



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the president. (It was about this time of the year in 1965 that I got such a message from LBJ and it was my draft notice!) Unlike that I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

New/Old club officers will assume their office at the January meeting.

We had a successful effort generating funds for our charity even though we got rained out on two events. The Food Basket will be \$650 ahead and will also enjoy the collection of food items. I know we concentrate on Christmas, but this is a year round need. The collection we have had in early summer does help.

Start thinking of ornaments you would like to carve twice - one for you and one for the charity table. The club will furnish the wood and if you need help cutting them out bring in the pattern and we will find someone to volunteer.

The Christmas Party will account for our December Board and General Meeting. Unless there is something very urgent, we will deal with it in January.

This weather has really caused problems with our Christmas Party. When you order food in advance, cancelling at the last moment when schools close can leave you holding the food. We need to come up with a better way to handle special events. Maybe Christmas in July so we don't have to worry about bad roads!

Enjoy the holidays and stay warm. No trip to the North Pole or North for me, it is too cold!

Sid Edelbrock, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of November 21, 2013

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president Sid Edelbrock at 10:30.

The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Chip Pile*.

Skip Janecek gave the treasurer's report, which was accepted.

Betty Gregory reported that there are several new books in the library. She also said that 14 books that were never checked out are still missing.

Curt Shirkey said that we have 165 members for 2013, and that 76 members have paid their dues for 2014.

Norm Rutledge stated that volunteers are needed to teach the January beginners' class. Anyone interested in teaching a class should contact Norm as soon as possible.

The show committee has mailed letters requesting donations to our show. Sandy Smith also said that auction items and door prize carvings are needed.

The Christmas party will be held at the VFW and will include a potluck lunch and a gift exchange. 72 tickets have been sold to date. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Mountain Home Food Basket. The raffle drawings will be held at the party. In case of inclement weather, the party will be held on December 12.

NAWC members will ring the bell for the Salvation Army on December 3 in front of Big Lots.

Carvings sold for charity at various events during the year netted \$636. The club will round the amount up to \$650 and the entire amount will be given to the Mountain Home Food Basket. The check will be presented at the Christmas party.

It was decided that next year's raffled carvings would be a Noah's Ark and a spool lamp.

Sid said that we need more charity carvings. Carvers will carve one carving for charity and one for themselves. The club will furnish the wood.

The election of officers for 2014 followed.

Elected were: Sid Edelbrock, *president*; Norm Rutledge, *vice president*; Bonnie Davis, *secretary*; Mary Ragan, *treasurer*; Paul Baumann III, *quartermaster for wood and supplies*; Sandy Smith, *webmaster and newsletter editor*; Naomi Inglett, *auditor*; Bob Shaffer, *tools*; Curt & Deen Shirkey, *membership*; Wally Smietanski, *publicity*; Sonya Nelson, *Librarian*; Jackie Miller, *sunshine lady*; Terry Balcom, *member-at-large*.

Show and Tell followed. Norm Rutledge carved 'Toons'-ornaments, which he said, could be used as patterns for charity carvings. Myrna McCurley carved a mountain lion in relief and two pears in a relief carving. Curt Shirkey and Karen Myers each showed a Santa relief that they carved in Harley and Midge Smitgen's class at the Fall Rendezvous. Marty Wells carved a shotgun stock. Rudy Betzold showed an Abraham Lincoln bust that he had carved. John Gregory carved love spoons. Betty Gregory carved Santa heads from eggs. The Santas and the spoons will be Christmas gifts. Ray Killen carved 2 scale model construction detail kayaks and one complete kayak with a hunting paddler. He also carved a green heron and a kayak paddle.

The Show and Tell drawing winner was John Gregory. The nametag-drawing winner was Norm Rutledge. The 50/50 winner was Gail Thies.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

The Library Corner by Betty Gregory



Just another reminder that the library is now online! Many thanks to Sandy Smith for all her help in getting this onto our club website. To access, go to: www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org. Click on the "library" tab in the upper left hand corner to open up a list of all our books in categorical order. This should be helpful for perusing books of interest, so when you get to club, you can locate the book under that category and check it out. It also lets everyone know what a great selection of books we have and how many different topics are included.

We want to sincerely thank Bernie King and Marty and Penny Wells for their kind donation of books to our library. The following are now available to check out:

Under the Tab "BIRDS"

1. *Carving Classic Swan and Goose Decoys* by Anthony Hillman
2. *Carving Tropical Birds* by Anthony Hillman
3. *Carving Authentic Birds* by H.D. Green
4. *Habitat-Bird Carving Basics* by Curtis Badger
5. *20 Realistic Game & Song Birds-Wood Carving Patterns* by George Lehman

Under the Tab "Canes"

1. *The Fantastic Book of Canes, Pipes and Walking Sticks* by Harry Ameredes

Under the Tab "General Carving"

1. *Woodcarving-The Beginners Guide* by William Wheeler & Charles Hayward

John and I have just taken an inventory of all the books before we pass the torch on to Sonia Nelson who will be taking over the library duties after the first of the year. We found fourteen books that are currently missing and have listed them below.

MISSING/OVERDUE BOOKS

1. *Civil War Uniforms Coloring Book* by Peter Copeland (#035)
2. *Drawing the Head & Figure* by Jack Hamm Book (#0038)
3. *Animals of the Nativity* by Helen Gibson (#0146)
4. *Carving Santa Ornaments* by Tom Wolfe (#0148)
5. *Creative Christmas Carving* by Tina Toney (#0160)
6. *Creative Woodcarving* (#0408)
7. *Driftwood Sculpture* by Patricia Bartlett (#0411)
8. *Wood Spirits & Walking Sticks* by Tom Wolfe (#0433)
9. *Carving Fishermen & The Tall Tale* by Cleve Taylor (#0100)
10. *Carving Ozark Country Characters* by Mike Shipley (#0101)
11. *Chip Carving Patterns* by Wayne Barton (#0125)
12. *Chip Carving Techniques & Patterns* by Wayne Barton (#0127)
13. *Chip Carving the Southwest* by Pam Gresham (#0128)
14. *New & Traditional Styles of Chip Carving* by Wayne Barton (#0130)

It's possible that they may have been taken home in error, or someone might not be aware that they must be checked out first, so please check around and return to the library as soon as possible. We appreciate it!

*Since this will be our last contribution as librarians to "The Library Corner", we want to let you know that we have sincerely enjoyed our tenure over the past few years.

Thanks to everyone for helping to make our library one-of-a-kind...whether you found books that helped you with a project, made donations of DVD's, study casts, file cabinets, or books, gave suggestions or ideas or helped to put the library away in our absence, we want to say "Thank You!!"

CLUB CALENDAR

Club Happenings

December 12 NAWC Christmas Party

Classes

January 9, 2014 Beginners' Carving Class



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Jackie Miller 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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