



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have received some questions about the Christmas Party. Yes, we can carve until lunch time which will be about 11:00 am. We will elect officers in November and they are installed in December at the Christmas Party and will take over in January. We will have an exchange of gifts for those who wish to participate. Remember...it is hand crafted and must fit in a lunch bag. Meats, drinks, and cake are provided by the club. The side dishes will be pot luck. We have the party at the VFW so there is room to move around and visit. I encourage you to stay and do so. Also, remember this is the day we collect non-perishable foods for the pantry.

I should also mention tickets for the Christmas Party are on sale through November 21 and the party is December 5. The Thursday in between is Thanksgiving and we will not have a carving club meeting. Raffle tickets for the shelf and lamp will be sold now and at the party up until time for the drawing that day.

Charity sales will be over after sales at the Woodturners' Show. At the November general meeting, we will know the amount raised and select our charities for this year.

Our show committee has mailed out reminders of the show date which is May 3 & 4, 2014. Jim Willis will be the judge. I encourage all to start working on some new items and participate in the show. We are very fortunate being a community of this size and having a high caliber show like this. It is a great tribute to those who organize it and those who show.

The library is a great asset to club members. However, it seems we always have books out for long periods of time and some are not returned. If you have an overdue book, please bring them back so everyone can benefit from them. Thank you.

As we wind down on 2013 we need to start looking forward to 2014. So what do we want to do for a raffle next year? How do we want to get things together for our charity sales? Do we want to do any of this?

It is starting to cool off but, boy, this is better than where I started out in life. Seems those I talk to who have moved away from here wish they had stayed. We here in North Central Arkansas have been truly blessed with a great place to live and good friends. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let's take a moment and say thank you to all of our carving friends.

Thank you,

Sid Edelbrock. NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of October 17, 2013

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock, at 10:30. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the approval of the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Chip Pile*. The treasurer's report, given by Skip Janecek, was accepted. Curt Shirkey reported that thirty-two members have paid their 2014 dues.

Norm Rutledge said that Naomi Inglett would teach a small bell class on October 24. Also, there will be blocks available for anyone wanting to carve a Moravian star ornament on October 24.

Sandy Smith reported that in November the show committee would mail "Save the Date" postcards in November for the show in May.

Tickets for the December 5 Christmas party will be on sale October 24. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00. There will be a food drive to benefit the Mountain Home Food Pantry at the party.

We will have a club table at the wood turners' show on November 9. A sign-up sheet for volunteers willing to work at the table will be available on Thursdays.

The club is in need of small carvings to be sold for charity and items to be auctioned at the show banquet in May.

Mary Ragan, nominating committee, said that we have a full slate of nominees for the November election. If anyone is interested in being added to the ballot, please contact Mary.

Paul Baumann will contact The Salvation Army about volunteering to ring their kettle bells in December.

Karen Myers is looking for volunteers to demonstrate carving at Hackler School's Prairie Days on October 31.

Show and Tell followed: Robert Baser carved a shoe with a butterfly. Mary Ragan carved a baby doll, a Santa ornament, and a jointed moose. Curt Shirkey showed a quilt rack made of poplar. Marty Wells carved an aspen cane finished with antiquing gel. Cathy Mattox showed a scene carved in relief. Bob Shaffer showed a witch that he carved in Harold Enlow's class. Sid Edelbrock showed an Indian relief and an Indian bust, both of which earned blue ribbons at the show in Omaha. Ken Doran carved a bark carving. Ray Killen carved a rainbow trout from Atlantic white cedar, and a relief scene. Arlene Lesiak showed a large Christmas bell, a Santa plaque, and many holiday ornaments carved from eggs. Bonnie Davis showed several birds carved from small eggs. Sonia Nelson carved a large bell and a Moravian star ornament. Marjorie Clements carved a small bell. Sandy Smith carved a collie dog, a dog with habitat, and two of her critters. Rod Engle showed Christmas ornaments that he carved for his children. Don Lesiak chip carved several candlesticks.

Sandy Smith won the nametag drawing, Bob Shaffer won the Show and Tell drawing, and Naomi Inglett and Bonnie Davis won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 and was followed by a stupendous, magnificent (a direct quote from a member) potluck lunch.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of November 7, 2013 MINUTES

The President, Sid Edelbrock, called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Skip Janecek gave the treasurer's report, which was accepted.

Sonia Nelson reported that the library is being inventoried. It was suggested that every Beginners' class be shown how to check books out of the library.

Our membership total for 2013 is 167 members.

Paul Baumann said that we need volunteers to ring the bell for The Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 3 in front of the Big Lots store.

There will be no Board meeting in December.

Sid will remind members at the General Meeting that there will be a food drive at the December 5 Christmas party.

The Show committee mailed "Save the Date" postcards to carvers this week.

The Wood turners' show will be held from 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday, November 9. We will set up the club table at 2:00 on Friday.

The decision on which charities will receive our donations this year will be made at the November general meeting. Last year we contributed money to Alpha House, Kindness, Inc., and Christmas Wish. The suggestion was made that during next year, each member carve two ornaments, one to be kept and one to be given to the charity sale. Norm suggested cutting patterns and having a sign-up sheet. It was also suggested that carvers could cut their own patterns. A charity sale project is needed for next year. Suggestions by Board members included a Noah's Ark, Nativity scene, Spool cane, and Spool lamp. Members will be asked for their suggestions and a decision at the general meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44

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.



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The Library Corner by Betty Gregory



Just another reminder that the library is now online! Many thanks to Sandy Smith for all her help in getting this onto our club website. To access, go to: www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org. Click on the "library" tab in the upper left hand corner to open up a list of all our books in categorical order. This should be helpful for perusing books of interest, so when you get to club, you can locate the book under that category and check it out. It also lets everyone know what a great selection of books we have and how many different topics are included.

We want to sincerely thank Bernie King and Marty and Penny Wells for their kind donation of books to our library. The following are now available to check out:

Under the Tab "BIRDS"

1. *Carving Classic Swan and Goose Decoys* by Anthony Hillman
2. *Carving Tropical Birds* by Anthony Hillman
3. *Carving Authentic Birds* by H.D. Green
4. *Habitat-Bird Carving Basics* by Curtis Badger
5. *20 Realistic Game & Song Birds-Wood Carving Patterns* by George Lehman

Under the Tab "Canes"

1. *The Fantastic Book of Canes, Pipes and Walking Sticks* by Harry Ameredes

Under the Tab "General Carving"

1. *Woodcarving-The Beginners Guide* by William Wheeler & Charles Hayward

John and I have just taken an inventory of all the books before we pass the torch on to Sonia Nelson who will be taking over the library duties after the first of the year. We found fourteen books that are currently missing and have listed them below.

MISSING/OVERDUE BOOKS

1. *Civil War Uniforms Coloring Book* by Peter Copeland (#035)
2. *Drawing the Head & Figure* by Jack Hamm Book (#0038)
3. *Animals of the Nativity* by Helen Gibson (#0146)
4. *Carving Santa Ornaments* by Tom Wolfe (#0148)
5. *Creative Christmas Carving* by Tina Toney (#0160)
6. *Creative Woodcarving* (#0408)
7. *Driftwood Sculpture* by Patricia Bartlett (#0411)
8. *Wood Spirits & Walking Sticks* by Tom Wolfe (#0433)
9. *Carving Fishermen & The Tall Tale* by Cleve Taylor (#0100)
10. *Carving Ozark Country Characters* by Mike Shipley (#0101)
11. *Chip Carving Patterns* by Wayne Barton (#0125)
12. *Chip Carving Techniques & Patterns* by Wayne Barton (#0127)
13. *Chip Carving the Southwest* by Pam Gresham (#0128)
14. *New & Traditional Styles of Chip Carving* by Wayne Barton (#0130)

It's possible that they may have been taken home in error, or someone might not be aware that they must be checked out first, so please check around and return to the library as soon as possible. We appreciate it!

*Since this will be our last contribution as librarians to "The Library Corner", we want to let you know that we have sincerely enjoyed our tenure over the past few years.

Thanks to everyone for helping to make our library one-of-a-kind...whether you found books that helped you with a project, made donations of DVD's, study casts, file cabinets, or books, gave suggestions or ideas or helped to put the library away in our absence, we want to say "Thank You!!!"

CLUB CALENDAR

Club Happenings

December 5 NAWC Christmas Party

Classes

January 9, 2014 Beginners' Carving Class