



Fine Feathers - August 2012

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

Message from the President AWCA

Have you noticed the “Back to School” sales and happy parents as our communities prepare for another school year? Well – although there are no sales – there are happy carvers as we get ready for a new AWCA carving year. The executive has been working hard to get the upcoming year’s classes, show, raffle, summer school ready to go. We will be starting the year on **Tuesday Sept. 25th** in the industrial arts lab at Amiskwaciy Academy with a general meeting and course sign up (no carving). As we enter the 2012/13 carving year the AWCA is in great shape Financially , we have a permanent home at Amiskwaciy Academy and a strong executive. With these factors in mind and some of the work done by the executive over the summer I am confident that we will have an exceptional carving year. So welcome aboard and let’s get carving!

Bob

- **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 at:
<http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/> A link to the new website can also be found on our old website www.albertawildlifecarving.ca .

Current News

- **Images of Nature Show 2013 (New Venue and Dates)**

Next Year's Images of Nature Show will be held at the **Sherwood Park Community League "Log Cabin"** (50 Spruce Avenue Sherwood Park, Alberta) **Friday May 3rd to Sunday May 5th 2013**. More information about the "Log Cabin" can be found at www.spmba.ca

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association will sponsor three purchase awards with additional community based purchase awards to be announced as they become available. Please note that the AWCA has increased the number and value of its purchase awards for next year to include a third award and an increase in the Song Bird Purchase Award from \$750 to \$1000. AWCA 2013 Purchase Awards are as follows:

- \$1000.00 for the best **life-size Songbird**, M/F decorative or slick with suitable habitat.
- \$750.00 for the best **North American Land Mammal**, decorative or slick with suitable habitat.
- \$500 for the best **North American Shorebird**, decorative or slick (gunning style on a stick acceptable)

- **Carving In the Park 2012**

This year's Carving in the Park Summer School was a huge success with all classes completing their projects and carvers commenting on the fabulous instruction, wonderful food, a great BBQ and most importantly a great time with other carvers. For pictures of this year's summer school check our website under "Photo Galleries".

Next year's Carving in the Park Summer School will be held once again at the Red Barn in Sherwood Park: **July 23rd through July 28th**. At this point in time the classes are as follows:

1. Beth Crabb – Three Baskets (specifics to be announced)
2. Byron Crab – To Be Announced
3. Bob Guge – Northern Cardinal

More information will be provided at a later date in subsequent newsletters and on our website.

- **Membership**

New memberships will be sold on an ongoing basis with members asked to renew their memberships early in the fall. Memberships will remain at \$25 per carver with a family rate of \$25.

As was the case last year, the membership form includes a waiver for the AWCA regarding injury as a result of an individual's use of power tools, knives etc. In addition carving instructors are asked to take a few minutes to review SAFTEY at the beginning of this year's courses especially with new carvers.

- **AWCA Raffle 2012/13**

Arrangements for this year's AWCA Raffle have been finalized; pictures of the prizes and tickets should be available for our organizational meeting on Sept. 25th. Once again the draw will be made at our Images of Nature Show in May 2013.

This year's prize are:

A Marsh Wren by Cheryl Hepperle

A Blue Wing Teal Drake by Ted Trusz

A Baby Black Bear by Brenda Mitchell

- **AWCA Carving Calendar**

We will be posting the new AWCA carving calendar on our Website in the section entitled "About Us" once school dates have been confirmed. The newsletter calendar will focus on the upcoming two to three months.

REGULAR CARVING AND CLASSES

September 25 (Organizational Mtg. – Class Sign Up)

Oct. 2 (Classes Begin)

Oct. 9/16/23/30 Regular Classes

Nov. 6/13/20/27 Regular Classes

- **2012-13 Carving Classes (Tuesday Night Carving)**

The goal of our Tuesday Night Carving Classes is to provide a setting for beginning carvers to learn basic carving skills and provide opportunities for intermediate and advanced carvers to continue their learning.

Place: Amiskwaciy Academy (101 Airport Road – The old City Center Airport Terminal)

Dates: October 2, 2012 to the end of April 2013 (all classes are full year)

Time: 6:00pm – 9:00 pm

Cost: All classes are at a cost of **\$300 plus a shop fee.**

- In order to encourage new carvers, our beginner class (**Black and White Warbler**) will be offered for the full year at a cost of \$175 for new carvers which includes AWCA membership and shop fee. Non-beginner carvers taking this class will be charged the full \$300 plus the shop fee and will be responsible for their own AWCA membership fee.
- Junior carvers under the age of 15 will be provided free classes but must be accompanied by an adult.

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Instructor</u> | <u>Shop Fee</u> |
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| Male Black and White Warbler | Cheryl Hepperle | \$25.00 |
| 1/3 size Toco Toucan | Glenn Maber | \$30.00 |
| Miniature Red Fox | Brenda Mitchell | \$30.00 |
| Pine Siskin | Wayne Meyers | \$30.00 |

TO SIGN UP PLEASE CONTACT GLENN MABER EMAIL gmaber@yahoo.com /phone Glenn at 780 - 417-1462 or sign up in person at our Organizational Meeting on Sept. 25th.

Course descriptions and pictures regarding Tuesday night classes can be found on the AWCA website on the home page under Tuesday Night Classes.

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