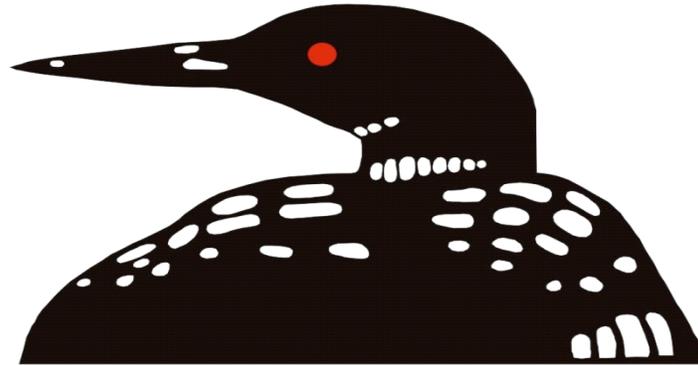


# Prairie Canada Carvers' News



January, 2016

## Welcome to 2016!

It seems like time flew by in the fall as Board members worked to prepare for workshops and the upcoming 30th anniversary show this spring! We know that some of you have been able to join classes this fall - thanks to Brock Love, Ted Muir, Don Young and Tom Park for sharing their time and expertise. Feedback on these workshops has shown they were enjoyed and very much appreciated, and if you have not had a chance to participate in one yet, I would encourage you to keep an eye out for future offerings on our web site or facebook page. The highlight of the year will be our workshop with renowned carver Jeff Krete carving and painting a duck in flight. Details can be found in the rules booklet that was distributed to you before Christmas and is on the web site.

Prairie Canada Board volunteer members are pleased to be able to contribute to the carving community in Manitoba and beyond.

This year's Board looks like this:

Lynda Baxter / Tom Park - Co-chairs

Dennis Brown - Vice-Chair, Workshops & Seminars

Ted Muir - Past Chair

John Frye - Secretary

Doug Danell / Evelyn Strempler - Co-Treasurers

Susan Cowtan - Webpage

Don Young - Rules Chair

Jean Mousseau- Volunteers, Raffles, Workshops

Tom McCormack - Workshops & Seminars

Leading this group is certainly an honour. It is one of the easiest leadership roles one can ever undertake, as it is a group of highly motivated people who give of their time generously and are always looking for how they can contribute - leading often means being sure to keep up! The Board maintains a constant eye on the potential for future growth, and as such is always seeking new energy and ideas, so please consider joining us.

*Finally. HAPPY NEW YEAR!* - and don't forget to add the 30th Anniversary Prairie Canada Carvers' Show on April 15th, 16th & 17th to your calendar - we look forward to seeing you and your carvings there!

## OUR NEW WEBSITE

After considerable planning, we are excited to announce that we have launched a new format for our website. Check out [www.prairiecanadacarvers.com](http://www.prairiecanadacarvers.com) to have a look! In addition to providing the information we had on the old site in a new, more colourful format, this site also includes photographs of show award winners, Prairie Canada workshops, and other related carving activities. As it is still in the beginning phases, there will be ongoing changes and development to the website, so keep an eye out! The Rules Documents for the upcoming show can be found there as well.

In addition to the website, Prairie Canada has also found its way to Facebook. Check us out there and 'like' us on facebook so you will also have that avenue to access carving information.

Thanks to Jean Mousseau for all his work on the web site in past and to Susan Cowtan for all her work to make this new look possible and provide web support into the future!



Enjoying Tom Park's habitat workshop in November!

## HELP WANTED

Prairie Canada could use your help in a variety of ways. Everything to do with our show is done to support carvers and the carving community – and it is all done by volunteers. Without the assistance of so many people who give of their time to the workshops and show events, these activities could not happen. In addition to providing vital support at the show, volunteers find they thoroughly enjoy contributing to events and the opportunity this gives them to meet other carvers and people interested in carving. It is a good time overall and greatly appreciated!

We are always looking for volunteers for the show on April 15 - 17. It takes significant manpower to attend to jobs that include:

- Setting up and tearing down the display area
- Helping with registrations
- Acting as runners to assist judges with their jobs

- Helping with ongoing show areas including the main entrance, merchandise table, and other supervision areas.

In addition, the Prairie Canada Board is seeking new members. It is very important that the Board continuously refreshes itself and has access to new ideas and points of view. If you are a carver who might be interested in supporting carving through joining the Prairie Canada Board, we would love to take the time to answer any questions you might have about Board activities throughout the year. Prairie Canada has had a successful 30 years to date, and your help and support could be a vital part of continuing this success into the future.

If you have time to give, and would be interested in helping out at the show, you can contact us through the web site or through Board members. We look forward to hearing from some of you and working with you....it really does make the show even more fun when you are involved!

## GETTING READY FOR THE 30th!

We couldn't be more excited about the upcoming 30th anniversary show and hope that you are well on the way to considering your plans for the show as well. The rule booklet on our website will provide you with all of the details you might need, but we also would like to remind you of a few special events you might want to begin getting ready for.....

### 30th ANNIVERSARY DUCK HEAD CHALLENGE

A reminder of the duck head decoration competition underway as part of Prairie Canada's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration taking place at the 2016 show and championship. The special competition is about decorating and painting a cast "flattie" duck head in any fashion imaginable. Heads will be judged as a separate category for cash awards (details to be announced in the October newsletter). Heads can be obtained from Don Young for a \$10 cost of production/distribution fee. Don can be reached at [bdyoung@mymts.net](mailto:bdyoung@mymts.net) or 204- 489-0149.

A number of heads are in circulation already and competitors are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and make the special competition an event to remember.



## CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Members of the carving community are encouraged to nominate an individual or organization for recognition under the Carver's Award of Excellence and the Service Award programs.

The Carver's Award of Excellence was established by PCCA to acknowledge individuals, organizations and businesses for excellence and achievement in promoting and engendering the art of carving in North America. Recipients must be nominated by members of the carving community. They should have made a long term commitment to the advancement of the carving community.

The Service Award acknowledges individuals who have provided a valuable service to a local carving community over an extended period of time.

Submissions should be sent in writing to John Frye at 139 Lodge Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3J 0R6 before February 1, 2016. John can also be reached at (204) 888-8272 or jfrye@cc.umanitoba.ca. Full details of the awards program and copies of nominations forms can be obtained from the PCCA website. Awards are presented at the competition's awards banquet.

## PURCHASE AWARDS

New for 2016 Tory Neald Natural Finish Wildlife Carving \$500 Purchase Award: This new award will cover the five categories of Division G.

Details of other purchase awards can be found in the Rules document on the website.

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

The Oak Hammock Guild will be having three carving courses starting in January 2016 at the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre:

Sundays, January, 10, 17, 24 – Canvasback (drake)

Sundays, February 7, 14, 21 – Redhead (drake)

Sundays, March 6, 13, 20 – Bufflehead (drake)

Guild & OHM members \$ 90.00 + GST

Non-members \$120.00 + GST

Instructors: Harry Williams, John Frye, Ross Gage and Richard Whittom

The Guild will also be holding a class on carving and painting a common loon: 3 Sundays - April 3, 10 and 24 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: Members \$170 + GST (\$178.50) Non-members \$180 + GST (\$189)

Instructor: Bill Palmer

To register contact the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre - (204) 467-3300