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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

As the new year begins, we have a lot of "new" going on. A new President, a new Vice-President and a class full of new people taking lessons. Let's make them feel welcome and help them along.

Our new Vice-President, Wally Smietanski, has already jumped in with both feet. His photo of Ken Doran's Bark Carving class was published in the *Baxter Bulletin* on New Year's Day. That was good publicity for all of us. Thank you, Wally.

I have written to the *Baxter Bulletin* to change the contact phone numbers for the club to my home phone (870) 492-4525 and Wally's (870) 430-0159 for a back up contact. The paper publishes our club's meeting time and location with a contact number in the Community Calendar section.

That's it for now. Keep warm and keep on carving.

Paul H. Baumann III, NAWC President

Board of Directors Meeting of January 8, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 by the chairman, Paul Baumann. Sandy Smith reported that our website has been updated with the show information. Ray Kropke presented the treasurer's report. Kathi Clark said that we now have 84 members paid for 2009.

Naomi Inglett has audited the club books for 2008 and found them in good order. Paul reported that he has changed the contact numbers printed in the *Baxter Bulletin*.

Wally Smietanski said that the January beginners' class, which started today, has 12 beginning carvers. There are already 11 people signed up for the class beginning in May. Wally will talk to the instructors and students to see if there is interest in dividing the class into morning and afternoon sessions.

Kathi said that cut-outs, books, and carving supplies which belonged to former club member, Ray Booth, who passed away last year, have been

donated to the club by his wife. They will be sold at the next General Meeting with the proceeds going to the club.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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.

Like Our Favorite Ornaments, the Old Friends Mean the Most

The ones evoking memories
our hearts hold ever close.

We handle them with reverence,
these keepsakes that have graced
So many seasons of our lives
and cannot be replaced.

And in their find reflection,
we catch a shining glimmer
Of heaven's beauty here on earth
and love's abiding shimmer.

Their value never tarnishes
throughout the passing years,
These precious, priceless treasures...
the friends we hold most dear.

Poem submitted by Joe Acsai

– Lisa O. Engelhardt

BEGINNER CLASSES 2009
First Beginner Class Session

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Jan. 8	Sharpening and Safety	Doc Connelly
15	Penguin	Don Davis (General Meeting)
22	Chickadee #1	Yates Holland
29	Chickadee #2	Yates Holland
Feb. 5	Mouse	John Uelman
12	Hound Dog #1	Jay Nottingham
19	Hound Dog #2	Jay Nottingham (Gen. Mtg./ Potluck)
26	Rufus #1	Sid Edelbrock
Mar. 5	Rufus #2	Sid Edelbrock
12	Rufus #3	Sid Edelbrock
19	Painting Rufus	Sandy Smith (General Meeting)
26	Knife Cover	Bonnie Davis

Class schedule subject to change.

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

Activity Calendar
January 2009

- 8 First Beginner Class Session
- TBA Santa & Wizard - Arlene Lesiak
- TBA Large Wood Bell - John Uelmen

March

- 5 Ship Relief Carving - Naomi Inglett
- 12 Ship Relief Carving - Naomi Inglett

May

- 7 Second Beginner Class Session

TBA

Josephine Montgomery - Clay Sculpting



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.

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