



NAWCA NEWLETTER – JANUARY 2015

A Quarterly Report of the NAWCA Club

Wishing you a year of...

New beginnings filled with hope and

promise...

Simple pleasures to enjoy and share ...

Beautiful moments to remember

always...

Peace and happiness in your heart and

home

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

From your Executive

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DIRECTORS AT LARGE: Donna Bean, Mary Tharp, Cliff Dumouchel

### **Executive Reports:**

**President's Report:** The Christmas party was a great success. I do not recall the exact numbers, but I thought attendance was good. I really enjoyed the wide range of dishes; especially Doug Witting's turkey. I am sure that we all had way too much sugar in the dessert department. A big round of applause is due to our great emcee, Jack Wallace; and to all of our entertainers: Victor Baranov, his sister Ella, Jack and Cam Wallace and Llew Bertsch. My gratitude to all the folks who helped set up, tear-down and clean up.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of December 2014, bank balance is \$8,802.97.

### **Programs:**

Starting immediately, Program Night will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Laurie will work with Jack to prepare a "wooden Plier" project for January 21<sup>st</sup>. Confirmation of this project will follow.

On November 5, 2014, Thierry Varem-Sanders conducted a session on sharpening tools and focused on teaching how to use your strop to keep your tools sharp. He generously gave out strops for those that needed one. Thierry continued a brief session after the annual general meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The club owns a belt sander and it's available to all members to sharpen their tools.

November 19<sup>th</sup>, a basic pyrography course was instructed by Charlotte Varem-Sanders. She provided a smooth practice board, picture frames so that members could practice using the different tips.  
See below for a copy of the handout Charlotte provided that evening.

NOTE: If you would like a program of "how to" to be repeated or you see a particular project in a carving magazine that you would like to learn, send an email to Laurie at [wilsonlarsen@shaw.ca](mailto:wilsonlarsen@shaw.ca)

We need your ideas and feedback.

## Pyrography Basics for NAWCA ~November 2014~

~Charlotte Varem-Sanders~

Honour your inner artist when doing pyrography! For example: Start with any project...

- Suggestions...
  - A 4x6 (or whatever size smooth board you have) inch practice board
  - A small ornament to play on
- Below is a copy of my sampler board. Use a 1 inch square grid and “play” with the tips/burning to see the different patterns and capabilities of your unit.
- Some people like to work on a project = experiment with the ornament.
- Sandpaper is your eraser ☺

Tips: use reference books, photographs, other people’s work (with permission)

Practice burning light, medium and dark.

TIP: Burn your project a bit darker. The finishing material may darken the unburned wood/project as well pyrography fade over the years. NOTE: Use a finish that has UV protection.

Do not display your finished project in direct sunlight. Best places are windowless rooms (offices), hallways and north facing rooms.



**Membership:** The Club has 33 members to date. Please see Jean if you have paid your dues but did not fill out registration form.

**Newsletter:** This issue is the first of the quarterly newsletter that will be sent out this year.

**Website:** No report.

**Demonstrations:**

Bremner House sent a letter of appreciation and a \$100 cheque for demonstrating at Christmas in the Heartland Festival. Doug Bean, Donna Bean and Jean Cloutier volunteered their time.



Where is Doug? Who is the guy with the fancy toque checking out Donna???

**FESTIVAL OF TREES:** See below to read the thank you letter received from the Festival of Trees organizers. Congratulations to our Club for doing a great job. Also attached is a picture of our tree – very impressive.



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December 9, 2014

Dear Designer:

Thank you for your participation in our very special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival. Our theme: "Let It Snow" was a great success but perhaps ironic for those who had to battle the blizzard to attend on Thursday and Friday. You will be proud to know that your beautiful creations, which were sold at the Gala auction on Wednesday night, brought in a record amount for our cause: raising funds to support the purchase of a Gamma Knife for Alberta.

At this busy time of year, we sincerely thank you for your generous donation and for taking the time to support the Festival. If this was your first time participating in the Festival, we hope it was an enjoyable experience and encourage you to participate again next year. Those of you who join us year after year are commended for your ongoing support of the Festival and its impact on the University of Alberta Hospital.

On behalf of The Festival of Trees Committees, the University Hospital Foundation staff and board, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year.

We look forward to working with you again in 2015.

Sincerely,

**Diane Stokes and Sandra Dickie**  
Co-chairs, Outside Designers  
Festival of Trees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Sandra".

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Other Business:

Annual Show Award Guidelines: Doug Bean and Doug Laws proposed the following award guideline. First, second and Third ribbons will be given in all categories (Juvenile, Novice, Intermediate and Open Divisions) A cash/item of equivalent value will be awarded to "Best of" in each division – Juvenile - \$25.00, Novice - \$50.00, Intermediate - \$75.00 and Open - \$100.00 and People's Choice - \$50.00.

Book Marks and Brochures: Jack will arrange for updating/designing the book marks and forward to Vic, to also incorporate into the new brochures.

Annual Show: Doug Laws is requesting assistance with some preparation for the upcoming show in April. Inventory of supplies, ribbons, updated signage, etc. needs to be done to place orders in advance. Doug is scheduled for surgery at the end of February so this work needs to be done asap. Please talk to Doug on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Hall Renovations: Renovations to the main hall is to take place July and August. As of right now, summer carving will still take place and will be held in the back room.

## CARVING CALENDAR

This Calendar will be updated on a regular basis and emailed. And, will eventually be on the website. [www.nawca.ca](http://www.nawca.ca)

January 7, 2015	Regular Carving (Executive Meeting)
January 14	Regular Carving
January 21	Regular Carving
January 28	Regular Carving
February 4	Regular Carving (Executive Meeting)
February 11	Regular Carving
February 18	Regular Carving
February 25	Regular Carving
March 4	Regular Carving (Executive Meeting)
March 11	Regular Carving
March 18	Regular Carving
March 25	Regular Carving
April 1	Regular Carving (Executive Meeting)
April 8	Regular Carving
April 15	Regular Carving
April 22	Regular Carving
April 24	NAWCA Show & Competition – 4 pm – 8 pm Registration
April 25	NAWCA Show & Competition – 10 am – 5 pm
April 26	NAWCA Show & Competition – 10 am – 4 pm
April 29	Regular Carving
May 6	Regular Carving (Executive Meeting – Wrap-up Report on Show)
May 13	Regular Carving
May 20	Regular Carving
May 27	Regular Carving
June 1	Regular Carving (Executive Meeting)
June 10	Regular Carving
June 17	Regular Carving
June 24	Regular Carving
July 1	No Carving
July 8	Regular Carving
July 15	Regular Carving
July 22	Regular Carving

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July 29	Regular Carving
August 5	Regular Carving (Executive Meeting)
August 12	Regular Carving
August 19	Regular Carving
August 26	Regular Carving
September 2	Regular Carving (Executive Meeting?)
September 9	Regular Carving
September 16	Regular Carving
September 30	Regular Carving
October 7	Regular Carving
October 14	Regular Carving
October 21	Regular Carving
October 28	Regular Carving
November 4	Regular Carving
November 11	Regular Carving
November 18	Regular Carving
November 25	Regular Carving
December 2	Regular Carving
December 9	Regular Carving
December 16	Christmas Pot Luck Party
December 23`	No Carving
December 30	No Carving