



NAWCA NEWLETTER – NOVEMBER 2014

A Quarterly Report of the NAWCA Club

From Your President:

Our Show & Competition that was held in April was a success, thanks to the hard work of Doug Law, Show Chair and his volunteers.

This year there were a number of programs that were organized by Laurie Wilson-Larson and well attended by new and seasoned carvers. Demonstrations took place at Fort Edmonton and the Ukrainian Village which was organized by Jack Wallace.

I appreciate all the input from Brian Harroun over the years to our executive. He is not letting his name stand. I realize that lots of our long time members have served their time on the executive but we do need some more members to come forward and assist with running this club. I would also like to thank Alex Morrison on the excellent job with the newsletter. He did a fine job until his 'paid' job became much busier and he had to relinquish the reins.

A reminder that next Wednesday the Club will be decorating the tree for the Festival of Trees. Charlotte will also be doing a wood burning demonstration.

Treasurer's Report - Barney Murray reported the club's bank balance as of September 30, 2014 is \$8,818.04.

Memberships - 2015 Membership renewal forms were distributed and there will be an opportunity to renew your membership at the conclusion of the meeting. At the present time, we have 66 members.

Website (Bonnie Budge) - Jean Cloutier and I received a tutorial from Clark Park of Planetcom regarding the Club's website so it could be updated on a regular basis.

We spent over an hour with Clark who had created the website with help from previous club members. We found the set up difficult to navigate. Clark advised us that he does not have the time to re-create pages and expressed frustration in repetitively having to tutor people. This site was created free of charge and goes through the Planetcom server at no cost to the Club. The domain name NAWCA is owned by Roger Plouffe who is the President of Duggan Community Hall.

I believe the website is an important tool for the club to attract new members and to learn about woodcarving. The website should be a "go-to" place for information about club activities and learning, and should be easy to access by the public.

We have the opportunity to resolve some of the website issues. Laurie's daughter, Melissa Larson has agreed to help the Club resolve these issues and to create a simple instruction manual for those board members who need to keep it updated. This will be time consuming for Melissa and I feel she should be paid for her services.

I would like to put forward a motion that I be authorized to spend up to \$300 to work on improving our website.

Discussion followed. Doug Bean will talk to Roger Plouffe regarding getting the domain name under the Club's name. The members in attendance approved the motion.

2014 Demonstrations – Jack Wallace reported that there were a number of demonstrations that took place at Fort Edmonton, the Ukrainian Village and a new location, Blue Ridge Logging Days this year. An upcoming Christmas event will take place at Brenner House in Strathcona County at the end of November. Jack Wallace thank the volunteers that took the time to attend these demonstrations, Lance Love, Jean Cloutier, Laurie Wilson-Larson, Denise Perrier, Llew Bertch, Cliff Dumouchel, Doug Law, Doug Bean, Donna Bean, Wendy Risdale, Heather Guenther, Thierry Varem-Sanders, Barney Murray, Real Bibeau, Jack Wallace

Programming – Laurie Wilson-Larson reported on the monthly tutorials: facial features, chip carving, tool sharpening and the upcoming wood burning demonstration. If anyone has any suggestion for next year's programming, please let Laurie know. Once the website is updated, the program nights will be listed.

Public Relations – Vic Peters reported on his revision of the Club Brochure and will be working on getting it updated. He will also work on further promotion of the Show & Competition. If you have any contacts or suggestions, please let Vic know.

NAWCA Show & Competition – Doug Law thanked everyone that volunteered to put the show together. He advised that he will take on the job of show director for 2015. The Show Rules and Categories that were updated and circulated to the members were approved by the members in attendance.

ELECTIONS: - Elections followed the reports. The 2014-2015 Executive are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Doug Bean
VICE PRESIDENT: Harold Hough
SECRETARY: Campbell Ross
TREASURER: Barney Murray
MEMBERSHIP: Jean Cloutier
PUBLICITY and PR: Vic Peters
PROGRAMS: Laurie Wilson-Larson
DEMONSTRATIONS: Jack Wallace
NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE: Bonnie Budge
NAWCA SHOW DIRECTOR: Doug Law
DIRECTORS AT LARGE: Donna Bean, Mary Tharp, Cliff Dumouchel

CARVING CALENDAR

This Calendar will be updated on a regular basis and emailed. And, will eventually be on the website. www.nawca.ca

November 12	Annual General Meeting – 7:00 pm
November 19	Festival of Trees Decorating Night Pyrography Demonstration by Charlotte Vander-Sanders Regular Carving
November 28	Regular Carving
December 3	Regular Carving
December 10	Annual “Pot Luck” Christmas Party (Family Event)
December 17	No Carving. Merry Christmas to You and your Family
December 24	No Carving
December 31	No Carving. Happy New Year
January 7, 2015	Regular Carving
January 14	Regular Carving
January 21	Regular Carving
January 28	Regular Carving

February 4	Regular Carving
February 11	Regular Carving
February 18	Regular Carving
February 25	Regular Carving
March 4	Regular Carving
March 11	Regular Carving
March 18	Regular Carving
March 25	Regular Carving
April 1	Regular Carving
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