



Fine Feathers

Newsletter of the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association

FEBRUARY 2024

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

Message from the President

Hello everyone!!

Hope this newsletter finds you well. Our weekly classes are into their final phase of carving and painting is around the corner. We have had a bit of a break in our Tuesday night classes but everything is back to normal now. Brenda's class at Country Haven Studio is well into their second carving project for the year.

Annual General Meeting

AWCA will hold its AGM on Tuesday April 23, 2024, in the IA lab at Amiskwaciy Academy from 6 – 7:30 pm. All members should receive an agenda and other documents in early April. Please set the time aside and I hope to see you there.

Carving in the Park 2024

This year's Carving in the Park will begin with Jeff Krete's Flying Pileated Woodpecker class June 5 – June 10 at Whitecroft Hall 314,52313 RRD 233 Sherwood Park, Alta. Although the class has a good number of registrants to date there is always room for more. We are also accepting registrations for Jean Minaudier's Short Eared Owl class scheduled for Aug 26th – 31st at Country Haven Studio west of Edmonton. Please check the AWCA website for ongoing updates regarding these classes. <http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com>

Images of Nature Show 2024

AWCA's "Images of Nature Show" will go ahead as planned May 3/4/5 at Whitecroft Hall. This will be an excellent opportunity for AWCA carvers to enter their and have them judged by our expert judges. We would encourage all students in our classes to enter their class birds. Hope to see you there!

AWCA Annual BBQ

We will be holding our annual BBQ in conjunction with our Images of Nature Show. The BBQ will be held from 5pm – 9pm Saturday May 4 at Whitecroft Hall. The BBQ will once again feature Beef Tenderloin Steak and all the trimmings at a cost of \$35/person. Again, this year, attendees can bring your own Wine and Beer to the BBQ. I encourage all members to attend this wonderful get together. Tickets will go on sale in mid-April – see Carmen Steele or Kathleen Norton and get your name on the list.

Board of Directors

Three board members will have their tenures come to an end as of this year's AGM. They are Bob Steele (President), Kathleen Norton (Past President) and Elvin Smith (Director). Elvin Smith has agreed to let his name stand for re-election and Bob Steele will move from President to Past President. Kathleen Norton (Past President) will be retiring from the Board of Directors after approximately 10 years on the Board. Kathleen has held several positions on the Board of Directors including Director, President, and Past President. Kathleen has been the voice of our annual Raffle for several years and has been able to do this difficult job with wit and charm. Although Kathleen will be leaving the Board she will remain actively involved as a support to the Board and will continue to share a leadership role within the club. I wish to express the Board of Directors' gratitude to Kathleen for her work on the Board over the years and look forward to our continued work with her in the future.

As a result of Kathleen's retirement and Elvin's Director's position on the Board of Directors coming up for renewal, we will be looking for two new Board members. As mentioned earlier Elvin will be letting his name stand for re-election. I cannot stress enough the need for new people to step up and take on leadership roles in our club. The more help we have the lighter the load.

Grants – Strathcona County

Alberta Wildlife Carving Association has received two grants from Strathcona County in support of our Club.

- We have received \$1500 to assist with this year's Images of Nature Show. The grant will assist us to cover the cost of the hall rental that has increased substantially over our pre-covid costs.
- We have also received \$5000 to assist with an upgrade to our website. AWCA has hired Cutting Edge Technologies to work with the Russ Mann (Communications Director) and a committee to design and implement the new website. Once completed Cutting Edge will manage the site for AWCA.

Prairie Canada Carving Show

The Prairie Canada Carvers' Association will be holding its annual show at the Pembina Curling Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba April 19 -21, 2024. Bob Steele (AWCA

President) will be Judging and teaching an Airbrushing class in conjunction with the Prairie Canada show. Talk to Bob if you are interested in sending a carving to compete at the show.

AWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023/2024 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT: **Bob Steele**
VICE PRESIDENT: **Curtis Blair**
TREASURER: **John Stevenson**
DIRECTOR: **Brenda Mitchell**
DIRECTOR: **Elvin Smith**

PAST PRESIDENT: **Kathleen Norton**
SECRETARY: **Russ Mann**
DIRECTOR: **Ryan Puhlmann**
DIRECTOR: **Jeff Toering**

Alberta Wildlife Carving Association

Mandate

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Associations mandate is to play a leadership role in fostering and promoting the artistic excellence in the three-dimensional art of wildlife carving and painting.

To increase awareness and promote the public interest in the art of wildlife carving.

To provide educational opportunities for students of all ages and encourage their participation in an interactive format.

To promote the art through competitions and displays.

To assist the artist by maintaining a library of reference materials, media CD's etc. and equipment for their use.

Policies and Objectives of the A.W.C.A.

The A.W.C.A. was formed in 1987 to provide local and regional carvers the opportunity to meet and share information regarding the art of wildfowl and wildlife carving, as well as to educate others in the art.

Services to Members

We provide resource materials such as books, study bills and casts of birds for use by members. We also organize and provide courses for all levels of carving from beginners to advanced.

Carving Night

The association meets on Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Amiskwaciy Academy 101 Airport Road Edmonton. The carving season is from late Sept. to the End of May.

Courses and Instructors

We provide local instructors and courses at reasonable cost to members on our regular Tue. Nights.

Specialty Courses

We also provide special courses and instruction by Advanced world class instructors at various venues throughout the year and at our Carving in the Park program in June.

Participation in Local Events

The association is involved in participating in locally sponsored events and shows that enhance our art and provide a means to encourage others to share in our art programs.

Images of Nature-Wildlife Carving Show and Competition

Images of Nature carving show and competition is an annual event held in Sherwood Park, showcasing the art of wildlife carving.

Carving in The Park

Images of Nature carving week is an extension of the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association's education committee. It is intended to give our members first chance to register for classes with world class instructors.

CLASS UP DATE



BRENDA'S MOOSE CLASS

Raffle Awards for 2024-2025



RAFFLE PRIZES FOR 2024/25

The AWCA sells Raffle Ticket's to help keep our costs and fees down, as well as fund and support special projects and activities of our organization. Please do your part, see Kathleen to obtain Raffle Books. Thank you for your support.

AWCA Classified Ads

AWCA Embroidered Clothing Line.

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association is pleased to offer our Embroidered Clothing Line to our members and friends. To place an order, please specify the Item Name, Style #, Colour, Size and Quantity Please Email the information to Elvin Smith at elvin.smith@edmonton.ca Orders can be placed between Aug 15 and Oct 15 for delivery in November. Members can also place their order at the Tuesday Night Classes Up to Oct 15. Payment is due at time of order. See AWCA website www.alberta.wildlifecarving.com click AWCA EMBROIDERED CLOTHING for descriptions of items available and order form.

Images of Nature Garage Sale

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association conducts a "Garage Sale "at our Images of Nature Show the weekend before Mother's Day each year. If you have tools, books or items of interest to carvers please consider putting them up for sale at our show. The AWCA charges a nominal fee of 10% for members and 20% for non-members for all items sold.

Maple & Bass

We encourage all AWCA members to visit website for all your carving needs via:
mapleandbass.com.

Maple and Bass can be contacted toll-free by phone: 1-833-520-2277.

Alberta Carving Supplies

We encourage all AWCA members to visit Alberta Carving Supply Store for all your carving needs see Glenn

Alberta Carving Supply Glenn can be contacted by phone: 780 907 0454.

Email: gmaber@yahoo.com

2023/2024 COMMITTEES/MEMBERS

Russ Mann /Don Delaney/Glenn Maber

- 1) Marketing/Community Engagement/Communications
Public Relations
Newsletter
Website
Instagram/Facebook

Brenda Mitchell/Glenn Maber

- 2) Instruction/Competitions
Tuesday Night Classes
Images of Nature Show
Amiskwaciy Academy Student Class
Country Haven Classes
Carving in the Park

Bob Steele

- 3) Administration
Membership (John Stevenson)
Meeting Agenda's /Minutes (Bob Steele)
Library/Asset Management (Ryan Puhlmann)
Nominating Committee (Kathleen Norton)
AWCA Merchandise (Elvin Smith)
Amiskwaciy Academy (Curtis Blair)
Images of Nature (Curtis Blair)
Carving in the Park (Bob Steele/Jeff Toering)

John Stevenson /Bob Steele /Russ Mann

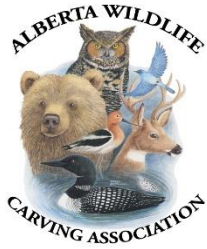
- 4) Finance
All accounting (John Stevenson)
Budget Development (John Stevenson /Bob Steele)
Audit (Annual Audit Committee)
Alberta Foundation for the Arts Grant (Russ Mann)
Strathcona County Grants (Bob Steele)

2024 IMAGES OF NATURE COMMITTEE/MEMBERS

COMPETITION CHAIRPERSON:	Curtis Blair
COMPETITION AND SHOW:	Curtis Blair, Glenn Maber, Wayne Olsen, Jim MacLachlan
CARVING REGISTRATION:	Bob Steele, Jeff Toering Rick St Arnaud, Will Simpson, Keith Middleton
FINANCE	John Stevenson
COMPETITION BBQ:	Bob & Carmen Steele, Jeannine Maber
CANTEEN	Carmen Steele
JUDGES:	Curtis Blair, Glenn Maber
EDUCATION BOOTH:	Benda Mitchell
GARAGE SALE BOOTH:	Ryan Puhlmann, Carmen Puhlmann, Wayne Olsen. Barb Mikaluk
RIBBONS & AWARDS:	Curtis Blair, Glenn Maber
SHOW RESULTS & PHOTOGRAPHY:	Jeff Toering, Bob Steele, Don Delaney, Cathy Chubay
SHOW PR AND ADVERTISING:	Russ Mann, Bob Steele

2024 CARVING IN THE PARK COMMITTEE/MEMBERS

CARVING IN THE PARK CHAIRPERSON(S)	Bob Steele, Jeff Toering
VENUE	Bob Steele, John Stevenson
ADVERTISING	Russ Mann,
PARTICIPANT COMMUNICATIONS	Bob Steele
INSTRUCTOR LIAISON	Brenda Mitchell, Glenn Maber
LONER EQUIPMENT	Ryan Puhlman
PHOTOGRAPHY	Don Delaney
CARVING IN THE PARK LUNCHES	Bob Steele Brenda Mitchell
FINANCE	John Stevenson



ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION

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CARVING IN THE PARK (Summer Semester)

JEFF KRETE- 6 DAY CLASS

CARVING AND PAINTING A FLYING MINIATURE PILEATED WOODPECKER

June 5 to 10, 2024



\$750.00CAN/\$575.00US (This price includes Tupelo cut-out, Eyes, Reference Pack and Lunches)

Whitecroft Hall 314, 52313 RRD 232 Sherwood Park, Alberta

Email cbsteele@telus.net

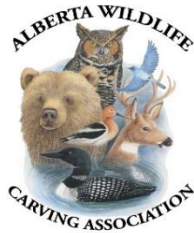
\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING FINAL PAYMENT DUE MARCH 1, 2024.

GOLD PARTNERS



SILVER PARTNERS





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CARVING IN THE PARK (Fall Semester)

JEAN MINAUDIER- 6 DAY CLASS

CARVING AND PAINTING A MINIATURE SHORT EARED OWL

AUG. 26TH. To AUG 31ST. 2024 CARVING AT COUNTRY HEAVEN



\$700.00CAN (This price includes Tupelo cut-out, Eyes, Reference Pack and Lunches for the six days.)

COUNTRY HEAVEN STUDIO IS LOCATED 30 MINUTES WEST OF EDMONTON NEAR ALBERTA BEACH

**\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING
FINAL PAYMENT DUE JULY 1, 2024.**

See our website www.albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com

Or Contact BOB STEELE AT cbsteele@telus.net

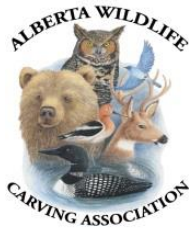
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Alberta Wildlife Carving Association

Carving Calendar 2024/25

MAR 26- REGULAR CARVING AT COUNTRY HAVEN STUDIO **NO CARVING AMISKWACIY (spring break)**

APR 2- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY & COUNTRY HAVEN STUDIO

APR 6 & 7 THE BRANT CARVING SHOW QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE

APR 9- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY & COUNTRY HAVEN STUDIO

APR 16- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY & COUNTRY HAVEN STUDIO.

APR 19, 20 & 21 PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING WINNIPEG

APR 23- **AGM AT AMISKWACIY**

APR 26-28, 2024 WARD'S WORLDS OCEAN CITY

APR 30- FINAL AND CLEAN UP AMISKWACIY

MAY 3, 4, 5TH - IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW AT WHITECROFT HALL

MAY 31, JUNE 1, & 2ND. CANADIAN NATIONAL WILDFOWL CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP

WATERLOO, ONT.

JUNE 5-10, 2024 CARVING IN THE PARK JEFF KRETE-FLYING PILEATED WOODPECKER

AUG. 26TH. To AUG 31ST. CARVING AT COUNTRY HEAVEN WITH JEAN MINAUDIER

SEPT 24- TOOL & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AT AMISKWACIY.

OCT 1- START OF CARVING AND FINAL DAY FOR CLASS SIGN UP AT AMISKWACIY

JUNE 5-10, 2024 CARVING IN THE PARK

JEFF KRETE-FLYING PILEATED WOODPECKER



MINIATURE SHORT EARED OWL



AUG. 26TH. To AUG 31ST. 2024 CARVING AT COUNTRY HEAVEN

WITH JEAN MINAUDIER

JUNE, 2025 CARVING IN THE PARK

PAT GODIN – PAINTING A FEMALE LONGTAIL DUCK



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SILVER PARTNERS



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/>.