



# Fine Feathers.

December 2020

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

## President's Message

Well, we certainly live in “interesting times” and the Covid 19 “second wave’ has us all shuffling things to stay safe. I am into my fifth “Covid Carving” and without a real life there seems to be more time for carving. The AWCA Board of Directors has done a wonderful job of adjusting to the winding path of Covid 19. Our Wednesday Night Classes at the Red Barn and Country Haven Studio have been successful since opening in October. Unfortunately, the latest round of restrictions (end of November) has closed the Red Barn and we are into a prolonged Christmas holiday.

The AWCA Board of Directors met on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to develop our approach for the next few months. The following outlines that approach:

- **Wednesday Night Carving**

Wednesday night carving is on hold as of the end of November. Classes will resume on Wednesday January 20<sup>st</sup> 2021. (This will allow for 19 days after New Year's Day)

- **Annual Christmas Party**

Unfortunately, our annual Christmas Party scheduled for Dec 16, 2020 has to be **cancelled**.

- **Images of Nature Show 2021**

We are continuing our planning for Images of Nature 2021 (April 30 - May 2, 2021) and will make a final decision on its fate at the end of March 2021. We are currently looking into other options to an in-person community attended show. We will communicate with everyone in early April 2021

- **Carving in the Park 2021**

We are continuing our planning for “Carving in the Park 2021” scheduled for June 7-13, 2021. We will be making a decision on our summer school at the end of March 2021. We are looking at a number of alternative ways to ensure the school happens this year.

- **Covid Carvings – Website Pictures**

A reminder to all AWCA members that we are highlighting your Covid Carvings on our Website. We would ask that you forward pics to Don Delaney our web master at [delaneyd5@shaw.ca](mailto:delaneyd5@shaw.ca) They don't have to look like they have Covid-19 just that you carved them or completed them during these interesting times.

Hope this brings you up to date with what is going on in the club and wishing you a very Merry Christmas on Behalf of myself and the Board of Directors.

Bob Steele  
President AWCA

#### **Board of Directors Responsibilities**

- President: Bob Steele
- Past President: Kathleen Norton
- Vice President: Keith Middleton
- Treasurer: John Stevenson
- Secretary/Marketing/Communications: Russ Mann (Committee listed Below)
- Newsletter: Diane Sharkey
- Tuesday Night Classes: Brenda Mitchell
- Asset Management: Ryan Puhlman
- Carving in the Park: Glenn Maber (committee listed Below)
- Images of Nature: Glenn Maber (committee listed below)
- AWCA Clothing: Curtis Blair

#### **(Board Members)** **(AWCA Volunteers)**

#### General Committee Positions

- Membership Chairman: Randy Hughes
- Nominations Committee: Kathleen Norton, Bob Steele, Curtis Blair
- Christmas Party: Kathleen Norton, [Carmen Steele](#)
- Raffle: Kathleen Norton
- School Contact: Keith Middleton
- Finance Committee: John Stevenson, Russ Mann, Bob Steele, Curtis Blair

- Audit Committee: Wayne Olsen, Clarence Bereska
- Coffee (Tuesday Night Classes) To be determined by Brenda Mitchell

Marketing Communications (Chairperson: Russ)

- Marketing/Cabela's: Russ Mann, Brenda Mitchell
- Newsletter: Diane Sharkey
- Minutes: Carmen Steele
- Website: Don Delaney
- Facebook/Instagram: Diane Sharkey
- Community Engagement: Russ Mann

Images of Nature (Chairpersons: Glenn, Curtis)

- Competition & Show: Glenn Maber, Jim MacLachlin
- Registration/Membership: Bob Steele, Keith Middleton Brandi Hitchcock  
Rick St. Arnaud, Will Simpson
- Competition BBQ: Bob & Carmen Steele, Jeannine Maber
- Judges: Glenn Maber, Curtis Blair
- Education: Brenda Mitchell
- Raffle: Kathleen Norton
- Ribbons & Awards: Glenn Maber, Ryan Puhlman
- Show Results: Bob Steele, Brandi Hitchcock
- Photography: Don Delaney, Cathy Chubay
- Show PR & Advertising: Russ Mann, Diane Sharkey
- Garage Sale Booth: Wayne Olsen, Barb Mikaluk,  
Steve Ewashko, Randy Hughes

Carving in the Park (Chairperson: Glenn)

- Planning: Glenn, Bob, Russ, John, Curtis
- AWCA Equipment: Ryan Puhlman
- Welcome BBQ: Sandy Stevenson
- Evening BBQ: Bob & Carmen Steele
- Lunches: Jeanine Maber
- Set up & Take Down: Ryan Puhlman & Committee

## 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/>.

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