



THE CHIP PILE

North Arkansas
Woodcarvers Club, Inc.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November...it's leaf time and so far we've dried out enough to enjoy the warm weather.

for the tools, and it's the last day to register for the Christmas Party.

Lots going on too! We gave Serenity House the ornaments. Lori Adkins told me they were like kids waiting for Christmas. Serenity, Inc. appreciates this donation immensely.

Elections will be held on November 19th at the General Membership meeting. The 19th is also when we will draw numbers

PLEASE NOTE:

Drawings for the "tools" will be at the next General Membership Meeting - November 19.

If you donated ornaments/carvings, do not forget to attend this meeting as you will need to be there to choose tools if your ticket is drawn.

If you cannot attend, choose another NAWC member that plans to attend as your proxy.

Ron Caster, owner of our local Colton's Steak House, not only is hosting our Christmas party but also has asked us to demonstrate our craft and promote our club in his restaurant...details to follow.

This is a "last minute" letter, so that's it for now.

Paul H. Baumann III
NAWC President

NAWC Annual Holiday Party

Thursday, December 3, 2009 • 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. • Colton's Steak House

Two entrees are available:

Grilled Chicken Breast with rice pilaf (Or) 6 oz. Sirloin Steak with salad

Each meal will include the following items: *(Sorry, no substitutions)*

Steamed vegetables • Mashed potatoes with gravy • Dinner rolls

Dessert: Warm brownie with whipped cream topping

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

\$14.00 per person (includes price of food, tax on food, and gratuity)



Please make your payment in cash or check, made payable to N.A.W.C., and give to Ray Kropke or Mary Baumann, no later than November 19, 2009. At the time you register, please indicate whether you prefer the chicken or the steak entree. If you choose the steak, please indicate how you would like your steak cooked and what kind of dressing you want on your salad.

There will be live entertainment & door prizes. Remember to bring a "White Elephant" gift for a lighthearted, fun-filled exchange."

Also, if you would be so kind, please come a few minutes early and bring non-perishable food items for the **Mountain Home Food Pantry** the day of our party. Items should be placed in the rear of Paul and Mary Baumann's red van, which will be parked in front of Colton's. The donations will be delivered to the food pantry after the party.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Baumann at 492-4525 or 656-9500.

General Membership Meeting of October 15, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 by the president Paul Baumann. The Pledge to the Flag followed. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Ray Kropke presented the Treasurer's report, which was accepted. Jean Kropke, our new membership chairman, reported that we now have 26 members paid for 2010.

Richard Arndt will give a sharpening class on Oct. 22. Sunshine Boy, Claude Roper, said that Naomi Inglett is out of the hospital and doing well. Sandy Smith reported for the Show Committee that the bulletins will be ready to mail in November.

The Christmas party will be held at Colton's on Dec. 3 at 1:00. The ticket price is \$14.00. Mary Baumann asked that each member bring a white elephant gift and a food item for the Food Pantry.

Paul said that in the raffle drawing at Turkey Trot, Linda Kline won the Christmas wreath and James Johnson of Bull Shoals won the quilt. Ray reported profit from the raffles sales was in excess of \$500.00. We will send a thank you card to Deborah Mitchell for providing us with a table and canopy at Turkey Trot.

The carving donations will be presented to Serenity House on November 5. Rudy Betzold reported that \$65.00 has been contributed so far for the NAWC paver at the new library.

The Wood Turners have invited our members to participate in their show November 14. The cost of a table is \$10.00. All those interested should contact Red Murr for more details.

The Ozark Craft Fest will be held on Nov. 21 in Ozark, Missouri. Cash grants are being offered by Minwax in a contest asking clubs to tell how they are benefiting their communities. *Woodcarving Illustrated* is sponsoring a contest for best carving design.

The members voted not to participate in History Days at Cooper Park on Saturday. Paul said that there is a possibility that we will be asked to present a carving demonstration at Colton's Restaurant. He also announced that Sandy Smith's "Passing Preflight Inspection" Santa will be featured in the upcoming *Woodcarving Illustrated*.

October birthdays were acknowledged: Judy Balcom, Pat Helmus, Luke Holsenbake, Arlene Lesiak, Charlie Riewer. Anniversaries: Ron Borchardt, Don Davis, Wally Smietanski.

Show and Tell: Paul Baumann carved a Celtic cross as a gift for his wife; Sandy Smith carved mini Santas as ornament donations; Arlene Lesiak did a Noah's ark Santa and a multi purpose pattern pumpkin; Don Lesiak showed a chip carved box; Bonnie Davis carved Santa ornaments to donate; Jean Kropke did many Orioles carved from eggs; Sid Edelbrock showed a caricature relief carving of a fire chief; JoAnne Moore carved a Santa ornament, a bell, Mr. Snowman, and a Celtic spoon; Linda Heydt carved Santa, a little Viking, a candle, and a Tiki; Mary Waldeck did a Santa candy dish and golf and baseball buddies; Debbie Meline showed chain saw carvings in cedar; Al Felz showed a bell carved in Naomi Inglett's class.

The Show and Tell drawing winner was Don Lesiak. The Name Tag drawing winner was Jay Nottingham, and the 50/50 winner was Al Felz.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of November 5, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. Ray Kropke, our treasurer, presented his report and said that next year's budget will be available at the November

General Meeting. He also said that we made \$560 on the wreath and quilt raffle.

Curt Shirkey reported that he now has a complete list of the books in the library. Jean Kropke said that 50 members have paid their dues for 2010.

Wally Smietanski reported that there are two people signed up for the beginner class in January. Ken Doran will teach a walking stick class early next year. There was a discussion on substituting another class for the chickadee class in the Beginner series. Wally will investigate possibilities.

Tickets for the December 3 Christmas party at Colton's will be available through the November General Meeting. Non-alcoholic beverages will be included with the meals.

Because the memorial plaque is now full, Sid Edelbrock and Dick Dulaney have made a new plaque. Claude Roper wrote a beautiful letter that will be included with each of the memorial crosses.

Paul said that he is very proud of all the carvers who donated a total of 277 ornaments to benefit Serenity House. The drawing for tools will be held at the November General Meeting.

It was decided that next year's fund raiser will be a wildlife quilt and a Christmas quilt. Sid will cut the squares.

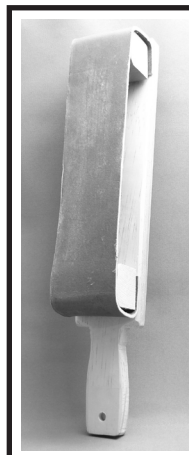
Curt said that a man from Mountain Home is selling cedar carvings of Indians on E-Bay. He suggested that we contact the carver to join our club and teach cedar carving.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary



Our 12 Days of Christmas wreath was won by Linda (pictured above) and Ken Kline from Idaho, and the "wildlife" quilt was won by James Johnson of Bull Shoals, AR.



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Contact: Richard Arndt
Phone: 870-670-5910
Email: devil2rays@yahoo.com
Or see him at club meetings.



SUNSHINE BOY REPORTS

Please let Claude Roper 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.



**THE SHOW COMMITTEE IS MEETING
EVERY SECOND THURSDAY AT 9:30 a.m.
TO PLAN FOR OUR 31st ANNUAL SHOW**



All NAWC Members Are Encouraged to Attend & Participate



Attending this year's **Woodcarving Rendezvous II** in Branson, MO were (L. to R.): Wally Smietanski, Norm Rutledge, Sid Edelbrock, Terry Balcolm, Dave McConkey, Lenore Bryant, Ray Bryant, Deb Bergum, Cindy Stephens, Jim Clements, Sandy Smith and Curt Shirkey.

**Contest "Tool" Drawing
to be held at the
General Membership Meeting -
November 19 - 10:30 a.m.**

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