

PRAIRIE CANADA CARVERS' ASS

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Hello all from all of us on the Prairie Canada Board! We hope by now you are all well into some of your favourite carving projects on your "wish list" of 2018-19 carvings. The Prairie Canada board members are also beginning to work on this year's workshop and show offerings and want to provide you with a few details that might be useful to you as you plan your carving year.

Our show in 2019 will be on the May 4th and 5th weekend. It is a bit later than last year, but both Easter and the curling season at our venue have unfolded in a fashion that left this as the best date for us. For your future planning, we are looking to move the date back into mid to late April in upcoming years.

This year's show will once again include numerous purchase awards. We have listed them below to remind you of details and give you plenty of time to plan an entry!

Razertip Industries Inc. Purchase Award, offering a purchase award of \$600.00. The criteria this year is ***"Best Wildlife Sculpture suitable for the 2020 Prairie Canada raffle piece"***. The carving can be from any Category of the competition, but a maximum of 16" size. Carvings will be judged for merit and on its ability to generate revenue. The carving will not be floated. There is no entry fee for this category.

Jim Richardson Antique Decoy Purchase Award (NEW CRITERIA), offering a \$500.00 award for a resting black duck decoy in

*the style of Canadian carver **George Warin**. Carvings will be judged according to Prairie Canada's Division B guidelines, except decoys will be floated but **do not have to self-right**. The carving is to be entered as a newly painted decoy "just off the workbench", and must not be "antiqued". The entry fee for this category is \$20.00. D guidelines. The entry fee for this category is \$25.00.*

***Richard Whittom Purchase Award**, offering \$200.00 for the best life-size **duck head carving**. Entries must be the head and neck portion only of the duck, and displayed on a suitable stand. The carver may choose to follow any of Prairie Canada's guidelines of Divisions A, B, C, or D. The entry fee for this category is \$15.00.*

***Neill Johnson Purchase Award**, offering \$200 for the best **cane or walking stick with a wildlife theme**. The carving will follow Prairie Canada's guidelines of Division K. The entry fee for this category is \$15.00.*

***Carrie Braden Purchase Award**, offering \$100.00 for the best **life-size bird feather**. Entries must be a single feather from a North American bird, any species. The feather may be displayed in any way the carver chooses, let your imagination be your guide. The entry fee for this category is \$15.00.*

Please refer to the 2019 Prairie Canada Rules document for further information.

Our feature raffle carving each year is the prize winner from the Razertip purchase award in the previous year. Due to unforeseen circumstances, last year's winning entry will not be available. We are excited to announce that an alternate choice was available and the raffle carving for the 2019 show will be a beautiful swallow in flight entered by Bob Lavender.

Also for the show, our Board is working on plans for workshops, speakers and potential sponsors. If you have any ideas to offer, we would appreciate your input in the near future to help us move ahead with planning in these areas as soon as possible.