www.bccarvingschool.com](http://www.bccarvingschool.com)

**Raffle Awards for 2017-2018**



### **RAFFLE PRIZES FOR 2017/2018**

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 Amelia or Ted to obtain Raffle Books. Thank you for your support.

## **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 Wayne Olsen at [lwolsen@shaw.ca](mailto:lwolsen@shaw.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.alberta.wildlifecarving.com](http://www.alberta.wildlifecarving.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 all items sold.

### [Razertip.com](http://www.razertip.com)

We encourage all AWCA members to visit Razertip’s website for all your carving needs via: [www.razertip.com](http://www.razertip.com).

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

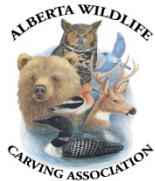
## COMMITTEES/MEMBERS

INSTRUCTION:	Glenn Maber
NEWSLETTER & MEMBERSHIP:	Arlene Fieldhouse, Bob Steele, Glenn Maber, Wayne Olsen
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LIBRARY AND EQUIPMENT:	Clarence Bereska, John Stevenson
XMAS PARTY AND XMAS PROGRAM:	Shirley Stewart, Sandy Stevenson, Kathleen Norton
CLOTHING:	Wayne Olsen
RAFFLE	Ted Griffiths
COFFEE:	Shirley Stewart
WEBSITE:	Don Delaney
GRANTS:	Russ Mann
NOMINATING COMMITTEE:	Bob Steele, Keith Middleton, Glenn Maber
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Russ Mann
AUDIT COMMITTEE:	Sandy Stevenson, Brenda Mitchell
PR AND ADVERTISING:	Russ Mann, Brenda Mitchell, Wayne Olsen
CARVING IN THE PARK:	Glenn Maber, Bob Steele
INTERNET COMMUNICATION/WEBMASTER	Diane Sharkey

## IMAGES OF NATURE COMMITTEE/MEMBERS

COMPETITION CHAIRPERSON:	Brenda Mitchell
COMPETITION AND SHOW:	Glenn Maber, Wayne Olsen, Jim MacLachlan
CARVING REGISTRATION:	Bob Steele, Rick St Arnaud, Will Simpson, Keith Middleton

JUDGES:	Brenda Mitchell
EDUCATION/MEMBERSHIP BOOTH:	Brenda Mitchell
SUMMER BBQ's:	B. & C. Steele, G. & J. Maber, W. & W. Olsen
RAFFLE:	Kathleen Norton
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, Wayne Olsen



## Alberta Wildlife Carving Association

### Carving Calendar

**MAR 27- NO CARVING AT AMISKWACIY SPRING BREAK**

APR 3- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 7-8 BRANT CARVING SHOW IN PARKSVILLE

APR 10- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 17- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 20-21-22, 2018. PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING AND SHOW, WINNIPEG, MB.

**APR 24- A G M**

APR 27-28-29, 2018. WARDS WORLD CARVING, OCEAN CITY, MD.

MAY 5-6 IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW

MAY 8 FINIAL DAY CLEAN UP AND EQUIPMENT CHECK

JUNE 12 TO 17 CARVING IN THE PARK

Pat Godin - Hooded Merganser Carving Technical Project

Jeff Krete - Flying Tundra Swan

## Dennis Drechsler-Stingray Sculpture on an Abstract Base

SEPT 23-29, 2018 SHUSWAP SCHOOL OF CARVING SORRENTO, B.C.

OCT 2- START OF CARVING AND FINAL DAY FOR CLASS SIGN UP AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 9- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 16- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 23- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 26,27,28 REFLECTIONS OF NATURE SASKATOON SHOW

OCT 30- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 6- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 13- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 20- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 26- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 4- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 11- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 18- XMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 25 NO CARVING

JAN 1 NO CARVING

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JAN 8- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 15- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 22- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 29- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 5- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 12- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 19- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 26- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 5- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 12- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 19- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

**MAR 26- NO CARVING (spring break?)**

APR 2- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 9- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 16- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 23- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 30- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

**MAY 3, 4, 5- IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW**

MAY 5- FINAL CLEAN UP AND SIGN OUT AT AMISKWACIY

**JUNE 11-16 CARVING IN THE PARK**

**Pat Godin – Painting a Hen Carving Technical Project**

Jeff Krete - Flying TBA

Dennis Drechsler-Sperm Whale fighting a Giant Squid

## *Alberta Wildlife Carving Association*

### *Mandate*

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Associations mandate is to play a leadership role in fostering and promoting the artistic excellence in the three-dimensional art of wildlife carving and painting.

To increase awareness and promote the public interest in the art of wildlife carving.

To provide educational opportunities for students of all ages and encourage their participation in an interactive format.

To promote the art through competitions and displays.

To assist the artist by maintaining a library of reference materials, media CD's etc. and equipment for their use.

### *Policies and Objectives of the A.W.C.A.*

The A.W.C.A. was formed in 1987 to provide local and regional carvers the opportunity to meet and share information regarding the art of wildfowl and wildlife carving, as well as to educate others in the art.

### *Services to Members*

We provide resource materials such as books, study bills and casts of birds for use by members. We also organize and provide courses for all levels of carving from beginners to advanced.

### *Carving Night*

The association meets on Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Amiskwaciy Academy 101 Airport Road Edmonton. The carving season is from late Sept. to the End of May.

### *Courses and Instructors*

We provide local instructors and courses at reasonable cost to members on our regular Tue. Nights.



## *Specialty Courses*

We also provide special courses and instruction by Advanced world class instructors at various venues throughout the year and at our Caving in the Park program in June.

## *Participation in Local Events*

The association is involved in participating in locally sponsored events and shows that enhance our art and provide a means to encourage others to share in our art programs.

## *Images of Nature-Wildlife Carving Show and Competition*

Images of Nature carving show and competition is an annual event held in Sherwood Park, showcasing the art of wildlife carving.

## *Carving in The Park*

Images of Nature carving week is an extension of the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association's education committee. It is intended to give our members first chance to register for classes with world class instructors.

