

Prairie Canada News

March 2010

2010 Prairie Canada Carving Championship Highlights & Updates

Canad Inns Polo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Avenue, Winnipeg

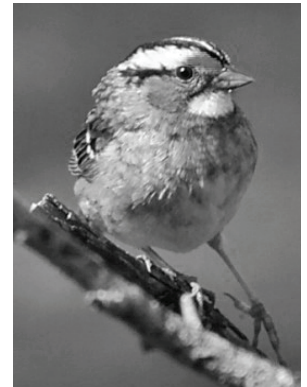
Saturday, March 27 9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. Sunday, March 28 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Wonderful Workshops: Prairie Canada has assembled an excellent collection of instructors as part of the 2010 championship workshop series. Registrations for the Del Herbert workshop (airbrushing a ruddy turnstone) and Jean Minaudier workshop (brush painting a white-throated sparrow) must be sent to **Don Young at 64 Roslyn Crescent, Winnipeg, R3L 0H7 (bdyoung@mts.net)**. Jean's two day workshop will benefit anyone who has struggled with painting in acrylic. This workshop is geared to carvers with varied levels of painting skills.

The focus of Del Herbert's three day workshop is on using an airbrush along with straight brushes to paint a ruddy turnstone. Carvers taking this workshop should be comfortable using an airbrush, but can be novices.

Registrations for Carole Peters' wood burning workshops (close to full at press time) must be made through Lee Valley Tools Winnipeg— contact Jill at 204-779-7467.

Visit www.prairiecanadacarvers.com for full workshop details in the November newsletter.



White-throated sparrow

Registration: Prairie Canada has adopted a new registration system this year in an effort to reduce slow moving line-ups. Carvers can help eliminate the frustration with line ups by registering in advance, avoiding the opening hour rush to register (starting at 3:00 pm this year) and paying careful attention to completing registration forms correctly. Pre-registration forms must be mailed to Don Young.

Banquet Tickets: Banquet tickets must be reserved by **March 23**. Completed forms and money should be sent to Don Young. The 23rd awards banquet will feature 2010 competition winners, recipients of the carvers award of excellence and a presentation from Del Herbert on using competitions to improve your artwork. A great time is always had by all.

Free Carving Instruction Series: Prairie Canada has lined up a bevy of accomplished carvers to share their knowledge with you in an informal setting on Sunday March 28 at the entrance to the exhibit halls. Times and topics are as listed below and may be subject to change. Sessions will be 45 minutes. Come learn from the masters and ask those pressing questions. If you like the series and would like to see it continued we welcome suggestions on content and format.

9:00 a.m. **Tom Park, Habitat design and construction**

9:45 a.m. **Larry Vanderhyde, Duck anatomy— what the judges are looking for**

10:30 a.m. **Bob Lavender, Painting soft**

11:15 a.m. **Shawn Nicol, Carving golf balls**

12:00 noon **Cam Merkle, New feather former pens from Razertip**

12: 45 p.m. **Ian Reid, Human face anatomy**



Ian Reid and friend

Canad Inns Polo Park Room Bookings: A bank of rooms has been held in the name of Prairie Canada Carvers for the discounted rate of \$105 plus taxes. Call Canad Inns Polo Park at 204-775-8791 (www.canadinns.com) and reference Prairie Canada Carvers when booking a room.

Show Retailers/Carving Clubs: 2010 vendors will include Copperfield Books, Artists Emporium, Canadian Woodworker, Robert Taylor and Jennifer LaBelle. The Manitoba Wildlife Rehabilitation Organization will also be on hand all weekend with live raptors as will members of Les Gens de Bois Woodcarving Club, Adanac Carvers Association and the Oak Hammock Marsh Carving Guild.

2010 Feature Carving Exhibit (non-competition): Each year Prairie Canada is pleased to be able to showcase a collection of carvings with a central theme. Last year it was a smattering of waterfowl and shorebird carvings from the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre collection. This year it will feature decorative fish carvings by Jean Mousseau and working fish carvings from the collection of Ray England. As part of the exhibit we hope to demonstrate floating characteristics of fish decoys. If you have any suggestions for future carving exhibits please feel to share them with Prairie Canada.

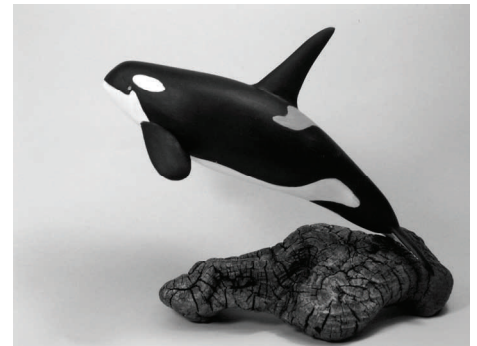


Lion fish by Jean Mousseau

Upcoming Carving Events/Workshops 2010

March 13- Killer Whale Carving Workshop– Oak Hammock Marsh Centre

Students will carve and paint a miniature killer whale made out of compressed cork. Tom Park and members of the Prairie Canada Carvers Association will help students with their projects. This is a great introductory carving course that touches on all facets of carving– for carvers over 13 years of age. All materials are provided. Bring a lunch, apron and pencil. Register with the Centre at (204) 467-3300 by March 8. Course fees- \$30 for OHM members and \$30 plus admission fee for non-members.



April 10 & 11- Wheat City Carvers Show and Competition

The 5th annual show and competition will be held at the Royal Oak Inn and Suites, 3130 Victoria Avenue, Brandon, Manitoba For information contact Tad Dudley, 8 Elderwood Drive, Brandon R7A 2J4 (204) 786-4380.

April 10 & 11– Brant Wildlife Wood Carving Show and Canadian Fish Carving Championship

This will be the last year the competition will be held in Parksville, so if you want to take in festival activities this is the year to do so. Next year the carving competition will be moving to Victoria on Vancouver Island. For carving information log onto the web-site or contact Dennis Dreschler at (250) 479-9165 or whalecarvings@shaw.ca.

April 7 to 9 and 15 & 16– Traditional Duck Decoy Carving

Carve and paint a mallard drake traditional hunting decoy with Bill Palmer. All classes will be at Oak Hammock Marsh Guild workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Class fee is \$175 plus \$50 for the blank, eyes, sealer, and paint. Students will require their own tools, paint brushes, etc. For further information contact Bill at (204) 488-7619 or email lpalmer@mts.net.



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May 7 to 9– Winnipeg Woodworkers Weekend– St. John's College, Winnipeg

The 2010 carving workshop program offers something for everyone: goshawk bust, oak leaf relief, polar bear, wood burning, wood spirits, carousel animals, whimsical houses, shelf elf, face study, and quilting and crafts. Space is limited. Contact Rick or Cathie Brereton at (204) 345-6020 or rebrereton@gmail.com.

May 15 & 16 Oak Hammock Marsh Carving Guild Decoy Competition

The competition offers true hunting style, traditional hunting style and contemporary style waterfowl decoys. This is one of the few competitions on the continent that judges entries in a marshland setting. For information contact John Frye at (204) 888-8272 or jfrye@cc.umanitoba.ca.

