



Fine Feathers - December 2011

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

Message from the President AWCA

With December upon us, our half-year American Avocet and Baby Bear classes are feverishly trying to finish their projects prior to Christmas. This is the first year that we have offered half-year classes due to the number of club members heading south for the winter. We are also becoming more at home at Amiskwaciy Academy and really appreciate the wonderful staff of the school that has made us feel so welcome.

You will notice that the newsletter is shorter than in the past as we try to move information from the bimonthly newsletter to our new website. The new website is up and running at:

<http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/>

The website contains much of the information previously found in the newsletter along with pictures and additional information about the club. A few features of the website are:

- A photo gallery area with pictures from AWCA activities including Tuesday night carving, the Images of Nature Show and Carving in the Park.
- An area for club members to display pictures of their carvings - club members are encouraged to send their pictures to Don Delaney at: delaneyd5@shaw.ca
- Club members will be able to place links to their own websites in the "Carving Links" section of the website.
- A reference photo area – where a series of detailed photos for specific birds will be made available for download and copying (thank you to Don Delaney and Gerry Beyersbergen for providing photos). This area is under construction and will continue to grow as new photo series become available.
- An up to date carving calendar for members in the "About Us" area of the website.
- Information on "Carving in the Park" summer carving school.
- Information on our "Images of Nature Show".

We are in the process of closing down our old website and moving the Alberta Wildlife Carving Address to our new site. I would like to thank Don Delaney for his hard work as webmaster for AWCA. A special thank you to Miles Constable for creating the original page and the time spent posting information On behalf of the entire AWCA executive I would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Bob

Current News

- **Christmas Party**

A reminder to all club members that our last Tuesday night of carving will be Dec. 13th and we will be holding our annual Christmas Party on:

Tuesday December 20th

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Amiskwaciy Academy

Cost: \$5/person – Pay Carmen Steele

- **Tuesday Night Carving Resumes**

Just a reminder that Amiskwaciy Academy will be closed over Christmas. AWCA Tuesday night classes will resume on January 10, 2012

- **Carving In the Park 2012**

Information regarding this year's summer school can be found on our website at:

<http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/>

- **AWCA Raffle 2011/12**

The AWCA is continuing with its Carving Raffle for the 2011/12 carving year. Many thanks to Kathleen Norton and Cheryl Hepperle for coordinating the tickets for this important fundraiser. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 with three prizes: 1st prize is a White Breasted 1st Nuthatch by Jean Minaudier, 2nd prize a Curlew by Bob Lavender and a third prize of a Baby Duck.



- **AWCA Carving Calendar**

We have posted the AWCA carving calendar on our Website in the section entitled "About Us" as part of its redesign. The calendar will be continuously updated and will contain information about our carving club as well as important carving shows and courses. The newsletter calendar will focus on the upcoming two to three months.

DEC 13- REGULAR CARVING AND CLASSES AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY

DEC 20-XMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY

DEC 27- SCHOOL CLOSED

JAN 3, 2012- SCHOOL CLOSED

JAN 7 – 12 - 2012 SHEKINAH CARVING RETREAT

REGULAR CARVING AND CLASSES

JAN 10 –CLASSES RESUME

JAN 17

JAN 24

JAN 31

FEB 7

FEB 14

FEB 21

FEB 28

Saskatchewan River Valley Art School

- **January Winter Retreat**

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Art Association will be hosting a 5 day winter carving retreat Jan. 7-12, 2012 at Shekinah Retreat Center. The retreat is an opportunity for carvers to get away and focus on carving in a quiet atmosphere. The cost of the retreat is approx. \$390 including all meals, accommodation, and user fees. If interested please contact Harvey Welch at welchjh@shaw.ca

- **Saskatchewan River Art School May 2012**

Information for the upcoming spring session is now available online at
<http://www.saskwildlifeart.com/SRVAS.htm>

AWCA Committees

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- PRESIDENT: Bob Steele
- VICE PRESIDENT: Kathleen Norton
- SECRETARY: Kay Price
- TREASURER/GRANTS: Kathleen Norton/Russ Mann
- DIRECTORS: Glenn Maber, Russ Mann, Gerry Beyersbergen

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- CARVING IN THE PARK: Glenn Maber, Gerry Beyersbergen, Russ Mann

IMAGES OF NATURE COMMITTEE

- COMPETITION AND SHOW: Benda Mitchell, Kathleen Norton
- JUDGES: Gerry Beyersbergen, Bob Steele
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