



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March...in like a lion...out like a lamb. I hope so! I'm ready for Spring and warm and green and warm and flowers and more warm.

February's pot luck was great! Lots of really good food and fellowship. Thanks to all who brought in the delicious food. Attendance has been terrific, the 50-50 pots are wonderful and the atmosphere is jovial. Thanks again to all of you.

We have beginners doing very well and some old members returning and joining in.

A few reminders - The show committee needs donations for door prizes at the show and auction items at the dinner. Membership dues are payable now. Quilt squares need to be done by the first meeting in April. As the weather improves, we will be out promoting the club at various events (like Gassville in the Park), so if you want to help out, talk to me. The show and sale is right around the corner, and April 22nd is the deadline for tables, etc..

I will be bringing wood, bark, caps, mugs, etc., on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Call me for special requests.

Wally is working with the beginner class instructors. We need to know the amount of wood each instructor will need for cut outs for 3 classes (24 students.) We are assembling kits for 24 students which include tools, thumb guards, gloves, strops, etc.. This will cover us for a year (I hope!) So, contact Wally with your needs. We will order the wood soon, so it will be there at the show.

That's it for now.

Paul H. Baumann III, President

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## General Membership Meeting of February 18, 2010 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30. Following the repetition of the Pledge to the Flag, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Ray Kropke presented the treasurer's report and said that the rent has been paid in full for the year 2010.

Jean Kropke reported that we now have 123 members. Wally Smietanski said that Arlene Lesiak will teach a Christmas ornament class in March and Paul Baumann will teach a bark carving class in April. Sandy Smith asked members for small carvings to be used as door prizes at the Show in May. It was also reported that Joe Acsai donated the coffee maker that he won in the library paver stone drawing to the Show's banquet auction.

Mary Baumann said that planning is on track for this year's Christmas party. Paul reminded members that 2010 dues are due now.

Tools for the beginning classes during the next year will be purchased based on a projection of 24 students. Curt Shirkey will purchase the tools.

Members voted to attend Gassville in the Park on June 5, 2010. Completed quilt

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squares for this year's quilts must be turned in by April 1. The Canes for Vets project was dropped due to liability concerns.

The remaining tools given to the club by Henry Frederick will be raffled in return for ornaments carved for Serenity House again this year.

Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized as follows - **January birthdays:** Jerry Clark, John Connelly, Ken Doran, Roberta Dulaney, Dorothy Hess, Barbara Holland, Bonnie Marr, Carol Roper, John Uelman; **January anniversaries:** Dick and Roberta Dulaney, Dick and Pat Helmus, Naomi Inglett, Charlie Riewer; **February birthdays:** Terry Balcom, Bea Berke, Don Davis, Jerry Norris, Bob Richardson, Karen Rutledge, Gary Smith, Steve Wagner, Jim Waldeck, Grant Winsauer; **February anniversaries:** Paul and Mary Baumann, Skip and Roseann Janecek, Jay and Jody Nottingham.

Ray Kropke said that he has the Woodcraft catalog available on CD disks.

Show and Tell: Dick Dulaney carved a lion and a cat; John Gregory showed a cypress knee carving and a bark carving; Claude Roper carved a mahogany spoon, a basswood spoon, a bark carving, and a boot; Mary Waldeck showed a relief carving of a fly fisherman; Sandy Smith showed two quilt squares painted in acrylic and one painted in oils; JoAnne Moore carved a picture quilt square and a chip carved quilt square; Norm Rutledge carved two crosses to be given as memorials, two quilt squares, three dogwood flowers, a Santa ornament, and a spoon; Marjorie Clements showed a relief carving of an owl, Arlene Lesiak carved two quilt squares and a horse bust with a bowl base; Lucia Pairolo showed a wood spirit bark carving.

The drawing winners were - Show and Tell: Mary Waldeck; Name Tag: Ray Kropke; 50/50: Claude Roper.

The meeting, which adjourned at 11:00, was followed by a potluck lunch.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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## **Board of Directors Meeting of March 4, 2010 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by the president Paul Baumann, at 10:30. The treasurer, Ray Kropke, presented his report. Jean Kropke, membership chairman, reported that we have 127 members.

Wally Smietanski said that some instructors have not yet returned the wood requirements for their classes. The wood order for the club will be submitted to our wood vendor the first week in April.

Arlene Lesiak will teach the Beginner class on painting. Paul's class will be held the end of April.

Bonnie Davis said that the Show committee needs additional members to insure the continuing excellence of our show. Sandy Smith asked that, at the general meeting, we ask members for donations of door prize carvings and auction items for the show.

The Board decided that our club would limit its donations to non-profit organizations.

Members who have not yet paid their dues for this year will be contacted by phone and asked their intentions concerning club membership.

A sale and swap meet for members who have tools and other wood carving items for sale will be held on the third Thursday of every month.

Curt Shirkey said that the club should purchase a sharpener with two floppy wheels for use on Thursdays. After some discussion, it was decided not to make a decision until we have seen the sharpener a club member has for sale.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

## **“Carving Magazine’s” Carving Hint - Sharpening a V-Tool**

Everyone tells you to sharpen a v-tool like 3 tools ... 2 chisels and a small gouge on the bottom ... but here are some additional hints that may help you get that V going again. Practice these techniques on some of your “non-favorite” tools before moving on to the good ones.

**1) Start Over!** - If you have any type of nick, gouge or uneven edge ... you need to start over. You have to square the edge of the tool before moving on to sharpening. This means holding the cutting edge on the stone (or sharpening wheel) sharp edge directly pointed on the grinding surface and grind away. You need to flatten the old edge before you can properly sharpen a new one. Check the edge in the light ... do you see a white reflection all along the edge ... if so ... you are ready to move on.

**2) The Reflection!** - Once you have the that “reflection” you’ll use it to guide your progress. As you sharpen “like 3 tools in one” .... check your progress often by pressing the tool straight down into a piece of scrap wood. As you sharpen you should gradually see this “reflection” get smaller and smaller ... and then finally disappear.

**3) Use a Slip Stone!** - If everything looks good and it still doesn’t cut, you most likely need to use a slip stone. A slip stone is a small stone that carver’s use on the inside of gouges and v-tools to give them a very slight inside bevel (very slight). Here are what slip stones look like: [http://www.woodcarverswarehouse.com/\\_e/Sharpening/product/SlipStone/Slip\\_Stone.htm](http://www.woodcarverswarehouse.com/_e/Sharpening/product/SlipStone/Slip_Stone.htm)

**4) Cross-Grain Check!** - Test the sharpness of your v-tools by cutting cross-grain.

Keep going back and forth between your regular sharpening method (raise the burr along the entire cutting edge, take it off with the leather strop) and using the slip-stone .... check for the reflection. If you see that part of the v is cutting and part isn’t .... you only need to work on that small part that doesn’t cut ....

**5) Practice, practice, practice!**

**6)** This tip and others like it can be found in **Carving Magazine**. Subscribe for \$19.95 per year at [www.carvingmagazine.com](http://www.carvingmagazine.com).



## **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**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>
Mar. 4	Carving Rufus (Part 3)	Sid Edelbrock
Mar. 11	Dogwood Flower	Norm Rutledge
Mar. 18	Dogwood Flower	Norm Rutledge
Mar. 25	Making a Knife Guard	Bonnie Davis
Apr. 1	Painting Rufus Certificates/Class Photo	Arlene Lesiak

## **OPEN CLASSES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>
Mar. 4	Santa Ornament: carving	Arlene Lesiak
Mar. 11	Santa Ornament: painting	Arlene Lesiak

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

**AWARDS**



**PRIZE MONEY**

# **31st ANNUAL WOODCARVING SHOW & SALE**

**SATURDAY, May 1, 2010 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**and**

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Please see Jean Kropke, Membership Chairman, if you've not already paid your 2010 Membership Dues.

**2010 Annual Dues are due.**

**FINAL Reminder:**

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