

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe this? We have Christmas coming up already. The poor old turkey is getting run over again! We have elections coming up at our General Meeting. We have had people campaigning for U.S. President for two years and that would seem to me to be a terrible job. We need a president for our club and it is a much better job! Good people to work with and not an organization in debt.

Jay has gotten the knives for our students in the next class. They are Denny and are a real high quality. He is working on getting the v-tool and gouges. We should have quality tools for our students which will make the classes more fun. The board has agreed to set the price of beginners classes at \$75.00 which is still a great bargain.

After elections, the next big thing coming up is the Christmas Party on December 4. So please get your tickets. There is a message following from the First Lady addressing the Christmas Party.

A number of us went to the Woodcarving Rendezvous II in Branson and had a good time carving and learned a lot. A number are signed up for next year. It makes a good outing and I encourage you to consider such things.

It was decided to carve a wreath and a "quilt" wall hanging for raffle prizes at the show in May. The blocks and directions are available at all club meetings. Please sign

out a block and bring it back carved. These should be beautiful when completed.

That's about the end of my thoughts for the month.

Sid
NAWC President



FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

The thing on my mind is the Christmas Party. Decorations have been made and fun has been planned. Now, what we need is more people to buy tickets to come and have a good meal, good company, and some fun that doesn't involve wood chips. It is hard to believe but that can be accomplished!

Please, if you want to be a part of the fun, bring a wrapped gift. Make the gift a "white"
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elephant”, regift something you have no use for, or bring a silly gift. Don’t put your name on it so they can remain anonymous. DO NOT spend much if you must buy something. We will give everyone a number and gifts will be selected in order. When it is your turn, you may select a gift from the pile or you may take someone else’s gift. I think two steals should be the limit. Make sure your “date” brings a gift to be part of the fun.

For information or tickets, contact Deen Shirkey (424-5054) or me (424-4713). Pat has a good meal planned for us so let’s all get social!

Barb
NAWC First Lady

General Membership Meeting of October 16, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by our president, Sid Edelbrock. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the *Chip Pile*. Kathi Clark reported that we now have 156 members. Ray Kropke gave the Treasurer’s report and said that we made \$203 on the cane raffle. He also said that membership dues for 2009 are due.

Pat Helmus thanked members who gave her books to give to Arkansas veterans. She said that tickets to the December 4th Christmas party are available for \$10.00. Barb Edelbrock reported that the Committee is working on decorations. She also reminded people to bring a wrapped, goofy gift to exchange.

Norm Rutledge reported that future classes include chip carving by Ray Kropke, and a Dogwood flower by Joe Acsai.

Ron Weatherby won the raffle cane in the drawing at Turkey Trot.

It was decided by majority vote not to participate in the Mountain Home Christmas parade.

Sid said that Jay is now a distributor for Denny tools and will bring them in on meeting days. He also said that the next Beginner class will start with Denny knives. The kit will also include a sharpening strop and compound. Norm will call Woodcraft to see if we can get a discount on the tools not available from Denny.

The membership agreed, by motion made and carried, with the Board’s recommendation that this year’s fund raiser will be a wreath composed of blocks depicting the Twelve Days of Christmas, and a wall hanging of four inch blocks with a nature theme.

Paul Baumann, nominating committee, said that he has nominations for all officers except vice president. He asked for volunteers for that position.

Several members agreed to carve at History Days on October 25, (9:00-1:30) in Cooper Park.

Show and Tell: Naomi Inglett carved “A girl with a past” in basswood; Paul Baumann carved bark carving houses and “a man with a splitting headache”; Joe Acsai showed a three piece rose that can be carved from instructions in a library book titled, *Carving the Rose* by John Hagensick; Norm Rutledge showed his spoons carved in walnut, basswood, and mahogany, a bear, and bells; Sid Edelbrock carved Santa bells and a turtle bell; Mel Carpenter showed bark carvings of feathers and a wood spirit, and a hanging Santa; Sandy Smith showed holiday towel ornaments which are featured in her article in the latest *Woodcarving Illustrated Magazine*. The

winner of the Show and Tell drawing was Mel Carpenter.

Dave McConkey won the Name Tag drawing, and Wally Smietanski won the 50/50 drawing. The meeting adjourned at 11:15, and was followed by a pot luck lunch.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of November 6, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock, at 10:30. Kathi Clark reported that our membership is currently 160. The treasurer, Ray Kropke, reported that the club has purchased bench knives for the Beginner classes.

Barb Edelbrock said that the Christmas party preparations are under control. She also said that ticket sales for the December 4th party have been slow.

Sandy Smith, reporting for the Show committee, said that the 2009 Show bulletins have been printed and will be mailed before Thanksgiving. A caterer will provide lunch at the show.

Norm Rutledge reported that 9 people have already signed up for the next Beginners' class in January. He said that if we have 12, the class would be split into a morning and an afternoon class. The initial carving kit will cost \$75.00. Students will be encouraged to purchase a veiner and a detail knife at a cost of approximately \$42.00. Gouges and veiners will be from Denny. The club will buy the tools from Jay Nottingham and sell them to the Beginners. Strops for the Beginner kits are complete. Curt Shirkey will purchase and cut the compound into pieces for the kits.

Paul Baumann, nominating committee, reported that there is still no candidate for vice president. He said that if someone wants to be president, he will run for vice president.

The raffle carving projects for this year will be a block wreath featuring the Twelve Days of Christmas and a "quilt" wall hanging. Members are requested to take a block to carve. Borders on the blocks should not be carved to insure even depth on the edges of all the blocks.

Dave McConkey suggested re-doing the membership directory next year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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.



Cut-outs / Blanks for Members

The club will try to make cut-outs/blanks for the members that do not have band or scroll saws. You must supply the wood and pattern - also it must not be too difficult. See one of the board members and they will find someone to do the work.



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**NAWC Documentary
Is now on the internet at
"outofthenorm.tv"**



Christmas Party
December 4 • 11:00 a.m.
VFW Hall

Cost: **\$10.00** per person
 For Tickets See
 Barb Edelbrock or Deen Shirkey

Holiday Entertainment and
 "White Elephant" Gift Exchange

Activity Calendar

December

- 4 **NAWC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- 11 Bark Carving - Ken Doran
- 18 Bark Carving - Ken Doran

January 2009

- 8 1st Beginner Class Session begins
- TBA** Santa & Wizard - Arlene Lesiak
- TBA** Large Wood Bell - John Uelmen

March

- 5 Ship Relief Carving - Naomi Inglett
- 12 Ship Relief Carving - Naomi Inglett

May

- 7 2nd Beginner Class Session begins

TBA

Josephine Montgomery - Clay Sculpting



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