



Fine Feathers - June 2013

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 the second largest number of entries (98) – one less than our all-time high. Our new location at the Log Cabin allowed us more room and great parking. Thanks to all AWCA members who entered carvings in this year's show. 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 <http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/> or by [clicking here](#)

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 once again be sponsoring three purchase awards next year 1) a North American Song Bird for \$1000, 2) a North American Land Mammal for \$750 and 3) a Shorebird for \$500. So, start carving – hope to see a number of entries for each purchase award.

Bob

Current News

- **Images of Nature Show 2013 Best of Show Results**

Event 1

<u>Level</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Carver</u>	<u>Entry</u>
Open	1 st Best of Show	Lana Cowel	Yellow Rumped Warbler
	2 nd Best of Show	Lana Cowel	Red Breasted Nuthatch
	3 rd Best of Show	Harvey Welch	Pintail Drake
Intermediate	1 st Best of Show	Keith Middleton	Northern Hawkowl
	2 nd Best of Show	Ernest Fehr	Golden Kinglet
	3 rd Best of Show	Willard Dyck	Long-tailed Duck
	HM	Shirley Stewart	White Throated Sparrow
Novice	1 st Best of Show	Wayne Olsen	Toco Toucan
	2 nd Best of Show	Carmen Steele	Purple Long-tailed Sylph
	3 rd Best of Show	Wayne Olsen	Green Wing Teal Drake
	HM	Russ Mann	Purple Long-tailed Sylph

Event 11

<u>Level</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Carver</u>	<u>Entry</u>
Open	1 st Best of Show	Brenda Mitchell	Stone Sheep Ram
	2 nd Best of Show	Cheryl Hepperle	Big Horned Sheep
	3 rd Best of Show	Brian Dueck	Spirit Grebe
	HM	Cheryl Hepperle	Seal in Soapstone
Intermediate	1 st Best of Show	Gail Kopp	Soapstone Otter
	2 nd Best of Show	Diane Craven	Hawksbill Turtle on Coral
	3 rd Best of Show	Shirley Stewart	Eagle Feather
Novice	1 st Best of Show	Gordon Carey	Red Fox
	2 nd Best of Show	Carmen Steele	Kliwick Bowl
	3 rd Best of Show	Dave Rusnell	In the Den

Ken Klipper Awards

Open	Harvey Welch	Common Eider
Intermediate	Willard Dyck	Northern Shoveler

Purchase Awards

Decorative Songbird (\$1000)	Lana Cowel	Red Breasted Nuthatch
Mammal (\$750)	Brenda Mitchel	Female Grizzly
Shorebird (\$500)	Harvey Welch	American Avocet

To view all results for this year's Images of Nature Show [click here](#)

• **Images of Nature Show 2014**

Next Year's Images of Nature Show will be held again at the **Sherwood Park Community League "Log Cabin"** (50 Spruce Avenue Sherwood Park, Alberta) **Friday May 2rd to Sunday May 4th 2014.**

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association will sponsor three purchase awards with additional community based purchase awards to be announced as they become available. AWCA 2014 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)
- All entries must be wildlife, no carvings of domesticated animals.

• **Carving In the Park 2013**

Unfortunately we have had to change our courses for this summer's **Carving In the Park**. Bob Guge will be unable to join us this summer due to illness. Bob has been an

instructor at our summer school since its inception in 2010. Hopefully Bob will be able to join us again in the future.

We are pleased to announce that Lana Cowel has agreed to fill in for Bob Guge this summer. Lana has won several awards across Canada for her carvings. Her work has been praised for her attention to detail, the texture and surfaces on her carvings, and an almost lifelike softness she achieves with her painting technique.

For more information regarding this year's summer school please [click here](#)

- **AWCA Raffle 2012/13**

The AWCA 2012/13 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 – Marsh Wren by Cheryl Hepperle

Winner: Ron Miller – Edmonton

2nd prize Blue Wing Teal Drake by Ted Trusz

Winner: Brenda Mitchell – Stony Plain

3rd prize a Baby Bear by Brenda Mitchell

Winner: M. Daniel – Sherwood Park

- **AWCA Carving Calendar**

We will be posting the new AWCA carving calendar on our Website in the section entitled "About Us and our Carving Classes" Some upcoming dates to remember:

CARVING IN THE PARK SUMMER SCHOOL

July 23- 28/2013

REGULAR CARVING AND CLASSES

October 1/2013

(Organizational Mtg. / Final class sign-up/ Tuesday Night Classes Begin)

- **Carving Classes offered at Boag Lake Studio**

1. Oct 4/5/6/11/12/18/19/20 Mini Kestrel Course with Ted Trusz
2. Oct. 28/29/30/31 Nov. 1/2 Snow Bunting Course with Jean Minaudier
3. Feb. 12 – 17 Miniature Ruffed Grouse with Bob Lavender

For course descriptions and pictures regarding Boag Lake classes [Click Here](#) or go to our AWCA website

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- **2013-14 Carving Classes (Tuesday Night Carving)**

Alberta Wildlife Carving Association will be holding its weekly, Tuesday carving nights in the Industrial Arts Lab at Amiskwaciy Academy from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the following dates:

Dates - **October 1** – Start of Carving/General Mtg. / Tues. Night Class sign up (last day)

October – 8/15/22/29

November – 5/12/19/26

December – 3/10/17

- **Christmas Party December 17th)**

Christmas Break

January – 7/14/21/28

February – 4/11/18/25

March – 4/11/18

Spring Break

April – 1/8/15/22/29

Time: 6:00pm – 9:00 pm

Cost: All classes are at a cost of **\$300.00 plus \$30.00 shop fee.**

- In order to encourage new carvers, our beginner class (**Common Loon**) 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.

Class

American Robin

½ size Belted Kingfisher

Yellow Bellied Sapsucker

Big Horned Sheep

1/3 size Loon (Beginner Class)

Instructor

Cheryl Hepperle

Glenn Maber

Wayne Meyers

Brenda Mitchell

Brian Hepperle

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BOAG LAKE STUDIO

