



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One afternoon a politician was riding in his limo when he saw a man along the road-side eating grass. Disturbed, he ordered his driver to stop and he got out to investigate.

He asked the man, "Why are you eating grass?"

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied.

"We have to eat grass."

"Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I'll feed you," the politician said.

"But sir, I have a wife and six children with me. They are over there under that tree."

"Bring them all along," the politician replied.

They all entered the car, which was no easy task, even for a car as large as the limousine.

Once under way, the poor fellow turned to the politician and said, "Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you."

The politician replied, "Glad to do it. You'll really love my place. The grass is almost a foot high."

The class on July 23rd with Roger Stegall went well and a lot of people really enjoyed it. I hope he feels that it was worth his drive here from Mayflower (near Little Rock). He mentioned to me that he thought our club was one of the best that he's ever been to so that was a nice compliment.

We acquired a new member, Jed, who signed up during our get-together. He said he has done a little carving such as Spirit Faces but would like to learn more. Please welcome him, as I know you will. Also our beginner's class has come to an end and they will be joining us in the main room.

Our next Beginners Class will begin on Jan. 14, 2016

For the upcoming Pot Luck on August 20th, the board of directors decided the club would buy mucho chicken for us to eat. Jason will arrange to order it and pick it up. Bring your appetites.

Margaret and I will miss carving the last week of August and the first week of September. We are going to Kansas City so she can do her continuing education classes. From there we will go to Durango Colorado and do an all day scenic Durango to Silverton train ride. We will also go to Mesa Verde National Park, then to Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Finally before coming home we will stop at Palo Duro Canyon in Texas (second largest in the U.S.)

Ray Killen, NAWC President

the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Chip Pile*. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 165 members.

Roger Stegall will teach a wizard class from 8:00 to 3:00 on July 23. On September 24, Naomi Inglett will teach a Spiral Santa class. Dianne Gumm will teach an upside down bunny class on August 13.

Bob Shaffer asked that anyone wanting to order tools contact him. Blocks that were carved by Warren Brown and are being finished by members should be returned by September.

We will have a display at the County Fair on September 15 - 19.

The VFW has asked that we keep the door in the class room unlocked during classes.

Show and Tell followed. Jason Gambill carved a girl's face in relief and a wizard magnet. Curt Shirkey carved intertwined Borromean rings in walnut. Sonia Nelson showed a pretty woman that she carved in Adina Huckins' class, a wood burned box, and the United States Marine Corps emblem with the eagle, globe, and anchor which she carved. Naomi Inglett showed a rose relief and a beaver relief which Warren Brown carved and she finished. Tommy Johnson showed a rose candle holder which he carved in Naomi's class. Len Kieltyka carved dogwood flowers in relief with a bark frame, and a Mallard duck letter opener. Betty Gregory painted four fish in oil which had been carved by Warren Brown. Rod Engle carved a bud vase. Sandy Smith showed the new CCA book, *Concepts to Caricatures*, that she organized. (Editor/s note: Please contact Sandy if interested in purchasing the CCA book. The books will begin selling in September at the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Show in Stevens Point, WI. She will pick them up there and bring them back here.)

Len Kieltyka won the Show and Tell drawing; Curt Shirkey won the Name Tag drawing; and Claude Roper won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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## General Membership Meeting of July 16, 2015 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 by the president, Ray Killen. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by approval of

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## Board of Directors Meeting of August 6, 2015 MINUTES

The Board of Directors meeting was called to Order by President Ray Killen at 10:15.

Rod Engle submitted the Treasurer's Report. Curt Shirkey, Membership Chairman, reported that we have 166 paid

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members. No report on Equipment. Paul Baumann reported that we had a good supply of wood.

On Aug 13, 2015, Diane Gumm will teach a class on a "Tumble" Bunny. On Sep 24, 2015, Naomi Inglett will teach a class on a Spiral Santa Ornament.

Roger Stegall, a visiting instructor who was here in July, is willing to return and teach another class. The Board decided that next time the students who participate in the next class will be asked to pay for the class before the instructor arrives.

Warren Brown donated several square blocks, that were partially carved or wood-burned, to the Club. The Board decided to let people volunteer to take them, finish them, and donate them to the Charity Table. There are still six (6) blocks out. The next charity sale will be at the County Fair in September, and the Board would like all blocks to be returned for the event.

Website report from Sandy is that she will be posting some material to the site.

Wally reported that a picture of Roger Stegall's class was in the Baxter Bulletin. Also, Wally submitted an article for the January 2016 Beginner's Class with Jason's number as a contact.

Since Paul will be away from woodcarving for a few weeks, he is looking for someone to fill in for him until he returns.

A motion was made by Terry Balcom to purchase chicken from Wal-Mart for the potluck in August 2015. Jason will coordinate the order and pick up.

The Baxter County Fair date is Sept. 16-19 with setup on Sunday before event. Kathi Clark will be our liaison. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be on the table. Please take note and sign up.

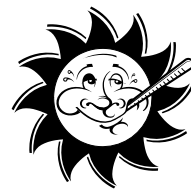
The Board approved the purchase of a Relief Carving Book for the Library. Motion by Paul Baumann to purchase was approved by the Board.

Wally volunteered to take pictures for a new Photo Roster if the Roster will be approved to be printed in color. The Membership will be asked to approve the cost of printing for the new Roster. Motion made by Paul Baumann, seconded by Curt Shirkey.

Jason would like to change or add some new classes for the beginners. He suggested relief, and spiral Santa. If you have ideas that would be helpful, please present them to Jason.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Submitted by Naomi Inglett for Bonnie Davis



## **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.

**There will be a Potluck Lunch  
with NAWC providing chicken  
following this month's General  
Membership Meeting**

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