



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's deja vu all over again. You know the saying about bad pennies!! First I want to thank Paul for taking the helm for the last three years and for giving us smooth sailing. We appreciate all he has done and thank him and we thank Mary for allowing him to spend the time doing things for the club.

We celebrated Christmas with the club on December 6 and gave away the raffle prizes the club carved. Thank you to the Christmas Party Committee. Sandy Beck, wife of member Gary Beck, won the shelf and our own Tom Higgins won the clock. It was nice to see all the hard work accomplished by the club stay in the club. The board has settled on doing a lamp for 2013 and we need one more project. Check the minutes and help decide what second project we should do. We also had been able to give three charities: Alpha House, Serenity, and Christmas Wish each a check for \$250. This money was realized from the sale of small carvings donated to the club and sold at our various outings and our show. Keep up the good work and keep donating. Deen Shirkey and Barb Edelbrock will take your items anytime and Paul will take them to the storage unit.

The beginners class will start on the 10th of January. We have six signed up to take the class. Curt invites those interested to attend the sharpening class. Norm Rutledge is back in charge of member classes and we look forward to seeing what he will be able to arrange. These classes are for everyone but I would encourage the newer carvers to take them. It will give you more exposure to different kinds of carving and you will learn new techniques. Also, new carvers, don't be afraid to ask for help. I believe that everyone in the club will be glad to take the time to give you a tip or answer a question. I also encourage people to go to other places for lessons and to show. It is good fun. Rendezvous in Branson is a good place to start. A number of us are going to Springfield in March for class. Start showing by sharing a table at our show and go from there. You get to visit with a lot of interesting people.

Dues are due and can be paid to the Shirkey's. Bob Schaffer is in charge of tools and Paul will still be in charge of carving wood. If you need anything, give him a call and he will bring it to the next club meeting or he will have an assortment at the general meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

I am looking forward to a very successful year. We have a good group of officers and we have a better group of carvers. Now, get out there and make some chips! Don't forget the show the first weekend in May. We need help and we need people to show their carvings. See the Show Committee for information on renting tables.

We have been talking to Kathi Clark who has joined a club in St. Cloud, MN. They do club projects and the board has decided to give it a try. The first will be badges.

Sid Edelbrock, President

## General Membership Meeting of December 20, 2012 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by our president, Sid Edelbrock at 10:30. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in *The Chip Pile*. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Curt Shirkey reported that we now have 76 members. The new Beginners' class will start on January 10, 2013. Jackie Miller, our Sunshine Lady, gave her report. The Christmas committee was thanked for a successful party. The Show Committee reported that they already have two reservations for the upcoming May show.

Sid reminded members that if schools are closed on a Thursday for inclement weather, there will be no carving. Naomi Inglett audited the club and the show accounts and found all was in order. Our Christmas food drive collected 212 pounds of food.

At the January meeting we will choose a raffle project for next year. We will also discuss the new photo directory.

By motion made and carried, it was decided to carve a club project at our meetings. Nametags were one of the projects suggested. The Board will discuss the logistics for the project at its meeting in January. We will also sell carvings for charity this coming year.

Paul Baumann reminded members that wood would be available for sale on the third Thursday of each month.

Thanks were extended to all club members who provided delicious snacks at this meeting.

Show and Tell followed: Sandy Smith carved holiday bottle toppers including a reindeer, Santa, turkey, and cat. Richard Arndt carved a roadrunner note holder. Dick Dulaney carved a butternut matador as a companion piece to his walnut bull. Sid Edelbrock carved a dogwood relief. Naomi Inglett showed a cane she had carved with Christmas and Spring designs. Norm Rutledge carved "Old Sundown", a cowboy bust painted with oils. Stan Dausman showed a Rufus carved in Sid's class. Sonia Nelson carved a cowboy Santa and a cowboy snowman.

The Show and Tell drawing winner was Richard Arndt; the Nametag winner was Paul Baumann; and the 50/50 winner was Mary Adair.

Sid read a Christmas card sent to the club by Delores Hale. The meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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# Board of Directors Meeting of January 3, 2013 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by the president, Sid Edelbrock. The treasurer's report was presented and accepted. Membership is now 90 members.

The new Beginners' class will start on January 10 with five new carvers. The class was advertised in the *Baxter Bulletin*.

It was decided to have a club carving project with an unlimited number of carvers participating. Several members volunteered to saw out blanks.

Everyone agreed that the decorations at the 2012 Christmas party were beautiful, but there were many complaints about the food. After some discussion, the suggestion was made that we have a potluck for this year's Christmas party, with the club purchasing meat and decorated cakes. It was decided, by motion made and carried, to have a vote on that suggestion at this month's general membership meeting.

The Treasurer and the Show Committee bookkeeper were given the authority by the Board to turn their checkbooks over to the auditor as part of the general audit.

Several suggestions were made for our carving projects for this year. It was decided to make a lamp with a base made of sixteen 4"x4" blocks carved in a theme of 8 winter blocks and 8 summer blocks. Bob will cut the tiles for the lamp. Carved tiles must be

completed by the end of April. A second project will be discussed at the next general meeting.

We will carve fund raising carvings again this year. Paul Baumann volunteered to coordinate the project.

The new photo directory will include everyone who has paid his or her dues by February 28. The club will pay for the printing, and the directory should be finished by the end of March.

We received an invitation to demonstrate carving at Mayfest in Winona, MN on May 17, 2013. The consensus was that the distance was too great.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary.



## SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

*Please let Jackie Miller 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.*

### PHOTO DIRECTORY DEADLINE

There will be a cutoff date for the New 2013 Photo Directory. **Only PAID** members will be included. The cutoff date is Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the General Membership Meeting. Due to most members not wanting their phone numbers and email addresses included, private member information will **not** be included. If a photo is not available, only the member's name will be listed in the directory.  
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