

Double Raven Mirror Plaque

**A Westcoast Native Carving Adventure
Wood carving weekend with Rick Wolcott
at Diamond Willow Artisan Retreat
March 19 – 21, 2010**

The Double Raven Mirror Plaque is done in the Northern style (Tlingit). We will start with a band sawn blank of Western Red Cedar and proceed to round and carve the traditional shapes and forms that make up the Northwest Coast First Nations Art Style. In the evenings Rick will also review and outline the history and characteristics of the five basic forms and how with the use of a formline, Northwest Coast Art is created. Some related handouts and a bibliography will be supplied for those wishing to delve further this art form.



During the course, we will mount the mirror on the back of the carving and prepare it for hanging. Our course will also include the

recounting of some of the many Raven tales. Participants are welcome to bring their own carving tools, however, Rick will be supplying Push Knives (which are the main knife used to carve these relief plaques) and paints. This course is geared for both beginners and advanced carvers alike. The more advanced, or faster carvers, will be able to put a bit more detail into their piece and may prefer to paint their plaque.

Rick Wolcott began carving with his grandfather a noted West Coast carver in Oregon. Carving since the age of six, Rick teaches this art form across Canada and the USA. He recently completed a series of Westcoast Masks for 20th Century Fox and works on commissioned pieces.

Diamond Willow Artisan Retreat is a brand new retreat, located just west of Turner Valley in the beautiful foothills. For more information and photos on the retreat go to www.diamondwillowartisanretreat.com and / or contact Pat Lothrop at (403) 933-5755. For information on the workshop feel free to contact Rick Wolcott at rwolcott@shaw.ca or phone (403) 241-5316.

Carving supplies & instruction \$160.00
Accommodations at Diamond Willow Artisan Retreat,
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2 nights, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches \$250.00