



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October should be a colorful month with cool weather, shorter days, and longer nights. The Turkey Trot and the drawing for the quilt and wreath are happening this month. My personal favorite is that October starts deer season.

In September, we started another beginners' class. With only three students, the instructors are developing better rapport with the students and, hopefully, it will be an easier and more rewarding experience.

The storage facility is getting more organized. Bea Berke helped with shelving and Chuck Koon had a neighbor giving away another set of shelves. So we put it to good use. The club has a lot of wood for sale. Call me or see me on Thursdays and I will do my best to get what you need. I will also bring a good sample of wood for sale on regular meeting days.

This month is pot luck dinner month. The third Thursday is October 15th. Bring a dish and a smile and let's enjoy the day.

I am pleased to announce our slate of candidates is full for next year. Everybody decided to keep their positions except two... Kathi Clark (membership) and Curt Shirkey (librarian). Thank you both for your services. It has been a pleasure to have worked with you both. Your contributions have made my presidency much easier, and I appreciate that very much. Our slate is full because Judy Balcom and Jean Kropke have volunteered for the roles. I tried threats and blackmail, but they volunteered anyway!

All joking aside...thank you both. Judy will work with Curt and maintain our library. Jean will pick up where Kathi leaves off on the membership. Let's not forget Claude Roper, who has become Mister Sunshine and has risen to the occasion admirably. Thank you, one and all!

The full slate of candidates will be in the board meeting minutes.

That's it for now.

Paul H. Baumann III, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of September 17, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann. The Pledge to

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the Flag followed. The president gave the treasurer's report. Kathi Clark reported that we now have 162 members. Wally Smietanski said that Naomi Inglett's small bell class will be held next Thursday. He is looking for an instructor for the small Chickadee beginners' class on Nov. 5 & 12.

Our Sunshine Boy, Claude Roper, reported that he sent three cards last week. Sandy Smith said that the Show Committee is looking for additional members. She also reported that Larry Yudis will be the tool vendor and Tom Brown will be the judge at the 2010 show. The show bulletin is in the getting-ready-for-printing stage and will be mailed in November.

Mary Baumann, reporting for the Christmas party committee, said that the party will be held on December 3rd and the price for tickets will be \$10.00.

Sandy said that no one had asked to be contacted by *Woodcarving Illustrated* magazine with subscription information.

The Springhill Lumberjack Festival, to be held Oct. 9&10 in Louisiana, is inviting any interested carvers to attend. Contact Paul for additional information.

As a fundraiser, Baxter County Library is selling engraved paving stones for the new library at a cost of \$200 to \$500. By motion made and carried it was decided the club would not buy a stone. Because his wife is a member of The Friends of the Library, Rudy Betzold then said that if individual members would contribute to a stone, he would make up the difference.

Paul said that he will bring carving wood from the storage unit on general membership meeting day, but that members could contact him to bring wood on other Thursdays. Paul also reported that Sandy Smith won Best of Show in Woodcarving, and Kathi Clark won Best of Show in Flower Arrangements at the County Fair.

Paul then acknowledged August and September birthdays and anniversaries.

August birthdays: Joe Acsai, Mary Baumann, Jim Clements, Dick Dulaney, Betty Gregory, Lynda Heydt, Ray Kropke, Jean Kropke, Jody Nottingham, Deen Shirkey, Stanley Suszka.

August anniversaries: Terry & Judy Balcom, Sid & Barb Edelbrock, Jerry & Bonnie Marr, Burl & Jo Anne Moore, Gary & Sandy Smith, Jim & Mary Waldeck. *September birthdays:* Pat Arndt, Paul Baumann III, Katie Burks, John Gregory, Don Lesiak, Arabella Richardson, Claude Roper. *September anniversaries:* Don & Arlene Lesiak.

Show and Tell: Sid Edelbrock carved a dozen Santa eggs, and feather and sea horse earrings as donations to Serenity House. Mel Carpenter showed a Santa with a quilt and a gnome as works in progress. Sandy Smith carved her tree puzzle ornaments as donations to Serenity House. Claude Roper carved a bark house. Dave Petersen showed a pair of fireman's boots that he carved. Arlene Lesiak carved relief Santa ornaments from instructions in *Woodcarving Illustrated* magazine. Norm Rutledge carved Bible Dudes in various sizes, 2 bells, and 2 woodburned dogwood rounds. Skip Janecek showed a quilt with a mahogany frame and basswood squares carved by Skip and Rosanne Janecek, Matt and Cheryl Hafer, Jay and Jodie Nottingham, and Dean and Amy Wainscott. The quilt will be donated to the Promise Land Area Community Organization.

Skip Janecek won the Show and Tell drawing, Rod Engle won the name tag drawing, and Don Davis won the 50/50 drawing. The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of October 1, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. Ray

Kropke gave the treasurer's report. Kathi Clark reported that we now have 163 members. Wally Smietanski said that there is one person signed up for the January beginners' class.

Terry Balcom asked the Show Committee to invite Kay and Roy Jackson, chain saw carvers; and O. & P. Hardwoods to the show in May.

It was decided that members teaching classes on Thursdays have the choice of being given wood for their classes and then giving the money from the class to the club, or paying for the wood up front and then doing whatever they want with the money from the class. The choice will be made for each class.

Kathi suggested that we take two poinsettia plants from the Christmas party to our two members who live at Good Samaritan.

The slate of candidates for the December election is as follows:

- President Paul Baumann III
- Vice President Wally Smietanski
- Secretary Bonnie Davis
- Treasurer Ray Kropke
- Librarian Judy Balcom
- Membership Jean Kropke
- Website/Chip Pile Sandy Smith
- Auditor Naomi Inglett
- Board Member Dave McConkey
- Board Member Terry Balcom
- Past President Sid Edelbrock
- Sunshine Boy Claude Roper

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

**DON'T FORGET THE
POTLUCK LUNCH
FOLLOWING THE GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING -
10/15 at 10:30 a.m.**



BEGINNERS' CLASSES

| DATE | SUBJECT | INSTRUCTOR |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Oct. 1 | Carving Rufus Part 1 | Sid Edelbrock |
| Oct. 8 | Carving Rufus Part 2 | Sid Edelbrock |
| Oct. 15 | Making Knife Guards | Bonnie Davis |
| Oct. 22 | Carving Hound Dog | Jay Nottingham |
| Oct. 29 | Painting Rufus | Sandy Smith |
| Nov. 5 | Carving Chickadee Part 1 | Julie Rohaly |
| Nov. 12 | Carving Chickadee Part 2 | Julie Rohaly |



**SUNSHINE BOY
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.

**THE SHOW COMMITTEE IS NOW MEETING
EVERY SECOND THURSDAY AT 9:30 a.m.
TO PLAN OUR 31st ANNUAL SHOW**



All NAWC Members Are Encouraged to Attend & Participate

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