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Next Meeting

Date: Oct. 11th, 2017 **Time:** 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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



Lance Love poses with his outstanding Best of Show relief carving of fairy-folk!

Since our last newsletter we've had another successful Annual Show, multiple carving demonstrations, and we finished (and prominently displayed) our three Canada 150 wooden quilts!

President's Report



It's been a busy spring, summer and now fall season for members of NAWCA. Many of us have been traveling to various places, visiting with relatives and enjoying the company of good friends. Our members have been involved in demonstrations and have talked to many members of the public. We have been blessed to have several new people coming to our Wednesday evening meetings -- each hoping to learn the skills needed to enjoy a lifelong hobby. Some evenings, there have been as many as four new carvers, and most have been very attentive and willing. Thanks so much to the members who have come each week during the past summer; your attendance has been appreciated.

As we look toward fall our schedule starts to fill in quickly. We have our Christmas tree to carve ornaments for. Decorating this tree has been a yearly tradition within our club, and once again,

it will be sold with proceeds going to support the U of A Hospital Emergency Room. It will be displayed at the festival of trees from November 30 to December 3, 2017. We will need to decorate our tree on the evening of November 22, so the sooner we can finish carving decorations the less pressure we'll feel at the due date!!

Our Christmas party date has been set for December 6. It's a potluck, so bring some family members, food and an appetite. We look forward also to some entertainment that will be provided by talented members within our group. If anyone would like to add his or her talents to the evening please contact Jack or myself.

To my fellow NAWCA friends, carve on!!

Harold K. Hough


What's Happening at the NAWCA

Festival of Trees

As Harold mentioned in his report, we're quickly approaching our meeting on **Wednesday, November 22nd**, where we'll be decorating our donation to the Festival of Trees this year. We still have a month (and a bit) to get lots of ornaments ready for this worthy cause (one might even say it's a 'Santa Cause'...), so please check in with Doug and Donna Bean (who work hard to provide the club with several Christmas blanks all year long) if you need another ornament to work on!

The theme for the Festival this year is ***"Baby, it's cold outside!"*** and the theme colours are *silver, white, and gold*.

Upcoming Courses

 -- 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.



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!

John Ashton is looking for someone to chainsaw-carve a large spruce tree trunk in his front yard in Sherwood Park.

If you're interested, please contact John at 780-467-5541.

Ryan Fox has a 10-foot length of cottonwood bark for sale. It's perfect for someone looking to carve a large bark piece, but could also be broken up into smaller chunks for multiple projects.

If you're interested, you can contact Ryan at Deltafox360@gmail.com.



Duggan Display Case

Faye Hough is planning to redecorate the Duggan Display Case, and the club is looking for some carvings to add to the space. We can open and lock the case, so you can retrieve a piece any time you might need it back! If you're interested in loaning a carving, please contact Faye Hough (faye.thful99@gmail.com), Doug Bean (ddbean@shaw.ca), or Harold Hough (bigarm01@gmail.com).

Riverbend Display Case

Gary (Weasel) Sedgwick has informed me that the club is looking for 'Christmas-themed' carvings to be shown during December in the Riverbend Library display case. If you have a neat holiday piece available to loan, please contact Weasel at gs1@ualberta.ca.

Upcoming Demonstrations

Our Demonstrations Director, Mike Irwin, is looking for volunteer carvers of all levels for some upcoming demos! Let Mike know you're interested (MJ_BUD@hotmail.com), pack up a new project to work on (like a name tag or a spoon), and join us to meet some future members of the club!

Upcoming dates include:

The John Walter Museum -- Sunday, October 22nd – All Hallow's Eve – 1pm to 4pm

From the Annual Show





Canada's 150th Wooden Quilt Update

By Gary (Weasel) Sedgwick

First of all, I want to thank everyone for making the wood quilt project such an overwhelming success.

Over the past months the quilts have been on TV, Facebook, and Twitter. They've been on display at two public library locations, Lee Valley, an MP Constituency office, our annual show, Canada Day celebrations at the legislature grounds, the Edmonton International Airport, and Edmonton's City hall.

Thank you to everyone for completing one or more tiles (if you have any completed tiles please return them as they are needed for one last quilt)! I also want to personally thank a number of people: Cam Wallace & Bonnie Budge for helping me on the committee; Mike Leahy for designing and building the easels as well as assembling the quilts; Llew Bertsch for carving the borders; Gary Chanin (W.G. Chain Hardwoods) for donating the wood; and Harold Hough, Jack and Kevin Wallace for helping out with television spots and Canada Day celebrations. Most of all, I need to thank my wife Barb and my daughter Kyra for putting up with me over this last year. It has been a fun and a huge learning experience for me.

After the City Hall display in September there are no more planned exhibitions. The club now has a decision to make with the 3 large quilts and easels. There are three potential options, and the committee needs the membership's input:

- 1) Donate the quilts to one or more institutions. This is my personal favourite, and if the club decides to go this route we need to know of places that you would like us to approach. This process can take quite a while, as they usually go through an approval process.
- 2) Disassemble the quilts and return the tiles to the carvers.
- 3) Sell the quilts (I'm not sure how this would be accomplished).

We also have the 4th small quilt (4 x 4 tiles) that the club will keep and be able to take to demonstrations.

-- Weasel



At the Edmonton International Airport in July/August.

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
July 5 – August 30	Edmonton International Airport
	http://flyeia.com/shop-dine-relax/relax/art/my-canada#sm.0001buy1bs13ozelnqnx151e42ktf for more photos
Sept 5 – 22	City Hall – City of Edmonton

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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Campbell Ross' stylized bird was the winner of President's Choice!

Newsletter – Next newsletter will be the Winter Edition. Please send me any photos, interesting articles, member achievements, or new carvings you've made. Include all the pertinent information (who, what, where, when)! I'll try to add your news to the newsletter. You can send items to campbellwallace@shaw.ca