

Prairie Canada News

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30th Anniversary Championship Updates

The 30th anniversary of the Prairie Canada Carving Championship will be held April 15, 16 and 17, 2016 at Canad Inns Polo Park, 1405 St Mathews Avenue, Winnipeg Manitoba. Join with us in celebrating 30 continuous years of hosting one of the most extraordinary carving competitions on the continent. Full details are posted on our website listed below.

Co-chair message: As we embark on our 30th anniversary, which is a phenomenal accomplishment by any measure, I want to collectively thank the scores of volunteers and board member who worked so diligently over the years to make our championships and all of our other endeavours a resounding success. Like most volunteer organizations we are always mindful of the need to recruit new members with fresh ideas and new talents to our board of directors. We are especially in need of folks with media relations and writing experience. If you'd like to join the board or know of someone who could be approached please let me know at the show. We work hard at getting things done but we also work hard at having fun in the process and above all making a difference in promoting and celebrating the wonder of all things made in wood, bone, stone and antler. Give it some thought- we'd love to have your input around the boardroom table. See you at the show- Lynda Baxter.



Feature Show Exhibits: Two outstanding special carving exhibits will be profiled at the show. If you know of other carvers interested in being part of this exhibit next year let us know. We are always looking for great ideas.

Jack Motyer: Although Jack is 99 years young he understood the value of tradition and sharing one's love of art with family when he started carving Santa and Christmas themed pieces every year for his granddaughter Devon some 25 years ago. And he is still going strong. Devon's carvings, some 25 strong, will be the focus of Jack's exhibit. Jack is no stranger to the traditional carving community in Manitoba, having formed the Assiniboine Woodcarving Association in 1989. He has been a long time supporter of Prairie Canada and has held memberships with Adanac, Les Gens de Bois and several USA carving organizations. Did we mention he was an armorer for Spitfire airplanes in the RCAF 411 Squadron and the 2102 recipient of Prairie Canada's *Carver's Community Services Award*.



Dr. Harold Stuart Evans: This carving display is the work of Dr. Harold Stuart Evans, 1904-1992. Dr. Evans was a family doctor and general surgeon in Brandon from 1938 until his retirement in 1979. He was a gifted artist, capable of intricate anatomical drawings, oil landscapes and wood carvings. His carving endeavours were restricted to his annual, one-month summer Manitoba holidays when he compiling a collection of characters lifted primarily from the Saturday Coloured Comics. Using a knife, paint and brushes he gave the third dimension to the charming people of the Funny Pages including the Yokums, the cast of Pogo, Maggie and Jigs, Andy Capp and many others. Selected pieces from this collection are on display courtesy of the Evans family.



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Be Thinking of Having a Carving Critiqued at the 2016 Competition

The one on one private advice carvers obtain from a judge of their choice Sunday morning at the championship is one of the advantages of taking part in an organized carving competition. Carvers who sign up for a peer review receive positive feedback and suggestions on ways to improve their carvings. It is time well spent.



Sunday Seminars: The free Sunday seminars are a big hit each year and 2016 promises more of the same. They happen in the hallway outside the carving showroom. Suggestions for future topics would be greatly appreciated.

9:00am- Jean Mousseau on Powders, Pigments and Pastels– techniques to compliment your painting.

10:00am- Tom Park on Making Habitat-techniques for making small blossoms, leaves, flowers and branches using metal (brass) shim stock and brass tubing.

11:00am- Louise Reilly on Pyrography– the art of wood burning.

