



Fine Feathers - November 2012

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

Message from the President AWCA

Thanks to those members that attended our year opening meeting held at Amiskwaciy Academy on Sept. 25th and a special thanks to all our instructors that had everything ready for their Tuesday night carving classes. I would like to extend a great big welcome to all the new carvers who have joined the club this year. Many of our new carvers joined the club as a result of a number of information sessions and demos held by the club at Cabela's in West Edmonton. Many thanks to all the club members that have worked these events – your efforts are greatly appreciated. Although this newsletter contains an overview of club activities, members are encouraged to visit the AWCA website for details. It was a great start to the year with carvers signing up for the four Tuesday Night classes.

Bob

- **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 at:
<http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/> A [link](#) to the new website can also be found on our old website www.albertawildlifecarving.ca .

Current News

- **AWCA Executive 2012/13**

PRESIDENT: Bob Steele

VICE PRESIDENT: Kathleen Norton

SECRETARY: Kay Price

TREASURER/: Russ Mann

DIRECTORS

MEMBERSHIP: Gerry Beyersbergen

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Cheryl Hepperle

TUESDAY NIGHT CLASSES: Glenn Maber

IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW: Brenda Mitchell

CARVING IN THE PARK: Glenn Maber

- **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)

Images of Nature Show – Guest Judge

AWCA is pleased to announce that Bob Lavender has agreed to be our guest judge at this year's Images of Nature Show. Bob 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!

- **Carving In the Park 2013**

Next year's Carving in the Park Summer School will be held once again at the Red Barn in Sherwood Park: **July 23rd through July 28th**. The classes are as follows:

1. Beth Crabb – Three Baskets (specifics to be announced)
2. Byron Crab – River Otter Pair
3. Bob Guge – Northern Cardinal

More information will be provided at a later date in subsequent newsletters and on our website.

- **Results: Reflections of Nature Show – Saskatoon**

AWCA members did very well in this year's Reflections of Nature Show in Saskatoon. The following are Best of Show Results:

Event 1 (Wildfowl Carvings)

- Novice – 1st Best of Show - Carmen Steele - Purple Long tailed Sylph
- Novice – 2nd Best of Show - Carmen Steele – Avocet

Event 11

- Open – 1st Best of Show – Cheryl Hepperle – Caribou Bull
- Intermediate – 1st Best of Show – Wayne Olsen – Caribou Bull





Congratulations to the above winners and all members who participated!

- **Membership**

New memberships will be sold on an ongoing basis with members asked to renew their memberships early in the fall. Memberships will remain at \$25 per carver with a family rate of \$25.

As was the case last year, the membership form includes a waiver for the AWCA regarding injury as a result of an individual's use of power tools, knives etc. In addition carving instructors are asked to take a few minutes to review SAFTEY at the beginning of this year's courses especially with new carvers.

- **AWCA Raffle 2012/13**

Arrangements for this year's AWCA Raffle have been finalized; pictures of the prizes and tickets should be available for our organizational meeting on Sept. 25th. Once again the draw will be made at our Images of Nature Show in May 2013.

This year's prize are:

A Marsh Wren by Cheryl Hepperle

A Blue Wing Teal Drake by Ted Trusz

A Baby Black Bear by Brenda Mitchell

- **AWCA Carving Calendar**

The new AWCA carving calendar can be found on our Website in the section entitled "About Us". The newsletter calendar will focus on the upcoming two to three months.

REGULAR CARVING AND CLASSES

November 20/27 Regular Classes

December 4/11/18

Christmas Party Dec. 18 (no carving)

Christmas Break

January 8/15/22/29

February 5/12/19/26

- **Christmas Party**

The annual AWCA Christmas Party will be held at Amiskwaciy Academy on Tuesday Dec. 18th beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost to members will be \$5:00/person payable to Kathleen Norton & Carmen Steele prior to the end of Tuesday night class on December 11th.

- **Community Relations Coordinator**

- We would like to welcome Cheryl Hepperle to our executive as our Community Relations Coordinator. Cheryl will be responsible for coordinating all AWCA community based activities.
- coordinating the equipment needs for the club's community based activities and work with the executive to ensure that required equipment is purchased and existing equipment maintained.
- developing and maintaining a listing of equipment and supplies that have been designated for community based activities.
- coordinating the equipment requirements for each community based activity. Equipment will be signed out to the specific event coordinator who will be responsible for its return.

Cheryl will not be necessarily responsible for on-site leadership at each AWCA event but will make sure that an event coordinator is identified for each event and is aware of their responsibilities.

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