



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February...The days are getting longer, but not much warmer. Spring is not far off and Valentine's Day is here.

We had a snow day in January! I really did not realize how much I depended on all of you at woodcarving to punctuate my life. That snow day was boring! I wandered around the house driving Mary nuts!!!

On a more serious note. Ray and Jean Kropke are coming back, but then they will be leaving again to return to the Chicago area to live near their children. So, sometime in the near future, the club will need a new treasurer and membership director. These are Board positions to be filled and sanctioned by a vote of the membership.

While Ray and Jean haven't moved to Chicago yet, I must say thank you. Ray was treasurer for over ten years and performed flawlessly and admirably. Jean just became our membership person recently, but she did a fine job as well. I will be the first to say they will be missed. (And I know for certain that I will miss Jean's baked goodies.)

Wally got our library display in the newspaper. Our display is still generating interest in the club. Thanks again Wally.

The Beginners' Class is going well. There are eleven students so the teachers are busy - busy - busy! If you can help out, talk to the teachers. They just might need an assistant.

Remember Pot Luck Lunch following the regular meeting on February 17th.

Keep warm and keep carving.

Paul H. Baumann III, President

General Membership Meeting of January 27, 2011

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, on January 27th, one week later than normal because of snowfall on our regular meeting day.

Paul Baumann gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Ray Kropke. Ray and Jean will be moving back near their family in a few months so we will need someone to fill their jobs of treasurer and membership chairman.

Paul Baumann also reported that we now have 95 members. We have 11 new members taking the beginning carving class now being held. Claude Roper introduced a new member and neighbor of his, Sue Windeknecht. Sue had been a member a few years ago and has come back to join us. Welcome back Sue!

Curt Shirkey reported we have 3 upcoming classes. Arlene Lesiak will teach 2 different hound dog ornaments and a Santa head ornament. The third class is a relief carving.

Mr. Sunshine, Claude Roper reported that Naomi Inglett is home and doing well and we were glad to have Sandy Smith back after her hip replacement.

It was reported that we are still getting calls from the library display. Wally Smietanski was thanked for getting the picture of the wood turners and woodcarvers display into the *Baxter Bulletin*.

Richard Arndt volunteered to help assist teachers with the beginning classes.

It was discussed that during the upcoming year rather than donate carvings to a charity we will sell the carvings at events that we go to

such as carving shows, Gassville in the Park, Chili Cookoff, History Day in Cooper Park, etc. In this manner we can give to more than one charity. Barb Edelbrock, Deen Shirkey and Kathi Clark will take care of getting the carvings set up and sold during these events. Please sign your carving and give a suggested price that you think the carving is worth.

Delores and Bob Hale are moving back to Maryland the end of March and donated a large amount of wood, cutouts, roughouts and other carving items that we sold at the meeting this morning. They were very generous.

An article about our 2010 carving show is in the current *Chip Chats* with a photo taken by Deb Bergum on the cover. Thank you Sandy for submitting the article.

Starting off Show and Tell was Sandy Smith with a tiny jointed snowman ornament of basswood and painted with acrylics. For joints she used modified fish hooks. Claude Roper brought his "family tree" walking stick and a heart spoon. Tommy Johnson had two napkin holders that were chip carved. On one he highlighted the carving with woodburning. Jackie Miller showed her relief carving called "Four Sisters" of 4 bull terriers that will be a donation to the St. Louis Bull Terrier Club. Norm Rutledge did a relief carving of a cabin with a pump that he learned to carve at Rendezvous II last fall. It was of basswood with a cedar frame. Kathi Clark's carving was a "Garden Spirit" that will be raffled at the Master Gardener's seminar in March. Claude Roper donated the basswood for the main part of the carving and Tommy Johnson donated the cedar base.

Tommy Johnson won the show and tell drawing and the 50/50 drawing.

We had a hard time giving away the name tag drawing. Don Davis had already left, Claude Roper didn't have his name tag on, Jo Anne Moore had the wrong name tag on and Arlene Lesiak didn't have her tag on. Finally Skip Janecek won. Remember your nametag.

Next month is pot luck. Always good food, so plan to join us. For the new carvers, the plates, napkins and plasticware are furnished. Just bring a dish to pass and join in the fun.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Kathi Clark in the absence of Bonnie Davis who is vacationing in Venice with her daughter.

Board of Directors Meeting of February, 2011 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by the president. Treasurer's report was submitted by Paul Baumann and our club is doing very well. Dolores and Bob Hale donated woodcarving books to the club and any books leftover that the club's library does not currently have, will be passed on to the Show Committee for door prizes at our upcoming show. There was a discussion of expanding the library, as our current book cabinet is full. We will need a sturdy cabinet or cabinets with wheels - cabinet(s) that would not tip over when a drawer full of books is opened, yet small enough not to take up too much room at the VFW Hall. Checking with Government Surplus is an option. It will be brought up before the membership at our next meeting - Feb. 17.

Currently we have 11 members in the Beginners Class. Don and Arlene Lesiak are scheduled to teach upcoming classes and are filling up quickly. Arlene will teach two ornament classes - a dog and a Santa. Don will be instructing a class on chip carving.

Dolores and Bob Hale also donated carving tools and supplies to the club and the show. The Show Committee is planning to have a Chinese Auction with the generous donations and instead of having it only at the show's banquet, to begin the auction soon during club hours to drum up more interest.

Since Ray and Jean Kropke will be moving to Chicago, Kathi Clark volunteered to resume her prior position as Membership Chairman taking Jean's place, but we are now in need of a Treasurer to take Ray's place.

Under New Business, the VFW made a request for someone to "refinish" their gunstocks. Gassville in the Park will be Saturday, June 4 and Paul will fill in the application and send it in. There is no entry fee at Gassville in the Park. The Bull Shoals Historical Society

requested our club to present a program to their club. It meets every third Monday at 3:00 p.m.

Curt Shirkey has assembled more beginner kits for the next class. There was also a discussion about the "safety" gloves that are presently used. The board decided that safety was more important than cost and opted to go with a heavier glove the next time gloves are ordered, plus the new gloves will not have the little black rubber dots.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Submitted by: Sandy Smith, substituting for Bonnie Davis who was stuck in Chicago due to "inclement" weather.

CAROUSEL HORSE PATTERNS

Red Murr is looking for the woodcarver who was interested in patterns and parts for a carousel horse. Red neglected to get a name and contact information and has been trying to find her. He said if anyone is interested in buying or borrowing any pattern or parts for a carousel horse to please have them contact him and he will make plans to deliver. Contact Red at camurr@gmail.com or 870-431 5775.

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.

The Library Corner

From Betty Gregory

We have many new additions to our library thanks to the kind donation from Bob and Dolores Hale who are moving out of the area. There are 29 new books, and 6 new study casts currently in the library. Please remember that all books and study casts must be signed out, even if you are just using them during Thursday morning carving. If anyone needs help in locating a book, please don't hesitate to ask me...I have gone through most of the books, and I'll be happy to help you locate what you are looking for. Here is a list of the new materials:

Chip Carving

1. Gouge Chip Carving – VHS Tape

Art

1. Painting Civil War Miniatures
2. How to Draw Animals

General Woodcarving

1. Complete Guide to Woodcarving
2. Figure Carving in Wood – Human & Animal Forms
3. Whittling is Easy
4. Basic Woodcarving in 10 Lessons
5. A Beginners Book of Carving Neckerchief Slides, Pins & Magnets

Christmas

1. Carving the Nativity
2. St. Francis of Assisi

3. Santas & Snowmen
4. Hand Carving Snowmen & Santas

Heads & Faces

1. Carving the Female Face
2. Carving Ears & Hair
3. Hand Proportions Made Simple

Caricatures

1. Carving Caricature Pins & Bolos
2. Carving Caricatures from the Missouri Foothills
3. Carving the Little Guys
4. Face It
5. Folk Characters

Animals

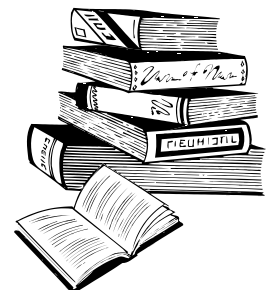
1. The Country Bear & His Friends
2. Carving Storybook Mice
3. Chainsaw Carving a Bear
4. Carving the Wild Life
5. Carving an American Eagle

Relief Carving

1. Relief Carving Made Simple
2. Relief Carving Treasury
3. Inspirational Relief Carving
4. Relief Carving in Wood

Study Casts

1. Eagle Head Feathers
2. Dog ornament
3. Horse Head
4. Hair
5. Santa Face
6. Snowman Icicle





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Membership Dues
are Now Due -
Please see
Kathi Clark