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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is difficult to find a subject to write about this month. Coming events will be covered in the minutes. I would, however, like to mention the County Fair which was just completed. Thank you to those who showed their carvings and those who worked at our booth. We are open to ideas to improve the fair next year. One thing that I see is that we need more carvers to show their work.

It is the time of year to pay our dues again. We get a lot for a little when we pay our dues. Not only do we get a lot of help, encouragement, and free classes, we get to interact with a whole bunch of nice people!

Saturday of this week is History Day at Cooper Park. This is another chance to meet nice people, promote wood carving as a hobby and make some money for charity. We are always taking donations of carvings for our charity table. It is getting a little thin.

Barb and I will try the show in Omaha, NE the weekend of the 12th and 13th. We will see how it compares to ours. I already know that it is not as well organized! More on the Mid America Woodcarving Show next month.

Our show committee is starting to look for auction items. If you have something you would like to donate, it will be gladly accepted at any time.

Mary Ragan could use a couple more candidates to run for office. There isn't a lot of running to it! If you nod or raise your hand, the job is probably yours!

Pot luck will be at the October 17th meeting. It's time for some of that good "cooler" weather cooking. The next pot luck will be our Christmas Party on December 5. The club is providing the meat and dessert. We all need to bring salads and side dishes. I am sure that some appetizers and Christmas candies and cookies would be welcome also. Don't forget to make a carving or craft item small enough to fit in a lunch bag for our gift exchange. If you bring a gift, you will take a gift home. The Christmas committee will start collecting them after the first of November. We will bag them so they all look alike.

I will sign off by encouraging you to keep chipping away.

Sid Edelbrock, President, NAWC

General Membership Meeting of September 19, 2013 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Chip Pile*. Skip Janecek gave the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Curt Shirkey reported that we now have 165 members.

There will be a Stroke presentation at the September 26 meeting. We will have a table at the Cooper Park Heritage Days on October 5. Arlene Lesiak will teach a big bell class on October 10, and Tommy Johnson will teach a basic chip carving class.

Sandy Smith reported that, in November, the Show Committee will send out "Save the Date" postcards for the 2014 show. Paul Baumann reported for the Christmas party committee that the ornament exchange has been changed to a small carving or "anything handmade" exchange. There will be ham and chicken in addition to potluck dishes. The Christmas party will be held at the VFW on Thursday, December 5.

Mary Ragan, our nominating committee, said that she is looking for volunteers for the positions of treasurer and librarian for the next year.

Sid reported that we sold \$133 worth of charity carvings and \$20 in raffle tickets at the Chili Cook-Off. At the County Fair, we sold \$230 in charity carvings and \$122 in raffle tickets. He also said that a picture of our lamp is on the back cover of the latest *Chip Chats Magazine*.

Following a Board recommendation, the membership voted not to be involved in the veterans' cane project.

Paul Baumann said that we need more carving donations for our charity sales.

Sandy Smith reported that very few club members entered carvings at the County Fair, and encouraged greater club participation next year. Sid stated that NAWC members would be allowed to enter carvings even though they live outside of Baxter County. He also said that a category update is needed for the Fair.

We will have a club table to sell charity carvings and raffle tickets on our lamp and shelf at the Wood Turners'

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Show at the Fairgrounds on November 9. NAWC members were encouraged to support the Wood Turners by having individual tables at their show. The cost for a table is \$20.

The Baxter County library is looking for someone to teach carving to teens in a one-day seminar. The subject was tabled until we receive more information.

Show and Tell followed: Sandy Smith showed a carving that will be a CCA auction or trade piece. Sid Edelbrock carved Taz, a Tasmanian devil. Dick Dulaney carved two balls in an oak cage. Marty Wells showed two bark carvings - a lighthouse and cabins. Ken Doran cut a cypress knee in half and carved and wood burned the face of each piece. Rose Cook carved a dinosaur letter opener. Debbie Shook carved a leather Dragon Notebook. Willard Savadge carved the "Ides of Marsh" in cedar.

Dick Dulaney won the Show and Tell drawing; Penny Wells won the nametag drawing; and Roy Killen won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Norm Rutledge said that we have 6 new carvers signed up for the January Beginner's class. Arlene Lesiak will teach a big bell class at 9:00 on October 10. Naomi Inglett will teach a small bell class on October 24.

Paul Baumann reported that the Christmas party dinner would include ham, chicken, cake, and potluck dishes. Sandy Smith, speaking for the Show committee, said that they would very much appreciate donations of items that could be used for the silent auction at the show banquet.

Mary Ragan, the nominating committee, reported that she would run for the office of treasurer in our November election. Sonia Nelson will accept the position of librarian.

There will be a discussion soon on logistics and categories for the woodcarving entries in next year's County Fair.

It was decided that we would have a club table at the wood turner's show at the Fairgrounds on November 9.

Sandy said that any member who would like to have a large poster of the CCA street scene carving should contact her (before Oct. 22) for ordering details (Editor's note: It is a one time only offer).

The meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting
of October 3, 2013
MINUTES**

The president, Sid Edelbrock, opened the meeting at 10:00. Skip Janecek gave the treasurer's report, which was accepted. It was decided that there would be no carving meeting on Thanksgiving Day or the day after Christmas.

A person who bought some pig trivets at our charity sale would like to know who carved them. She would like to purchase additional sets.

Curt Shirkey reported that our current membership is 165.

**There will be a Potluck Lunch
following this month's
General Membership Meeting**

CLUB CALENDAR

Club Happenings

October 5 Cooper Park Pioneer Days

Classes

October 3
Beginning Chip Carving. Tommy Johnson

October 10
Big Bell Arlene Lesiak

October 24
Little Bell Naomi Inglett

January 9, 2014
Beginners' Carving Class



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**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.