

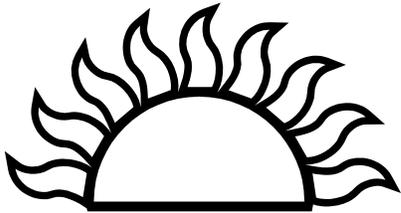


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's August and it's Hot!

That's it! No Holidays...just Hot!

I hope you all are keeping cool. We do have Pot Luck Lunch and general meeting on the 20th. As always I'm looking forward to the good food and fellowship.

Vice President Wally got us in the *Baxter Bulletin* again. Rod, Chuck, Sandy and I were pictured, and it generated a couple of phone calls about the club.

Curt Shirkey and I went out to Henry Fredericks house. He is the generous man who has donated so much to the club. This time Curt and I picked up some more cottonwood bark. Remember, the club has lots of basswood for sale and now we have cottonwood bark. As always, the club will provide wood for classes.

While we were visiting with Henry, he donated yet another box of sundries and the tools for the drawing. In return, we are asking for Christmas ornaments, wood spirits, or any other saleable items to be donated to Serenity, Inc. We will collect these items and you will get a ticket for each item donated. Sometime in early November, we will present these items to Lori Adkins, of Serenity, Inc., and have a drawing for the tools. So we need good quality, signed, carved items for this project. The public relations value generated for Serenity, Inc., and NAWC will be great!

Speaking of Christmas ornaments...we still have a Christmas wreath and carved quilt for which to sell tickets. The drawing will be at the Turkey Trot.

Pat Helmus has resigned as the "Sunshine Lady." Thank you, Pat, for your service in the past. You did a fine job. Mary Baumann was the interim "Sunshine Lady," because I said so! Karen Rutledge received a get well card for her knee replacement. Claude Roper has since volunteered to be our "Sunshine...Guy, Man, Dude, Person, or Whoever," as of August 6th. Thank you very much, Claude!

Well, that's it for now.

Paul H. Baumann III, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of July 16, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the approval of the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Chip Pile*. The Treasurer's report was accepted as given.

Curt Shirkey, librarian, said that Sandy Smith has entered a new list of books on the computer and deserves a big hand for her work. Curt had a list of new additions to the library on birds and fish.

Kathi Clark announced that we now have 159 members.

Sunshine Lady was absent, but we had a report that Joe Acsai is doing well. He was spotted shopping at Wal-Mart during the last week.

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The Show Committee does not meet during the summer.

Wally Smietanski reported that the sharpening class taught by Richard Arndt has been completed. Two other classes are scheduled for the fall.

A thank-you note from the Baxter County Library for the class that was taught as well as all the supplies.

Report on the Christmas party was that Mary Baumann was working on the project at her home.

Paul recognized the July birthdays as follows: Bob Axel, Rudy Betzold, Rick Heydt, Tom Higgins, Ray MacGrogan, Jo Anne Moore, Sandy Smith, Dora Uelmen. The July anniversaries are: Kathi & Jerry Clark, Jerry Norris, Charles Orin, Claude & Carol Roper, Curt & Deen Shirkey, John & Dora Uelman, Grant Winsauer.

Paul reminded us that the club has caps, t-shirts, wood, and blanks for sale. The project for the Serenity House is going strong. He has tickets available now and will distribute them - Sandy Smith will collect the entries. Deadline for these carvings will be November 10, 2009.

Sid Edelbrock was mentioned in the *Baxter Bulletin* concerning his work with the fire department in his area.

Show and Tell. Ray Kropke brought a carving of himself that was deep-relief carved by Ray Learn. Carved from a self-made photo by Ray. Sid Edelbrock showed earrings made to look like spark plugs. Dick Dulaney presented a giant blue heron and a miniature blue heron.

Show and Tell winner was Sid Edelbrock, name tag winner was Burl Moore; 50/50 winner was Don Davis.

Kathi Clark reminded everyone that the Baxter County Fair is in September and to get your carvings ready for entry.

Paul mentioned the Chili Cook-off that will be happening soon. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52.

Submitted by: Naomi Inglett, substituting for Bonnie Davis.

Board of Directors Meeting of August 6, 2009 MINUTES

August 6th board meeting was called to order by president Paul Baumann III.

Treasurer Ray Kropke reported that no debts were outstanding other than rent is due.

Librarian Curt Shirkey stated that there are a few books outstanding that he is trying to collect. There are some "coffee table" books that were donated to the club that he wondered if they should be in the library. We may use them for auction items for next year's show dinner.

Membership Chairman Kathi Clark, reported that the membership is still at 159. Wally Smietanski reported that the wood burning class that Don Davis will hold this fall is full.

Naomi Inglett will hold a bell carving class on September 24th. Ray Kropke will hold another chip carving class this fall.

There was discussion as to if we need another beginning class in the fall. A minimum of 5 will determine if there will be a fall class.

There was nothing new to report on Christmas party, *Chip Pile* or from the show committee.

Keene Smith's family moved him closer to them. If anyone would like to send a card, his address is 600 Rivers Edge 5, Apt 205, St. Charles, MO 63303

Sunshine Lady, Pat Helmus has resigned that position after many years of outstanding service to the club. Claude Roper has volunteered to take over the position.

Paul and Mary Baumann paid a visit to Karen Rutledge as she is recovering from knee surgery. She is working hard at her therapy .

More discussion on the carvings for Serenity House was brought up by Dave McConkey. It was decided that all carvings (even if over 200) will be donated and Mr. Fredericks can do as he wishes with them. When they are turned over, Lori Atkins will be accepting them, as Mr. Fredericks wishes to remain anonymous. How the tools would be given

out were also discussed. It was decided that since there are 99 items that there will be 10 drawings for winners with the first 9 getting 10 tools and the 10th winner getting the remaining 9 tools. Most are high quality Henry Taylor brand.

Under "New business" we discussed storage problem of several members storing items at their homes. We would like to get one storage unit for the signs that the show committee stores and all the wood, caps, shirts etc. that are now stored by members. We would also need shelving for the unit, so if anyone has some or knows where we can find such items, please talk to Paul Bauman. The storage unit issue will be discussed at the upcoming General Membership Meeting.

Yates Holland spoke to the board about cut-outs for his bird class. Paul will bring wood for Yates to cut the blanks from next week.

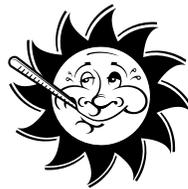
After some discussion of feathers, and their possible unique uses, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m..

Submitted by: Kathi Clark, substituting for Bonnie Davis

OPEN CLASSES

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Sept. 3	Wood Burning (#1)	Don Davis
Sept. 10	Wood Burning (#2)	Don Davis
Sept. 24	Small Bell	Naomi Inglett

Please let Wally know if you have a class project that you are willing to teach.



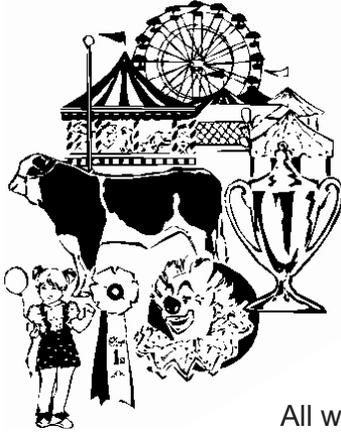
SUNSHINE GENT REPORTS

Please let Claude Roper 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.

NEW CARVERS COMPLETE BEGINNERS' CLASS

New carvers who recently completed a beginners' class through NAWC are (from left) Rod Engle and Chuck Noon. Also shown are Paul Baumann (third from left), NAWC president, and Sandy Smith, instructor. New carvers Barrie Hazelton, Deb Meline and Virginia Barslund were not available for the photo.





SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR WOOD CARVING – ENTER A CARVING(S) AT THE BAXTER COUNTY FAIR - SEPT. 15-19, 2009

Exhibitors may enter one entry per class, unless otherwise indicated. Premiums are paid to 1st place winners; 2nd and 3rd place winners receive ribbons. First place winners receive 5 premium points for each class in Lot 2 which carving is in. Carving information is listed on page 29 under Woodworking in the fair book.

All woodworking and carvings must be original and be the sole work of the person entering the exhibit. No kits are allowed including, but not limited to, pre-cut and ready-to-assemble projects or roughouts.

Exhibits will be accepted on Sunday, September 13, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and on Tuesday, September 15, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm; all entries must be in place by 7:00 pm. Removal of exhibits prior to Sunday will forfeit any premiums due. Entries may be picked up on Sunday, September 20, between 12:00 pm and 2 pm.*

For more information see: <http://www.baxtercofair.com>

*Information obtained from Kathi Clark and the Baxter Country Fair website.

Carving Categories

- Chip Carving
- Relief
- Caricature
- Wildlife
- Flower or Plant
- Bust or Figurine
- Birds
- Animals
- Group Arrangements
- Driftwood
- Holiday
- Stylized
- Other (not listed elsewhere)

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