



## Fine Feathers September 2015

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

### Message from the President

Good Day everyone!! I hope you had a great summer. We are gearing up to start carving again, so set your calendar for Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00 at Amiskwaciy. The first night of carving you will not need to bring any tools, however there will be a short meeting to sign up for classes, review the library rules/return library items and meet with instructors. There is a possibility the instructors will be handing out materials for their classes.

The Images of Nature Show was a great success again this year with a number of out of town entries. Our club had great success at this year's show. Special thumbs up to the novice carvers who entered and I hope this encourages you to enter again in next year's show. As well, thank you to all the volunteers that came to help out with the show.

Carving in the Park was also a great success. It is a great time to enhance your carving, basket making and painting skills. Dates and information for next year's Carving in the Park will be posted in the future, and we hope that you will set aside the time to take in this great opportunity. A special thank you to Glenn for all the preparation and work he did to make the Carving in the Park so successful this year.

This year's raffle ticket sales were our best ever, with 63 books and 3 tickets sold and we appreciated everyone's efforts in selling the raffle tickets. Raffle ticket sales help the club tremendously, by assisting in the ability to maintain and replace equipment, purchase new and replace items for the library along with securing new world class instructors for upcoming courses. For those members who feel uncomfortable selling the raffle tickets to your family and friends, here is your chance to volunteer at some of the club's weekend booths. This gives you an opportunity to sell your own raffle tickets and helps spread out the volunteers so we are not relying on the same group all the time. It is a great opportunity to meet people and talk about how much fun there is in carving.

To reduce confusion this year plus to make sure we have an accurate list of club members, please renew all club membership and dues with Sandy Stevenson, the club secretary. Please ensure that Sandy is aware of any change of address, phone number or email address, so that you don't miss out on any Club information and newsletters.

Watch for further information in the newsletter concerning the Library rules. To ensure that we have a functional library, we need any library items returned on October 6.

This last month, we lost a very dear friend. Al Price passed away in August. Al was a member of the club for many years and was also President of our club. He will be greatly missed.

## **In Memory of Al Price (1935 - 2015)**

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Alan Price, carver, friend, wildlife photographer, long term Board of Directors member and Past President of the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association. Al passed away on Thursday Aug. 20 after a long illness. Al was a true carver who enjoyed all types of carving including relief carving, bark carving, animal carving, and bird carving and was especially fond of carving marine mammals. Al enjoyed organizing and leading and after joining the club he quickly became a member of the AWCA Board of Directors and then President. Al always had a ready smile and quick wit and loved a good debate. His vast experience in business brought solid thinking to daily matters of the club and a clear view to long term planning; his ability to sell an idea made him a valuable leader. In his later years Al had some difficulty carving and decided to take up wildlife photography which became a passion. Although he was not a regular at carving he continued to stop by classes, shows and our summer school to see how things were going. His personality was such that many of us would be asked "How's Al Price doing?" when we visited shows and schools across Western Canada. We will always think of Al fondly and be looking for him to drop by to see how we and the AWCA are doing.

### **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:	Paul Hanson
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:	<b><i>Open for Volunteers</i></b>
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, Paul Hanson
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:	Paul Hanson
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



### **Library & Equipment News**

The AWCA is looking for any signed out materials to be returned to the Library on the October 6, 2015 evening to update the Library database. A listing of missing reference material is attached to the end of the newsletter. If you have any of these items, please return them. If the reference items are still needed, they can be taken out of the Library again. The following rules will apply for the 2015/2016 Carving Year:

- Library and equipment is tagged with a catalogue number and stored in the locked cabinets.
- If you are in need of any library reference material or materials such as casts or study bills, please see John Stevenson or Clarence Bereska on Tuesday carving nights between 5:45 to 6:00 pm or 8:30 or 8:45 pm (before and/or after classes).
- All signed out materials are to be returned by the end of the carving season.
- Dust collectors, table lights, extension cords are available on carving nights and are to be returned to the cabinet at the end of the evening.
- Before returning the dust collectors, gently tap the filters into a garbage can to remove any sawdust.
- If any of the equipment is not working, let Clarence know.
- If you are in need of, or aware of any materials that the club does not have but would be beneficial, let John or Clarence know and they will investigate the possibility of obtaining those items.

Up-Coming Courses



**BOAG LAKE WOOD CARVING STUDIO**

**MINIATURE OSPREY COURSE**  
**INSTRUCTOR: BOB LAVENDER**



**DATES: CARVING: FEB 26, 27 AND 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, From 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM**  
**YOU WILL HAVE 11 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE STONING AND BURNING ON YOUR OWN**  
**PAINTING: MAR 11, 12, AND 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, From 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM**

**COST: \$450.00 - CLASS IS FULL**

**\$50.00 DEPOSIT WITH REGISTRATION      BALANCE DUE FEB 1, 2016.**

DEPOSIT AND FEES PAYABLE TO GLENN MABER

**BOAG LAKE STUDIO (SHERWOOD PARK)**

**#295-52467-RRD 225**

**SHERWOOD PARK, AB T8A 4S1**

**CONTACT GLENN MABER TO SIGN UP 780-417-1462**

**EMAIL: [gmaber@yahoo.com](mailto:gmaber@yahoo.com)**



# **BOAG LAKE WOOD CARVING STUDIO**

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

## **FALL ADVANCED CARVING CLASS WITH JEAN MINAUDIER**

6 DAY CLASS CARVING AND PAINTING A MINIATURE FEMALE WOOD DUCK

**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 27/2015 8:00 to 5:00 to NOV 1/2015 8:00 am to**

**Noon**

**Glenn Maber**

295-52467-RRD 225,  
Sherwood Park, Alberta  
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**INSTRUCTOR JEAN MINAUDIER**

**Upcoming Courses for Carving Year 2015-2016**  
**Tuesday Evenings at Amiskwaciy Academy commencing October 13, 2015**

**RUBY THROATED HUMMINGBIRD FAMILY**

THE **ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION** IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE WITH INSTRUCTOR **GLENN MABER: 780-417-1462**. Email: [gmaber@yahoo.com](mailto:gmaber@yahoo.com)  
BLANKS, EYES AND HABITAT MATERIALS WILL BE SUPPLIED  
COURSE STARTS OCT 13, 2015 TO END OF MARCH 2016  
FEE: \$330.00 Includes Class Fee. – **THIS CLASS IS NOW FULL.**



**WE WILL BE CARVING TWO BIRDS: THE MALE FLYING AND THE FEMALE SITTING ON HER NEST**

**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.

**WAXWING COURSE**

THE **ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION** IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE WITH INSTRUCTOR **WAYNE MYERS: 780-435-1773**  
BLANKS AND EYES WILL BE SUPPLIED  
COURSE STARTS OCT 13, 2015 TO END OF MARCH 2016  
FEE: \$330.00 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.

### **BULL PLAINS BUFFALO COURSE**

THE **ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION** IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE WITH INSTRUCTOR **BRENDA MITCHELL: 780-910-2615**  
BLANKS AND EYES WILL BE SUPPLIED  
COURSE STARTS OCT 13, 2015 TO END OF MAR  
FEE: \$330.00 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.

### **LIFE-SIZE STELLER'S JAY ON A PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS BERRY/LEAF COURSE**

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association is pleased to announce its Fall Carving Course with 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 13, 2015 to the end of March 2016.  
FEE: \$330.00 includes class fee.



**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.

### **AWCA Raffle**

We will be handing out Raffle Ticket Books at the October 6, 2015 AWCA Meeting at Amiskwaciy Academy. Tickets sales will be 3 for \$5.00 again this year, with 3 great prizes to be drawn on May 1, 2016 at the Images of Nature Show. Prizes are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Golden Crowned Kinglet – carved by Austin Eadie

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Caribou Bull – carved by Wayne Olsen

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Least Sandpiper – carved by Austin Eadie



### **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**

Our carving year is almost underway again with classes coming into full swing this October! As a reminder, 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

## 2015:

OCT 6: CARVING START, FINAL COURSE SIGN UP (We still have room in the Waxwing and Buffalo Classes)

OCT 13: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 20: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 23, 24 and 25: REFLECTIONS OF NATURE SASKATOON SHOW

OCT 27: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 27 to NOV 1: CARVING AT BOAG LAKE WITH JEAN MINAUDIER

NOV 3: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 10: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 17: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 24: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 1: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 8: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 15: CHRISTMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY

## 2016:

JAN 5: 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 and 28: BOB LAVENDER MINIATURE OSPRAY CLASS AT BOAG LAKE

MAR 1: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 8: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 11, 12, and 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 12: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

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

APR 19: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 26: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 26: AWCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APR 29, 30 and MAY 1: IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW

MAY 3: FINAL CLEAN UP AND SIGN OUT AT AMISKWACIY

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



## AWCA Missing Library Reference Material - September 2015

Library Reference #	Reference Material Description
<u>Hard and Soft Cover Books:</u>	
H2	How to Paint Dabbling Ducks (author: Moharhardt)
H6, H6b	Songbird Carving (author: Daisy)
H7	Songbird Carving 2 (author: Daisy)
H8	How to Carve Wildfowl 2
H10	Songbird Carving (author: Muehlmatt)
H19	Bird Carving Basics – Bills and Beaks (author: Curtis Badger)
H20	Bird Carving Basics – Feet (author: Curtis Badger)
H21	Bird Carving Basics – Eyes (author: Curtis Badger)
H28	Painting Wild Geese (author: Beebe Hopper)
H36	Carving and Painting a Black Capped Chickadee
H37	Wildbird Guides – Eastern Bluebird
H40	Encyclopedia of North American Birds (author: Michael Vanner)
H51	Bear – The Ultimate Artist Reference (author: Doug Lindstrand)
H57	Eye size and Eye color Chart
H64	Decorative Decoys – (coil)
H69	Nature in Wood, Great Patterns in Carving
H76	Love of Loons (author: Crowley and Link)
H84	Carving Realistic Flowers in Wood
H85	Canadian Wildlife
<u>Work Bench Projects:</u>	
C6	Decorative Wood Duck
C8	Game Bird Trio (author: Muehlmatt)
<u>Kits:</u>	
	Blue wing Teal Hen
	Red Breasted Merganser Drake
<u>Casts:</u>	
4	Black capped Chickadee
7	Indigo Bunting
11B	Screech Owl
13	Yellow rump Warbler
19B	Blue Jay
24	Peregrine Falcon
25	Great Blue Heron
28	Carolina Wren
33B	Downy Woodpecker
36	Bald Eagle -
42	Canvasback Drake
43	Loon – 1/3 size
44	Chickadee
47	Green wing Teal Drake
50	Purple Finch
54	Wood Duck Drake – in Box
<u>Study Bills:</u>	
5	Common Goldeneye Drake
7	Gadwall Drake and Hen
10	Mallard – Open Drake
14	Ruddy – Drake