



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's April already. No foolin'!

Old joke time...If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims!

Speaking of an influx of people, it is with great joy that I compliment one and all. Attendance has been great. The winner of the fifty/fifty pots has been hitting above \$35.00 and in some instances above \$40.00. We have had visitors from all over and new members who are experienced carvers. I think this is wonderful... the more, the merrier, as they say.

April 2nd, the Beginners Class received their certificates of completion. Barb Edelbrock did an excellent job compiling these certificates. Thanks again to the instructors and to all those who contributed in one way or another. The new graduates are a welcome addition.

A special note for the new carvers...**please stick around!** The classes were a great introduction to the art of wood carving; however, there is a lot more to it and lots of the "old timers" are willing to help you discover and create.

The club has decided to stock a small amount of tools and safety equipment. These will be available to anyone. Of course, we will also provide tools and safety equipment for the beginners' classes. As of this writing, Jay Nottingham will supply us with tools. If, for any reason, you get tool that is not to your liking, go to Jay. He can take care of it.

Okay, we got some rain. Things are turning green. Enjoy the Spring!

Paul H. Baumann III, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of March 19, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the president, Paul Baumann. The Pledge to the Flag followed. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. The treasurer's report, given by Ray Kropke, was approved. Curt Shirkey, Librarian, reported that 17 books are now missing from the library. After some discussion, it was decided to post a sign reminding members to fill out a card when borrowing a book. The library will be open only for a limited time each Thursday.

The membership chairman, Kathi Clark reported that we now have 123 members. Walley Smietanski said that the class schedule for the May 7 class is complete.

Paul said that the club will be represented at the Cotter Trout Festival on April 17 & 18. Members who would like to carve at the festival should contact Paul.

The Christmas wreath ribbon will be painted red. Raffle tickets for the wreath and the quilt will be sold at the Cotter Festival.

The new t-shirts that have been ordered will cost \$8.00. Extra large will cost \$9.00.

The chairman said that there will be back-up instructors and assistant instructors for the beginner classes. A sign-up sheet will be available for volunteers. He also said that we need volunteers to make the cut-outs for the beginner classes.

Ray Kropke will be responsible for purchasing wood and rough-outs from Len Dillon's estate.

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Kathi encouraged members to attend the Show banquet at the Elks Club, even if they don't have a table at the show.

Show and Tell followed. Arlene Lesiak showed two Santas carved in Jon Nelson's class, a small bark carving, and two ornaments that will be door prizes for the show. Lucia Pairolero carved a rainbow trout with habitat and a lacquer finish. Dick Dulaney did a relief carving of a family crest and some small wood burned slabs which will be door prizes for the show. Kathi Clark carved a "Storm Spirit" from her tree that had been broken in the storm. Paul Baumann used small bark scraps to carve three churches. Betty Gregory carved a stylized penguin and a mouse. John Gregory showed a quilt square painted in oils. JoAnne Moore carved a bowl and two love spoons. Curt Shirkey showed "Doc", carved from a Rendezvous rough out. Naomi Inglett did a relief carving of a ship. Sandy Smith carved a rabbit on a quilt square. Claude Roper showed a relief carving of a ship finished with Feed 'N Wax. Carol Roper carved and wood burned a giraffe. Roland Ellis said that he mixed his own stains to finish his roadrunner. Norm Rutledge carved a small caricature to be used as a show door prize.

The Show and Tell drawing winner was Paul Baumann. Terry Balcom was the Name Tag winner. The 50/50 drawing winner was Norm Rutledge.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of April 2, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. The Treasurer, Ray Kropke reported that 50/50 has been a big help with the rent this year.

Curt Shirkey, Librarian, said that Bob Richardson has contributed several new books to the library. Kathi Clark reported that we now have 127 members.

It was decided that the Beginner class members will be given first opportunity to sign up for Ray Kropke's chip carving class. Naomi Inglett will teach a small bell class in the fall.

The VFW has been reserved for our Christmas party on December 3rd.

Randy Landen will be the judge for our May 2 & 3 carving show at the Fairgrounds. Moore Roughtouts will sell roughouts and some wood (other than basswood). Terry Balcom will contact Greggs for prizes for the show. Signs will be displayed on the tables reminding visitors not to handle the carvings. Large outdoor signs will be put up around the area on April 17.

Curt Shirkey volunteered to order and inspect the tools for the Beginner classes.

We will be carving at the Cotter Trout Festival on April 17 & 18 from 9:00 am. At the next general meeting all club members will be encouraged to come and carve at the Festival.

Sandy Smith and Sid Edelbrock will teach an adult carving class at the library on June 16 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. The club could display carvings in the display cabinet at the library during the month of June.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Submitted by Kathi Clark and Bonnie Davis

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.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Due to increasing costs for fuel and trailer rental, our current wood vendor (Heinecke Woods) is planning to bring a pick-up truck packed with as much basswood as possible, but is unable to take "special orders" for basswood to be delivered at the time of our show. However Randy and Pat Moore (Moore Roughouts, formerly Russiter Ruff-outs) will be attending our show to sell their "roughouts" and specialty carving woods (ie., Aspen, Diamond Willow, Cottonwood Bark and Butternut [if Marge and Dale do not have any]), PLUS they have offered to take any "Special Orders" club members would want. Just call: 1-800-825-2657 or e-mail them at mooredesignz@aol.com. If you need a special order, please allow plenty of time for processing...

Deer Antlers Wanted

Member Robin Brinker is looking for deer antlers, approximately 4" long and preferably with the button part, to use on walking sticks/canes. If you have antlers, or know someone who does, please call Robin at 870-424-5134.

Baxter County Library Intro Class and Promo Display

On June 16 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM the carving club will conduct an introduction to carving class at the library. Class size is limited to 12 and students will be 18 and older. Also the month of June we can have the glass case at the library to display carvings, it is safe and people cannot touch your carvings. This should be a good promotion for the club. We should also display our logo and some points about the club.

Sid

Activity Calendar

April

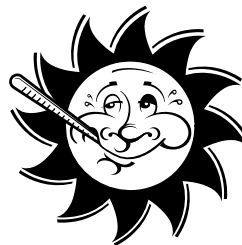
- 2 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:30am
Bible Dudes - Arlene Lesiak
Large Wood Bell - John Uelmen
- 9 Show Committee Meeting - 9:30am
- 16 General Membership Meeting - 10:30am
Potluck Lunch

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

NAWC's 30th Annual Woodcarving Show and Sale

Baxter County Fairgrounds
College and Wade Avenue
Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Admission: **FREE**



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.

First Beginner Class Session GRADUATES



From left to right: Ray MacGrogan, Charles Orin, David Orin, Dorothy Hess, Charles Riewer, Hazel Faltinson, Grant Winsauer, Cheryl Hafer, Dan Isbell, and Bob Axel. Not pictured: Sandra Beebe.

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

BEGINNER CLASSES 2009 Second Beginner Class Session

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
May 7	Sharpening & Safety	Doc Connelly
14	Penguin	Don Davis (General Meeting)
21	Chickadee #1	Yates Holland
28	Chickadee #2	Yates Holland
Jun. 4	Mouse	John Uelmen
11	Hound Dog #1	Jay Nottingham
18	Hound Dog #2	Jay Nottingham (Gen. Mtg./ Potluck)
25	Rufus #1	Sid Edelbrock
Jul. 2	Rufus #2	Sid Edelbrock
9	Rufus #3	Sid Edelbrock
16	Knife Cover	Bonnie Davis
23	Painting Rufus	Sandy Smith (General Meeting)

Class schedule subject to change.

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