

Fine Feathers.

September 2019

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

Message from the President

Hello everyone!!

Start dusting off your tools - our first [Tuesday Night Carving, October 1](#) at 6:00 pm at Amiskwaciy Academy is fast approaching. Have a look in this newsletter at the Tuesday night classes and get ready to choose. The October 1st meeting is where you make that final decision about your class for the year, meet instructors and pay your fees. Just a note that your AWCA membership fee is \$30 for the year. We would also ask that you bring any carving that you have finished over the past year to share with your fellow carvers – especially those who are “Beginners”. This first night, there is no carving. The following week, October 8th - bring your tools, and get started.

As you begin your carving year – please keep some AWCA events in mind. Our [Images of Nature Show](#) is scheduled for [May 1st to 3rd 2020](#). I would encourage everyone to work toward entering your Tuesday Night carving project in our show.

In addition to our Tuesday Night Carving Classes there are two excellent opportunities for carvers to learn from the very best carvers in North America. The first opportunity is our annual fall class (a miniature Wood Duck Drake) with [Jean Minaudier Nov. 3-8th](#) at Country Haven Studio – there are a few spots left – contact Brenda Mitchel at 780-910-2615. The second opportunity is our summer school “[Carving in the Park](#)” ([June 9th to 14rd, 2020](#)) with Pat Godin, Jeff Krete and Denis Drechsler more information can be found on our website at <http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/> I would encourage everyone to consider these unbelievable opportunities. Looking forward to seeing you!

Bob Steele President A.W.C.A.

Opening Class - Show and Shine (sort of)

For our opening class on Oct 6th, 2019 all members are asked to bring one or two of their recent carvings, especially your completed class project from last year or carvings you have completed during the last year. It will be a great opportunity to see each other's work and will provide new carvers with a greater sense of what they can look forward to in the coming years.

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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/>.

Carving Calendar

SEPT 24- START OF CARVING SCHOOL SET UP

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

OCT 8- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 15- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 22- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 25, 26, 27 REFLECTIONS OF NATURE SASKATOON, SASK.

OCT 29- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 3-8 CARVING AT COUNTY HAVEN MINIATURE WOOD DUCK DRAKE WITH JEAN
MINAUDIER

NOV 5- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 12- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 19- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 26- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 3- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 10- REGULAR CARVING (????INSTRUCTIONAL DAY WORK SHOPS????)

DEC 17- XMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 24 NO CARVING

DEC 31 NO CARVING

2020

JAN 7- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 14- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 21- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 28- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 4- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 11- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 18- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

FEB 25- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 3- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 10- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 17- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 24- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

MAR 31- NO CARVING (spring break?)

APR7- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 14- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 21- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

APR 28- REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

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

MAY 5- FINAL CLEAN UP AND SIGN OUT AT AMISKWACIY

JUNE 9-14 CARVING IN THE PARK

2019 Carving Classes

Red-Winged Blackbird

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 8 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.

MOUNTAIN GOAT AND KID

AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY

THE **ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION** IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE WITH INSTRUCTOR **BRENDA MITCHELL 780 910-2615**

Email ab-us@hotmail.com BLANKS, EYES AND HABITAT MATERIALS WILL BE SUPPLIED

COURSE STARTS OCT 8 TO END OF MAR

FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fees.



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SNOWY OWL

AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY

THE **ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION** IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE WITH INSTRUCTOR **KATHLEEN NORTON**

BLANKS, EYES AND HABITAT MATERIALS WILL BE SUPPLIED

COURSE STARTS OCT.8 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.

EUROPEAN GOLD FINCH

TUE. NIGHTS AT AMISKWACIY ACADEMY 6:00PM TO 9:00PM

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE
WITH INSTRUCTOR WAYNE MYERS 780-435-1773

BLANKS AND EYES WILL BE SUPPLIED

COURSE STARTS OCT 8 TO END OF MAR

FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fee



REQUIRED TOOLS: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A MICRO MOTOR POWER GRINDER I.E.TSP, NSK, FOREDOM OR SIMILAR MACHINE A DREMEL WITH A FLEX SHAFT WITH BE OK) 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.

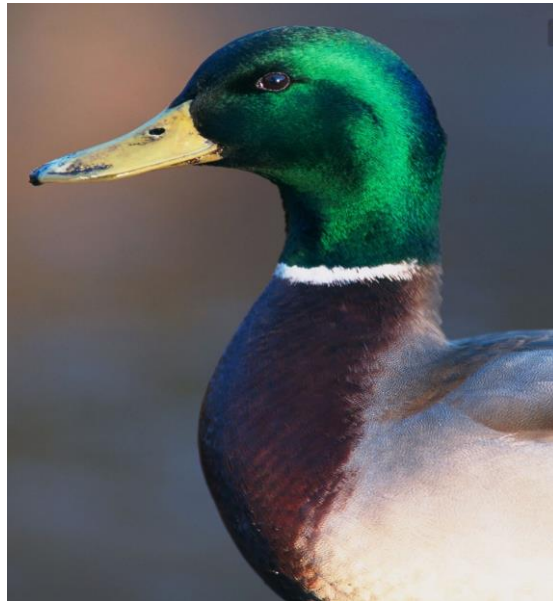
THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FALL CARVING COURSE AT
AMISKWACIY ACADEMY (Tus. Night from 6:00 PM to 9:00PM)
WITH INSTRUCTOR **DIANE SHARKEY 780 918-5291**

STARTS OCT 8 (new carvers can sign up till the end of Oct.) TO END OF MAR

FEE: \$350.00

BEGINNER CLASS

MALLARD BUST



This class is designed for new carvers.

Diane will walk the new carver through the various stages of carving from selecting the best wood to which tools to use including Fordoms, micro motors, burners and painting as well as the various techniques for all of the skills required for wildlife carving. Diane has taken several classes

with World class instructors, and is an accomplished open level carver. This class is designed for small numbers and lots of one on one training.

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In conversation with a couple of you a few days ago it was suggested that we might restart carving at Northgate Lions earlier in the fall than originally planned. I have had our booking changed to begin on September 12th. We are now booked for 13 weeks, Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 pm, September 12th to December 5th. Cost for each of us is \$26. North Edmonton Seniors Association (N.E.S.A) memberships are required – most of you are already members for 2019. Memberships will need to be renewed for 2020 (\$30). For those of you who need 2019 membership the cost will be prorated to \$10. The Centre's program guide has our club's fall start up date as Oct. 3 (our originally planned date) and anyone registering for that date will be charged for 10 weeks (\$20). Pretty cheap cost for the opportunity to associate with other fine people.

We are now called the Wildlife Carving Club (change made to avoid confusion at the front desk with the bird carving class.

Keith



COUNTRY HAVEN STUDIO

MINATURE DRAKE WOOD DUCK



INSTRUCTOR: JEAN MINAUDIER

**DATES: CARVING NOV. 3TH, TO NOV. 8TH, 2019 8:30AM
TO 5:00PM**

**COST: \$690, INCLUDES,
LUNCH AND COFFEE, BLANKS AND EYES
\$50.00 DEPOSIT NON REFUNDABLE WITH REGISTRATION**

**BALANCE DUE OCT. 1 2018
DEPOSIT AND FEES PAYABLE TO,
BRENDA MITCHELL**

**COUNTRY HAVEN WOOD CARVING
C/O BRENDA MITCHELL
RR1, SITE 105, COMP. 4
ALBERTA BEACH, T0E 0A1**

**CONTACT, BRENDA MITCHELL, TO SIGN UP, AND FOR MORE
INFORMATION, AT
780 910 2615**

**[EMAIL COUNTRY.HAVEN.CARVING.STUDIO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:COUNTRY.HAVEN.CARVING.STUDIO@GMAIL.COM)
COUNTRY HAVEN CARVING STUDIO**

Jean Minaudier is a World-class carver from Manitoba. He's one of the most innovative bird carving instructors from Canada

This year, Jean has just completed a Technical Carving book for Wildlife Carving Magazine. It's a must have for your library.

Country haven, located west of Edmonton, is fortunate to have Jean for a full 6-day class once a year. We have two carvers flying in from Manitoba, for the opportunity to take Jean's class yearly.

If you take a class with Jean, you have the, priority option. for the following year's class.

Now there are 3 spots left.

This intermediate /advanced carving class will improve both carving and painting techniques

Contact Brenda Mitchell

Email country.haven.carving.studio@gmail.com

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 9TH TO 14TH, 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**

