



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February...Hope you all got through the snow all right.

There isn't much going on right now, so this will be a short one. Valentine's Day is coming on the 14th. Potluck lunch is on the 18th.

Contact Wally if you want to have a class or would like to teach (or assist teaching) a class.

We are still working on canes for Veterans.

Contact me for wood, T-shirts, mugs, etc.. I am going to try to bring stuff for sale twice a month. Let me know in advance and if we have what you want in storage...I will deliver.

That's it for now.

Paul H. Baumann III, President

General Membership Meeting of January 21, 2010 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, presented by Ray Kropke, was accepted. Ray also said that there is a need for carved crosses to be presented to families of deceased members. Jean Kropke, membership chairman, reported that we now have 102 members.

Wally Smietanski said that there are no classes scheduled until February. Our Sunshine Boy, Claude Roper, reported that Rudy Betzold is being released from the hospital today.

The 2010 Show bulletins are being mailed and distributed this week. Sandy Smith asked for volunteers to help collect donated items for the dinner auction. The show also needs carvings to be used as door prizes. A \$50.00 gift card from Walmart will be auctioned at the dinner.

It was decided by motion made and carried that this year's Christmas party will be held at Colton's the first Thursday in December.

Club members are carving squares for two quilts to be raffled during this year. The quilt themes are wildlife and Christmas. Carved squares must be turned in by April 1.

Serenity house reported that they have raised \$1586.75, selling 60% of the items donated by the club. Discussion followed on donating carvings to Serenity house again this year. Participating carvers will receive one ticket per carving for a drawing for carving tools.

Paul said that a man selling various types of carving woods will be at one of our meetings in the near future. Anyone wanting to special order wood should call 815-938-2263.

The Canes for Veterans project was discussed. Ray Kropke, coordinator, said that Baxter County has only one veteran meeting the qualifications specified by the club. The subject was tabled until Ray can get additional information.

Show and Tell followed. Sandy Smith showed two Cocker Spaniel towel decorations. Kathi Clark carved two squares for this year's quilt, a small cross, a large rugged cross with dogwood flowers, and a Santa head. Sid Edelbrock showed a plate relief carving of a Santa Claus, two quilt squares, and a bear from Jim Willis' class. JoAnne Moore carved crosses from wood cut off the backs of spoons. Lynda Heydt carved a gnome lady in Harold Enlow's class. Norm Rutledge showed a Santa carved at the Rendezvous, holly pins painted by Karen, a little Santa, and Santa ornaments.

The winner of the Show and Tell drawing was Lynda Heydt. Charlie Roets won the Name Tag drawing, and Ed McBride won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of February 4, 2010 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. Ray Kropke presented the Treasurer's report. Jean Kropke, membership chairman, reported that we now have 118 members.

Wally Smietanski will order wood to be used in classes from Heinecke's. The wood will be delivered at the carving show in May. Wally said that Arlene Lesiak is teaching a class in March and Paul's class will be held in April.

Sandy Smith is planning to include carving tips for filler in the *Chip Pile*. At the General Meeting, Paul will ask club members to submit carving tips in writing (**Editor's**

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note: preferably on a disc or sent in email - please, nothing verbal) for publication.

Paul said that we have reserved Colton's the first Thursday in December for our Christmas party.

Due to a liability issue with the Canes for Veterans program, the Board will advise the club to drop the project. An explanation will be presented at the General Meeting.

Sid Edelbrock showed the Board some gouges, v-tools, and a knife that he had ordered from The Woodcraft Shop. It was decided that 1 gouge, 1 V-tool, and a bench knife will be included in the beginner's kit.

Wally said that a new buffing wheel is needed on our sharpening station. He will contact Curt about purchasing one.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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.

BEGINNERS CLASSES

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Feb. 4	Carving a Mouse	John Uelmen
Feb. 11	Carving Hound Dog	Jim Clements
Feb. 18	Carving Rufus (Part 1)	Sid Edelbrock
Feb. 25	Carving Rufus (Part 2)	Sid Edelbrock
Mar. 4	Carving Rufus (Part 3)	Sid Edelbrock
Mar. 11	Carving Dogwood Flower	Norm Rutledge
Mar. 18	Carving Dogwood Flower	Norm Rutledge
Mar. 25	Making a Knife Guards	Bonnie Davis

OPEN CLASSES

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Feb. 4	*Wood Spirit Walking Stick	Ken Doran
Feb. 11	*Wood Spirit Walking Stick	Ken Doran
Mar. 4	Santa Ornament: carving	Arlene Lesiak
Mar. 11	Santa Ornament: painting	Arlene Lesiak

***NOTE: CLASSES ARE FULL**

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

Reminder:
2010 Annual Dues are due.
Please see Jean Kropke, Membership Chairman, if you've not already paid your 2010 Membership Dues.

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