



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **Happy New Year Woodcarvers!**

Thanks to all members for a very successful and productive 2023. Great evidence of what an outstanding group we have. Looking forward to an even better 2024!

We have new member classes beginning on January 25th. Please make these new folks welcome and encourage them with offers to share our knowledge as they complete the classes.

Illness and loss of loved ones has touched many of our lives, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our 2024 raffle project has been kicked off, so get your tools working to create the **Gnome Village** items.

As always, our charity table items are in need of replenishing.

Kim

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## General Membership Meeting of December 21, 2023 MINUTES

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 10:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Nancy Wheeler gave the treasurer's report. We have money in our treasury. Linda Peacy said we have 110 members for 2023. Fifty-three have paid dues for next year. Bob Shaffer reported he tried to order 13 more sets of tools but could only get 12. He has 12 sets on hand for the beginners' class in January. Norm Dixon said the wood was good. Paul Baumann III reminded instructors for the beginners' class that if they need wood to let him know, that he will be picking it up from the woodshed. He also reported that he will start to call the people that have signed up for the class on the 5th of January and that he should know by the 11th how many will be attending the class. He hopes to limit the class to 12. Wally Smietanski for publicity has done a great job getting pictures of the club into *The Baxter Bulletin*. Sandy Lord, the Sunshine Lady, said she will be sending cards to Lenny KIELTYKA and Jack Clarke. Paul Baumann III said he had talked to Paula from the Fairgrounds and that we have our show on their calendar through May 2028 (next 5 years). Barbara

Edelbrock said the next potluck will be in February. Kim thanked Barbara and all the volunteers from Clarkbridge FD Auxiliary for the fantastic food and service for our Christmas Party. Amy Wainscott said that Paul had started making one of the houses for the "Gnome Village". Sid may be making a second one. Gnomes for the Village need to be 4 inches in height (including the hat). The rest need to be scaled to that. She is also in great need of items for the charity table. Many of the items that we had were sold at the Crafffest.

**Old Business:** Kim will keep an eye on the storage unit for any more leaks. So far there haven't been any since last winter. It may have been from ice and snow.

**New Business:** Marty Wells will be conducting a bird class at the end of January.

**Announcements:** Happy birthday to Cheryl McConkey and Kathy Hewitt.

**Show and Tell:** Kim Valentine – great horned owl and parrot; Paul Baumann III – "1969" hippy; Deb Bergum – painted item; Bob Gilkerson – bust, snowman, Santa Claus, hillbilly and cowboy; Marty Wells – gnome and Christmas things; Norm Dixon – gnome, snowman, feather, and toothpick bear; Rick Dubay – gnome; Sid – Scotsman's Santa Claus and little lady; Debbie Cooper – little rabbit; Sandy Lord – turned bowl; Bob Shaffer – Santa from 2012; Dave McConkey – tray of wood burned butterflies; Don Clark – buffalo relief. Bob Gilkerson won the drawing.

**Name Tag Winner:** John Young won the name tag drawing.

**50/50 Drawing:** Norm Dixon won the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

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## Board of Directors Meeting of January 4, 2024

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Treasurer Nancy Wheeler said we have money in the charity fund to start the new year. Membership Chairman Linda Peacy reported that we have 62 paid members for 2024 so far. Reminder that next year's dues are due. Bob Shaffer said that we were ready with equipment for the new beginners' class

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in January. Depending on how many people do the class, we should have 11 or 12 sets left over. Terry Muth reported that our wood supply is in good shape. He'll be doing an inventory soon to see what's left after Paul took wood for the beginners' classes. Paul Baumann III told the board that the tools, wood, and instructors for the beginners' class were set. He will be contacting each of the eighteen people who signed up for that class tomorrow and will know more next week about the status of the class. Sonia Nelson said the library is in good shape. Sandy Smith said *The Chip Pile* is going well. Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord was not present, but Bob Shaffer reported that she sent a card to Norm Rutledge for the passing of his wife, Karen. Paul Baumann III, as Fair Coordinator, said that the show was booked at the Fairgrounds through 2028. Barbara Edelbrock reminded us that the next potluck will be in February. Amy Wainscott said Paul had completed the house for the gnome village. Gnomes need to be 4½ inches high. They need mushrooms, a wishing well, an out-house, and more buildings such as a chapel.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** Sandy Smith asked if anyone knew of any tool vendors that would be interested in attending the show next year. (Ed. note: Our current vendor is "downsizing" and seemingly gearing toward online

sales, so we do not know their plans for the future.) She also asked if we wanted to do another order of hats with the club logo on them. Research on prices and what kind of hats to order needs to be done.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

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## 2024 Dues are Due

It is that time of the year when our dues for the 2024 year should be paid. They are still \$20 for individual memberships and \$30 for member/spouse memberships. Dues may be paid during the Thursday morning meeting. Just stop by and see either Ray or Linda. They can also be paid by mailing your dues to the club at P.O. Box 531, Mountain Home, AR 72654.

Thank you,  
Ray and Linda Peacy, Membership Chairmen



## SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

**Please let Sandy Lord 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.

**2024 Membership Dues**  
\$20 - Individual Membership  
\$30 - Individual Membership plus Spouse  
Please see **Ray and Linda Peacy,**  
*Membership Chairpeople,*  
to Renew Your Membership

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