



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this, our Show Committee has already put or will be putting out the Wood Carvers Show signs all over town. It's a tremendous amount of work that our Show Committee has to do in setting up and running the show so I hope everyone appreciates that and does his or her part in volunteering at the event. I also encourage our members to rent a table to display their carvings. You can split a table with someone else if you need to. We will have sign up sheets for the show at the info table at our meetings. Please select a day and time slot when you can be there. We will need volunteers for the entrance table, the charity/club info table, the raffle table and the giveaway table.

Speaking of the Show signs, some members went to our storage shed to see which sign frames needed repair. There were quite a few of them. After all, we have had them for about 20 years. It was decided rather than spending money to temporarily fix them plus the labor to repair them; we would use that money and labor toward building all new frames. Now instead of on-site assembling each of the old frame pieces with screws, and bolts, our new frames will be permanently constructed in two parts to simplify installation. Just drop the frame section into the base section, install 4 bolts and wing nuts and *poof-de-woo*, you're done.

Please donate more carvings for the Charity/Raffle tables. We have sold a lot the past year and we need to renew our stock. I believe we need more Comfort Crosses and Comfort Birds as well.

Our new sharpening system is here. Curt was given a check to purchase it when he was at a carving class. Anyone interested in using it should first check with Curt, Norm, or Sid.

Jason has picked up new cartridges for our copier. If you need to use it to copy patterns from a book or for whatever reason, remember, the cost is 10 cents per sheet. You can give the money to either our treasurer Rod or myself. That money will go for replacing the cartridges when they no longer print well.

Finally, please consider teaching a carving class to our members. Check our info table for other carving class dates to avoid scheduling conflicts. We need to have classes throughout the year to remain, not a good, but a great carving club.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of March 19, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:15. 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 was given and accepted. The librarian, Sonia Nelson, asked members returning a borrowed book to remember to put the sign-out card back in the book.

Curt Shirkey reported that we currently have 148 members. Ray reminded members that there is a need for carvings to be used for charity sale and raffle items. We will have two tables at Gassville in the Park on June 6.

Bob Shaffer will order OCCT shorter handled knives for the beginner kits. Paul Baumann has ordered wood for the club from Heinecke Wood. It will be delivered at the show. He also said that he is considering a garage sale of materials in storage which are no longer needed by the club. The new sharpening system has been ordered. Curt will pick it up in Springfield next week.

Naomi Inglett's Christmas ornament class has been moved to May 14. There is a need for volunteers to teach the beginners' painting class.

Sonia will research the possibility of purchasing of some unusual carving wood that was offered in an email. Photos of carvings at last year's show are now on our website.

By motion made and carried, Rod Engle and Ray now have access to our safe deposit box.

One of our raffle items for this year, a beautiful chess set in a presentation box made by Ray, was displayed at this meeting.

Show and Tell followed. Kathi Clark carved Pups in relief, a donkey bottle stopper, and a pretty, old lady. Sid Edelbrock carved a large Santa Claus. Norm Rutledge showed a rabbit he had carved from a Debbe Edwards rough-out. Naomi Inglett carved chicks and eggs displayed in an Easter basket. Margaret Killen carved a Phoenix spoon in butternut and finished with oil paint and linseed oil. Curt Shirkey carved a dogwood brooch and a cross. Paul Baumann showed the 2010 carved quilt and a broom handle that may have been carved by Tom Wolfe (*Editor's note: Tom Wolfe did indeed carve the wood spirit broom circa 1970s. It is carved from a single piece of water birch*). Karen Myer carved a Razorback in relief. Tom Cardwell carved an elf shelf sitter. Ray Killen showed a cave man that he had carved. Sonia Nelson carved an angel for the nativity. Ken Doran carved cedar bookends and a relief in cedar of the owl and the pussy cat. Sandy Smith carved a fish whistle and a dog whistle.

The name tag winner was Penny Wells, the Show and Tell winner was Curt Shirkey, and the 50/50 winner was Rudy Betzold.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary.

Board of Directors Meeting of April 2, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:10. The treasurer, Rod Engle, gave his report, which was accepted. Sonia Nelson said that the library now has a new number and color coding system. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 151 members.

Paul Baumann said that the wood ordered for the club will be delivered at the show in May. We have a new shipment of Satin Finish and Gloss Finish Deft.

The new sharpening system is ready for use on Thursday mornings. A sign on the sharpener will provide names of carvers willing to teach the use of the system.

Naomi Inglett will teach a Santa icicle class in April. A diamond willow walking stick class will be taught by Marty Wells on April 9. Ray Killen will teach a duck bottle opener class. On April 13, Sonia will give a carving demonstration to pre-school children.

Jason Gambill suggested that we carve a quilt for the fundraiser next year.

Ray said that the new signs will be finished in time to put them up for this year's show. Paul will dispose of the old frame wood.

Discussion followed on the permits necessary to hold raffles at

the events we attend. Ray will contact Cindy Johnson for help in filling out the various forms necessary to obtain permits.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary.

WANTED: LOOKING FOR A SMALL HOUSE OR APARTMENT

Rose Cook is moving back to the Mountain Home area from California and is looking for a small house or apartment to rent. She said that they are a responsible Christian couple looking to rent a ground floor 2 bedroom, 1 bath dwelling that will allow a cat preferably \$400 (or less) per month.

Please contact Rose at: **661-432-3252**.



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.

**There will be a Potluck Lunch
following this month's
General Membership Meeting**

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