

Shuswap School of Woodcarving

September 27 – October 3, 2009

CARVING AND PAINTING A SINGING WESTERN Tanager

Instructor – Harvey Welch



Skill Level: All Skill Levels (some experience required)

The Western Tanager is one of the more colorful birds that visit British Columbia, Alberta, and parts of Saskatchewan each summer. All dressed up in yellow, black, white, and crimson the bird stands out in any songbird competition. Look for this large sparrow sized bird in pine and mixed forests where it uses its heavy notched beak to eat buds and crack seeds.

Carvers will be provided with tupelo blanks, eyes, cast feet, sealer, paint, and base materials. A search of magazines and the internet for reference material to bring to the class would be helpful. Materials Fee: \$35.00

The Instructor: Harvey Welch lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He started carving in 1986 and became a full time carver after retiring from teaching in 1993. Harvey has paddled wilderness rivers and hunted many areas of Saskatchewan for most of his life. Carving birds and big game animals has been a good fit with his love of the outdoors.

Teaching carving has been equally a good fit because of the enjoyment derived from sharing enthusiasm and knowledge with other carvers.

Harvey is a regular participant as exhibitor and judge in Western Canada and has frequently earned best in show placements. He instructed carving at Red Deer College for 5 years and presently teaches at the Saskatchewan River Valley Art School at Shekinah.

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