

## Fine Feathers November 2015

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

### President's Message

It is hard to believe we're already nearing the end of November and talking Christmas. With the start of the carving year, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the many new carvers who have shown a lot of enthusiasm. You are a real spark to the club! 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!

The Board of Directors and I wish to thank Paul Hanson for his volunteering and leadership as the Education Coordinator for our club. Paul and his wife Alice are preparing to move to Vernon, B.C. in January 2016. Paul will be greatly missed and we hope that he will come back and visit us in the future.

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!!

This Christmas party will be held this year on Tuesday night, December 15 at 6 pm. Traditionally it has been a fun night and we would like to see all members and their spouses/partners attend this social evening. Details are as follows:

### AWCA Christmas Party

Date:	December 15, 2015
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!

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. It's a great chance to get rid of things or bring the item you may have chosen at the last Christmas Party back for someone else to enjoy!! If you have nothing around your home and wish to participate, bring a gift (gender neutral) with a limit of \$10.00. Wrapping the gifts is optional.

Please sign up by contacting Kathleen Norton.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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**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

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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

### **Cabela's Ladies' Day Feather Necklace**

On September 12, 2015, the AWCA participated in an extremely successful Cabela's Ladies' Day event at the south store. According to Cabela's, our event is one of the most popular events of that particular day. Thanks to all of the AWCA volunteers who made this event educational and fun for the ladies in attendance. From wood burning, painting and making necklaces, a total of more than 73 participants (mostly women with two or three men/boys as well) left with their own unique feathered necklace or pin (beating last year's total).



### **AWCA Raffle**

Ticket sales for the upcoming Raffle (Draw Date: May 1, 2016) are doing well. A total of 38 books have been handed out to members and 12 books have been sold to date. Our goal this year is to sell 63 books of raffle ticket before the draw date! Raffle prizes are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Golden Crowned Kinglet – carved by Austin Eade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Caribou Bull – carved by Wayne Olsen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Lease Sandpiper – carved by Austin Eade



### **Library & Equipment News**

See the attached file for the full library database and rules for use of the library resources.

### **AWCA Clothing**

Wayne Olsen advised that the clothing purchased through AWCA should be available in December.

**Results from Reflections of Nature Show, Saskatoon**  
**October 23 to 25, 2015**

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

Event/Name:	Division	Best in Show	Description:
<b>Event 1: Novice:</b>			
Bev Powers	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Black Capped Chickadee
Stan Holmes	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Purple Finch
Diane Sharkey	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mallard
<b>Event 1: Intermediate:</b>			
Diane Craven	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Saw wood Owl
Kathleen Norton	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Min Barn Owl
Clarence Bereska	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Red Head Hen
Steve Ewashko	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Green Winged Teal
<b>Event 1: Open:</b>			
Brenda Mitchell	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Min Barn Owl
Glenn Maber	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Min Barn Owl
Wayne Olsen	AM/CLASS		Snowy Owl
Brenda Mitchell	AM/CLASS		Black Capped Chickadee
<b>Event 2: Novice:</b>			
Stan Holmes	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	White Tail Deer
<b>Event 2: Intermediate:</b>			
Kathleen Norton	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Otters
Carmen Steele	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	White Tail Deer
Peggy Averill	1 <sup>st</sup>		Antler/Jumping Fish
<b>Event 2: Open:</b>			
Wayne Olsen	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dolphins
Brenda Mitchell	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Lynx
Brenda Mitchell	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Buffalo
Brenda Mitchell	AM/CLASS		White Tail Deer

**Member News**

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

Diana McKinnon, Bev and Victor Rock, Barb Rowley, Amelia Leung, William Sinclair, Crystal Driedger, Diane Sharkey, Bev Power and Shelley Stachniak.

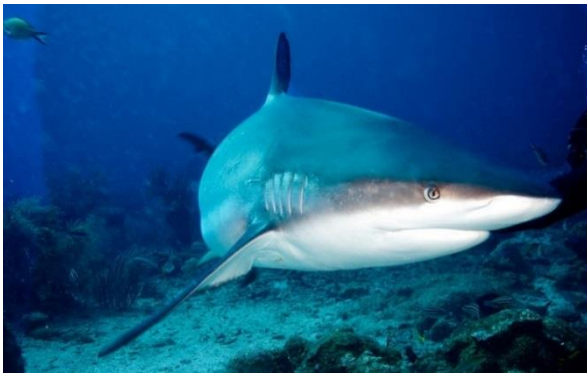
## Up-Coming Courses



# 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 TBA, 2016 from 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](mailto:gmaber@yahoo.com)**



# **BOAG LAKE WOOD CARVING STUDIO**

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## **FALL ADVANCED CARVING CLASS WITH JEAN MINAUDIER 6 DAY CLASS CARVING AND PAINTING A MINIATURE RAVEN 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 from 8:00 to 5:00 to OCT 30/2016 from 8:00 am to Noon**

### **Images of Nature Show 2016**

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 <sup>st</sup> place winner:	\$150.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place winner:	\$100.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place winner:	\$50.00

## Technical Notes

### Tree Bark (www.sharonojala.com)



#### Materials Needed:

- Empty Can
- Wax Paper
- Piece of burlap or craft felt
- Hot Glue Gun
- Tacky Glue
- Water
- Soft Paper Towels or Homemade type papers or tissues if stronger paper is not available
- Paint brushes
- Acrylic craft paint (suggestions for color: café mocha, burnt sienna, golden brown, black)
- Optional: minwax golden oak and linseed oil

Strip the can of any labels and cover the surface of the can with a piece of felt or burlap. Place the can on a large piece of wax paper. Rip up a pile of paper (soft paper towels/tissues, etc). Mix up a solution of 1 part glue and 2 parts water. Dip your paper into the glue solution, making sure to remove the excess and lay the wet paper over the surface of the can. Make ripples and things that look like rough tree bark. Give the surface a lot of texture and extend the ripples onto the wax paper to give the tree roots. Let dry overnight, noting that the drying time depends on how much or little texture you made. Paint the base coat of colour and let dry (suggest using coffee mocha as the base coat). If you use the minwax, place this over the base coat and let dry. Use the other acrylic colors to highlight some areas of the bark and also darken up some areas of the bark and let dry. Highlight the protruding areas and darken up the areas inside crevices. Use your creativity to highlight and shade your creation with acrylic paint. If you choose to add linseed oil then do that once all of the painting is complete and your creation is dried. Cut away the wax paper, cutting carefully around any roots you added but don't pull the wax paper away from underneath the roots. You will find that the thickest areas of the roots will still be damp inside. Wait a few more days then slit the wax paper open to let the air in. Our thanks to Judy Raftery for these technical notes!

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

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

## Carving Calendar

DEC 1- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 8- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 15- CHRISTMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 5, 2016- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 12- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 19- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 26- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 2- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 9- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 16- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 23- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 26, 27, 28 BOB LAVENDER MINIATURE OSPRAY CLASS AT BOAG LAKE

MAR 1- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 8- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 11, 12, 13 BOB LAVENDER MINIATURE OSPRAY CLASS AT BOAG LAKE

MAR 15- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 22 REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 29- NO CARVING AT AMISKWACIY (spring break)

APR 5- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 9-10 BRANT CARVING SHOW IN PARKSVILLE

APR 12- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

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

APR 19- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

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

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

AUG TBA DENNIS DRECHLER REEF SHARK AND MANTA RAY

OCT 25 – 30 JEAN MINAUDIER MINATURE RAVEN

