

# *Fine Feathers.*

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December 2018

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

## **Message from the President**

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It is hard to believe we're already nearing Christmas and the carving projects from Tuesday Evening classes are starting to take shape, which is exciting! We would like to extend a warm welcome to new carvers who have joined us this year! You are the future of the club and we appreciate your commitment to three dimensional wildlife art. New carvers should not hesitate to ask questions of your instructors and fellow carvers.

Thank you to our instructors for all their preparations for this year's classes. We appreciate the countless hours you have spent on patterns, resources, instructional booklets, and "go by" carvings.

Congratulations to the carvers that participated in the Reflections of Nature Carving Show in Saskatchewan. Our club had terrific representation and our club members did very well. Great job!!

The big news is that the Club's **Christmas Party** is fast approaching, I would like to encourage all AWCA members to attend – it is a great time. There are more details later in the newsletter.

Thanks, Bob

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## 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/>.

## NEW MEMBERS INFO

Hi AWCA Members

I would like to welcome all the new members to our club. It is nice to see everyone Tuesday nights enjoying the classes. Soon I will be talking with the instructors about what carvings they will offer next year. So if you have any suggestions for your instructors, now is the time to but a bug in their ears, lol.

Jean Minaudier just completed a Common Red Poll course, at "Country Haven Wood Carving" the second week of November 2018. This is a yearly opportunity offered to AWCA members first and then open to other carvers in the carving community. Jean is a very talented carver from Manitoba who has competed and won at the highest levels in competitive shows. Look for next year's project soon and don't miss your chance to take a course with Jean!

Happy Holidays  
Brenda Mitchell

# Christmas Party

IT's hard to believe that Christmas is coming soon. Mark this date in your calendar- Tuesday, December 18 at 6:00.

There will be Chinese food, the 50/50 draw plus door prizes. The Chinese gift exchange is back. Here is a chance for you to bring back the gift you picked last year. Pull it out of the closet and wrap it up so someone can enjoy it!! You may have come across something this year that again would look so much better in someone else's home. Wrap it up and bring it to the party. If you do buy something, it should be less than \$15.00. In addition we are going to have an auction for some cocktail pieces. These are carvings that can fit into a cocktail glass. Bring some extra money. This is an opportunity to get someone else's carving.

The cost for the evening is \$25.00. This you can give to Kathleen. I hope everyone can make it. It is lots of fun.

## **XMAS COCKTAIL CARVING AUCTION**

The art of carving cocktail carvings was started many years ago at the California Open Carving Championship as a method of raising money to help fund their show and an in-expensive way for fellow carvers to collect pieces of each other's work.

What is a cocktail carving? As the name suggest it is a small carving that would fit in a cocktail glass.

They may be made of wood, stone, antler, bone, etc. they may use glass eyes

If they have feet, they must be made by the carver.

All species of birds, fish and mammals are acceptable.

Maximum size, the subject must fit in a 4-inch cube, excluding the base.

Over the years many carving association have adopted this as a method of raising money to help fund their shows. It is considered good etiquette to donated a cocktail bird to a show or to support a carving association.

As we do not conduct an auction at our show, we thought it may be a good idea to have one at our Xmas Party so members would have the opportunity to collect some carvings at a reasonable cost. We have

persuaded some of your instructors and other members to donate some items for the Xmas party.



SAMPLES OF COCKTAIL CARVINGS

## RAFFLE TICKETS

I know this is a job that is not high on members' to do list but selling our raffle tickets is a great benefit to our club. Everyone has "volunteered" to sell. The stubs and money are beginning to come in now. I only have 41 books left. Just think if everyone took 1 extra book - we just might sell out this year. It would be great!!

# Reflections of Nature 2019 - AWCA Results

Congratulations to AWCA members who participated in the recent Reflections of Nature Show in Saskatoon. Our carvers did very well in the competition - here is how they placed at Division and Best of Show

## Event 1 Bird Carving

### Russ Mann - Intermediate Bird Carving

- 1) American Kestrel - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division
- 2) Tundra Swan - 1<sup>st</sup> in Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show
- 3) Great Grey Owl - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Show

### Gary Burns - Open Bird Carving

- 1) White Breasted Nuthatch – 1<sup>st</sup> in Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Best of Show
- 2) Sharp Shinned Hawk – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division

### Glenn Maber - Open Bird Carving

- 1) Great Grey Owl – 1<sup>st</sup> in Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show
- 2) Widgeon Drake – 1<sup>st</sup> in Division

## Event 2 - Wildlife Sculpture

### Russ Mann - Intermediate Wildlife Sculpture

- 1) Blue Heron (non-functional Sculpture) – 1<sup>st</sup> in Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Best of Show

### Diane Craven - Open Wildlife Sculpture

- 1) Swimming Lesson – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Show

# Carving Calendar

2018

NOV 20 /26 REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY  
DEC 4/11 REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY  
DEC 18 XMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY  
DEC 25 NO CARVING  
JAN 1 NO CARVING

2019

JAN 8/15/22/29 REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY  
FEB 5/12/19/26 REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY  
MAR 5/12/19 REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY  
MAR 26 NO CARVING

MAR 15, 16 & 17 CANADIAN NATIONAL WILDFOW CARVING SHOW  
WATERLOO, ONT.

APR 2/9/16/23/30 REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 6 & 7 BRANT WILDLIFE CARVING SHOW

APR 26, 27 & 28 WARDS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OCEAN CITY, MD

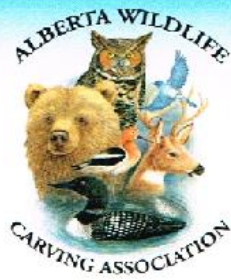
MAY 3, 4, 5 IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW AT WHITECROFT HALL  
SHERWOOD PARK

MAY 7- FINAL CLEAN UP AND SIGN OUT AT AMISKWACIY

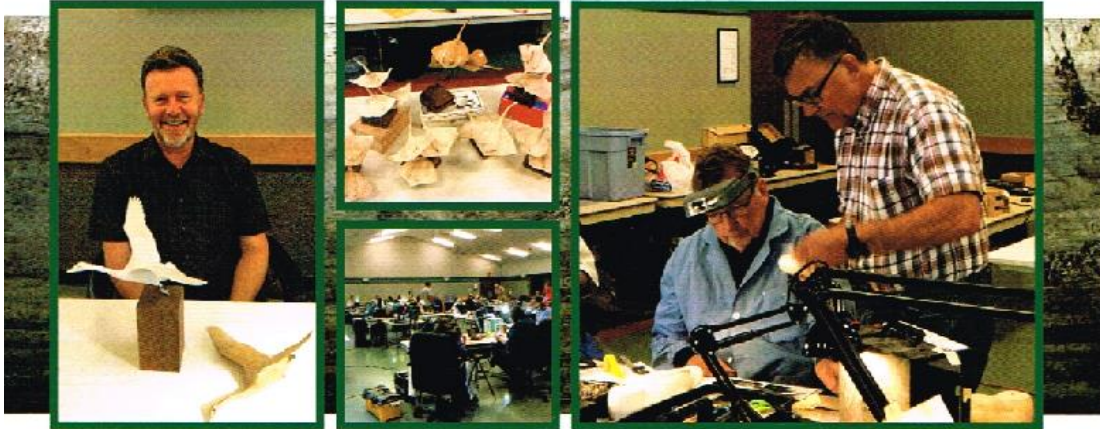
JUNE 18-23 AWCA CARVING IN THE PARK SUMMER SCHOOL  
WHITECROFT HALL SHERWOOD PARK

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# CARVING *in the* PARK



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FOR OUR ANNUAL SUMMER  
**CARVING SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 18-23, 2019**

WE PROVIDE WORLD CLASS INSTRUCTORS AND COURSES AT REASONABLE COSTS  
**COME AND JOIN PAT GODIN, JEFF KRETE & DENNIS DRECHSLER**



**PAINTING A GREEN WING TEAL HEN**  
Instructor: **Pat Godin**  
\$850.00 Can / \$650.00 US  
*(includes all class fees & lunch)*

\$200.00 deposit required upon registering



**MINIATURE SANDHILL CRANE**  
Instructor: **Jeff Krete**  
\$750.00 Can / \$575.00 US  
*(includes all class fees & lunch)*

\$100.00 deposit required upon registering



**2 NARWHAL WHALES ON ICEBERG BASE**  
Instructor: **Dennis Drechsler**  
\$550.00 Can / \$425.00 US  
*(includes all class fees & lunch)*

\$100.00 deposit required upon registering

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# COUNTRY HAVEN WOOD CARVING

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FEMALE GRIZZLY AND CUB RIDING ON HER BACK



**INSTRUCTOR: BRENDA MITCHELL**

**DATES: CARVING JULY 6**

**TO JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 8:30AM TO 430 PM**

**COST: \$350, INCLUDES,  
LUNCH AND COFFEE, CAMPING AVAILABLE**

**BLANKS**

**\$50.00 DEPOSIT WITH REGISTRATION**

**BALANCE DUE JUNE 1, 2019**

**DEPOSIT AND FEES PAYABLE TO,  
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