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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone who helped out at the May Woodcarving Show. It was a big success. Thanks to those members who worked the tables and also to the show committee who worked all year so we could have the show. Appreciation is given to those who set up the tables the day before. And let's not forget the members who donated carvings to be sold for charity. A special thanks to Bob Ahrens for staying all night at the show as security.

Let us take a silent moment of prayer for the wife of Bob Shaffer, Linda, who has recently passed away. Our club members offer their condolences to Bob and his family for their loss. Bob has done a lot for this club and if we can help him in any manner, please do so.

Jackie Miller, our Sunshine Lady, had a bad fall and is now recuperating at Elmcroft. She doesn't think she can continue her Sunshine duties so we now have another volunteer for the job. She is Betty Gregory and I'm sure she will be wonderful in the position.

During the last meeting, the person from the Miscellaneous Tax Dept called me. Apparently the form we sent for a second permit, since the date was different than on the form for the Nativity and Chess Set, confused her. On the form, there is no place to say what the drawing is for so I understand her confusion. I explained that this form was for the Chinese Auction being held during the May show and the other was for the raffle drawing in December. She wasn't sure that we needed a permit for a Chinese Auction so she checked with her supervisor who confirmed that we did indeed require a permit for it as well. That is all taken care of now.

That's it for this month so let me leave you with a little humor.

An old geezer became very bored and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Treatment \$500, if not cured get back \$1,000."

Mr. Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic and this is what transpired.

Mr. Young: - "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: - "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Mr. Young's mouth."

Mr. Young: - "Aaagh!! - This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: - "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Mr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Mr. Young: - "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: - "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Mr. Young: - "Oh no you don't, - that is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: - "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Mr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Mr. Young: - "My eyesight has become weak - I can hardly see!"

Dr. Geezer: - "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so - Here's your \$1000 back."

Mr. Young: - "But this is only \$500."

Dr. Geezer: - "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story: "Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old Geezer!"

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of April 16, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:30. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the acceptance of the minutes as published in *The Chip Pile*. The treasurer, Rod Engle, gave his report, which was accepted. Curt Shirkey stated that we now have 152 members.

Information on classes is available on the tables. Jackie Miller, our Sunshine Lady, asked for any available information on members who should receive cards. Wally will put the announcement of our May 7th new beginner's class in the paper. Bonnie Davis stated that volunteers are needed to work at the club tables at the show on May 2 & 3. Sign-up sheets are available on the tables. Volunteers are also needed for the show set-up at 1:00 at the Fairgrounds on Friday, May 1st. She also reminded members that tickets are available for the show banquet on Saturday evening, May 2. Kathi Clark showed the items that will be available for raffle at the banquet. Barb Edelbrock asked members to donate muffins, cookies, or breads which, along with coffee, will be available to the carvers and vendors at the show.

Kathi Clark said that there are a few places left in Adina Huckins' class May 4 & 5. More items are needed for the charity and door prize tables.

Any carver needing instruction on the new sharpening equipment should contact Curt, Norm, or Sid.

Ray reported that the raffle permit applications have been sent. The 501c(3) has been renewed.

Anyone using the copy machine is asked to put ten cents per copy in the adjacent jar. Paul said that the beginner board needs to be updated. It was decided not to take our raffle items to the Men's Health Fair this year.

Show and Tell followed. Naomi Inglett showed a candlestick with a rose colored in chalk. Myrna McCurley carved a leopard in relief and painted it in oil. Sid Edelbrock carved Crazy Horse in butternut and St. Anthony in relief. Rod Engle carved a cottonwood bark lighthouse. Kathi Clark showed a young llama with a mouse and a 2" turtle which she had carved. Curt Shirkey showed a Santa plate in intaglio relief which he carved at the Springfield seminar. Wally Smietanski carved a bust of a woman in Janet Cordell's class and a caricature policeman. Sandy Smith showed an eagle bust carved in Len Dillon's class and pin-up girl carved in Dave Stetson's class. Lucia Pairoloero showed a walking stick carved in basswood, cotton bark wood spirits, and

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a wood burned gourd. Dave Petersen carved hands with dogwood blossoms in butternut. Margaret Killen carved a hillbilly on a donkey. Norm Rutledge carved a Santa intaglio relief in Bob Bierman's class and a Santa stuck in a chimney. Dick Dulaney carved a buffalo scout.

The winner of the name tag drawing was Diane Gumm; the Show & Tell winner was Dave Petersen; and the 50/50 winner was Dave Petersen.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 and was followed by a potluck lunch. Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary.

Board of Directors Meeting of May 7, 2015 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 163 members. Bob Shaffer reported that the tools for the next Beginners' class have not yet been delivered.

Paul Baumann asked what we can do about the tools that the library purchased several years ago for a children's carving class. They were purchased by the library, but are being kept in our storage unit. Paul will ask the library what they want done with the tools.

We spent \$1515 at the show for wood for the club. We are in need of more satin Deft.

The new Beginners' class has six members. Margaret Killen will teach another ball in a cage class soon.

Wally Smietanski was thanked for the three articles about the show in *The Baxter Bulletin*.

Sonia Nelson told about her experience talking to pre-school children about woodcarving. Jackie Miller has resigned as Sunshine Lady. Betty Gregory volunteered to take that position.

The club profits from the charity sale and raffle at the show were \$1010. Ray has set up a spreadsheet tracking club expenses. The application for our 501c(3) has been completed.

Several books are missing from the club library. The names of the missing books will be published in *The Chip Pile*.

There is a sign-up sheet for Gassville in the Park, which will be held June 6.

Paul is cleaning up the storage unit. Jason Gambill will take the old bolts, Bob Shaffer will take a file cabinet and purchase the old sharpening system.

Deen Shirkey said that every Beginner class should be given more detailed information about the club and the show. The information will be given during the Beginner classes.

The drawing for the 50/50 will be held at 11:00 each Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary.



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Betty Gregory 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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