

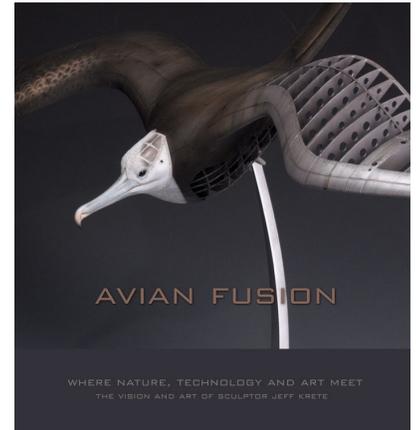
Prairie Canada News

March 2016

30th Anniversary Championship Updates and Reminders

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.

Awards Banquet: The awards banquet will be held at Canad Inns Polo Park Saturday April 16 at 6:00p.m. dinner (cocktails start at 5:30p.m.) and promises to be an evening of wonderful celebration. **Tickets for the banquet must be booked by April 10 through Rules Chairman Don Young (bdyoung@mts.net or 1-204-489-0149).** Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs. Tickets can be picked up at the competition registration desk. Don is also the contact for rules inquiries. The rules booklet is posted on the PCCA website.



The keynote speaker this year will be our feature judge and workshop instructor Jeff Krete. Jeff's illustrated presentation will be on the making of his remarkable carving *Anatomy of Flight* depicting a creative approach to the transferring of a frigate bird to an aircraft. This stunning piece won a Best in the World Interpretive Sculpture and People's Choice at the 2014 Ward World Championship. Jeff grew up in southern Ontario where he developed a love of nature at an early age. He began carving in the early 1989's and was soon bitten by the competitor bug, garnering over 200 international awards up to present day. Jeff carves original multimedia and wood sculptures of birds around the world. Five percent of Jeff's sales go towards Ducks Unlimited Canada. He is a signature member of Artist of Conservation. He works as a waterfowl biologist with Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Openings Available for Miniature Duck in Flight Workshop by Jeff Krete: Openings are still available for the four day workshop April 12 to 15 at Canad Inns Polo Park. The hands on workshop will entail all aspects of creating a miniature smoothy duck in flight. It also includes an introduction to painting. The \$300 fee (cheque) should be made payable to Prairie Canada Carvers' Association and sent to Dennis Brown at 19 Northport Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3X 2H2.



Registration: Just a reminder that registration takes place at Canad Inns Friday April 15 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. Out of city carvers can register April 16 between 7:00am and 8:00am. Bring your completed entry form. Beat the rush at registration and register in advance by April 8 (see page 7 in the rules form).

Cocktail Carving Cash Award: Prairie Canada is pleased to offer as part of 30th anniversary celebrations a \$100 cash award to the best of show cocktail carving and a \$50 award to each of the other first place cocktail carving categories.

Volunteers Needed: It takes a lot of volunteers to run a three day carving competition and show. If you can volunteer for a few hours at the championship- Friday, Saturday or Sunday- please contact Jean Mousseau at jeanm@mymts.net or 204-233-3158. Your contribution will be a great help. Laurie Creighton and Prabir Mitra as pictured here are amongst the scores of volunteers who over the years have made a valuable contribution to the show. It's a good thing to do- join in with the fun.



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30th Anniversary Duck Head Competition

In celebration of Prairie Canada's 30th Anniversary a one-time-only competition is being held wherein carvers and painters can show off their creative skills and abilities. A life-size plaster cast of a mallard duck head will be the "canvas" for this competition. A limited number of blank heads can still be obtained from Don Young (bdyoung@mymts.net or 204-489-0149) for \$10 each. They must be picked up at his home. Good luck and have fun.



Tips and techniques: This cast is modified plaster of Paris and therefore is fairly delicate. Do not drive screws or nails into the cast. You will need to sand or file the plaster smooth. Any air bubbles can be filled with a wood filler of your choice. After smoothing, seal the cast with a water based sealer, matte medium or other favorite sealer. You may want to test your products on the back. From then on, normal painting procedures can be used.

To attach the cast to the mounting board, try epoxy or silicone sealant or other favorite adhesive. A couple of small mounting dowels can be carefully drilled into the cast, but do this first before you paint or decorate the cast. Be sure the hanger groove on the back is in the right position. Heads will be hung for display at the competition.

Party duck is but one way to have some fun and let the creative juices flow with this special competition. What about an Elvis duck, sports duck, hybrid duck, Prada duck or political duck? Think of all the possibilities.

Prize money: Winners will be chosen by People's Choice Ballots

1. Best Greenhead – lifelike Mallard Drake	\$250.00	1 st place	
2. Most creative work -	\$250.00	1 st	
	\$150.00	2 nd	
	\$ 75.00		3 rd
3. Best Junior work			
-10 years and under	\$ 100.00		1 st
	\$ 75.00		2 nd
	\$ 50.00		3 rd
-16 years and under	\$ 100.00		1 st
	\$ 75.00		2 nd
	\$ 50.00		3 rd

Duck heads are entered free of charge– we will help you with registration. ***You can keep your duck or better yet donate it to the championship for the Sunday auction. Lets support Prairie Canada.***

Tory Neald Purchase Award Reminder: Just a reminder that new this year is the \$500 purchase award for a natural finish carving (see page 19 of the rules form) sponsored by Tory Neald.

Gordon Kanne Fish Carving Entry

Congratulations goes out to Gordon Kanne of Selkirk for the distinction of being the first, and only carver at this point, to enter a fish carving in the Manitoba Fisheries Enhancement Stamp Competition. The competition opened up to three dimensional art in 2015. The fish for 2015 was a sturgeon which Gordon in typical fashion depicted in a creative manner. Details of the 2016 competition, including the fish species, will be posted on the Manitoba Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund website sometime following the provincial April 19 election. The contact for the competition is Leah Cole (leah.cole@gov.mb.ca).

