



# THE CHIP PILE

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

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Just a reminder to everyone, the club does not meet when schools are called off due to weather.

Our paid membership now stands at 115 with four new people joining today. The May class is filling up fast so if you know someone interested tell them to get their name in soon. Please see Kathi to pay your dues.

Starting the 14th, Dave and Charley will be taking photos and making an update to insert into our photo directories. If you have not had your photo taken please come and do this. I have trouble putting names and faces together and find this an invaluable tool.

General meeting this month is also a potluck and after dinner we will be carving items for door prizes to give away at the show. Fidel is going to provide us with music and we will have a free will donation taken up to help the people in Gassville. Make sure you stay for the carving.

We all need to start thinking about the show – we need the door prizes discussed above, auction items for the dinner after the show, and of course items to exhibit and enter in the judging. I started a complex project for the show and am stretching my talents but going to give it a try.

The Board decided to split the blocks for the canes and request a few more thus making another one that will be taken to summer events with a drawing in the fall. One block cane and the spool cane will be raffled at the show. We could use one or two handles for the block canes. I have a blank to work with, so please we need a volunteer. Kathi has completed the one for the spools. Kathi does a great job but someone else should try it also.

I grew up in snow country but never had so much problem as last Thursday, from now on I stay home. I guess when it is colder it is not so slick.

I guess I've said enough and believe it is time to go to the basement and make some chips.  
Sid

### **General Membership Meeting of January 17, 2008 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the vice president, Norm Rutledge. The Pledge to the flag followed. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. We now have 102 paid members.

Sign up sheets for lessons being presented in the next several months are on the table every Thursday. Members are encouraged to check the available lessons.

Ray Kropke, Treasurer, presented the budget for 2008 and the financial report for last month. The budget was approved by motion made and carried. Ray also said that the rent will not be raised for now. Yates Holland asked about

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moving our meetings to another location. Ray said that the Senior Center, one of the few locations large enough for our activities, is not available during the day. Yates said that he would check on St. Andrews Church as a possible meeting place.

Pat Helmus, our Sunshine Lady, reported that she sent several get well cards, missing you cards, and Christmas cards during the past month.

Sandy Smith reported that Tom Brown will judge the 2009 carving show. This year he will sharpen knives/tools during the show and will also be a judge for the whittling contest. Sandy said that the show committee is planning to have embroidered patches made to be given to carvers registered at the show. The patches will also be available for sale at the Show. Members are asked to donate items that can be auctioned at the Show banquet. Sandy also said that there are still six places open for Desiree Hajny's class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following our show in May.

Members were reminded to mark their calendars for the Christmas Party which will be held December 4th.

Additional carved spools are needed for the spool cane which will be raffled at the Show. There will be a Carve-In to work on items to be used as door prizes for the Show following the pot luck at the February 21st meeting. Contact Norm for details.

Show and Tell: Dick Dulaney carved a Dachshund in cedar, finished with linseed oil and Danish oil. He also showed a high relief carving of a lighthouse. Kathi Clark carved a handle for the spool cane featuring mice, a spool, a miniature dachshund, and a power-carved seal from a Tagua nut. Ken Doran showed several wood burnings on cedar, finished with Deft. He will donate two of them as door prizes for the Show. Paul Baumann showed a bark carved church, which was a Christmas present for his wife. Norm Rutledge carved two cane spools, a little man and a hat, finished with linseed oil, mineral spirits and raw umber. Arlene Lesiak showed a primitive nativity scene carved from blocks by Don Lesiak. She will teach a class on three of the figures.

Ken won the Show and Tell drawing; Joe Phillips won the Name Tag drawing; and Arlene won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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## **Board of Directors Meeting of February 7, 2008 MINUTES**

The meeting was opened by our president, Sid Edelbrock, at 10:30. Under old business, it was decided that since there are enough carved blocks, two canes will be made from the blocks and one from carved spools. Two canes will be raffled at the show in May. Raffle tickets for the other cane will be sold at places we carve during the year.

Starting next week, photos will be taken of new members and those who were missed the first time. Members who have photo directories will be given new pages. Others will be given new books. One book is given for each family membership. Dave said that he has new software that will make publishing the directory easier.

Ray Kropke's treasurer's report was accepted. Kathi Clark reported that our membership now totals 115.

There was an inquiry about having wheel chairs available at the show for those spectators who needed them. The show committee will investigate that possibility. Sandy showed additional pictures of possible subjects for Desiree's carving class in May. Class participants will vote on the subject.

A letter from carving instructor, Bruce Futterer, expressing his appreciation for a good group at his class was read.

Lessons have now been scheduled through the first week in June. The second beginner's class is almost full. Norm reminded members to keep interruptions in the beginner's classes to a minimum. He also said that we may have to change suppliers for beginner class knives.

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Naomi suggested that we remind members that we do not meet when Mountain Home schools are closed due to weather.

Curt said that he will soon have a complete list of books in our library.

It was suggested that we take a collection for aid to Gassville at our General Meeting. Also, at that meeting, Fidel will play his flute.

There will be a carving session following the pot luck lunch at the General Meeting on February 21, to carve door prizes for the show.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

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## **NAWC Activity Calendar**

### **February**

- 14 Ken Doran - Bark Carving #1
- 21 Ken Doran - Bark Carving #2
- 28 Don Lesiak - Chip Carving Design #1

### **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](mailto: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**

- Feb.** 7 Chickadee #2. . . . Yates Holland  
14 Mouse . . . . . John Uelman  
21 Hound Dog #1 . . . Jay Nottingham  
(*General Membership Meeting & Potluck Lunch*)  
28 Hound Dog #2 . . . Jay Nottingham)
- 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*)



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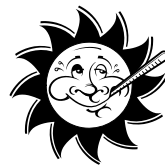
**Are your 2008  
Membership Dues  
Up-To-Date?**

**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.