



Fine Feathers - June 2012

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

Message from the President AWCA

With the end to this year's Tuesday Night Carving at Amiskwaciy Academy and a successful Images of Nature Show, AWCA club members are preparing for another summer and our annual Carving in the Park Summer Carving School. I would like to thank all members who volunteered to help out at our recent Images of Nature Show and Year End BBQ. The show was a huge success with a record number of entries from our association members. As usual, the BBQ was outstanding - many thanks to Carmen Steele and Kay Price for the fantastic food and to Glenn and Jeannine Maber for opening their home for the event. Best of Show results can be found in this newsletter; more detailed Images of Nature Show results can be accessed through the AWCA 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 .

Information regarding next year's Images of Nature Show including dates and Purchase Awards can be found in this newsletter. You will note that the AWCA will be sponsoring three purchase awards next year and has increased the cash prize for the Song bird purchase award from \$750 to \$1000. In addition we will be sponsoring an additional \$750 North American Land Mammal and a \$ 500 Shorebird purchase award. So, start carving – hope to see a number of entries for each purchase award.

Bob

Current News

- **Images of Nature Show 2012 Best of Show Results**

<u>Level</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Carver</u>	<u>Entry</u>
Open	1 st Best of Show	Harvey Welsh	Western Meadowlark
	2 nd Best of Show	Bob Steele	King Eider Drake
	3 rd Best of Show	Bob Steele	Northern Pintail Drake
Intermediate	1 st Best of Show	Earnest Fehr	Male Ruffed Grouse
	2 nd Best of Show	Shirley Stewart	Marsh Wren
	3 rd Best of Show	Kathleen Norton	Marsh Wren
Novice	1 st Best of Show	Wayne Olsen	Green Wing Teal Drake
	2 nd Best of Show	Will Simpson	Harlequin Drake
	3 rd Best of Show	Steve Ewasko	Scaled Quail Pair
	HM	Will Simpson	Northern Pintail
Event 11	1 st Best of Show	Wayne Olsen	Caribou Bull
	2 nd Best of Show	Cheryl Hepperle	Caribou Bull
	3 rd Best of Show	Cheryl Hepperle	Eagle Feather
	HM	Carmen Steele	Dolphins
Ken Klipper Award		Kathleen Norton	Spotted Sandpiper
Purchase Award (Songbird)		Cheryl Hepperle	Marsh Wren

- **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**
Information regarding this year's summer school can be found on our website at:
<http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/>

- **AWCA Raffle 2011/12**

The AWCA 2011/12 Raffle was a success again this year; unfortunately final figures for the raffle were not available at the time of production of this newsletter. This year's prize winners were:

1st prize White Breasted Nuthatch by Jean Minaudier

Winner: Paul Hanson - Dawson Creek

2nd prize Curlew by Bob Lavender

Winner: Brenda Flynn - Edmonton

3rd prize a Baby Duck by Wayne Meyers

Winner: Esther Kresier - Alberta

- **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.

CARVING IN THE PARK SUMMER SCHOOL

July 24 - 29

REGULAR CARVING AND CLASSES

September 25 (Organizational Mtg. – Class Sign Up)

Oct. 2 (Classes Begin)

- **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>
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 or phone Glenn at 780 - 417-1462

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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IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW 2012

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