



THE CHIP PILE

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Are Your Dues Paid? To Pay Your 2008 Dues - See Kathi Clark, Membership Chairman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your president's message is coming from the snowy north. We are in Grand Haven, Michigan spending time with our three year old grandson. We drove through blizzards to get here. So what do we have to talk about this month?

First and most important is Terry Balcom has agreed to be our mentor coordinator. He will be checking to see what the new students are interested in and looking for people who are willing to be assigned a student to help them get started. This is something often talked about but now we are going to make it happen. If you would be willing to be a mentor, contact Terry.

The show is coming up fast and the committee will be looking for volunteers to help set up and work at the show. The show also needs donations for door prizes and auction items at the dinner. Reserve your tables and get your donations in to the committee. Tickets should be going on sale for the dinner and I encourage all to go as it is great fun.

Last week it was so great to see so many people at the meeting and all were busy. We had little groups working everywhere and that's what it's all about.

Next General Meeting Day, I will be at Ft. Leonard Wood watching Barb's grand nephew

graduate from MP school. She never had the chance to see me graduate what seems like a hundred years ago. Will be interesting to see how much things have changed. I have done design for military bases so know of a lot of changes but will be interested in seeing it. Daniel will be assigned to Ft. Campbell, KY for more training and then on to Iraq. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I will be back to teach the beginner's class on the 27th.

The next couple of weeks, Norm is the Man! He has my cell phone number if needed, but I have left you all in good hands.

Sid

General Membership Meeting of February 28, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was opened at 10:30 by the president, Sid Edelbrock, with the Pledge to the Flag. Introductions followed. Ray Kropke introduced a new member, Claude Roper. Fidel Tiscareno introduced his wife, Jean, and a friend, Hildi Thelen. New members Bonnie Wielgosz and Lucia Pairolero introduced themselves. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the Chip Pile. The Treasurer, Ray Kropki, presented his report and it was approved.

Kathi Clark, membership chairman, reported that we now have 120 members. Norm Rutledge said that sign-up sheets for a number of classes are available each Thursday. There

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are still openings in some of the classes and members were encouraged to sign up. Norm also said that the schedule for the current beginners' class has been amended due to the inclement weather.

It was suggested that wheelchairs be made available to visitors at the carving show in May. Joe Acsai said that the VFW in Bull Shoals has wheelchairs that they lend out. Dick Helmus, a member of the VFW, will be asked to check.

Ray said that a check to That Print Shop has not been returned and asked if anyone knew where it is.

This year's Christmas party will be December 4 at the VFW.

Sid explained that we have almost enough blocks for two canes and a spool cane. Two of the canes will be raffled at the show. Tickets for the third cane will be sold at events where we are carving during the year. The winning ticket will be drawn in the fall. Carvers were reminded to sign the blocks that they carve.

Ray said that the totem poles at Cooper Park, which were carved in 1999, are in need of repair. They need paint and a weather resistant finish. Ray will find out about scaffolding for the 25' high poles.

Shirts and caps are for sale on a back table on Thursdays.

Arlene Lesiak thanked the club for her get well card and said that her thumb has healed nicely.

Show and Tell: Kathi Clark carved a relief of Santa with a canine background, a spool for the cane, and a Lab in the round. Ken Doran showed a Santa in a chimney from an Enlow class, two cedar relief carvings, and a walking stick made from diamond willow. Roland Ellis carved a kestrel, a bass with full open mouth, and a blue gill painted with standard acrylic and metallic acrylic as the second coat. Arlene Lesiak carved a relief nativity scene and Bible Dudes, both of which she will teach in March. She also showed a plaque with an eagle which will be a gift for a new Eagle Scout, some spools for the cane, and some

Christmas ornaments. Dave McConkey wood burned a quote by David Eastery on a plaque and donated it to the Show. Paul Baumann did bark carvings of a church and a turtle. He also showed how magnetic strips salvaged from old refrigerator doors can be used to make refrigerator magnets. Norm Rutledge carved a Willow Tree angel from a round basswood pole. Sid Edelbrock did two relief carvings, one in butternut, the other in basswood, both with Danish oil and liquid wax finish. Toni Giardina carved a spool for the raffle cane. Jo Anne Moore carved a bird in a nest from basswood.

The winner of the Show and Tell drawing was Norm Rutledge; the name tag drawing winner was Naomi Inglett; and the 50/50 drawing winner was Bonnie Wielgosz. The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Fidel and Hildi provided entertainment, playing a variety of flutes during the pot luck lunch that followed the meeting.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of March 6, 2008 MINUTES

No old business.

Photo directory...Charley Roats and Dave McConkey were taking pictures of new members that have join recently.

Treasurer...Ray Kropke didn't come this morning, so no report.

Show...Wheel chairs might be available at Bull Shoals VFW. We weren't sure if it is needed or not.

Webmaster...Sandy Smith stated that if we notice that something on the website needs to be updated to please let her know.

Lessons...We had a discussion on setting up mentors for the new students when they leave the beginners class. Terry Balcom is going to work on setting the project up.

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Membership...We are at 125 members as of this date.

New business...We will be ordering shirts and caps to have on hand for the show. About 25 shirts will be ordered in assorted sizes and colors.

We will try to sell some of the wooden eggs, bowling pins and spools at the show since none of the vendors would be selling any of these items.

Donations of \$101.00 was sent to the Red Cross for the Gassville storm victims.

Naomi Inglett made a motion to adjourn and Dave McConkey seconded it.

Submitted by: Kathi Clark substituting for Bonnie Davis, Secretary

NAWC Activity Calendar

March

- 6 Don Lesiak - Chip Carving Design #2
- 13 Arlene Lesiak - Nativity #1
- 27 Arlene Lesiak - Nativity #2

April

- 3 Arlene Lesiak - Bible Dudes #1
- 10 Arlene Lesiak - Bible Dudes #2
- 24 Naomi & Don - Relief Carving

May

3-4 29th Annual Woodcarving Show & Sale

- 5-7 Desiree Hajny's "After-The-Show" Class
- 8 Second Session Beginners Classes start
- 22 Dick Arndt - Cane/Stick Carving #1
- 29 Dick Arndt - Cane/Stick Carving #2

June

- 5 Dick Arndt - Cane/Stick Carving #3



"After-The-Show" Woodcarving Class with Desiree Hajny

Class will be held Monday through Wednesday, May 5-7, 2008 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m at the VFW Hall. Fee is \$175.00 per student and instruction and materials (blanks, supplemental materials, etc.). Class limit is 12 students. There are only a few spaces still available. Sign up at the club on Thursdays or contact Sandy Smith, webmaster@northarkansaswoodcarvers.org.

The above photo (sorry for the quality as it's been enlarged, brightened, sharpened for the printed newsletter) is a copy of Desiree's class project that has been the most popular so far. To see photos of other selections, check the class sign-up table at the club.

2008
Beginner Classes
First Session

- Mar. 6** Rufus #1 Sid Edelbrock
13 Rufus #2 Sid Edelbrock
20 Knife Cover Bonnie Davis
(*General Membership Meeting*)
27 Rufus #3 Sid Edelbrock
- Apr. 3** Painting Rufus . . . Sandy Smith
(*General Membership Meeting*)

Beginner Classes
Second Session
Starts May 8

29th Annual
Woodcarving Show
& Sale

Saturday, **May 3** • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, **May 4** • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Baxter County Fairgrounds



THE SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Pat Helmus 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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