

Prairie Canada News

October 2014

Happy 29th Birthday Prairie Canada

Another stellar show in the works

The 2015 Prairie Canada Carving Championship will be held at Canad Inns Polo Park April 18 & 19 bringing together some of the best carvings on the continent under one roof. Lana Cowell of Saskatoon will be the competition's feature workshop instructor-painting an original casting of a male yellow-rumped warbler. Lana's carvings have graced many a page in Wildfowl Carving Magazine and Prairie Canada Carvers' Association is pleased to have been able to profile Lana in its submission to Competition 2014. Lana's three day brush painting workshop will focus on techniques she uses to achieve a soft realistic look to her carvings. The workshop will cover colour theory and the choice/application of appropriate acrylic colours. She will also demonstrate the "carve to paint" texturing technique she uses in helping to capture a softness to her pieces. Registration details can be found in the rules booklet posted at www.prairiecanadacarvers.com. The workshop runs April 15 to 17 at Canad Inns and will fill up fast (cost of \$225) so early registration is suggested. If you need to speak to a warm body about the rules contact Don Young (Rules Chairman) at 204-489-0149 or e-mail bdyoung@mymts.net.



Lana Cowell cast of a painted yellow-rumped warbler offered April 15, 16 & 17, 2015

While many North America carving competitions struggle and fold, Prairie Canada Carvers' Association Inc. continues to thrive thanks to its committed board of directors and a supportive carving community. Last year alone some 30 individuals and organizations graced our list of sponsors and scads more folks volunteered to make the show a resounding success. The 2014/15 roster of Prairie Canada directors is listed in this newsletter so be sure to pat any one of them on the back next time you cross paths. Like all volunteer organizations we are always on the lookout for new members to keep us fresh and relevant. *If you know of anyone who can sponsor the show (cash or product) or join the board please contact me at your earliest convenience.*

Ted Muir, Chairperson PCCA: (204-237-1385 or tedmuir@mymts.net)

Carving Raffle Tickets Available

We are seeking your help in selling books of raffle tickets on three original hand-made carvings- a life-sized pine grosbeak by Harvey Welch of Saskatoon (the winner of the 2014 Razertip Industries Purchase Award), a miniature polar bear donated by Cliff Zarecki of Lac du Bonnet in dedication to Robert Taylor's contribution to the carving community and a donated western red juniper weed pot by Ted Muir of Winnipeg. Prizes are awarded by enabling winning ticket holders to pick a carving of their choice in the order in which they were drawn (first drawn gets first choice, etc). Books of tickets sell for \$40 and go for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00. Contact Jean Mousseau (204-233-3158 or jeanm@mymts.net) for tickets & a photograph of the pieces. All proceeds go towards hosting the annual competition.



Canad Inn Polo Park Room Reservations

Carvers attending the 2015 show and wanting a room to stay at Canad Inns Polo Park will receive a discounted daily rate of \$115 (plus taxes) if booked prior to April 6 (reference # 211091). Canad Inns Polo Park is located at 1405 St Mathews Avenue, Winnipeg (204) 775-8791 www.canadinns.com.

Prairie Canada Carvers' Association Inc: www.prairiecanadacarvers.com

PURCHASE AWARDS– see 2015 rules booklet for full details

Razertip Industries Best Wildlife Sculpture \$500 Purchase Award: A carving of any material from any category that would be suitable as a 2015 raffle carving.

Jim Richardson Canadian Antique Working Duck Decoy \$500 Purchase Award: An antique style working duck decoy carved by a Canadian.

Morgan Whiteway Best of Show Slick \$800 Purchase Award: This year's piece is a five-eighths size common loon.

Ted Muir Shorebird \$300 Purchase Award: This year's shorebird is a upland plover.

Richard Whittom Duck Head \$200 Purchase Award: Any duck species.

Special Awards– no entry fee required

Don Phalen Memorial Award sponsored by Oak Hammock Marsh Carving Guild: a \$200 award for the best carving by a junior carver in Divisions B, C or D . Selection is made from entries already registered.

Prairie Canada Junior Carver's Award: \$100 awarded to best carving by a junior carver registered in Division N.

People's Choice Award sponsored by Les Gens de Bois Woodcarving Club: a \$200 award chosen by ballot from show visitors.

Carver's Choice Award sponsored by Adanac Carvers Association: a \$200 award chosen by ballot from show competitors

November Workshops

Prairie Canada is offering a host of carving workshops at the Elmwood East Kildonan Active Living Centre in Winnipeg (180 Poplar Avenue) during November 2014 and March to May 2015. Workshop registration is through Tom McCormack at 204-253-0885 or tpmccormack@shaw.ca. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Full workshop details are sent out to students in advance of the workshop. Prairie Canada can supply dust collectors and power carving equipment for a \$5.00 fee. Profits raised through the workshop go towards hosting the annual competition. Full day workshop usually run from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Evening workshops run from 6:30 pm to 9:30pm.

Walleye– Manitoba's provincial fish

Saturday November 1 & Sunday November 2, plus the evening of November 5.
Fee: \$120

Details: carve and paint a full body 12 inch walleye out of basswood. Ideal for intermediate to advanced fish carvers.

Instructor: Jean Mousseau



Rusty nail shorebird

Saturday November 15

Details: an excellent introductory power carving course for novice carvers of all ages; learn the basic techniques of power carving and finish a natural finish shorebird with a butternut body and an antique rusty square nail for a bill. Fee: \$60

Instructor: Ted Muir



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Lynda Baxter
Dennis Brown
Susan Cowtan
Doug Danell
John Frye
Tom McCormack
Jean Mousseau
Ted Muir
Tom Park
Evelyn Strempler
Don Young

PCCA Board Changes

The board is pleased to welcome Dennis Brown, Susan Cowtan and Evelyn Strempler to the table.

Call for Award Nominations

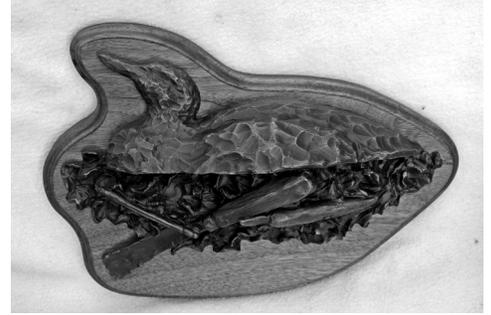
Members of the carving community are encouraged to nominate an individual or organization for recognition under the *Carver's Award of Excellence* and the *Service Award* programs.

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. 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. Nominations must be submitted before January 28, 2015.

Awards are presented at the competition's awards banquet.



Carver's Award of Excellence bronze plaque sculpted by wildlife artist Peter Sawatzky of Glenboro, Manitoba.

Community Carving News

Oak Hammock Marsh Decoy Carving Workshops

The Oak Hammock Marsh Carving Guild is offering a series of three-day working duck decoy carving workshops at the OHM Interpretive Centre this winter. The decoy bodies are shaped from cork and heads are carved out of wood. Carvings are painted with oil paint in the traditional style of working decoys. Workshops are ideal for beginner carvers or those who want to venture into the world of decoy carving. For further details or to register contact Cathy Wasserman at 204-467-3300 or c_wasserman@ducks.ca.

Canvasback Drake - Consecutive Sundays January 11, 18 and 25
Ring Necked Drake - Consecutive Sundays February 8, 15 and 22
Common Goldeneye Drake - Consecutive Sundays March 1, 8 and 15



Canvasback drake working duck

Wheat City Carvers Competition Date Change for 2015

Wheat City Carvers will be hosting the 2015 show November 7 & 8 at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium in Brandon. Contact Nicole Hunter at 204-724-4536 or bnhunter@hotmail.com.

Call for Ideas for 2015 Competition Seminars

Beginning in 2010 Prairie Canada began offering free one hour seminars in the foyer of the hotel competition area. We try to offer three to four one hour seminars Sunday morning on a variety of topics. If you any suggests for topics please pass them along to Don Young at bdyoung@mymts.net or 204-489-0149.



2014 stone carving seminar with Ron Jackson of Beausejour