



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To date we have had only two volunteers for totem pole painting, Ray and Dick are coordinating this effort. A few more volunteers would be very welcome.

The carving until later in the day is getting off to a slow start but is growing, we would love to have you stay and carve with us. I find this is the only time I really get to carve. Some group projects would be welcome, Kathi brought in a couple so now someone else can bring in something. Thank you Kathi.

Dave and Charlie have done a nice job on the supplement to the photo directory and it is out. Thank you guys.

We made 3600 miles on vacation for \$450 in gas, I can't imagine what the motor home and trailer people are paying. I know this is not a carving issue but it leads up to a point. I've heard people say they can't come in every week because of the cost of gas so if you know of someone in your area that carves and is having a problem you might offer to car-pool.

I guess this is a slow news month since we are not talking about politics as the news columnists we have nothing to say.

Sid

General Membership Meeting of May 15, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order Thur., May 15, by president Sid Edelbrock. After the pledge, a new member, Judy Clark was introduced. Judy moved to Mountain Home last May.

The minutes of the Chip Pile were approved by Naomi Inglett and seconded by Paul Baumann.

Membership as of this morning is 149 members!

Norm reported we have 11 members in the beginning class. Dick Arndt's cane class is being moved to July due to Dick's eye problems. Sandy Smith is going to do a Eye Study Stick class next week. Norm and Naomi will be teaching a bell class June 12 and 26 .

The president, Sid Edelbrock and first vice president, Norm Rutledge will be on vacation the next two weeks. Second vice president, Roland Ellis will be on vacation the 23rd of May, so Curt Shirkey is next in line.

Treasurer's report was read by Sid Edelbrock in Ray Kropke's absence.

Discussion was opened for what we should print on the back of the crosses that will be given to the family of deceased NAWC members. R.I.P. was suggested by Dick Arndt. "Peace be with you. N.A.W.C." was suggested by Kathi Clark. A motion was made by Naomi Inglett and seconded by Sandy Smith that we use "Peace be with you. N.A.W.C."

Bull Shoals Art in the Park has been cancelled because of a lack of interest by vendors.

Saturday, May 17th, is Pioneer Days in Norfolk. Don Davis, Sid Edelbrock and Kathi Clark will be there and would welcome others to come and help sell raffle tickets on our cane.

Painting of the totem pole still needs to be resolved, with Ray Kropke being in the lead on this. Dick Dulaney, Steve Wagner and Sid Edelbrock volunteered to help. More workers would be welcomed.

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Under new business, we discussed bringing in lunch or ordering lunch to be delivered to the V.F.W. so that we could better use the time that we rent the hall for each week. A good number of the members agreed they would like to try staying longer. We rent the hall until 3 p.m. Starting next week, if you would like to join other carvers for a longer period, bring your lunch or arrangements can be made to order out.

Next month is pot luck.

Bea Berke thanked the members that sent cards and went to the funeral of her grandson, Kyle Berke. She also thanked Sandy Smith and Bonnie Davis for the vast amount of work that they put into the success of the carving show.

Dick Dulaney thanked the club for the support of the show.

Joe Acsai brought in a black bear he carved from one of Len Dillon's roughouts and explained how he made teeth of wood putty. Rudy Betzold had an Abe Lincoln bust of basswood. Ken Doran fashioned a bird house out of a cypress knee. Sandy Smith brought in "Bambi" that won Best of Show at the carving show. She explained that her fawn's eyes had many coats of lacquer to make them look realistic. The "wiener dog race" was carved by Kathi Clark. Ken Doran won the Show and Tell drawing.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Marjorie Clements.

Name tag drawings were won by Bill Unger and Toni Giardina. We had 49 members sign in today.

Norm Rutledge made the motion and Naomi Inglett seconded the motion to adjourn.

Minutes were submitted by Kathi Clark in Bonnie Davis absence.

Board of Directors Meeting of June 5, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the president, Sid Edelbrock. Membership Chairman, Kathi Clark reported that we now

have 150 members. Ray Kropke, Treasurer, presented his report. He also said that we now have more money from memberships than he had projected. He said that dues will remain the same for this year and be reviewed before the preparation of next year's budget.

Norm Rutledge reported that there is interest in new classes, but that it is difficult to schedule classes during the summer months. A full class schedule will resume this Fall.

Roland Ellis said that he would be willing to teach a continuous series of classes in carving fish. He would teach step by step from patterns to painting. The charge would be \$10.00 per day plus materials. He said it would encourage beginning carving class graduates to continue carving with the club. The classes would begin the end of August. The plan will be presented to the membership at the June and July General Meetings.

Some of the 2"x2" blocks of basswood that the club purchased at the show will be offered for sale on General Meeting days. The remainder of that wood will be used for beginning carver classes. Kathi suggested that we ask R-Gems if they would be interested in bringing wood and tools for sale on General Meeting days.

Dave McConkey reported that the new section for the Membership Directory has been distributed to our members.

Dick Dulaney and Steve Wagner have volunteered to help refurbish the totem poles. Four sections of scaffolding will be used to reach the top. Anyone interested in helping with this work should contact Ray Kropke.

Kathi said that some carvers are now staying to carve on Thursday afternoons. Many of them are carving crosses, and some of the crosses have been donated to the club to be used as remembrances.

Anyone with carving related articles for sale – tools, wood, patterns, books, etc.- will be encouraged to bring them to carving sessions on Thursdays.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

WOOD CARVING SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MAY 3 & 4
FAIRGROUNDS

29th Annual North Arkansas Woodcarvers Show and Sale

by Sandy Smith

Over 64 carvers and vendors came to the Ozarks to exhibit, compete, demonstrate and sell their carvings/wood turnings/carving supplies at the North Arkansas Woodcarvers' 29th Annual Show and Sale that was held May 3 and 4, 2008 at the Baxter County Fairgrounds in Mountain Home, AR. More than 136 ribbons, plaques and awards were presented including 52 cash prize awards throughout the weekend. Desiree Hajny, the competition's judge, carefully scrutinized the 182 carvings entered for judging from the 47 categories. Desiree was assisted by NAWC club members Roberta Dulaney, recorder; Debra Bergum, photographer; Jay Nottingham, announcer; Dick Dulaney, carving entry table; Norm Rutledge, carving entry handler; Bonnie Davis and Sandy Smith, show coordinators. Fidel Tiscareno "saved-the-day" by bringing in and setting up his sound system that was used for both days for announcements, the carving competition and the whittling contest.

Kathi Clark arranged for doughnuts on Saturday morning and fresh brewed coffee to begin each day of the show. Ray and Jean Kropke (and Jean's twin sister, Jan) worked the entrance table making sure that everyone visiting the show was warmly greeted and received a door prize ticket as well as a People's Choice

Ballot. Admission for both days was free, but donations are always greatly appreciated and "encouraged" by Ray. Dick Dulaney wood burned innumerable insignia tags for each branch of the military to honor Veterans visiting the show. Jody Nottingham assisted by Barb Edelbrock did a wonderful job selling tickets at the raffle table. Barb & Sidney Edelbrock, Norm Rutledge, Curt & Deen Shirkey, Dave McConkey, Tommy Johnson and Ellen & Bob Karpen handled the club and door prize tables selling T-shirts, mugs, hats, NAWC patches, memberships, etc., and coordinated the drawings for the hourly door prizes. Behind the scenes "sign committee" members were Norm Rutledge, Jim Clements, Dick Dulaney, Bonnie Davis, Kathi & Jerry (and Misty) Clark, and Gary & Sandy Smith. Nine extra tables were lent to us by the Lakeview Community Club with permission from the club's president and were picked up / returned by Bonnie Davis, Sandy Smith, Bernie Hajny (yes, we conned the judge's husband into helping deliver the tables) and Gary Smith.

Art Boatright of Marion, IL pleased the crowd once again both days at the entrance to the building with his wonderful chainsaw carvings. Art donated a magnificent chainsaw "Welcome/Go Away" Bear for the raffle that was won by Bruce Blihovde of Dardanelle, AR. The NAWC "Friendship Cane" carved from blocks was won by Al Felz from Mountain Home, AR, and the NAWC "Friendship Cane" carved from spools was won by Barb Edelbrock from Clarkridge, AR. Tommy Johnson's "Last Supper" scrollsaw wall hanging was won by Carol Yudis (The Woodcraft Shop) of Bettendorf, IA.

Our club, in a joint effort, put together the walking sticks for the raffles. Carvers for the "spool" walking stick were: Kathi Clark (handle plus 3 spools), Arlene Lesiak, Norm Rutledge, Toni Giardina, Sid Edelbrock, Sandy Smith, Tom Higgins, Don Lesiak, Dale Lakin, Roland Ellis (two spools), Ken Doran, Naomi Inglett, Roland Ellis. Carvers for the "block" walking stick were: Norm Rutledge (handle plus a block), Roland Ellis, Sid Edelbrock, Dick Dulaney (three blocks), Sandy Smith, Dick Arndt, Norm Rutledge, Kathi Clark.

Much interest was generated for all of our Raffle items, shown by the number of tickets for each carving. Many thanks to the kind and talented carvers that donated their time, skills and carving/scrollsaw raffle prizes.

Four carvers volunteered their time, shared their knowledge and demonstrated their skills in showing all that were interested how change a piece of wood into an artful masterpiece. Demonstrators were: Randy Landen – Caricatures; Mike Shipley – Caricatures; Carol Wherry – Gouge Chip Carving; and Bruce Futterer – Scandanavian Flat Plane Carving.

Saturday evening's banquet dinner/auction was held at the Elks Club with approximately 95 people in attendance. Everyone received a "gift box" handmade and stuffed with trinkets by club members and a ticket for the door prize raffle that was held after the meal. Plaques were presented to competition winners in attendance. Dick Todd cut and finished the wonderful walnut bases for the plaques, and the engraving was provided by The Lockerroom. An auction, led by Tom Brown and assisted by Randy Landen and Ray Kropke, was conducted to generate funds for next year's show. There were many wonderful items auctioned as well as many very happy winning bidders with their prizes. Thanks, Tom, Randy and Ray, for making the evening's auction fun and entertaining. Sincere gratitude goes to all club members and non-members that collected/carved auction items, Kathi Clark for "twisting the arms" of local businesses for donations, and to Dalene Berke for the basketful of local restaurant gift certificates for the banquet's door prizes.

First place Best Of Show honors went to Sandy Smith of Lakeview, AR; second place Best Of Show, Bruce Futterer of Russellville, AR; third place Best Of Show, Sandy Smith of Lakeview, AR. Best Table Display went to Neil Nulton and People's Choice honors went to Bob Hays. Caricature Carvers of America Member (Emeritus) Desiree Hajny awarded the CCA Award to Wm. Earl Gray of Medon, TN.

Winners of the Open Division competition, listed as category then place won - first, second, third and honorable mention were:

Novice - "In the Round": Sid Edelbrock, Shay-da Affrassiab, Norm Rutledge
Novice - Relief: Sid Edelbrock
Novice - Instructor Assisted: Norm Rutledge, Sid Edelbrock
Realistic Human Figure: Bruce Futterer, Dick Dulaney, Sonny Griffin
Realistic Human Bust: Bruce Futterer, Tom McGlynn
Realistic Animal (single): Sandy Smith, Don Effinger, Tom McGlynn, Kathi Clark
Realistic Animal Bust: Sandy Smith, Tom McGlynn, Sonny Griffin
Realistic Group: B. David Duncan, John 'Doc' Connelly, Tom McGlynn
Realistic Fish / Marine / Aquatic Life (single): Russ Biros, Gary Turner, Tom McGlynn, Bob Hays
Realistic Fish / Marine / Aquatic Life (group): Roland Ellis, B. David Duncan, Sonny Griffin
Song Bird (single): Neil Nulton, Tom McGlynn, Bob Hays
Song Bird (group): Neil Nulton, B. David Duncan, Tom McGlynn
Bird of Prey: Don Effinger, Neil Nulton, Tom McGlynn, Bob Hays
Shorebird: Neil Nulton, B. David Duncan, Tom McGlynn
Game Bird: Russ Biros, Tom McGlynn
Ducks / Waterfowl (single): Bill Kuhn, Bob Hays, B. David Duncan
Ducks / Waterfowl (group): Tom McGlynn, Bob Hays, B. David Duncan
Caricature Human (single): Bruce Futterer, Ol' Don Burgdorf, Wm. Earl Gray, Robert Friedl
Caricature Human or Animal in a Scene: Randy Landen, John "Doc" Connelly, Kathi Clark
Caricature Animal, Bird or Fish (single): Bruce Futterer, Kathi Clark, Bill Kuhn, Wm. Earl Gray
Caricature Bust (single): Bruce Futterer, Kathi Clark, Sonny Griffin
Caricature Group: B. David Duncan, Chuck Bailey, Bill Kuhn
Pyrography: Alice Driskill, Pat Bell, Chuck Bailey

Driftwood or Bark Carving: Bruce Futterer, B. David Duncan, Vernon Driskill, Bill Kuhn
Relief - Buildings / Structures: Vernon Driskill, Kathi Clark, Dick Dulaney
Relief - Humans: Bruce Futterer, Don Effinger, Deb Bergum, Mona Afrassiab
Relief - Animal(s), Bird(s), Insect(s), Fish, etc: Kathi Clark, Pat Bell, Bruce Blihovde
Relief – Caricature: Deb Bergum, Bruce Futterer, Bruce Blihovde
Relief – Miscellaneous: Deb Bergum, Russ Biros, Ron Ufkes
Chip Carving / Positive Image: Warren Rauscher, Robert Friedl
Chip Carving / Geometric: Carol Wherry
Chip Carving / Free Form: Warren Rauscher, Carol Wherry
Jewelry: Carol Wherry, B. David Duncan, Pat Bell, Neil Nulton
Novelties / Bottle Stoppers: Carol Wherry, Bruce Futterer, Randy Landen
Spoons: Bonnie Davis, Stew Blain
Canes / Staffs: Kathi Clark, Ken Doran
Santa Claus: Ol’ Don Burgdorf
Holiday Items: Bruce Futterer, Sonny Griffin, Sandy Smith
Mythical & Carousel Figures: Bruce Futterer, Robert Friedl, Dick Dulaney
Stylized: B. David Duncan, Ron Ufkes, Mona Afrassiab
Miniature: Vernon Driskill, Bruce Futterer, Kathi Clark, Bruce Blihovde
Rough-outs: Kathi Clark, Mona Afrassiab, Chuck Bailey, Pat Bell
Instructor Assisted: Sandy Smith, Deb Bergum, Don Effinger, Pat Bell
Miscellaneous: Mona Afrassiab, Ron Ufkes, B. David Duncan, Sonny Griffin

The “Unlimited Hand Tools” Whittling Contest was again a popular event. Donated knives, gouges, roughouts, mugs, gift certificates and catalogs were given to all participants of this contest. Tom Brown graciously agreed to be the contest’s announcer and did a spectacular job. Six carvers entered Sunday afternoon’s contest and were given a time limit of 1 hour

plus a 10-minute break after the first 30 minutes. Contestants included (alphabetically) Shayna Afrassiab, Mona Afrassiab, Chuck Bailey, Deb Bergum, Ken Doran, and Bruce Futterer. The carvers were allowed unlimited hand tools and were given a 2”x2”x6” chunk of basswood (donated by Dale/Marge Heinecke) to carve a “masterpiece”. Desiree Hajny, Larry Yudis and Mary Green (substituting for Dale Heinecke, her dad) judged the results. First, second and third place winners received a plaque from NAWC, a “prize” of their choosing, plus a Woodcraft Shop gift certificate. Bruce Futterer placed first; Chuck Bailey - second and Deb Bergum - third. Special thanks go to Larry and Carol Yudis for their generous gift certificate donation and to Dale Heinecke for the “whittling” wood.

An “After The Show” Woodcarving Seminar with Desiree Hajny was more than fun. Eleven class participants carved for three days on a multiple bison project, learning about the insides and outsides of calves and adult bison. Class participants were Chuck Bailey, Deb Bergum, Kathi Clark, Bonnie Davis, Sid Edelbrock, Toni Giardina, Ron Morrow, Red Murr, Curt Shirkey, Sandy Smith and Cindy Stephens. Delicious lunches were brought in by Kathi Clark, Bonnie Davis, Sid/Barb Edelbrock and Curt/Deen Shirkey. Special thanks go to Arlene/Don Lesiak and Sid/Barb Edelbrock for supplying the tables and chairs, and to Gary Smith for letting us use the garage.

Sincere thanks go to all participants and to the club members who graciously volunteered their time to make it all work. Heartfelt appreciation go to the vendors, businesses, club members, visiting carvers and friends who donated money, merchandise and their time to help make the show a success. Special thanks go to the “sign committee” who trekked through high grasses and dodged rain to set up and break down the club’s wooden signs making sure that the public knew when and where the show was to be held. Without everyone’s generous help and support the show could not have been possible. The Show Committee is already discussing plans for our 30th Annual Show to be held May 2 & 3, 2009. See you there!

Activity Calendar

June

- 12 Naomi Inglett - Wood Bell Carving
Norm Rutledge
- 26 Naomi Inglett - Finishing Wood Bell
Norm Rutledge

July

- 10 Dick Arndt - Cane/Stick Carving #1
- 17 Dick Arndt - Cane/Stick Carving #2
- 24 Dick Arndt - Cane/Stick Carving #3



THE SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Pat Helmus or Board members know of any member who may be ill or who may have lost a loved one. Our members appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them and that our best wishes are extended to them during these stressful and often traumatic times.

2008

Beginner Classes

Second Session

- June 12** Hound Dog #1 Jay Nottingham
- 18** Hound Dog #2 Jay Nottingham
*(General Membership Meeting and
Pot Luck Lunch)*
- 26** Rufus #1 Sid Edelbrock

July 3 NO CLASSES

- 10** Rufus #2 Sid Edelbrock
- 17** Rufus #3 Sid Edelbrock
(General Membership Meeting)
- 24** Painting Rufus Sandy Smith
- ?** Knife Cover Bonnie Davis

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