



# Fine Feathers

Newsletter of the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association

## From the Presidents Workbench

Hope this newsletter finds you well, fully rested, and raring to get going. I am looking forward to a return to some sort of normal for this year's Tuesday night classes. We will be returning to Amiskwaciy Academy for most classes as well as a return to Country Haven Studio for our full day classes with Brenda Mitchell. Tuesday Night Classes at Amiskwaciy Academy beginning Oct 4, 2022. This will be a registration day with carvers meeting their instructor, get their cut outs/eyes and class materials. Classes at Country Haven with Brenda will begin Sept 27<sup>th</sup> carvers attending Brenda's class are asked to be prepared to begin carving on the first day. We have four classes offered at either Amiskwaciy Academy or Country Haven Studio. A reminder to make your initial contact with the instructor of your chosen class as soon as possible.

Beginner Miniature Loon	Russ Mann	780-466-3690	Amiskwaciy Academy
American Avocet	Wayne Olsen	780-886-0073	Amiskwaciy Academy
California Quail	Glenn Maber	780-907-0454	Amiskwaciy Academy
River Otters	Brenda Mitchell	780-910-2615	Country Haven

More information about our classes can be found on our website at:

<http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/evening-classes/>

### Jean Minaudier Workshop

Once again, Country Haven Studio had a very successful carving class with Jean Minaudier (Aug 29 – Sept 3). This year's project was a Blackburnian Warbler. As usual, Jean did an outstanding job and the result was some fantastic carvings. We want to thank Jean for his talent and Brenda for holding this class as a supplement to AWCA's commitment to provide excellent learning opportunities to our members. Pictures are available on our website.



Missing: Glenn Maber & Cathy Chubay

### **Images of Nature Show 2023**

AWCA's "Images of Nature Show" will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Whitecroft Community League. We will continue to update our [website](#) and will further inform you as we get closer to the show dates. We have not finalized our Purchase Awards as of today but will inform you as soon as possible. This will be an excellent opportunity for AWCA carvers to enter their carvings and have them judged by experienced judges.

### **"Program Change" Carving in the Park Series 2023 – Whitecroft Hall**

AWCA will be moving away from a single "Carving School" with multiple classes to a series of singular week-long carving classes throughout the year. The first class will be held in conjunction with Images of Nature 2023. **The first class, April 29 – May 4<sup>th</sup> with Jeff Krete will be carving and painting a flying King Eider. The second class, June 6<sup>th</sup> -June 11<sup>th</sup> will be carving and painting a ¾ scale White Fronted Goose Bust with Pat Godin.** This is a fantastic opportunity for all AWCA members to improve their carving skills with some tremendous instructors Please check the [AWCA website](#) for ongoing updates.

**Bob Steele**, President AWCA



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