



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's March! Daylight Savings Time! Spring begins! Time to sit out on the porch, listen to the birds and carve!

Last month we had a pot luck lunch which was wonderful. Many thanks to all those who contributed. I sat with three nice people from the beginners' class. They were happy to answer my questions about their future in woodcarving and their input was informative and valuable. Again, let's make these folks feel welcome.

A quick note about name tags...I will be taking care of the ordering of new tags, replacement tags if you lose yours, correcting misspelled tags, etc. Wally is doing a fine job as our Vice-President and his plate is full. Therefore, from now on, I'll do the name tag stuff.

I gave a class last month and so far the feedback has been positive. I was a bit nervous, but I got through it. Once again, the class isn't over. I'm always ready to help, instruct, or swap info about techniques, ideas, and finishes.

That's it for now. Enjoy!

Paul H. Baumann III, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of February 19, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. The Treasurer's report, presented by Ray Kropke was accepted. The Librarian, Curt Shirkey, reported that 13 books are missing from the library. He also said that several new books have been ordered. Kathi Clark reported that we now have 111 members. Dues for 2009 are due now.

The president reported that a big bell class is set for April 2. He also asked for participants for the Cotter Trout Festival to be held April 17 & 18. Ray Kropke said that the VFW has been reserved for our Christmas party, which will be December 3.

A letter from Naomi Inglett, our Auditor, stated that the Show books for 2008 have been audited and found in good order. Sandy Smith asked members to donate auction items and door prize carvings for the May 2 & 3 Show. Sandy also asked members to let her know if they have an email address and are not receiving the monthly *Chip Pile* at that email address.

It was decided to purchase a large selection of t-shirts to sell at the Show and other area events where we demonstrate carving. Sweatshirts will be ordered in the fall.

Completed blocks for the quilt and Christmas wreath are still needed.

Norm Rutledge suggested that we have demonstrations of various carving activities on

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Thursdays. Sawing out cut-outs, airbrushing, power carving, and painting are some of the subjects that Norm and Wally will ask members to demonstrate.

Kathi Clark suggested that the Club carve something for Christmas to give to three club members who are currently in nursing homes.

Show and Tell: Naomi Inglett showed bark carvings, a roly polly Santa, 3 bears, a cyprus spoon, and door prizes for the Show. Kathi Clark carved a walking stick featuring a Noah's ark theme. JoAnne Moore carved a butternut spoon and a chip carved Celtic cross. Don Lesiak showed a chip carved box, butternut chip carved egg, and 3 butternut chip carved crosses. All had a gloss finish which he said accentuates the chip carving. Roland Ellis showed a screech owl with woodburned feathers and shellac finish, and a cardinal.

Claude Roper carved a pileated woodpecker. Bob Axel showed a chickadee with habitat. Tom Higgins carved a dragon and a bluebird. Arlene Lesiak carved a quilt square and a wreath square. She also showed a Bible Dude that she will teach in a class this Spring. Rudy Betzold carved a bust of Abraham Lincoln. Jerry Norris showed a cowboy and told about Feed N Wax, a finish available at Home Depot. Ken Doran carved a cane from a vine and showed several cedar scraps that had been woodburned. Norm Rutledge carved a walnut spoon, and also bells, buzzards, spools, little guys, and dogwood flowers which will be door prizes at the Show. Charlie Riewer carved a chickadee with habitat.

The Show and Tell drawing winner was Arlene Lesiak, the Name Tag winner was Sandy Smith, and the 50/50 winner was Jim Waldeck.

The meeting, which was followed by the bimonthly potluck, was adjourned at 11:30.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of March 5, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the president, Paul Baumann. Ray Kropke

presented the Treasurer's report. He said that the club has now paid for the wood purchased, and all further sales will be profit.

Curt Shirkey reported that a new book, *Finger Puppets and Cane Toppers*, has been added to our library. There are still 13 books that have not been returned.

Kathi Clark said that our current membership is 117. Requests for name tags are to be referred to Paul Baumann.

It was decided to purchase 3-M, 18- L, 18-XL, 6-XXL, & 3-XXXL t-shirts in navy and green, to sell to members and at the Show. Six black caps will also be ordered.

Dave McConkey reported that they have started taking pictures of new members for the directory.

After extensive discussion, it was decided to keep the Beginner classes as they are, but, in addition to the instructor, to have another experienced carver sit in on the classes. Wally Smietanski said that there might be as many as four Beginner classes next year. Beginner classes will be discussed at the next General Meeting.

Curt volunteered to repair the sharpening wheel. There will be an inventory taken of the wood that the Club owns.

Dave suggested that we recognize birthdays and anniversaries each month at the General Meeting. He will collect that information.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary.

We Need Your Help

Our **30th Annual Woodcarving Show and Sale** is just around the corner. The NAWC Show Committee requests your help in completing the **"Twelve Days of Christmas"** wreath and the **"Quilt"** wall hanging to be used as raffles. If you have completed door prize carvings, please bring them to the next meeting so Kathi can get the backs on them and get them stained.

We are also requesting help with donations for Auction items for the Show's Banquet

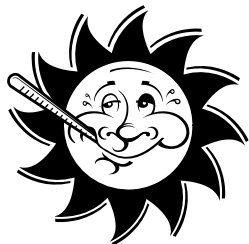
at the Elks Club. If you have an "in" with a business, ask them if they'd like to donate an item for the auction. We also invite you to think about having a table at our show - check out the changes made to this year's Divisions and Categories. We've expanded the Novice Division for people that haven't shown before (or received a Blue Ribbon in a previous NAWC Show). Come and join us at the banquet and take part in the auction, even if you don't take part in the show. It would be wonderful to get more participation from the entire club.

2009 Dues Are Due

If you have not already paid your dues for 2009, please remember to do so before March. Individual membership is \$15 per year, or \$20 for your family, and can be mailed to the club's P.O. Box or see Kathi Clark, Membership Chairperson, at our Thursday meetings. Make checks payable to North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club (NAWC) and send to P.O. Box 531, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

Deer Antlers Wanted

Member Robin Brinker is looking for deer antlers, approximately 4" long and preferably with the button part, to use on walking sticks/canes. If you have antlers, or know someone who does, please call Robin at 870-424-5134.



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.

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

Activity Calendar

March

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:30am
Ship Relief Carving - Naomi Inglett
- 12 Show Committee Meeting - 9:30am
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- 19 General Membership Meeting - 10:30am
- 26 Bible Dudes - Arlene Lesiak

April

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:30am
Bible Dudes - Arlene Lesiak
Large Wood Bell - John Uelmen
- 9 Show Committee Meeting - 9:30am
- 16 General Membership Meeting - 10:30am
Potluck Lunch

May

- 2-3 **NAWC 30th Annual
WOODCARVING SHOW AND SALE**
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:30am
Second Beginner Class Session
- 14 Show Committee Meeting - 9:30am
- 21 General Membership Meeting - 10:30am

Local Seminars

Jon Nelson, Caricature Carver
www.jonnelsonwoodcarving.com.
 at Wishes and Fishes (Debbie Traylor)
 Tues. & Wed., March 10 & 11
 Cost for the 2 days is \$135.00 plus rough outs.
 People interested can email Debbie at:
info@dlnt.net or call at 870-431-7777

BEGINNER CLASSES 2009

First Beginner Class Session

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Mar. 5	Rufus #1	Sid Edelbrock
	12 Rufus #2	Sid Edelbrock
	19 Rufus #3	Sid Edelbrock
	26 Painting Rufus (General Meeting)	Sandy Smith
Apr. 2	Knife Cover	Bonnie Davis

Class schedule subject to change.

From the Archives...

Requirements for a Master Wood Carver in the U.S.

Not too many months ago I was on a plane headed for Iowa to do a seminar for Larry Yudis in Bettendorf. As I rode along with a catatonic stare I began to think, which I do once in a great while. My train of thought meandered around from one thing to another and finally landed on what I thought would be the requirements for a master wood carver in the U.S. The following is what I wrote down. Larry later cleaned up what I'd done and sent it to Ed Gallenstein who printed it in the March-April 1993 issue of *Chip Chats* on page 72.

1. Have the ability to tell oak from basswood before being halfway through your project.
2. Be able to grow some facial hair. This does not necessarily apply to the distaff.
3. You must be able to read and write, or at least write, so you can sign your work.
4. Bathe more than once every other week on a night other than Saturday.

5. Have some kitchen experience so you can tell a macaroni tool from a spoon gouge.
6. Have business cards printed stating that you are a carver of extraordinary ability.
7. When you know just enough to make you dangerous, write a book.
8. Wear overalls, or at least red suspenders.
9. Have a membership number to National Woodcarvers Association which is less than #642.

Probably most other countries don't have such stringent rules as these, but, what the heck, we live in a tough place.

Harold L. Enlow

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SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
DUE TO INCLEMENT
WEATHER - WE WILL NOT
HAVE CLUB ACTIVITIES
OR CLASSES.**

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