



# NORTHERN ALBERTA WOODCARVERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Next Meeting

**Date:** April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017      **Time:** 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Duggan Community League Hall  
3728 - 106 Street, Edmonton



There's only a week and a half until this year's **Annual Woodcarving Show** (April 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>)! Now's a perfect time to put the finishing touches on your carvings (or if you're like me, to start a new one). As always -- [we need lots of entries for all levels!!!](#)

## **President's Report**

Greetings to all my fellow wood carving enthusiasts!

As we are enjoying a beautiful spring season, our minds turn again to our annual show. I'm looking forward to seeing the vast array of talent that will be displayed this year. We have such a diverse group of skills, ranging from simple objects in the round to intricate birds and caricatures. We cannot forget the wonderful relief carvings, or the gentle shadings within a pyrography project. It is a privilege to be a part of a club that continues along as we do each week. Meeting new folks as they come in, sitting down with them and learning what may interest them, and finally teaching and showing them a path to their ambition of becoming a wood carver – perhaps a lifetime of enjoyment (with maybe a little bit of frustration once in a while!!).

So, a warm thank you to each of you for coming weekly and adding to this club as you do!

*From the office of the president,*

**Harold K. Hough**

p.s. I always wanted to say that!!

## **NAWCA Annual Show & Competition 2017**

### **April 21<sup>st</sup> - FRIDAY**

Registration (and set up) from 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM (Closed to the Public)

### **April 22<sup>nd</sup> - SATURDAY**

Late Entries and Registration: 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM

Judging: 8:30 am - 10:30 AM (Closed to the Public)

Public Show: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### **April 23<sup>rd</sup> - SUNDAY**

Public Show: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Award Presentations: 3:00 PM

### **2017 Show Rules and Guidelines**

[www.nawca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Show-Rules-Guidelines-Judging-Awards-2017.pdf](http://www.nawca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Show-Rules-Guidelines-Judging-Awards-2017.pdf)

### **2017 Show Entry Forms**

(There will be forms available at the registration on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>)

Part 1 – [www.nawca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Competition-Entry-Form-2017-part-1-Mar.16-2017.pdf](http://www.nawca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Competition-Entry-Form-2017-part-1-Mar.16-2017.pdf)

Part 2 – [www.nawca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Carving-Registration-Form-part-2-2017.pdf](http://www.nawca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Carving-Registration-Form-part-2-2017.pdf)

Please consider the categories that you plan to enter pieces in, to aid in the registration process on Friday evening.

The Annual Show is a powerful way to show ourselves, as well as our families (and the rest of Alberta), how much we've progressed throughout the last year as individuals, and as a club. **Every single carving** entered (some which may not have won a ribbon on that day, and some which did) brings delight to the viewers who come to enjoy our show! Please consider putting one or more examples of your hard work into this year's show...

The club is also looking for carvers to bring in work they are proud of from previous years to display alongside the competition items.

A limited number of 6' **display tables** will be available for suppliers, retailers, and NAWCA members who wish to demonstrate or sell items.

Members - \$15/table  
Commercial or Non-members - \$25/table

*All display tables must be set up by 9am on the Saturday of the Annual Show & Competition.*

As in previous years, there is always room for more **volunteers** to assist with the show. You can talk to Thierry Varem-Sanders ([t.varemsanders@gmail.com](mailto:t.varemsanders@gmail.com)) if you are able to donate some time throughout the weekend!

## **What's Happening at the NAWCA**

### **Notices**

The club sadly recognizes the passing of our good friend,  
NAWCA member Bryce Robinson.



It is with much sadness and love that we say goodbye to our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Bryce Robinson. Bryce passed away suddenly on February 21, 2017, at the age of 81 years, with his family at his side. Bryce was born on January 1, 1936 in Sexsmith, Alberta, and was a long-time resident of the LaGlace area before moving to Edmonton in 2006. Bryce is survived by his wife of 55 years Ellenor, daughter Judy, son Ryan, daughter Tracy and son-in-law Nelson Tonn, beloved grandchildren Bryce and Ben, his brother Wayne and sister Cheryl and numerous nieces and nephews. Bryce was predeceased by his parents Roy and Cecil Robinson, and brothers Gary and Elroy.


As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made in Bryce's honour to the Canadian Cancer Society or please book an appointment to donate blood at your local Canadian Blood Services. Interment of urn, will follow at a later date.

### **Recent Courses**



Thanks to Laurie Wilson-Larson for organizing and running another excellent Wednesday program... this time we worked on a caricature carving, a hillbilly farmer, on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>!

### **Upcoming Courses**

 **Lee Valley & Veritas®** – Llew Bertsch reminded me that one of our excellent sponsors, Lee Valley Tools, runs several seminars every month! Everything from carving to gardening. Keep an eye on their *In-Store Seminars* listing at [www.leevalley.com/en/home/SeminarList.aspx?c=1&rs=30](http://www.leevalley.com/en/home/SeminarList.aspx?c=1&rs=30).



### **NAWCA and Facebook**

If you're on Facebook make sure to join/follow the Northern Alberta Woodcarvers' Association Facebook page. It's a great way to see up-to-date content from club members and to find out who's online!

Dave Eisenbeis was contacted by a woman asking if someone with the club might be interested in making a Diamond Willow Cane for her. She stands 5' 6" or so and the cane needs to be heavy with a loop for the wrist.

If you are interested in helping her, please contact Dave Eisenbeis at 780-467-6093, and he can put you in contact with customer.

Thank you,  
Bonnie Budge

### **Duggan Display Case**

The club is looking for some carvings to add to the locked display case that we have been using at Duggan. We can open and lock the case ourselves, so you can retrieve a piece any time you might need it back! If you're interested in loaning a carving, please contact Doug Bean ([ddbean@shaw.ca](mailto:ddbean@shaw.ca)) or Harold Hough ([bigarm01@gmail.com](mailto:bigarm01@gmail.com)).

## **Upcoming Demonstrations**

Our Demonstrations Director, Mike Irwin, is looking for volunteer carvers of all levels for some upcoming demos! We usually look to have four to six carvers at a demo, and it's good to have people with a mix of experience to show the public what we're about. So, let Mike know you're interested ([MJ\\_BUD@hotmail.com](mailto:MJ_BUD@hotmail.com)), pack up your peanut-butter-spreader and a new project to work on (like a name tag or a spoon), and join us to meet some future members of the club!

Potential dates include:

**Ukrainian Village** -- Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Celebration of Spring  
-- Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Vintage Day  
-- Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Ukrainian Day  
-- Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – Friends of Ukrainian Village Festival

**The John Walter Museum** -- Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Walterdale Block Party  
-- Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Free Admission Day  
-- Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – All Hallow's Eve

## **Time for a little Spring Cleaning?**

During the NAWCA Annual Show & Competition at Duggan Community Hall, we will have a table set up to sell carving tools, supplies, books/magazines you no longer need!

The sale will take place on:  
**Saturday, April 22** from **10:00am – 4:00pm**  
and  
**Sunday, April 23** from **10:00am – 1:00pm**

### ***The Deal!***

- 1) 15 % of sale goes to the Club
- 2) 85% to the Seller
- 3) Cash and Carry
- 4) Each item must have your name and price on it. There will be no bartering on your behalf. And, remember, it's a garage sale so please try not to over-price.
- 5) Include an inventory list with your **name**, **item** you are selling, and **price**. If the price accidentally falls off the item, it can be checked against the list you provide.
- 6) Items can be brought in Friday evening and/or Saturday morning. If you bring your items on Friday evening, leave your items in a box or bag and they will be laid out later Friday evening or early Saturday morning.
- 7) You are responsible to pick up any items that are not sold on the Sunday after the presentation of prizes (approx. 4:00 pm).

Note: The banker/cashier will prepare an envelope on Sunday with the Seller's name on it, and enclose the amount owed to you. The envelope will be sealed and given to the Seller.

The Club's share will be given to the Treasurer who will include the income received in the Show Statement.

Regards,

**Bonnie Budge**

*p.s. There will be a notice placed on the website indicating this sale so we may have people attending the show interesting in purchasing used tools, etc.*



## Update - Wooden Quilt Project for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday 2017



Donna Bean



Herb Riese



Paul Blinzer



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Weasel (Gary) Sedgwick



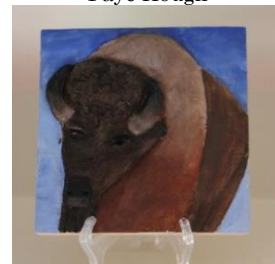
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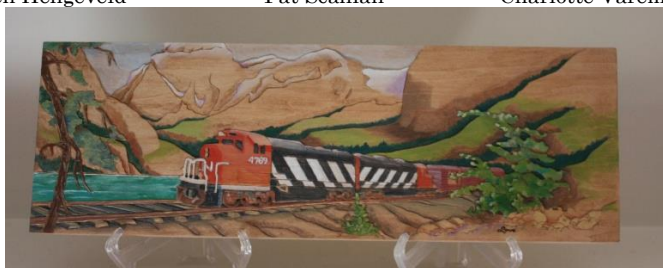
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Denise Perrier



Lance Love



Thierry Varem-Sanders



Lance Paul



Peter Trott



Paul Lebel



Brianna Irwin



Wendy Risdale

Thank you to everyone for submitting 100+ fantastic tiles! By now, most members will have seen one of our three completed quilts. However, if you haven't had the chance yet, the club will be displaying all three completed quilts at our Annual Show & Sale in two weeks! Mike Leahy made all the easels for the finished pieces, and Llew Bertsch carved all the frames for the quilts. Both have done an outstanding job... thanks, gentlemen! Also, a huge thank you to Weasel Sedgwick and Bonnie Budge for all the hard work they've put into organizing this huge project! Finally, thanks to Gary Chanin at ***Chanin Hardwoods*** for donating the wood for the quilts.

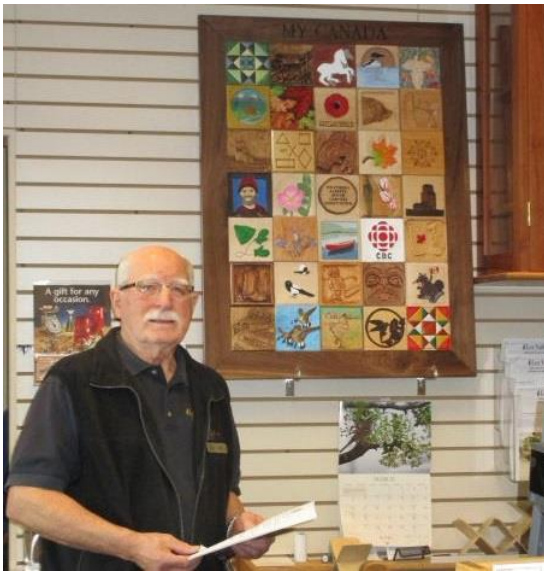


The quilt committee decided to keep some continuity between the three quilts by having the same borders surrounding each, as well as having two quilt patterns within each quilt (one with Canada's Maple Leaf Tartan, and one with the Alberta Tartan). A film crew from NaitNewsWatch ([www.naitnewswatch.ca](http://www.naitnewswatch.ca)) was out to two meetings. Their film should be posted on their website later this spring.



There are several sites that have displayed or are currently confirmed for displaying the quilts (and more to come):

March 9	Edmonton Wood Turners monthly meeting
March 31 – April 19	Riverbend Edmonton Public Library Branch
March 31 – April 19	Whitemud Crossing Edmonton Public Library Branch
April 22 – 23	NAWCA Show & Sale – Duggan Community League Hall
July 1	Canada Day – Legislature Grounds
Sept 5 – 22	City Hall – City of Edmonton



Quilt #1 at Lee Valley Tools with Llew Bertsch.



Quilt #2 at Riverbend EPL.



Quilt # 1 at Whitemud Crossing EPL.

## *Hey you!!*

Whether you're a new member to the club or a seasoned wood carver, if you don't have a name tag for our meetings, you should consider making a personalized name tag your next project. It's a chance to show the rest of the group a particular carving interest (maybe chip-carving or caricature carving), or something else you're passionate about. Best of all, it can help other carvers learn your name faster! If you have an idea and need help cutting out a blank... come and talk to me (Cam)!

You'll be able to find me 'cause I'll be wearing my name tag!





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