



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's February already; the days are getting longer, and I hope...warmer. Valentine's Day is coming so don't forget your Sweetheart. I know I won't. Mary and I will celebrate our 5th Wedding Anniversary on Valentine's Day!

On Friday the 16th of January, the *Baxter Bulletin* ran the picture of the new officers. Again, thanks to Wally, we are getting some great publicity. Good job.

The beginners class seems to be going along smoothly. Let's encourage our new members to stay after class and visit. That way we can share our own styles and interests in the woodcarving world. Also, let's support our instructors. They do a fine job.

Our next regular meeting is on the 19th of February and that is our potluck dinner. As always, I am looking forward to that.

I got through my first regular meeting as your new president. There were no calls for

impeachment, no tar and feathers, and no assassination attempts, so I guess I did all right. Still, I am open to suggestions and here to serve.

That's it for now.

Paul H. Baumann III, NAWC President

P.S. I wrote this letter before the ice storm and subsequent power outage. I hope all of you are faring well and keeping safe and warm. My recent woodcarving project is in a large pile in the backyard. I've titled it "Firewood".

General Membership Meeting of January 15, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30, with 57 members present. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. The budget for 2009, presented by the Treasurer, Ray Kropke, was approved by motion made and carried. The treasurer's report was also accepted as read. Ray said that the books for 2008 have been audited.

Kathi Clark reported that we now have 95 paid members. Two new members, Guy Addison and Stanley Suszka, were introduced.

A thinking of you card will be sent to Pat Helmus.

There are twelve members in the current beginners' class and eleven people have signed up for the class in May. Norm Rutledge suggested that we might have another beginners' class in the fall. We will also explore the idea of having classes both

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morning and afternoon. Wally Smietanski will discuss the various possibilities with the instructors and students.

Sandy Smith, reporting for the Show Committee, asked for donations for the banquet auction and also for small carvings to be used as door prizes. Dick Dulaney encouraged club members to attend a Show meeting to see what goes into putting on a carving show.

A carving demonstration at the Gaston Visitors Center was discussed, but no definite date has been set. More information will be available at the next meeting.

The General Meeting in February will include a potluck lunch.

Show and Tell: Naomi Inglett showed a wood spirit; Roland Ellis carved a river catfish; a Harlequin duck in butternut was carved by Lucia Pairolero; John Gregory carved a cardinal with habitat and a Cyprus knee; Betty Gregory carved a spoon featuring a flower on the handle; Robin Brinker carved a bark spirit face in Ken Doran's class; A quilt square was done by Richard Arndt; Sid Edelbrock carved a Santa scene; Sandy Smith carved a wreath square with two turtle doves and a quilt square with a Cocker Spaniel, and two bottle covers: a Cocker Spaniel and a Santa; Steve Warner carved a rainbow trout with habitat carved from MDF, medium density fiberboard; Dick Dulaney showed his many Loony Tunes characters on a thee tiered stage which can be disassembled for traveling.

The Show and Tell drawing winner was Steve Wagner. The 50/50 winner was Warren Brown, and the Name Tag winner was Norm Rutledge.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of February 5, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. Ray Kropke presented the Treasurer's report. Curt

Shirkey, Librarian, said that we have four new books for the library that are presently being cataloged. Kathi Clark reported that we currently have 97 members.

Wally Smietanski reported that Josephine Montgomery is willing to teach her clay modeling techniques at her studio in Gainesville. Wally also said that after surveying the instructors, only one is willing to teach in the afternoon. Consequently, all classes will be held in the morning. We are also looking into the possibility of having a Beginners' class in the fall.

It was decided to have our Christmas party on December 3. Ray Kropke is making arrangements with the VFW.

Kathi Clark asked if anyone would be willing to ask local businesses for items that could be auctioned at the Show banquet in May.

We will place an order for t-shirts to sell at the show. Paul will ask members for order requests at the General Meeting.

Wally said that our show information is included in many carving magazines.

Kathi suggested that we do something special for three members who are currently in nursing homes. We will discuss this at the General Meeting.

The Lake of the Ozarks* carving seminars will also be discussed at our next General Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

[*Editor's note: Newsletters and Show/Seminar Information from several carving clubs, as well as ours, can be found in the white binders that can either be found on the club table at our regular meetings or in the filing cabinet in the back room.]

We Need Your Help

Our **30th Annual Woodcarving Show and Sale** is just around the corner. The NAWC Show Committee requests your help in completing the "**Twelve Days of Christmas**" wreath and the "**Quilt**" wall hanging to be used as raffles. If you have completed door prize

carvings, please bring them to the next meeting so Kathi can get the backs on them and get them stained.

We are also requesting help with donations for Auction items for the Show's Banquet at the Elks Club. If you have an "in" with a business, ask them if they'd like to donate an item for the auction. We also invite you to think about having a table at our show - check out the changes made to this year's Divisions and Categories. We've expanded the Novice Division for people that haven't shown before (or received a Blue Ribbon in a previous NAWC Show). Come and join us at the banquet and take part in the auction, even if you don't take part in the show. It would be wonderful to get more participation from the entire club.

2009 Dues Are Due

If you have not already paid your dues for 2009, please remember to do so before March. Individual membership is \$15 per year, or \$20 for your family, and can be mailed to the club's P.O. Box or see Kathi Clark, Membership Chairperson, at our Thursday meetings. Make checks payable to North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club (NAWC) and send to P.O. Box 531, Mountain Home, AR 72653.



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

February 2009

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:30am
- 12 Show Committee Meeting - 9:30am
Santa & Wizard - Arlene Lesiak
- 19 General Membership Meeting - 10:30am
Potluck Lunch
- 26 Bark House (small) - Paul Baumann III

March

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:30am
Ship Relief Carving - Naomi Inglett
- 12 Show Committee Meeting - 9:30am
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- 19 General Membership Meeting - 10:30am
- 26 Bible Dudes - Arlene Lesiak

April

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:30am
Bible Dudes - Arlene Lesiak
- 9 Show Committee Meeting - 9:30am
- 16 General Membership Meeting - 10:30am
Potluck Lunch

May

- 2-3 **NAWC 30th Annual
WOODCARVING SHOW AND SALE**
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:30am
Second Beginner Class Session
- 14 Show Committee Meeting - 9:30am
- 21 General Membership Meeting - 10:30am

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Large Wood Bell - John Uelmen
WISHES 'N' FISHES - Instructors vary

**IF MOUNTAIN HOME
SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
DUE TO INCLEMENT
WEATHER - WE WILL NOT
HAVE CLUB ACTIVITIES
OR CLASSES.**



**NAWC Documentary
Is now on the internet at
"outofthenorm.tv"**

BEGINNER CLASSES 2009

First Beginner Class Session

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Feb. 5	<i>Cancelled due to ICE</i>	
12	Mouse	John Uelman
19	Hound Dog #1	Jay Nottingham
26	Hound Dog #2 (Gen. Mtg./ Potluck)	Jay Nottingham
Mar. 5	Rufus #1	Sid Edelbrock
12	Rufus #2	Sid Edelbrock
19	Rufus #3	Sid Edelbrock
26	Painting Rufus (General Meeting)	Sandy Smith
Apr. 2	Knife Cover	Bonnie Davis

Class schedule subject to change.

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