

Fine Feathers March 2016

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of AWCA

Date & Time: **April 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm**
Place: **Amiskwaciy Academy**
Agenda: Call to Order
Motion to Adopt Minutes of the previous AGM
President's Report
Review of Financial Statements
Appointment of Auditors for upcoming year
Election of Board of Director Members
Other Business
Call to Adjourn

President's Message

Christmas and New Years has come and gone, however, a huge Thank You to all members who volunteered their time for the Christmas Party and to all those who attended. It was wonderful to see so many people attend the party. Hopefully everyone had a good time. The food was great and the gift exchange was lots of fun!



We are off to a great start this year with new carvers for our Loon Class. Welcome to Aubrie Maillard, Aimee Bourgoin, Marlene Smitheram and Lori Couture! For all the new members, don't be afraid to ask questions of others, as we are all here to help!

Cheryl Hepperle has agreed to take on the position of Community Relations Director for the Club subject to a vote at the Annual General Meeting on April 26, 2016. Don't forget to mark this day on your calendar. (My philosophy has always been if you are not at the meeting you may "volunteer" for some sort of job.) Cheryl will be looking for volunteers to work at our booth at Cabela's. This is a wonderful opportunity to sell some of your raffle tickets. Plus, there is an exciting Ladies Day at Cabela's where women have a chance to burn a carved feather, paint it and add beads for a necklace or brooch.

Our Images of Nature show is coming up on April 29, 30th and May 1, 2016. In memory of Alan Price, we encourage all new carvers in the club to enter their carving in our show where they could win \$150.00, \$100.00 or \$50.00. There is a garage sale that goes along with the show which is a chance to buy carving items. My advice is to get there early for the sale. As well, Sunday morning there will be a free workshop where you will get an opportunity to learn stoning and burning, to improve your skills. Bob Steele, an excellent and experienced carver, will be presenting this hands-on workshop.

Carving in the Park is in July 5th to 10th, 2016 and details are shown within this newsletter. If you are interested in attending, please see our website <http://www.albertawildlifecarvingassociation.com/>.

I am not sure if it is just me but the carving year seems to be racing by quickly! SELL THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS!!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS **2014-2015-2016 EXECUTIVE**

PRESIDENT:	Kathleen Norton
PAST VICE PRESIDENT:	Bob Steele
VICE PRESIDENT:	Keith Middleton
SECRETARY:	Sandy Stevenson
TREASURER:	Russ Mann
DIRECTOR:	Glenn Maber
DIRECTOR:	Cheryl Hepperle
DIRECTOR:	Clarence Bereska
DIRECTOR:	Wayne Olsen

2014-2015-2016 COMMITTEES/MEMBERS

INSTRUCTION:	Glenn Maber
NEWSLETTER & MEMBERSHIP:	Sandy Stevenson
LIBRARY AND EQUIPMENT:	Clarence Bereska, John Stevenson
XMAS PARTY AND XMAS PROGRAM:	Shirley Stewart, Sandy Stevenson, Kathleen Norton
CLOTHING:	Wayne Olsen
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, Wayne Olsen
RAFFLE:	Ted Griffiths
CARVING IN THE PARK:	Glenn Maber, Bob Steele

2013-2014-2015 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:	Cheryl Hepperle
SUMMER BBQ's:	B. & C. Steele, G. & J. Maber, W. & W. Olsen
RAFFLE:	Ted Griffiths
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

AWCA Raffle

Ticket sales for the upcoming Raffle (Draw Date: May 1, 2016) are doing well. Our thanks to Ted Griffiths for his continued work on selling raffle tickets! Our goal this year is to sell 63 books of raffle ticket before the draw date! Raffle prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize: Golden Crowned Kinglet – carved by Austin Eade



- 2nd Prize: Caribou Bull – carved by Wayne Olsen



- 3rd Prize: Least Sandpiper – carved by Austin Eade



A Message from Cheryl Hepperle

I have been asked to be the Community Relations Director for AWCA and as such, to get the ball rolling, I have been in contact with Samantha of Cabela's as well as Bob Parsons for the annual Snow Goose Chase. We have supported both of these organizations for the past several years and will continue as long as we have sufficient volunteers. These events help our club with free advertising, a venue to display our work and allow us to sell raffle tickets as a fundraiser. For the newer members, our club provides a small display of our carvings, talk to the public about our group and where we meet, what we do and how to be a member. In addition we have a great time.

Cabela's Spring Great Outdoors Event is their annual spring sale. Cabela's bring in clubs and vendors to help promote the store and attract customers and we are one of the clubs that are invited to these events.

Cabela's Ladies Day Out is a day where Ladies are treated to a variety of experiences like, shooting a gun/bow, or learning to back up a trailer and many other events that Cabela's organizes twice per year. Our club teaches and helps participants to carve and paint a feather. Glen, Wayne and others cut out the feather blanks and do some initial carving to prepare for the event and could use volunteers for that process as well as during the event day on May 7th.

The Snow Goose Chase is an event where they take underprivileged kids out to the lakes to show them the thousands of geese and other birds that migrate through the Tofield area each spring. If you have not been to one of these events the mood is very upbeat and the enthusiasm of the kids is infectious. Some of the kids have never been on a bus, let alone outside of their own neighborhood or the city.

We are provided with a light lunch and drinks during our time at these events.

Please think about volunteering. The signup sheets are at the school, and you can sign-up for a couple of hours or for the day. We encourage all of you to participate. Thank you.

Cabela's events are: April 2-3 and April 9th for their Spring Great Outdoors events. 9:00-4:00
May 7th for Ladies Day Out. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

We arrive early to set up so the schedule for us will start about 8:00 am.

Snow Goose Chase: April 23 from 9:30 am -1:00 pm

Images of Nature Show 2016

This year's 30th Annual Images of Nature Show will be held at the **Sherwood Park Community League "Log Cabin"** (50 Spruce Avenue Sherwood Park, Alberta) from **Friday, April 29th to Sunday, May 1st, 2016.**

With the annual Images of Nature Show approaching quickly, members are encouraged to support our show by volunteering to help and by entering their finished wildlife art pieces. Carvers are reminded that competitions like our Images of Nature Show provide opportunities to have their carvings assessed by a panel of judges. This assessment and feedback is invaluable to carvers at all levels wishing to improve their skills. Sign-up sheets and more information regarding how you can help at this year's show will be forthcoming from the Show Committee (posted on bulletin board). Information and entry forms for this year's show can be found on the AWCA website under 'Images of Nature Show'.

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association sponsors two (2) purchase awards with an additional third purchase award sponsored by Cabela's. They include:

- \$1,000.00 for the best **decorative life-size Songbird**, or **decorative Raptor** (min 6" to 14: max)
- \$750.00 for the best **Land or Sea Mammal**, decorative or slick with suitable habitat
- \$500 for the best **North American Shorebird**, decorative or slick (gunning style on a stick acceptable)

As part of the upcoming Images of Nature Show which will be held on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2016, there will be a new Special Novice Competition. In memory of Alan Price, we are pleased to announce this **Special Novice Competition** which is open to all novice carvers. All novice level entries completed during AWCA Tuesday night classes over the last two years will be judged and the following cash prizes will apply:

1 st place winner:	\$150.00
2 nd place winner:	\$100.00
3 rd place winner:	\$50.00

This year's show will feature the following activities:

- Instructor Show Case
- Carvings For Sale Table
- Garage Sale Table – Pick up some good deals on books, equipment, bits, cutouts and casts, wood, etc.
- April 30: Judging and Critiques
- May 1: Workshop on Stoning and Burning Techniques.

Images of Nature Showtime information:

Friday, April 29:	Registration: <i>Metro Edmonton Entrants</i> - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, April 30:	Late Registration: <i>Entrants Outside Metro Edmonton</i> - 8:00 am to 9:30 am Judging: 10:00 am to Completion. Critiques: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Show: Open to Carvers and Friends from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Open to the Public from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm BBQ: 5:00 pm to ***** At Boag Lake Studio (see details below)
Sunday, May 1:	Show: Open to the Public from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm Workshop: 10:00 am TO 12:00 pm + NOVICE Stoning and Burning Techniques. Class is limited you will need to sign up, there is no charge for AWCA members. You will need to bring a micro motor or carving machine and a burner with tips and bits. Cut outs will be supplied.

Annual End of Season and Images of Nature BBQ

Each year the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association holds its year-end BBQ in conjunction with its Images of Nature Show. Club members, spouses and Images of Nature participants are encouraged to attend this unique event. This year's BBQ will be held on **Saturday April 30th from 5:00 - ******* "out in the country" at Jeannine and Glenn Maber's residence: 295 Lakeview Estates, 52467 RRD 225, Sherwood Park. Directions: Go 1 km. east of Hiway 21 on Baseline Road, turn right (south) on Range Road 225 go 2 km., turn left before the road turns, 2nd house on your right. (This is a BYOB event!) The BBQ cost is \$25.00 per person. Tickets can be pre-

ordered or purchased from Kathleen prior to Tuesday April 26. Tickets can also be purchased at the show.



Up-Coming Courses at BOAG LAKE WOOD CARVING STUDIO

#295-52467-RRD 225 SHERWOOD PARK, ALBERTA PH 780-417-1462

DENNIS DRECHSLER REEF SHARK & MANTA RAY 5 DAY COURSE



ALL LEVELS INCLUDES BASE AND MOUNTS

We will be carving a Reef Shark and a Manta Ray with Dennis. Painting will be done with an air brush, if you don't have one we have extras.

DATES: AUG. 8TH TO 12TH, 2016 8:30AM TO 5:00PM

COST: \$390.00

LOCATION: BOAG LAKE STUDIO (SHERWOOD PARK)

CONTACT GLENN MABER TO SIGN UP 780-417-1462

EMAIL: gmaber@yahoo.com

6 DAY CLASS CARVING AND PAINTING A MINIATURE RAVEN FALL ADVANCED CARVING CLASS WITH JEAN MINAUDIER EXPERIENCED CARVERS ONLY



Class Cost: \$650.00. Optional Lunch Package: \$50.00 TOTAL: \$700.00

\$50.00 Deposit required upon registration

CANCELLATION FEE OF \$50.00 IF YOU CANCEL WITHIN 60 DAYS OF START DATE.

BALANCE DUE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO START.

COURSE DATE AND TIME:

OCT 25/2016 8:00 to 5:00 to OCT 30/2016 8:00 am to Noon

CARVING IN THE PARK

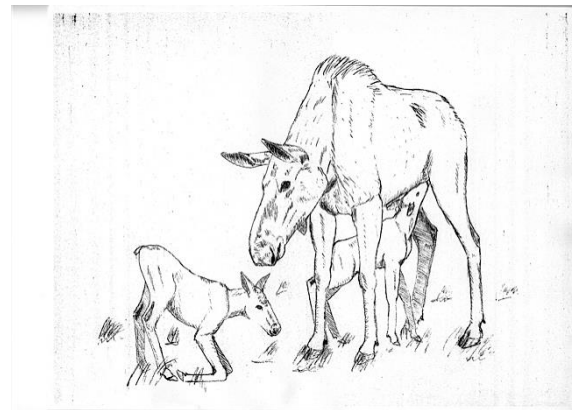
This year's Carving in the Park Summer School will be held once again at the Red Barn in Sherwood Park: **July 5th through July 10th 2016**. The following courses are available:

PAT GODIN- 6 DAY CLASS
FEATHERS – CARVING, TEXTURING, AND BURNING
JULY 5TH TO 10TH, 2016



\$725.00 (This price includes tupelo work pieces but not a cut-out)
PRICES INCLUDE ALL SUPPLIES AND LUNCHES
\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING.
FINAL PAYMENT DUE MAY 4, 2016.

BYRON CRABB- 6 DAY CLASS MOOSE WITH CALF'S
JULY 5TH TO 10TH, 2016



\$590.00
PRICES INCLUDE ALL SUPPLIES AND LUNCHES
\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING.
FINAL PAYMENT DUE MAY 31, 2016.

2016 Basket Weaving- Edmonton Course Description

July 5 to 10, 2016

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.

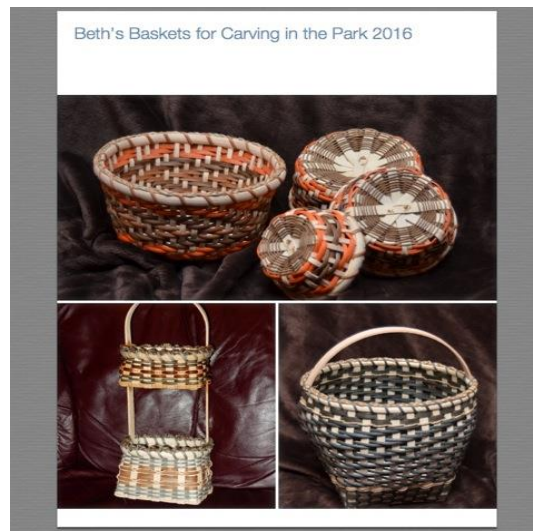
Beth Crabb- Weaving Biography

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, 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 \$160.00 includes material fee of \$30.00 per basket

Any 2 classes \$260.00(total of both classes) includes material fee of \$30.00 per basket

All 3 classes \$360.00(total for 3 classes) includes material fee of \$30.00 per basket



First Basket - Tall two for-one Basket:

July 5th full day and July 6th AM.

Interesting project creates two handy baskets on a tall "D" frame. They can either sit on a surface, or be hung on a wall. You may incorporate decorative techniques, dyed reed, yarn and seagrass to create your unique baskets. Finished measurements for the baskets are approximately 4" x 6" x 4 ½" and 3 ½" x 6" x 3".



Second Basket - Williamsburg Basket:

July 7th full day and July 8th AM.

This beautiful and sturdy basket starts with a square 7" over/under base, and grows to 12" across and about 9 ½" high. You may use plain weave with a variety of colours and textures, or vary that with a section of twill weave. The unique shape of the Williamsburg handle guides your weaving to create a basket to complement any room.



Third basket - Nesting Baskets: July 9th, and July 10th AM.

In this class you will weave as many of the nesting baskets as time permits, in your choice of the sizes (likely two). The bases are formed with twining, and the walls are created with twill weaving in your choice of colours. They are excellent baskets for serving bread or crackers, or displaying treasures. They vary in size from 4 ½" to 8 ½" across the rim.



AWCA Tuesday Evening Classes 2016-2017

AWCA is pleased to announce its Fall Carving Courses with the following details:

Male American Kestrel Course at Amiskwaciy Academy

INSTRUCTOR: Glenn Maber 780-417-1462, Email gmaber@yahoo.com

Blanks, eyes and habitat materials will be supplied

Course starts October 11, 2016

FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fees.



THIS CLASS IS FULL

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 pair 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.

Life-size Rose-Breasted Grosbeak Course at Amiskwaciy Academy

Instructor: **Cheryl Hepperle 780-962-4582, Email: Hepperle@telus.net.**

Blanks and eyes will be supplied. This is an intermediate course that will require some work at home to complete the habitat.

Course starts October 11, 2016

FEE: \$350.00 includes shop fees.



REQUIRED TOOLS: A Micro Power Carver or Dremel style Power Carver with flexible shaft and a variety of bits and sanders are requested. Course bits, Sanding drums, fine bits and a variety of stones. Wood burning equipment with a variety of tips like, skew, straight, quill burner and bent skew is required. Additional supplies include metric calipers flexible ruler or straight edge, pencils and eraser. Painting supplies will be required and a complete list will be provided during the course. Dust mask and safety glasses are recommended.

Grayling Fish Course at Amiskwaciy Academy

Instructor: **Brian Hepperle 780-962-4582, Email: Hepperle@telus.net.**

Blanks and eyes will be supplied. This is an intermediate course that will require some work at home to complete the habitat.

Course starts October 11, 2016

FEE: \$350.00 includes shop fees.



REQUIRED TOOLS: A Micro Power Carver or Dremel style Power Carver with flexible shaft and a variety of bits and sanders are requested. Course bits, Sanding drums, fine bits and a variety of stones. Wood burning equipment with a variety of tips like, skew, straight, quill burner and bent skew is required. Additional supplies include metric calipers flexible ruler or straight edge,

pencils and eraser. Painting supplies will be required and a complete list will be provided during the course. Dust mask and safety glasses are recommended.

Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker Course at Amiskwaciy Academy

Instructor: Wayne Myers **780-435-1773**

Blanks and eyes will be supplied

Course starts October 11, 2016

FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fee



REQUIRED TOOLS: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A MICRO MOTOR POWER GRINDER I.E.TSP, NSK, FOREDOM OR SIMILAR MACHINE A DREMEL WITH A FLEX SHAFT WITH BE OK) Some coarse bits and some fine bits. A sharp carving knife, a pair 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.

Plains Buffalo Cow and Calf Course at Amiskwaciy Academy

Instructor: **BRENDA MITCHELL 780-910-2615**

Blanks and eyes will be supplied

Course starts October 11, 2016

FEE: \$350.00 includes class fees



REQUIRED TOOLS: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A MICRO MOTOR POWER GRINDER I.E.TSP, NSK, FOREDOM OR SIMILAR MACHINE A DREMEL WITH A FLEX SHAFT WITH BE OK) Some coarse bits and some fine bits. A sharp carving knife, a pair 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.

Beginner ¼ size Loon Course at Amiskwaciy Academy

Instructor: **KATHLEEN NORTON 780-591-0403, Email knorton@me.com**

Course starts October 11, 2016

FEE: \$350.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE EXTRA \$25.00

Kits include cutout, pattern and eyes.



REQUIRED TOOLS: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A POWER GRINDER I.E. Freedom or a Dremel with a flex shaft, some coarse bits and some fine bits. A sharp carving knife, a pair 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.

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.

Brian and Cheryl Hepperle are proud to announce the launch of our website to display and sell our art, carvings and quilting. Their website www.hepperleart.com was developed by Claire Laing and they are very happy with the result. We hope you enjoy the site.

The Shuswap School and Carving and Art are holding 5-day School in Sorrento, BC from September 18-23. For more information, please see their website at www.bccarvingschool.com. Brenda Mitchell and Bob Steele will be teaching at this event.

AWCA Carving Calendar

MAR 22: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 29: NO CARVING AT AMISKWACIY (spring break)

APR 2-3: CABELA'S OUTDOOR DAYS

APR 5: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 9-10: CABELA'S OUTDOOR DAYS

APR 9-10: BRANT CARVING SHOW IN PARKSVILLE

APR 12: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 15-16-17, 2016: PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING AND SHOW, WINNIPEG, MB.

APR 19: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 23: SNOW GOOSE CHASE

APR 26: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APR 29-30, MAY 1, 2016: IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW

MAY 3: FINAL CLEAN UP AND SIGN OUT AT AMISKWACIY

MAY 7: CABELA'S FEATHERS

MAY 9-15, 2016: WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES INVERMERE B.C.

JULY 5 – 10: CARVING IN THE PARK WITH PAT GODIN, BYRON & BETH CRABB.

AUG 8 – 12: DENNIS DRECHLER REEF SHARK AND MANTA RAY AT BOAG LAKE

SEPT 18-23: SHUSWAP CARVING SCHOOL

OCT 4: FINAL SIGN UP AND START OF THE NEW CARVING YEAR.

OCT 11: START OF CLASSES & REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

