



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Remember the greatest show in Baxter County is coming to the fair grounds May 3 & 4, that is the **NAWC 29th Annual Woodcarving Show and Sale**. Don't forget the banquet Saturday night also. Make your reservations for a table at the show and for the evening dinner, all are a lot of fun. Thank you Show Committee. The show still needs auction items for the dinner and volunteers to work the show. If you can help out see a Committee member.

Tom Brown will be at the show to sharpen tools as needed so if you have a problem tool bring it along. (Editor's note: Tom sharpens kitchen knives, too!)

There are still a couple openings in the Desiree Hajny class that will be held at the VFW after the show. This is a chance to carve with an international carver without having to pay all those motel fees, so please sign up.

We are going back to the Cotter Fish Festival again this year and the dates are April 18 & 19. Those that went last year had a good time. Several members will have tables and we will have a club table to promote carving and the club as well as sell raffle tickets on one of the canes. Yes, we have two canes together and must finish the third before the show so if you have blocks out please get them turned in.

Remember the Pot Luck lunch is the 17th, following the General Membership Meeting.

The Library has approached us again this year about having a class for kids so be prepared to discuss this at our meeting.

The Board has decided to make this much talked about idea of mentoring new graduates

work this time. Terry Balcom is Coordinator so if you would be able to do this, see Terry. We would like the new members to stay and enjoy carving and this should be helpful in getting them started.

Talking about new members and a reminder to old members, you can purchase tools and wood at the show and if you would like something special you may put in an order in advance and have them bring it with them.

Sandy has some neat patches for sale with our logo on them. These maybe purchased here or at the show. Also remember her sister will put our logo on your favorite shirt.

I actually got three days of yard work in with the dryer weather, but the wet has given me some time to get some carving done, just finished something I have been planning for years. See there is a good side to most things if we look for it.

Sid

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## General Membership Meeting of March 20, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 by the Vice President, Norm Rutledge. Following the Pledge to the Flag, Norm thanked Karen Ellis and Judy Balcom for providing delicious treats.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Kathi Clark reported that membership is now 129. Information on classes is available on the table

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every Thursday. There are only two openings left in Desiree Hajny's class, May 5-7.

The Treasurer's report was approved and the Sunshine report was not available. Sandy Smith, reporting for the Show Committee, said that club patches will be given to show participants and are available for sale. The cost is \$3:00. She also reminded members to return their table registration forms as soon as possible. Kathi reminded members to turn in the door prize carvings they have finished.

Terry Balcom is in charge of the newly created Mentor Program. He will match each beginning carver with an experienced carver, who will serve as a carving mentor.

Shirts with the club logo, to be sold at the Show, are being ordered soon. Special orders for shirts are also being accepted now. Anyone who would like to have the club logo embroidered on their own shirt should contact Sandy Smith.

With two week's notice, the Park Department is willing to set up at scaffold for work restoring totem poles in the park. Receiving no response to his request for a volunteer to coordinate the restoration project, Norm said that he will ask Ray Kropke if he would be willing to help.

Members were reminded to turn in any spools and blocks they have carved for the canes. We will have a table at the Cotter Fish Festival, April 18 & 19. Cane raffle tickets will be sold there.

**Show and Tell:** Naomi Inglett showed a relief carving done in bass wood and finished with stain and Deft. Kathi Clark carved a rose bud from an egg using an idea from an article in Woodcarving Illustrated magazine. Carving eggs are available on Thursdays. Arlene Lesiak carved a relief Santa with a background of children's faces in a class taught by Bruce Futterer. Don Lesiak carved an Eagle bust in a Len Dillon class; and also four Easter bunny candlesticks. Lucia Pairolero carved and wood burned a relief carving of a bear crawling over a log with a Minwax finish, and wood burned a picture of a Loon. She also carved a relief

Santa in Bruce Futterer's class. Dale Lakin did a relief carving of The Old Barn in bass wood. Donalee Phillips, a beginning carver, carved a Hound Dog and a Civil War veteran. Joe Phillips, also a beginning carver, carved a Hound Dog and a Hillbilly. Toni Giardina carved a Hound Dog finished with stain and Deft. The winner of the Show and Tell drawing was Naomi Inglett.

Bob Karpen won the Name Tag drawing, and Don Lesiak 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 April 3, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Norm Rutledge. Photographing of members for the photo directory is continuing. Ray said that he will coordinate the repairs to the totem poles in Cooper Park when the weather is warmer and dryer.

Approximately 25 new members have come from the beginner classes. Name tags were discussed, and Sandy suggested that name tags could be carved in a beginner class. Don Davis will be asked about teaching a wood burning class for name tags.

The Mentor Program for new members was discussed. It was decided that new carvers should be shown different types of carving and then surveyed to find out their interests before being matched with a mentor.

Kathi reported that we currently have 131 members. She has emailed or called former members who have not paid dues for this year. Members who are not current with their dues will no longer receive *The Chip Pile*.

Sandy said she will email Norm Allen about putting information about our carving show on Channel 19. Items are still needed for the auction. There are 4 openings in Desiree Hajny's class May 5,6,&7.

The club will purchase 2"x2"x12" basswood from the show's wood vendor to sell to club members. Ray said that of the \$1300 spent on wood from Len Dillon, \$1000 has already been sold.

A club table will be set up at the Cotter Fish Festival, April 18 from 12:00 (set up from 9-11) to 5:00 & April 19 from 10:00 to 5:00. All carvers are encouraged to participate. Raffle tickets for one of our canes will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Three more carved blocks are needed to complete our cane project. Any one who still has a carved block is asked to turn it in.

Sid Edelbrock did an interview about the club and the show on KTLO. It can be viewed on the KTLO website.

It was decided that a carved remembrance from the club will be given to family members at the funeral of a member or former member. Sid offered several crosses to be carved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary



## **“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 which includes instruction and materials (blanks, supplemental materials, etc.). Class limit is 12 students. Sign up at the club on Thursdays or contact Sandy Smith, [webmaster@northarkansaswoodcarvers.org](mailto:webmaster@northarkansaswoodcarvers.org).

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## **NAWC Activity Calendar**

### **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

## **Sawdust Can Kill You**

*By Neil Foster*

**You bet it can!** If you breath in sawdust, it will clog your lungs just as quick as tobacco tars. Us older members know people who are on oxygen full time and others who have died from emphysema (which is a lung disease).

People who have carved for a while need to be reminded of this and new carvers need to become aware of this. Recently I saw an article listing the various woods from which the sawdust can harm you. The sawdust from some woods are worse than others, but all are dangerous.

When using a tool (such as a Dremel, Foredom, sander, band saw, table saw or similar tool) that creates sawdust, one should use either a face mask, a shop vacuum system, or a box that traps sawdust. I've got a pattern for such a box and I think I've seen Dick Dulaney use one.

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**Beginner Classes**

**First Session**

- Apr. 3** Rufus #2 . . . . . Sid Edelbrock
- 10** Rufus #3 . . . . . Sid Edelbrock
- 17** Painting Rufus . . . Sandy Smith  
*(General Membership Meeting and  
Pot Luck Lunch)*

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**Beginner Classes**

**Second Session**

- May 8** Sharpening/Safety . Doc Connelly
- 15** Penguin . . . . . Don Davis
- 22** Chickadee #1. . . . . Yates Holland  
*(General Membership Meeting)*
- 29** Chickadee #2. . . . . Yates Holland
- June 5** Mouse . . . . . John Uelman
- 12** Hound Dog #1 . . . . Jay Nottingham
- 18** Hound Dog #2 . . . . Jay Nottingham  
*(General Membership Meeting and  
Pot Luck Lunch)*
- 26** Rufus #1 . . . . . Sid Edelbrock
- July 3** Rufus #2 . . . . . Sid Edelbrock
- 10** Rufus #3 . . . . . Sid Edelbrock
- 17** Painting Rufus . . . . Sandy Smith  
*(General Membership Meeting)*
- 24** Knife Cover . . . . . Bonnie Davis



**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.

**29th Annual  
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Saturday, May 3 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, May 4 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Baxter County Fairgrounds

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