



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*'Tis the Season!*

Thanksgiving has come and gone, Christmas draws near and the cold weather is here. Lots of you will be traveling for the holidays as well as your families and friends. Please be careful...and come back happy and healthy!

As a year end wrap up, let me say thank you...for re-electing me, for volunteering to serve as officers and board members, for coming out to promote the club and demonstrate our craft at the local events, for supporting the club with dues, 50/50's, quilt drawings and wood sales; for the great food at the pot lucks and for the affection and support to those members who have gone through sickness, surgeries, and loss of loved ones. Thank you again for all of this and thank you, in advance, for your support in the future.

The last thank you goes to my wife, Mary, for putting up with me. Her place in Heaven is assured.

Merry Christmas,  
Paul H. Baumann III, President

P.S. We still need plans, pictures, and/or ideas for fund raisers; and nominations for charitable organization(s) to which we will donate next year. Thanks again.

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## General Membership Meeting of November 18, 2010 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the president, Paul Baumann. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Ray Kropke presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Jean Kropke reported that 54 members have paid their 2011 dues.

A new beginners' class will begin in January. Don Davis will teach a wood burning class soon.

Claude Roper, Mr.Sunshine (or Sunshine Boy), said that Bea Berke is now at home and would appreciate phone calls. Bonnie Davis reported for the Show Committee that the bulletins for the 2011 show have been mailed.

Members were asked to bring non-perishable food for The Food Pantry to the Christmas party at Coltons' on December 2. The party will begin at 1:00.

Betty Gregory, librarian, said that Ron Borchardt's wife donated his carving books to our library. Any duplicate books will be given to the Show Committee for use at the show.

A thank you note from Serenity for the 262 carvings club members donated was read. Members were reminded to turn in volunteer hours to Ray Kropke.

Fundraiser ideas for next year were discussed. Sid Edelbrock suggested a friendship table lamp made of individual blocks like a friendship cane. The theme would be flora – flowers, leaves, and plant life. Sid will sketch an example show for the next meeting. Other suggestions were: sets of Christmas ornaments, a wildlife quilt, a nativity set, and quilt squares in a mantle piece which John Gregory will design. Paul suggested that we make three projects, drawing for one at the show, and the other two later in the fall. A decision on the three projects and our fundraiser recipient will be decided at the December meeting.

Election of 2011 club officers resulted in the slate of candidates being unanimously accepted.

It was decided not to have a potluck in December.

Show and Tell followed. Sid Edelbrock showed an original Tom Wolfe Santa, a buckeye Dogwood that he found in Tennessee, and an angel that he carved and finished. Lynda Heydt carved a standing Santa, Santa ornaments, and a calla lily spoon. Richard Arndt power carved a persimmon wood walking stick and a Christmas tree ornament. Michael Quataert showed a bark wood carving that earned him a best in show at the Arkansas State Fair. Ted Rhude carved a stylized Indian spirit bear from spalded sycamore that received a best in show at the Fulton County Fair. John Gregory carved a relief carving and Santa ornaments. Deen Shirkey, Cheryl McConkey, and Barb Edelbrock showed gourds wood burned and painted in Karen Rutledge's class in Branson. JoAnne Moore carved a cowboy in Harold Enlow's class, a painted gourd, and a spiral Santa. Kathi Clark showed two relief carvings of mice and a tree of snowmen. Norm Rutledge carved a scenic relief carving. Claude Roper showed a stylized bird with a walnut base. Betty Gregory carved Santa ornaments. Bob Axel carved a spiral Santa. Jean Kropke carved five-dozen egg birds as gifts for her family.

Drawing winners: Kathi Clark, Show and Tell; Lynda Heydt, Name Tag; Charlie Roets, 50/50.

On behalf of Serenity, Henry Fredericks thanked the carvers for their carving donations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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## Board of Directors Meeting of December 9, 2010 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, who then presented the treasurer's report.

Curt Shirkey reported that the next Beginners' class will start January 6. Anyone interested in taking the class should contact Curt. Sid and Curt will make strops for the Beginner kits. Wally Smietanski will submit a picture of the new Board and information about the new Beginner class to the Baxter Bulletin.

A critique of the Christmas party resulted in many positive comments. The Board will recommend Colton's as the site for next year's party.

Members will be reminded that small carvings to be

used as door prizes are needed for the Show on May 7 & 8.

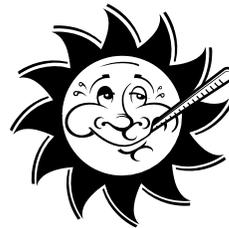
Door prizes left over from the Christmas party will be used in drawings at Thursday meetings.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Board would recommend Baxter Regional Medical Center as our charity for the next year.

Paul reported that the library would like us to put a carving display in the library during January and February.

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.*



**2011  
Membership Dues -  
Please see  
Jean Kropke  
or Paul Baumann**

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