



Fine Feathers - March 2012

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

Message from the President AWCA

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

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 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 hopefully we will have recovered from our split personality by the time our next newsletter is published. You will notice that the Reference Photo Galleries have been expanded. Many thanks to Don Delaney and Gerry Beyersbergen for providing additional reference photos for this section of the website.

You will also note that Photo Galleries contain a section with pictures of club members' carvings. Club members are encouraged to send pictures of their carvings to Don Delaney for inclusion in the website. Send your pictures directly to Don Delaney at: delaneyd5@shaw.ca

Current News

- **Images of Nature Show 2012**

With the annual Images of Nature Show approaching quickly (April 27/28/29) members are encouraged to support our show by volunteering to help and by entering your finished wildlife art pieces. Carvers are reminded that competitions like our Images of Nature Show provide opportunities to have your 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 (listed below). Information and entry forms for this year's show can be found on the AWCA website under 'Images of Nature Show'.

IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW COMMITTEE

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- **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 Saturday April 28th from 5:30 - 8:00pm "out in the country" at Jeannine and Glenn Maber's home at a cost of \$25.00 per person. (This is a BYOB event!) Tickets can be pre-ordered or purchased from Carmen Steele prior to Monday April 23rd. **Carmen will be attending our Tuesday Night Carving on April 10th to sell tickets.** If you are unable to purchase tickets at the carving class on April 10th you can reserve tickets by contacting Carmen at 780-464-4622 or by e-mail at cbsteele@telus.net

- **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.

REGULAR CARVING AND CLASSES

March 6

13

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Spring Break (No Carving) March 27

April 3

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APR 27, 28, & 29-2012 IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW

MAY 1- POST IMAGES OF NATURE MEETING AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY

Note for members enrolled in **Ted Trusz’s Hawk Owl Course**: Painting dates at Boag Lake Studio are April 7/8/13/14/15 (21/22 if required).

- **2012-13 Carving Classes (Tuesday Night Carving)**
Information and registration procedures for next year's Tuesday Night Carving Classes will be the major emphasis of the AWCA June Newsletter.

AWCA Committees

2011-2013 EXECUTIVE

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

2011-2013 COMMITTEES

- INSTRUCTION: Glenn Maber
- NEWSLETTER: Don Delaney, Glenn Maber
- MEMBERSHIP: Gerry Beyersbergen
- LIBRARY: Linda Cheney, Randy Hughes
- CLOTHING: Kathleen Norton
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