



CARVE 'N TALK

Nova Scotia Wildlife Carvers & Artists Association

April 2009

President's Column by Tom Marshall

Hello again fellow carvers. I hope that everyone had a good winter. Let's hope Mother Nature is kind to us from now on, and that we've seen the last of the snow and the ice until at least next Christmas! Bearing in mind all the storms we had, it should have been a good winter for carving.

Sheila's seminar on carving and painting a gannet was a huge success. Everyone that took the course enjoyed it very much and I'm sure we'll be seeing many of those completed gannets in our show in a few weeks' time.



Brook Trout carved by Donnie Arnburg – this carving took 1st Best in Fish at the carving competition in Kitchener, ON

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who put on a seminar over the past year and also those who worked hard on getting things ready for the competition. Without the efforts of

volunteers like yourselves we wouldn't have a club, or a competition.

In closing, it's been a fun and interesting year for me. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the weekly gatherings on Thursday evenings and that you have learned something new.

Good Luck in the competition

Competition Report by Sheila Young

Everything is going according to plan for the show. We still have more spaces for the John Leeder seminars, so if anyone wants to be included in these please let me know as soon as possible.

I still need volunteers to help with the kid's crafts on Sunday morning - painting a snowman brooch or painting a silhouette stick bird. Again, please contact me if you are able to help out with these activities.

Other than that, everything is ready to go at the show so hope to see you there.



This Black-necked Stilt, carved by Frank Randall, took a 1st in Open Shorebirds at the carving competition in Kitchener

PEI Show and NB Show

Just as a reminder, after our show in May, the other two major shows in our corner of the world are as follows:

The PEI Show will be held on **July 11 & 12, 2009** at:

Stratford Town Hall
Shakespeare Drive
Stratford, PEI

The theme bird for the PEI show is any **Puddle (or Marsh) Duck**.

The NB Show will be held in **August 2009** (exact dates not known at this time) at:

W. C. O'Neill Arena
St Andrews, NB

The theme bird for the NB show is a **Saw-whet Owl**.



Howard Baker's Sanderling took a 1st place ribbon in Shorebirds as well as a 2nd Best of Novice at the Kitchener competition

Seminars

Sheila completed her gannet carving and painting course at the end of February. This was followed by a "stick bird" carving seminar, also put on by Sheila.

If you would like to offer a seminar, please contact **Shaunna Newell** (email address and phone number on last page of this newsletter).



Blue-winged Teal carved by Linda Foster, and winner of a 1st in decorative decoys at the competition in Kitchener

Truro Report

NSWCAA meets the Grand Valley woodcarvers

The 20th annual Canadian National Wildfowl Carving Championships were held March 13, 14 and 15, 2009 at Bingeman Park in Kitchener, Ontario in conjunction with the 21st Annual Kitchener Waterloo Wood Show. The event was organized and hosted by the Grand Valley Wood Carvers. The 17th Annual Owl's Nest Wood Carving Competition was also held at the same time. This was a very large show including 240 carvings of wildfowl, and many other categories of carving. These two shows, plus the Wood Show exhibits, demonstrations, seminars and sales made for lots to see and do.

Howard Baker, Ross Hall, Frank Randall and Allan Randall attended from NSWCAA and took fourteen carvings to the competition. Howard got a first place ribbon as well as second place for Novice. Ross won a first and HM. Frank won a first, and Allan a second place. Linda Foster won a first and Donnie Arnburg won a first and a second place. The photos in this issue of the newsletter depict some of the winning carvings at the Kitchener competition (all photos taken by Howard Baker).

The Ontario Wood Carvers Association (OWCA) is the umbrella carving group for Ontario. The main contact for OWCA is Emma Perlaky, she can be reached at (905) 764-3859 or you can visit their website at www.ontariowoodcarvers.com.

For those vacationing in Ontario this summer, the Canadian Wildlife Carving Championships are being held on September 12 and 13 at the Wye Marsh, Midland, and North America's largest Wood Show is being held on October 2-4 at Woodstock, Ontario.



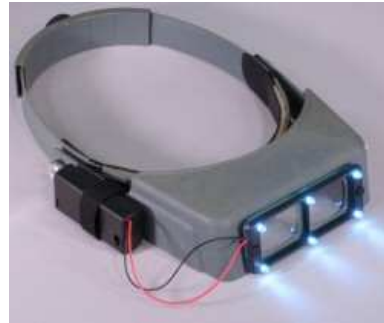
Ross Hall came home from Kitchener with a 1st place ribbon in the Beginner category for this Ruddy Turnstone carving

Closer to home, the **Truro Chapter** is starting a Striped Bass carving course featuring a Saturday painting session with Jim Brackett. The carving will take place over 3 weeks starting April 1st, and the painting is scheduled for Saturday April 18, 2009.

Latest Offerings from KV Carving

by Mary Rosevear

Optivisor Light



A custom fit, lighting attachment for Optivisor magnifying visors. Using the latest in LED technology, this device reduces shadows and increases visibility in any environment. It comes with everything you need to attach to your current visor including batteries.

Also, coming soon, new books by Jim Edsall

Carve & Paint Junco

Carve & Paint Purple Finch

Carve & Paint Downy Woodpecker

Carve & Paint Red Winged Blackbird



Allan Randall's carving of a Puffin earned him a 1st place ribbon at the competition in Kitchener last month

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The **NSWCAA** meets every
Thursday, from mid-September
to mid-May, at 7:00pm at:

NS Museum of Natural History
1747 Summer Street, Halifax

We hold our monthly Business
Meeting at the museum at
7:30pm every third Thursday of
the month.

The Truro area carvers meet
every Wednesday, from mid-
September to mid-May, at
6:00pm at:

Room 321, Forester Hall
NS Community College
36 Arthur Street, Truro

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