

# *Fine Feathers.*

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March 2020

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

## **President's Message**

Hello everyone!!

It is hard to believe our carving year is quickly drawing to a close. We have important dates for everyone to place in their calendar. The first one is our Annual General Meeting Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Amiskwaciy Academy. It is important everyone attend. We cover business of the year and information about our carving show in May.

Another very important set of dates is our Images of Nature carving show May 1, 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Whitecroft Hall. I hope everyone will enter their carving projects. This is a chance for our club to show our work which hopefully encourages new carvers to join. It is also an opportunity for you to get a critique from the judges. It is a great way to improve your carving.

Along with the carving show is the annual garage sale. It is an opportunity to buy some good second-hand books, tools etc. as well as sell some of your old equipment. If you have something for the garage sale, talk to Wayne Olson or Barb Mikaluk.

Our annual raffle will come to an end with the draw on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of the Images of Nature Show. SELL THOSE TICKETS!! The sale of these tickets is important. It helps to the support of the club.

Our annual wind-up BBQ will be held on Saturday night May 2<sup>nd</sup> during our Images of Nature Show at Whitecroft Hall to wrap up the year. Spouses and significant others are all welcome. The food and steaks are awesome. Mark it down.

**Carving in the Park** our club's spring carving school will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> at Whitecroft Hall. This is the only remaining carving school in Western Canada and needs your support over the long term.

This year's classes include:

- 1) Dennis Drechsler- two Common Dolphins with Base
- 2) Jeff Krete – Miniature flying King Eider
- 3) Pat Godin – Painting a Blue Winged Teal Drake

This is a fantastic opportunity to improve your carving skills with some tremendous instructors. If you are interested, talk to Glenn Maber or visit our website. There are still some spaces available.

Mark down those dates and we will see you there.

Bob Steele, President A.W.C.A.

**AWCA Tuesday Evenings at Amiskwaciy Academy**  
**Upcoming Courses for Carving Year 2020-2021**  
**Commencing October 6 2020**

## **1/3<sup>rd</sup>. Great Horned Owl**

AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY

THE **ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION** IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS  
FALL CARVING COURSE WITH INSTRUCTOR **GLENN MABER 780-907-0454**

Email **gmaber@yahoo.com** BLANKS, EYES AND HABITAT MATERIALS WILL BE  
SUPPLIED

**COURSE STARTS OCT 6 TO END OF MAR**

**FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fees.**



**REQUIRED TOOLS:** STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A MICRO MOTOR POWER GRINDER I.E. TSP, NSK, FOREDOM OR SIMILAR MACHINE. Some coarse bits and some fine bits. A sharp carving knife, a pr. of calipers, a flexible ruler or straight edge, a mechanical pencil, an assortment of paint brushes #1,2,3. Dust masks and safety glasses are recommended.

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN RAM**

AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS  
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Email [ab-us@hotmail.com](mailto:ab-us@hotmail.com) blanks included

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**FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fees.**



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## **LIFE SIZE BUFFLEHEAD DRAKE**

AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY

THE **ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION** IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS  
FALL CARVING COURSE WITH INSTRUCTOR **DIANE SHARKEY 780 918-5291**

**Email: dianesharkey@gmail.com**

BLANKS AND EYES AND WILL BE SUPPLIED

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THE **ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION**  
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE AT

AMISKWACIY ACADEMY (Tues. Night from 6:00 PM to 9:00PM)

WITH INSTRUCTOR **RUSS MANN 780 466-3690**

STARTS OCT 6 (new carvers can sign up till the end of Oct.) TO END OF MAR

FEE: \$350.00

# **BEGINNER CLASS**

## MINIATURE LOON



**This class is designed for new carvers.**

Russ will walk the new carver through the various stages of carving from selecting the best wood to which tools to use including Fordom's, micro motors, burners and painting as well as the various techniques for all of the skills required for wildlife carving. This class is designed for small numbers with lots of one on one training.

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## Raffle

Our annual raffle is a very important fund raiser for the club and helps us keep our costs down and supports our annual Images of Nature Show and the club in general. Members have historically done a great job of selling the tickets. Most of the books have been given out to members but we still have some left – just for you. This year we will be awarding a \$50.00 Cabela's gift card to the club member who sells the most tickets and \$25 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

## AWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE

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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/>.

**Facebook:** Alberta wildlife Carving Association

**Instagram:** Albertawildlifecarving\_assoc

## Carving Calendar

2020

MAR 3- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 10- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 17- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 20, 21, 22 CANADIAN NATIONALS CARVING-WATERLOO, ONT.

MAR 24- NO CARVING (spring break)

MAR 31- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APRIL 4, 5 BRANT CARVING COMPETITION-PARKSVILLE B.C.

APR7- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 14- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 17, 18, 19 PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING COMPETITION WINNIPEG, MAN.



APR 21- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 24, 25, 26 WARDS WORLD CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP OCEAN CITY MARYLAND

APR 28- AGM & REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAY 1, 2, 3 - IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW WHITECROFT HALL SHERWOOD PARK

MAY 5- FINAL CLEAN UP AND SIGN OUT AT AMISKWACIY

JUNE 9-14 CARVING IN THE PARK

Pat Godin – PAINTING A BLUE-WINGED TEAL DRAKE

Jeff Krete - FLYING MINIATURE KING EIDER

Dennis Drechsler-2 COMMON DOLPHINS

SEPT 6-11 JEAN RED TAIL HAWK COUNTRY HEAVEN

NEW CARVING YEAR BEGINS

SEPT 29-2020 EXECUTIVE MEETING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 6- START OF CARVING AND FINAL DAY FOR CLASS SIGN UP AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 13- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 20- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 23, 24, 25 REFLECTIONS OF NATURE SASKATOON SHOW

OCT 27- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 3- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 10- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 17- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 24- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 1- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 18- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 15- XMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY

## 2021

JAN 5- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 12- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 19- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 26- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 2- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB9- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 16- NO CARVING

FEB 23- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 2- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 9- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 16- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

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APR13- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

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APR 27-AGM & REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

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## **Alberta Wildlife Carving and Country Haven Wood Carving**

hold numerous workshops throughout the year instructed by world class carvers.

In these classes you will learn techniques and tips that will take your carvings to the next level.

Below you will find the current list of classes, sign up now while there's still room!

# CARVING IN THE PARK

**PAINTING A BLUE WINGED TEAL DRAKE  
(Pat's BLUE WINGED TEAL Pattern)  
JUNE 9TH TO 14TH, 2020**



**\$850.00CAN./\$650.00US (This price includes Tupelo cut-out, Eyes, CD and Photo Pack and Lunches for the six days.)**

**\$200.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING (Once you have paid your deposit you will receive the cut-out, eyes, pattern, CD and Photo-pack)**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE APRIL 15, 2020.**

# CARVING IN THE PARK

## JEFF KRETE- 6 DAY CLASS

CARVING AND PAINTING A FLYING MINIATURE KING EIDER

JUNE 9TH TO 14TH, 2020



**\$750.00CAN/575.00US (This price includes Tupelo cut-out, Eyes, Reference Pack and Lunches for the six days.)**

**\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE APRIL 15, 2020.**

# **CARVING IN THE PARK**

## **DENNIS DRECHSLER- 6 DAY CLASS**

**CARVING 2 COMMON DOLPHINS MOUNTED ON A BASE**

**JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> TO 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**



**\$550.00 (This price includes BASSWOOD cut-out, Eyes, Reference Pack and Lunches for the six days.)**

**\$100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING  
FINAL PAYMENT DUE APRIL 15, 2020**

# COUNTRY HAVEN WOOD CARVING

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SPRUCE GROUSE

**INSTRUCTOR: BOB LAVENDER**

**DATES: TBD**

**PRE CARVING REQUIRED**

**5 DAYS 8:30AM TO 430 PM**



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

**BLANKS**

**\$50.00 DEPOSIT WITH REGISTRATION**

**BALANCE DUE JAN 1 2020**

**DEPOSIT AND FEES PAYABLE TO,  
BRENDA MITCHELL**

**COUNTRY HAVEN WOOD CARVING**

**C/O BRENDA MITCHELL**

**RR1, SITE 105, COMP.4**

**ALBERTA BEACH, TOE 0A1**

**CONTACT, BRENDA MITCHELL, TO SIGN UP**

**780 910 2615, COUNRY.HAVEN.CARVING.STUDIO@GMAIL.COM**



# COUNTRY HAVEN STUDIO

## REDTAIL HAWK



**INSTRUCTOR: JEAN MINAUDIER**

**NEW SEPT. 6<sup>TH</sup>, TO, SEPT. 11<sup>T</sup>, 2020**

**6 DAYS OF CARVING FROM, 8:30AM TO 5:00PM**

**-CAMPING SPOTS AVAILABLE, CALL 780 910 2615**

**-COST: \$690, INCLUDES, LUNCH, COFFEE, BLANKS AND EYES**

**\$100.00 DEPOSIT NON REFUNDABLE WITH REGISTRATION**

**BALANCE DUE JULY 5, 2020**

**DEPOSIT AND FEES PAYABLE TO,**  
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**COUNTRY HAVEN WOOD CARVING**

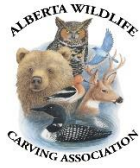
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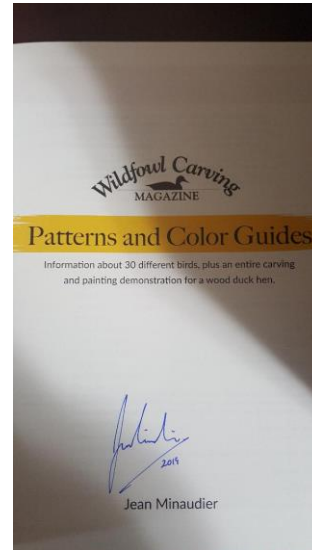
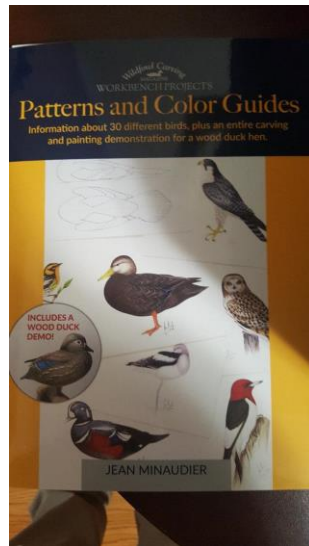
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## **ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION** **SPECIAL DEALS**



The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association has made a special purchase for limited number signed copies of Jean Minaudier's new Wildfowl Carving Patterns and Color Guides book. These are available to members only at \$25.00 ea.

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We also have a limited number of Jeff Krete's Sandhill Crane Kits from his class at Carving in the Park 2019. Kits include cut-outs eyes cast legs and detailed instructions on carving and Photo's for painting.

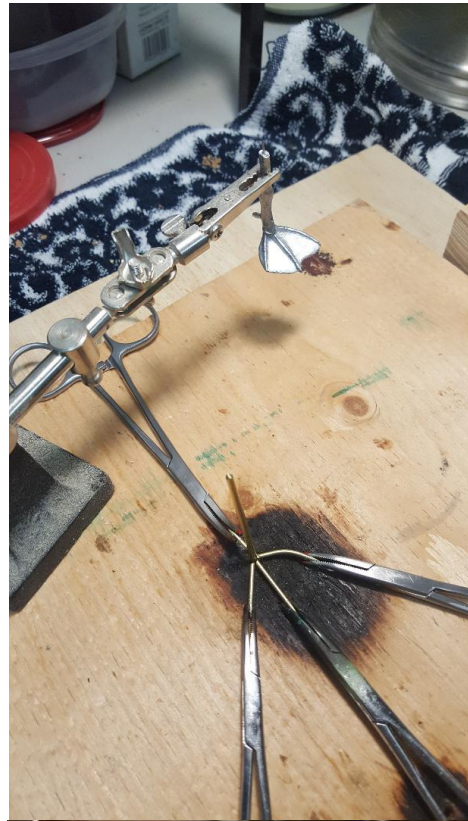
members only. Kits are \$55.00 ea.

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If you wish to purchase please contact Glenn Maber 780-907-0454 Email [gmaiber@yahoo.com](mailto:gmaiber@yahoo.com)

Make checks payable to Alberta Wildlife Carving Association or E-transfer to [awcat@telus.net](mailto:awcat@telus.net)

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**MAKING MINIATURE DUCK FEET**  
By Glenn Maber



**LAY-OUT AND SOLDER**



FIT TO HABITAT AND BIRD



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PAINT AND FIT

## Library News

Besides the quarterly Wildfowl Carving Magazine our club receives, two new books(listed below) have come into the Library this year that may be of interest for those of you working on carving projects at home or thinking of a project to try.

**Workbench Projects Patterns and Color Guides** by **Jean Minaudier**- provides information, patterns and color guides for 30 different birds plus a carving demonstration for a wood duck hen. The birds include an American Avocet, American Black Duck, American Kestrel, American Robin, American White Pelican, Arctic Tern, Atlantic Puffin, Barn Owl, Magpie, Blackburnian Warbler, Cinnamon Teal Drake, Cliff Swallow, Common Goldeneye Drake, Double Crested Cormorant, Golden Crowned Kinglet, Great Grey Owl, Harlequin Drake, Least Sandpiper, Lesser Scaup Drake, Mallard Drake, Northern Mockingbird, Peregrine Falcon, Red-Headed Woodpecker, Ring Necked Pheasant, Sharp Shinned Hawk, Snowy Owl, Surf Scoter Drake, Tundra Swan, Whip-poor- will and Yellow Warbler.

**Work Bench Projects Half-Size Great Horned Owl** by **Keith Mueller**- provides a pattern, detailed description of the feather layout as well as the location of the eyes on the owl. It also provides a step by step description of carving the owl as well as a step by step description of painting. It is an excellent book for carving a project on your own.

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