

CARVER'S CORNER

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Grasslands National Park, Saskatchewan | by Marshall Drummond BSc.

President's Message



I hope you all had a good summer. It seems to have come to an end way too quickly. Time to close the cottages, winterize the campers and get back to carving. We have some interesting programs listed in the newsletter that you should look at. Please choose the ones you'd like to see happen, let us know and we'll try to make them happen.

Our first meeting night is Thursday, September 14. This will be an information evening with Bill Dearborn talking on tools and wood. If you know of any prospective members please tell them about it. The Queen City Ex was once again a success. Thank you to all that helped with the displays. We had lots of carvings and lots of carvers. I hope this will draw in a few more members.

Some of us have been carving all summer. If you have a project that you would like to share bring it along to the meeting on September 14, as well as a project to work on. Active hands make active minds. - Peter Dielschneider

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RWWC Meeting Schedule

All meetings including drop-in carving are held at the Neil Balkwill Centre, Elphinstone St. Regina.

Regular Meetings

Regular meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. These informal meetings offer an opportunity to work on personal projects and discuss general club business.

September 14, 2017 – Introduction to Wood Carving

October 12, 2017 - Knife Carving in the Round & Comfort Birds

November 9, 2017 - Relief Carving & Flower Project

December 14, 2017, Christmas Gathering

****Please see page 3 “Fall Meeting Details” for further information on the above****

Monthly Carving Nights

On the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. the club hosts a carving night with a project pre-selected by our program group. Project blanks are provided for a small fee of \$5.00.

September 21, 2017

October 19, 2017

November 16, 2017

**** Free Drop-In Carving ****

Wednesday Mornings

9:30 a.m. – Noon

****No membership is required for drop-in carving****

September							October							November						
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Fall Meeting Details

Club Activities for 2017 - 2018

As the executive met in late August to plan the fall, they heard of a number of people who were asking questions about how to get started in wood carving and others who were searching for classes to take the next steps. Our plans are outlined below and of course are open to suggestions,

Sept. 14th

We will start with a normal meeting, during which a questionnaire (see page 5) will be distributed about potential classes for the year ahead. The questionnaire is also available from the RWWC website [Class Questionnaire](#). Click... Print... Respond ...and then forward to Herb Klassen either during Wednesday morning gatherings at the Neil Balkwill or via mail to Herb:1322 Lakewood Cr, Regina, S4X 3H3.

Also to respond to the expressed need for a quick introduction to Wood Carving Bill Dearborn will work with the newcomers (Announcements of this have been sent to the public media). The introduction will deal with different types of wood carving, equipment and tools needed and resources available. If you know of people who might be interested, let them know of this opportunity.

For those who are beyond the first steps, bring a project you can work on and perhaps get assistance from one another.

Oct.12th

The theme will be "Knife Carving in the Round". After viewing portions of a Video, and practising carving with and against the grain of the wood, we will take the first steps in carving a "Comfort Bird". It is hoped that experienced carvers will make themselves available to assist those taking their first steps.

Nov. 9th

The theme will be "Relief Carving". Again using a Video about the variety of tools, when and how to use them we will start with carving a flower.

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“Andre’s Next Thursday Evening Carving Project”

Cathedral carvings Cologne, Germany | photo & suggested caption by Herb Klassen

Current RWWC Executive

Peter Dielschneider	President
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Secretary/Treasurer/Program Director	Herb Klassen
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Carving Opportunities (in planning)

RWWC Potential Classes for 2017 / 2018

Part of becoming a better carver is taking classes from others and learning new techniques and improving our old techniques. In order to provide learning opportunities, the club executive has discussed the possibility of offering some different classes. This is where the members need to voice their opinions. Please let us know which of the following classes you are interested in taking. Do you have ideas for other classes that you would like to see? We need your feedback.

Here is the list of potential classes:

1. Carving a female face in bark with Doris Sheldon
2. Carving a whimsical house in bark with Paul Perron
3. Wood Burning with Linda Anderson and Wilbur Feader
4. Relief carving with Tim Caswell
5. Carving an animal in the round with Paul Perron (i.e. Polar Bear)
6. Other _____

All the classes would be 2 to 2 ½ days in length and cost would be based on the number of participants and the cost for the instructor.

Please print this page, circle all the classes that interest you and return to Herb Klassen.

Name: _____

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Thank you to all of our hard working volunteers who helped make the QCX a success!



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Member News

One of our club members, Wes Hovind, had a stroke on August 18. After diagnosis and initial treatment he was flown to Saskatoon for further treatment. He was returned to the Regina General Hospital on August 24 where he is still receiving care. He will be transferred to Wascana or another rehab facility, where he will receive further physiotherapy.

Visitors are welcome. Just ask at Information for Wes's room number.

Editor's Note

First off, let me apologize for the delay in September's issue #171 (you'll also notice that it's a little thin on content). Heat and lack of rain in the north resulted in fires for people living in Pelican Narrows, SK. As a consequence many hundreds of people had to be evacuated to Prince Albert and Saskatoon. Being a Red Cross volunteer I was asked to work at the Saskatoon shelter. This was my first shelter experience and let me just say "you never want to have to stay in one". No matter how much the province and relief agencies try, it's just not a nice experience.

Once again, the last day of summer looms ever closer. All my good intentions to hike, fish and carve more remain unfulfilled. However, I did get in a couple of trips to the Rockies (a combination of work and play). My wife and I paddled our little red canoe (our "hood ornament", as my spouse calls it) on several beautiful lakes. We also visited the Columbia ice fields and shuffled out on that crazy Skywalk! It was great to see the mountains again and especially Mount Wilcox which reminded me that I was very small and could easily be crushed.

I have no doubt that Bill & Linda maybe Bob have produced something amazing at one of those summer carving workshops. Oh well, maybe I'll get to one someday (sigh).

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again soon and doing some carving!



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