



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Remember starting Friday noon on October 10th the Turkey Trot in Yellville begins. The club has a table and will be selling cane raffle tickets, showing our carvings and demonstrating. This continues all day Saturday. After this, we will draw for the cane.

Next week (10/9) there will be a special board meeting to work on the show raffle ideas. In discussion are quilts and a coaster set. If you have ideas give them to a board member at this meeting. Then at the general membership meeting (10/16) we should be prepared for the membership to make a decision. Fall is here and it is time to start working on these for next year's show.

The Christmas party is coming up December 4. Tickets will be going on sale at the October general membership meeting. Tickets are \$10.00. We would like to see all of you there. There are plans for entertainment, and there will be a goofy (white elephant) gift exchange as well as a fine meal and great company.

Elections are coming up in November and we still need a vice presidential candidate - please someone step up. If you are willing or know someone to fill the bill, please contact Paul Baumann.

That is about all I know for this month so we will see you.

Sid
NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of September 18, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock, at 10:30. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. The Treasurer's Report was presented, and Kathi Clark reported that our membership is 155.

The Christmas party committee reported that the party will be Thursday, December 4 at 11:00 at the VFW. The cost will be \$10.00. Each person is asked to bring a white elephant gift to exchange. Postcards will be sent to members who have not been at Thursday morning carving sessions for a while letting them know about the Christmas party.

A motion was made and carried to purchase tools for the Beginner classes following the Board recommendation of a #5 gouge, 1/8" V tool, and a Denny bench knife. Students will be encouraged to also purchase a veiner and a detail knife.

Norm suggested that we have more impromptu classes on Thursday mornings. He said instructors are needed for an animal class and a bird class. He also said that there are still openings in several classes at the Rendezvous, October 19-23.

Members were reminded that we have a table for carving at Turkey Trot,

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Oct. 10 & 11. The winning raffle ticket for the cane will be drawn there. Sid commented that carving at the Bull Shoals Chili Cook-Off was a lot of fun.

By motion made and carried, the club agreed to teach a three-hour evening adult carving class at the library in June 2009. We will use the knives that were purchased by the library for classes. The fee for the class will be donated to the library. We will also display carvings in the library showcase that month.

Kathi Clark thanked everyone who entered carvings at the County Fair, and said that carving would be included in next year's Fair.

Arlene Lesiak suggested that we could have a traveling display of carvings to promote our club.

Kathi was congratulated for winning two Best of Show awards at the County Fair.

Paul Baumann, nominating committee, thanked the current officers for their dedicated work, and reported that he is looking for candidates for president and vice president for next year.

Show and Tell: Naomi Inglett carved relief carvings that will be gifts for her grandchildren; Mel Carpenter carved bark carvings; Arlene Lesiak used the Bible Dudes patterns to carve Santas; Don Lesiak carved a walking stick with an eagle's head and a chip carved plate mounted on a base plate.

The winner of the Show and Tell drawing was Arlene Lesiak; Name tag drawing, Claude Roper; 50/50 drawing, Sid Edelbrock.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of October 2, 2008 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by President Sid Edelbrock at 10:30.

Reports

Kathi Clark, Membership is at 156 with the renewal of former member Jerry Norris.

Ray Kropke, Treasurer report. Ray will pay first 4 months rent of 2009 from this year's money. Wood we purchased from Len Dillon has nearly paid for itself. Ray purchased chip carving knives from Don Lesiak to have onhand for classes.

Show - Sandy Smith reports that three categories are in the works to be added to Novice Division. The committee had some discussion on chip carving categories. A suggestion to have a wood turning demo and more turners (as well as club members) to take part in the show.

Election - Paul Baumann reports that all positions are filled except Vice President. He will continue to ask for someone to take the position.

Curt Shirkey reported on the library. There are some books that have been out longer than 2 weeks and should be returned so other club members could use them. Since an honor system is presently in place, it would be greatly appreciated if all books checked out be returned in a timely manner for others to use.

Oct 10th is Turkey Trot in Yellville. Sid will be setting up on Friday. All members are asked to participate and to have a good turn out to carve and sell raffle tickets on our cane.

We would like Jay Nottingham to continue being our knife/chisel supplier and would like him to bring them to the general meeting for members to purchase.

There was a discussion about getting members to do a few cutouts for new carvers. This topic will be brought up at the next general membership meeting.

Invitations to our Christmas party will be sent out to former members to hopefully renew their interest and see why they left the club.

Sid suggested a project of a carved quilt for next show project. The Board agreed on quilt project as fund raiser. Sandy suggested coasters as another project. Other ideas are welcomed.

Motion to adjourn by Naomi and seconded by Dave McConkey

Minutes submitted by Naomi Inglett and Kathi Clark

Cut-outs / Blanks for Members

The club will try to make cut-outs/ blanks for the members that do not have band or scroll saws. You must supply the wood and pattern - also it must not be too difficult. See one of the board members and they will find someone to do the work.



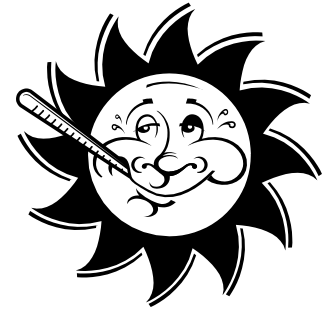
Out Of The Norm

Documentary

**On Cable Channel 19 and
soon to be on the internet at
"outofthenorm.tv"**

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.



Activity Calendar

October

- 9 Wood Spoon - Naomi Inglett
- 16 **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
and POT LUCK LUNCH**
Wood Spoon - Naomi Inglett
- 23 Chip Carving - Ray Kropke
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January 2009

- 8 1st Beginner Class Session begins

May

- 7 2nd Beginner Class Session begins

TBA

Joe Acsai - Dogwood Flower
Josephine Montgomery - Sculpting in Clay
Roland Ellis - How to Paint a Project
Arlene Lesiak - Santa (Jan.)

Roland Ellis is conducting a series of classes from pattern making through painting carvings, showing various styles of carving. Cost would be \$10 per week, with carvers taking as many or as few classes as they want. A sign-up sheet is available on Thursdays.