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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BRRRRRRRRRRR!!! It's cold! January is a good time to sit by the fire and carve. It is 2010. Can you believe it?

The first week of the New Year and we got cancelled. Just a reminder...if Mountain Home Schools are closed, so is Woodcarving.

Let's all make our new carvers feel welcome. The Beginners Class started on the 14th and our regular meeting is on the 21st.

We are still discussing the parameters regarding the canes for VETS Program. If you have any input, talk to any Board Member and/or me.

Really, there is not much going on right now, so I will keep this letter short. On a personal note, I would like to thank everybody for the phone calls and cards to Mary. Her back surgery was successful and now she thinks she is invincible. Rudy Betzold had an emergency appendectomy and Terry Balcom had his gall bladder removed. Best wishes and a speedy recovery to both!

Keep warm and stay healthy.

Paul H. Baumann III, NAWC President

P. S. Check those tickets. Rudy still has that coffee maker for Ticket #0902861.

General Membership Meeting of December 17, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann at 10:30. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Wally Smietanski reported that there are 5 people signed up for the beginners' class starting January 14. Ken Doran's walking stick class is full.

Sandy Smith said that the show committee will send the bulletins for the May 2010 show the second week in January.

Paul thanked the Christmas party committee and Dalene Berke for their work in making the Christmas party a great success.

Information on projects we have done to benefit the community will be sent to the Minwax Community Craftsman Contest.

A Constitutional change clarifying Article 6 of the NAWC Constitution and By-Laws was approved as published in the December *Chip Pile* by motion made and carried.

November and December birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. The complete list was published in *The Chip Pile*.

Richard Arndt suggested that we carve canes for the Canes for Veterans program. Veterans receiving the canes are Purple Heart winners. When 10 carvers have signed up to carve canes, the club will order and pay for the necessary wood. Information on this activity will be on a link from our web site.

Show and Tell: Norm Rutledge showed an outhouse carved in basswood. Ken Doran carved canes from sumac, hawthorn, and diamond willow wood. JoAnne Moore carved a Madonna and child in relief. Betty Gregory showed a Pine Warbler painted in oil with natural habitat. Claude Roper carved a spoon with a dogwood flower, a stylized house, and a boot with a hole in the sole. Sandy Smith carved a Santa bottle topper and a Santa whistle, carved from the egg/whistle which will be taught in the beginners' class. Wally Smietanski showed a Santa and a snowman carved at the 2009 Rendezvous. The show and tell drawing winner was Ken Doran. The Name Tag winner was Rudy Betzold, and the 50/50 winners were Ray MacGrogan and Hazel Faltinson.

The meeting, which was followed by a potluck lunch, adjourned at 11:05

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of January 14, 2010 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:00. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. Jean Kropke reported that we currently have 97 members. The Beginners' class started this week. Ken Doran's walking stick class will be held in February.

At the membership meeting next week, members will be asked if they want to have this year's Christmas party at Colton's on the first Thursday in December.

The invitations for this year's May 1 & 2 Carving Show will be mailed this week.

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Quilt blocks for this year's raffle are available now. A \$50 gift card donated by Walmart will be auctioned at the Show dinner. Gift certificates left from the Christmas party will be given as prizes for Show and Tell during this year.

The Canes for Veterans program was discussed. Paul suggested that we carve canes for local veterans who have won the Purple Heart. The suggestion will be put to a vote at the General Meeting next week. Ray Kropke will coordinate the program.

Curt Shirkey suggested that the Beginner's kit should include a detail knife rather than the big knife now in the kit. He also suggested that we order several sets of gouges to check the quality before offering them to the beginning carvers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

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.

BEGINNERS CLASSES

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Jan. 14	Basic Carving	Sandy Smith
Jan. 21	Safety & Sharpening	John Connelly
Jan. 28	Stylistic Penguin	Don Davis
Feb. 4	Carving a Mouse	John Uelmen
Feb. 11	Carving Hound Dog	Jim Clements
Feb. 18	Carving Rufus (Part 1)	Sid Edelbrock
Feb. 25	Carving Rufus (Part 2)	Sid Edelbrock
Mar. 4	Carving Rufus (Part 3)	Sid Edelbrock
Mar. 11	Carving Dogwood Flower	Norm Rutledge
Mar. 18	Carving Dogwood Flower	Norm Rutledge
Mar. 25	Making a Knife Guards	Bonnie Davis

OPEN CLASSES

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Feb. 4	Carving a Wood Spirit on a walking stick	Ken Doran

NOTE: CLASS IS FULL

Please let Wally know if you have a class project that you are willing to teach.

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