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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all I would like to thank Sid and Norm for the great job they did in the past. I'm sure they will continue to be an asset to the club in the future. I would also like to thank the other officers, board members, and other members who have helped the club grow. They have contributed their talent, time, and energy performing the (sometimes thankless) tasks that are their responsibility. This includes the members who offer additional classes throughout the year so others can learn new techniques. It's only because people are willing to 'step up to the plate' that makes this club a success.

As I (as well as Jason and Rod) sort through the material given to us by Sid, Norm, and Janet, I'm sure we will have a lot of questions and make some mistakes. Please have patience with us. I imagine we will have it all sorted out in about 4 or 5 years or maybe even less.

We are soon starting our new beginner classes. Let us welcome them into the club and help them grow. I know they will learn a lot from our group of talented people.

It is now 2015 and we have a new year full of possibilities with which to shape our lives but we have to act upon them. So, as part of the new year, we should think about actually doing all the things we've talked about. Want to learn to carve faces? Want to learn to paint your carvings more realistically? Regardless of what it is, what better time to learn than now.

Here is a quote by a Mr. Benjamin Barber I rather like:

"I don't divide the world into the weak and the strong, or the successes and the failures, those who make it or those who don't. I divide the world into learners and non-learners.

There are people who learn, who are open to what happens around them, who listen, who hear the lessons. When they do something stupid, they don't do it again. And when they do something that works a little bit, they do it even better and harder the next time. The question to ask is not whether you are a success or a failure, but whether you are a learner or a non-learner."

The problem with many people, and I'm guilty myself, is that we use the excuse of "I don't have the time" when what we really mean is "I don't want to make the time". Nothing worthwhile comes easy. Becoming proficient or expert takes time and commitment. Remember, if you don't make it happen, it probably won't happen at all. Take the advice of the Nike ads and "just do it!" Or as Captain Picard would say, "Make it so".

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of December 18, 2014

MINUTES

The December 18, 2014 General meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the vice president, Norm Rutledge. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the treasurer's report, which was accepted. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 83 members for 2015. Sonia Nelson, librarian, said that new books on carving spoons are now in the library.

The new beginners' class, which will start January 15, needs additional students. Members were asked to mention the class to anyone they thought might be interested. We will put an ad for the class in the *Baxter Bulletin* soon.

Sandy Smith reported that work on next May's show is progressing. She said that a picture of the subject of the carving class following the show is on the table. Kathi Clark is coordinating the "after-the-show" class with Adina Huckins and said that Adina is going to submit 2 more photos for projects that she will offer in her class following the show. Dick Dulaney said that many of the large wooden signs are in need of repair. He said he plans to organize a group to repair the Show signs in January.

Norm reminded members that the pieces for the chess set and the Nativity scene must be returned by the end of February. He also said that the rent for the VFW has increased from \$40 to \$55 per month.

Sandy said that the county would like "In God We Trust" to encircle the top of the current state seal on the wall in the second floor courtroom of the Courthouse. It was decided by motion made and carried to carve it and just charge for the wood. Layout ideas were requested to be drawn out on paper so they can be discussed at the next meeting.

Norm introduced the new Board for 2015.

Show and Tell followed. Kathi Clark carved a Santa ornament, a top hat with a cardinal, and an owl carved in Marty Wells' class. Norm Rutledge showed two carvings of Santa in intaglio relief. Dick Dulaney carved Slim Jim and a heart link chain. Naomi Inglett showed a relief carving that she had painted with pastel chalk in Jackie Miller's class. Bob Bowling showed a watercolor relief. Len Kietlyka carved a hunter, a game warden, a one-piece turtle on a log, and three little bells. John Gregory carved a pawn for the chess set. Betty Gregory carved Christmas ornaments and a comfort cross. Ken Doran carved a cypress knee and

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three relief carvings in cedar. Sandy Smith carved the two queens for the chess set. Paul Baumann carved the Magi for the Nativity display.

The Show and Tell drawing winner was Dick Dulaney. Naomi Inglett was the Name Tag winner. Janet Cardwell was the 50/50 winner.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of January 8, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:30. Rod Engle gave the treasurer's report which was accepted. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 90 members paid for 2015.

Bob Shaffer said that he is using OCCT tools for the beginners' kits. Paul Baumann will order wood for the club from the Heinecke's to be delivered at the show in May. He requested that any club member who would like to special order wood should contact him by April 1.

Wally Smietanski said that publicity for the January beginner's class is running on the radio and in the *Baxter*

Bulletin. Six people have signed up to take the class which begins January 15.

Sonia Nelson reported that, "There are books in the library."

Sandy Smith said that our Website has been updated. She asked members to go to the website and click on the links to make sure they are operative.

Carvings for next year's raffle items should be turned in by the end of February. Ray said that we need a volunteer (or two) to paint the chess pieces.

Ray also said that the rent for the VFW has been raised 37% for the coming year.

Jason Gambill suggested that we choose a "Carver of the Month" for each month and feature their carvings in a picture for the *Baxter Bulletin*.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary



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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