



Fine Feathers – March 2014

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

Message from the President AWCA

As you know, our president Al Price had to step down because of his health. We wish to express our utmost appreciation to Al for the work he has done for the Club. We wish Al all the best! Until the forthcoming elections in October 2014, I have agreed to take over the President position from Al and Keith Middleton has stepped up to take the position of Vice President.

With March upon us, the days are getting longer with daylight savings. The end of another winter carving season is a little more than six weeks away. Club members are looking to finish their projects, pushing to sell the AWCA Raffle Tickets and getting ready for this year's Images of Nature Carving Show.

We have some important dates coming up to put a star beside, especially our Images of Nature Carving show from May 2 to 4, 2014. This means all raffle tickets need to be sold! I would encourage all the new carvers to enter their carvings. The show presents a great opportunity to learn, talk to judges to have your work critiqued and see new ideas that will help you in your future carvings. Don't be afraid to enter because carvings are judged by the level of expertise and against carvings of equal levels.

At the show on Sunday morning, May 4, 2014, there is also a great opportunity to participate in hands-on workshops. Bob Steele will be demonstrating air brush techniques. Air brushes will be available for you to practice the techniques. As well, there will a demonstration on habitat construction. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the supervision of the pieces during the show after the judging and for final clean-up after the show. Sign-up sheets will be at the school. A chance of a life-time!

As indicated in the calendar, May 3, 2014 is the end of our carving season with the Images of Nature barbeque at Glenn Maber's. Finally, May 6, 2014 is clean-up and sign-out at Amiskwaciy.

This season the club has been quite busy with its partnership with Cabela's that has resulted in new members to our Tuesday night classes and more community awareness of the club and our art form. Many thanks to our executive who have spearheaded this partnership and our members who have volunteered to help with our demonstrations at the Cabela's store.

Current News

Images of Nature Show 2014

This year's 29th Annual Images of Nature Show will be held at the **Sherwood Park Community League "Log Cabin"** (50 Spruce Avenue Sherwood Park, Alberta) from **Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th 2014**. More information about the "Log Cabin" can be found at www.spmba.ca

With the annual Images of Nature Show approaching quickly, members are encouraged to support our show by volunteering to help and by entering their finished wildlife art pieces. Carvers are reminded that competitions like our Images of Nature Show provide opportunities to have their carvings assessed by a panel of judges. This assessment and feedback is invaluable to carvers at all levels wishing to improve their skills. Sign-up sheets and more information regarding how you can help at this year's show will be forthcoming from the Show Committee (posted on bulletin board). Information and entry forms for this year's show can be found on the AWCA website under 'Images of Nature Show'.

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association sponsors two purchase awards with an additional third purchase award sponsored by Cabela's.

- \$1,000.00 for the best **life-size Songbird**, M/F decorative or slick with suitable habitat. AWCA
- \$750.00 for the best **North American Land Mammal**, decorative or slick with suitable habitat. AWCA
- \$500 for the best **North American Shorebird**, decorative or slick (gunning style on a stick acceptable) Cabela's

This year's show will feature the following activities:

- Artist Show Case
- Carvings For Sale Table
- Garage Sale Table and the Last of the AWCA clothing items.
- Free "Air Brush Class" with Bob Steele – Pre-registration required. Sunday 9:00am to Noon
- Free "Habitat How To Demo's" on Sunday Afternoon.

Images of Nature Show – Guest Judge

AWCA is pleased to announce that Dennis Drechsler has agreed to be our guest judge at this year's Images of Nature Show. Dennis is a very talented carver who has won many national and international awards over the years and is a favorite among many of our carvers. Good News for AWCA!

Annual End of Season and Images of Nature BBQ

Each year the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association holds its year-end BBQ in conjunction with its Images of Nature Show. Club members, spouses and Images of Nature participants are encouraged to attend this unique event.

This year's BBQ will be held on **Saturday May 3rd from 5:30 - 8:00pm** "out in the country" at Jeannine and Glenn Maber's home.

GLENN AND JEANNINE MABER
295-LAKEVIEW ESTATES, 52467 RRD 225, SHERWOOD PARK, ALBERTA

DIRECTIONS

GO 1 Km. EAST OF HIWAY 21 ON BASELINE ROAD TURN RIGHT (SOUTH) ON RANGE ROAD 225

GO 2 Km. TURN LEFT BEFORE THE ROAD TURNS, 2nd HOUSE ON YOUR RIGHT.

(This is a BYOB event!) The BBQ cost is \$25.00 per person. Tickets can be pre-ordered or purchased from Kathleen prior to Tuesday April 29th. Tickets can also be purchased at the show.

AWCA Raffle 2013/14

Ticket sales for this year's AWCA Raffle are ongoing - once again the **draw will be made on Sunday May 4th at our Images of Nature Show.** AWCA members are encouraged to sell off their remaining tickets as soon as possible. **All money and unsold tickets are to be turned into Kathleen Norton by Tuesday May 4, 2014.** This year's AWCA Raffle prize are:

- **Red Breasted Nuthatch by Lana Cowell**
- **Grizzly Bear by Brenda Mitchell**
- **Avocet Shorebird by Harvey Welch**

AWCA Executive and Committee Members are as follows:

2013 – 2014 Executive:

PRESIDENT: Kathleen Norton

VICE PRESIDENT: Keith Middleton

SECRETARY: Cheryl Hepperle

TREASURER: Russ Mann

DIRECTORS: Glenn Maber, Paul Hanson, Brian Hepperle

2013 – 2014 Committee Members:

Instruction: Glenn Maber

Newsletter: Sandy Stevenson

Membership: Brian Hepperle

Library: John Stevenson

Community Relations: Paul Hanson

Raffle: Kathleen Norton

Coffee: Kathleen Norton

Website: Don Delaney

Advertising: Russ Mann

Carving in the Park: Glenn Maber, Bob Steele,

Images of Nature Show: Brenda Mitchell, Glenn Maber, Bob Steele, Jim McLaughin, Wayne Olsen

Up-Coming Courses



BOAG LAKE WOOD CARVING STUDIO

GRAY WHALE AND CALF 5 DAY COURSE



ALL LEVELS INCLUDES BASE AND MOUNT

INSTRUCTOR: DENNIS DRECHSLER

DATES: APRIL 28-MAY 2, 201

TIME: 8:30AM TO 5:00PM (MAY 2 8:30 TO 1:00)

COST: \$390.00

LOCATION: BOAG LAKE STUDIO (SHERWOOD PARK)

CONTACT GLENN MABER TO SIGN UP 780-417-1462

EMAIL: gmaber@yahoo.com

Carving In the Park 2014

This year's Carving in the Park Summer School will be held once again at the Red Barn in Sherwood Park: **July 8th through July 13th**. The classes are as follows:

CARVING IN THE PARK

"THE CARVING IN THE PARK" SUMMER PROGRAM

BYRON CRABB- 6 DAY CLASS BISON WITH A CALF

JULY 8TH TO 13TH, 2014



COST: \$550.00

PRICES INCLUDE ALL SUPPLIES AND LUNCHES.

\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE MAY 31, 2014.

LANA COWELL - 6 DAY CLASS FEMALE AMERICAN GOLDFINCH



COST: \$590.00

PRICES INCLUDE ALL SUPPLIES AND LUNCHES.

\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE MAY 31, 2014

2014 Basket Weaving- Edmonton Course Description

July 8 to 13, 2014

These courses are designed for you to learn and create, while having fun. Three one and a half (1 ½) to two (2) day basket weaving classes will happen over the six (6) days of the school. Using various widths of reed, students will learn basket weaving techniques to create and finish three (3) baskets. They will choose from a variety of natural and hand-dyed reeds, as well as yarn to incorporate their own color choices during the weaving.

Beth Crabb - Weaving Biography

Beth started weaving in 1991 at Crete Nebraska, and learned willow weaving in Sask. She is largely self-taught, and enjoys creating her own designs. Her work in watercolor and clay influence the development of her weavings. Beth enjoys teaching basketry, and sharing her passion for weaving and her love of creating functional works of art. Her baskets have been exhibited in Moose Jaw at Yvette Moore's Gallery, Creative Photographics, the Moose Jaw Museum and Art Gallery, and Lumsden's Letterbox Gallery. In 2007 she was selected as one of three artists to represent Moose Jaw in Ottawa on July 1, to celebrate Moose Jaw as one of the Cultural Capitals of Canada. In 2011, Beth was juried into the Sask. Craft Council. Her weavings are in collections across Canada.

FEES: ANY SINGLE CLASS \$125.00 + MATERIAL FEE \$30.00 PER BASKET

ANY 2 CLASSES \$200.00(TOTAL OF BOTH CLASSES) + MATERIAL FEE \$30.00 PER BASKET

ALL 3 CLASSES \$275.00(TOTAL FOR 3 CLASSES) + MATERIAL FEE \$30.00 PER BASKET

There is a \$50.00 Deposit required, and the checks should be payable to the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association.

To sign up for these courses, please contact Glenn Maber at the following address.

Alberta Wildlife Carving Association

Mail: #295 52467 RRD 225

SHERWOOD PARK, AB T8A 4S1

Att. GLENN MABER

EMAIL gmaber@yahoo.com

Ph: 780-417-1462

Students will need to bring their own tools, as follows:

Square plastic dishpan-type tub for water, tape measure

reed cutters i.e. pruning shears, heavy scissors, awl or nut pick

plastic clothespins, pencil, old towel, plastic/vinyl apron

Optional: small planer or sharp vegetable peeler

Small needle nose pliers and wire cutters-optional

Any small, favorite objects they may wish to add on to their projects

Class #1: Feather Basket - 1 ½ Days from July 8 to 9, 2014

This 12" X 12" X 8" high basket has a uniquely woven-on lid, and was originally used for gathering feathers. It is useful now in many other ways, including keeping cats out of your yarn! The weaving to create this basket includes plain weave, twining, your choices to create a decorative section, and fitting the lid to your individual basket. A great addition to any home.



Class #2: Quadro Melon Basket – 1 ½ Days from July 10 to 11, 2014:

Note: Class starts at Noon on July 10*

This weaving starts with a 14" hoop, is about 5" deep, it features two crossing center straps which create four pockets within the basket.

In this basket you will learn how to weave an "X" ear, shape and insert ribs to form your basket's shape, and control the tension of your weaving to fine tune your basket shape. This is a great basket project to explore your colour and texture choices with sea grass and yarn.



Class #3: Lidded Bathroom Buddy - 1 ½ Days from July 12 to 13, 2014:

This basket design allows you to beautifully keep several rolls of bathroom tissue on hand, yet out of sight in the bathroom. It measures 7 ½" by 13 ¾" tall without the lid. Techniques learned will be twining, twill and reverse twill, plus tension control in the weaving to create (reasonably!) straight walls.



All classes are suitable for beginners, or those with some experience.
All basketry materials will be supplied by the instructor.

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/>.

Carving Calendar

MAR 18, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 22, 23, 2014: A.W.C.A. DEMO AT CABELA'S

MAR 25, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 1, 2014: NO CARVING AT AMISKWACIY (Spring break)

APR 5 to 6, 2014: PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING AND SHOW WINNIPEG, MB.

APR 5 to 6, 2014: PACIFIC BRANT CARVING AND ART SHOW SIDNEY, B.C.

APR 5, 2014: A.W.C.A. DEMO AT CABELA'S LADIES DAY.

APR 8, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 15, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 19, 2014: A.W.C.A. DEMO AND RAFFLE TICKET SALE AT GREENLAND

APR 22, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 25 to 26, 2014: WARDS WORLD CARVING SHOW. OCEAN CITY MD.

APR 26, 2014: SNOW GOOSE CHASE 9:30 TO 12:30 TOFIELD

APR 28 to MAY 2, 2014: DENNIS DRECHSLER GRAY WHALE AND CALF AT BOAG LAKE

APR 29, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAY 2 to 4, 2014: IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW 2014

MAY 3, 2014: END OF SEASON AND IMAGES OF NATURE BBQ.

MAY 4, 2014: AIRBRUSHING CLASS AT Images of nature

MAY 5 to 11: 2014: WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES INVERMERE B.C.

MAY 6, 2014: FINAL CLEAN UP AND SIGN OUT AT AMISKWACIY

MAY 16 to 21, 2014: SASKATCHEWAN RIVER ART SCHOOL - SHEKINAH, SK.

JULY 8 to 13, 2014: CARVING IN THE PARK

JULY 12, 2014: CARVING IN THE PARK BBQ.

SEPT 19 to 21, 2014: TED TRUSZ MINIATURE WOOD DUCK (TBC)

SEPT 21 to 26, 2014: SHUSWAP SCHOOL OF CARVING-SORRENTO, B.C.

SEPT 27- 28, 2014: TED TRUSZ MINIATURE WOOD DUCK (TBC)

SEPT 29, 2014: GENERAL MEETING AND CLASS SIGN UP

OCT 3 to 5, 2014: TED TRUSZ PAINTING MINIATURE WOOD DUCK (TBC)

OCT 7, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 14, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 21, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 24 to 26, 2014: REFLECTIONS OF NATURE SASKATOON, SK

OCT 28, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY NO SNOWY OR LYNX CLASSES.

OCT 28 to NOV 2, 2014: CARVING AT BOAG LAKE WITH JEAN MINAUDIER

NOV 4, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 11, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 18, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 25, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 2, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 9, 2014: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 16, 2014: XMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 6, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 13, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 20, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 27, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 3, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 6 to 8, 2015: BOB LAVENDER MINIATURE BARN OWL

FEB 10, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 17, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 20 to 22, 2015: BOB LAVENDER MINIATURE BARN OWL

FEB 24, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 3, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 10, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 17, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 24, 2015: NO CARVING AT AMISKWACIY? (spring break?)

MAR 31, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 7, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 14, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 18 to 19, 2015: PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING AND SHOW WINNIPEG, MB.

APR 21, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 28, 2015: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

[MAY 1 to 3, 2015: IMAGES OF NATURE](#)

MAY 4 to 10, 2015: WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES INVERMERE B.C.

MAY 5, 2015: FINAL CLEAN UP AND SIGN OUT AT AMISKWACIY

APR 16 to 17, 2016: PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING AND SHOW WINNIPEG, MB.

[APR 29 to MAY 1, 2016: IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW](#)

MAY 9 to 15, 2016: WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES INVERMERE B.C.

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