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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after they finished eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great; I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Our Baxter County Fair is next week and I would like to thank Kathi Clark for being the liaison again this year. We will need people to sign up to work the tables for the 4 days. Sign up sheets are on the table. Please help out.

I'd like to thank those carvers who put the finishing touches on the carved wood tiles made and donated by Warren Brown. We will be selling them at the Fair. We will soon have to get busy and replenish the charity items that were sold.

We had a very good showing for our Show and Tell. Our members are very talented. It was followed by our Pot Luck lunch. There was more than enough fried chicken for everyone and there were many side dishes from which people could choose. Thanks to Jason for arranging with Walmart to order and pick up the chicken and to all the members who brought a side dish.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of August 20, 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 approval of the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Chip Pile*. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 166 members.

Naomi Inglett will teach a Spiral Santa ornament class on September 24. Roger Stegall will give another wizard class in the future.

Sandy Smith reported that the 2014 carving show article is now on our website. She also said that Debbie Bergum has set up a carving site on Facebook.

Kathi Clark reported that we will have a booth at the County Fair September 16 - 19. Carvings for exhibit will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on Sept. 13 from 2 to 4pm. and on Sept. 15 from 10am - 3pm. All entries must have been carved within the year and

have never been exhibited in the Fair before. Contact Kathi before Sept. 10 if you would like her to take your carvings to the Fair. We will also sell items for charity and raffle tickets at our booth. Sign-up sheets for working at the Fair will be on the table on Thursdays.

After a lengthy discussion about creating a new photo directory, it was decided by motion made and carried that a new photo directory would be created and put on our website, and one paper copy will be available on the table on Thursdays. Wally Smietanski will take color photos of the members. Mary Ragan will maintain the on-line directory.

The blocks from Warren Brown that are still being carved should be returned as soon as possible.

Show and Tell followed. Dick Dulaney carved a lady bust, an Inspector, a jack o'lantern, and a ball in a cross on a chain from a single piece of wood. Amy Wainscott carved a butternut Santa on a cedar base, several Santa ornaments, which will be gifts, and two spalted maple spoons. Curt Shirkey showed a chip carved trivet and a chip carved cross. Paul Baumann showed a wizard carved by Roger Stegall, a wizard carved by Roger and Paul, and a wizard carved by Paul. Bob Ahrens carved a picture of a dog in relief. Margaret Killen showed 2 wizards carved in Roger Stegall's class, a tumble bunny carved in Diane Gumm's class, and a dog bust in found wood.

Kathi Clark carved a butternut spoon, a basswood spoon, and a basswood knot. Len Kieltyka carved a baby shoe. Jason Gambill showed a tree in relief that he is teaching in the Beginner class. Jerry Grace showed a collection of hand tied flies. Diane Gumm showed 2 Japanese bears carved in 1954. Bonnie Davis carved 5 spoons, 4 relief Santa's, a hedgehog, a dogwood cross, and a star for the charity table, and a wizard carved in Roger Stegall's class. Ray Killen carved a whale in a cage. Sandy Smith showed a wizard carved in Roger Stegall's class and a Sheltie Critter under construction. Norm Rutledge carved 3 cartoon characters, 3 relief dogwood, and a boxing bear.

Amy Wainscott won the Show and Tell drawing, Mary Adair won the Name Tag drawing, and Norm Rutledge won the 50/50. The meeting, which was followed by a pot luck lunch, adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of September 3, 2015 MINUTES

The meeting was opened by the Vice President, Jason Gambill. Rod Engle gave the treasurer's report. Curt Shirkey reported that our membership is currently 166.

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Naomi Inglett will teach a spiral Santa class on September 24. The Show committee reported that they met earlier today to begin plans for the May 6 & 7, 2016 show. Sandy Smith reported that the 2015 show is now on our website. Wally said that the picture of the graduating beginners' class was in a recent Baxter Bulletin.

Jason said that the beginners' name tag class will be replaced with a relief class, which Naomi Inglett volunteered to teach. Sid Edelbrock suggested that we include wood burning in the beginners' classes. Deen Shirkey will teach wood burning as the third segment of the relief class.

It was decided to take some of the items that have been on the charity table for a long time and use them as door prizes. Barb and Deen will sort the items.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis

Baxter County Fair Information

The Baxter Co. Fair runs from 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 16th thru Saturday, Sept 19th. Exhibits will be accepted on Sunday, September 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. and on Tuesday, Sept. 15th from 2 to 7 p.m. Entries may be picked up on Sunday, September 20, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Removal of exhibits prior to Sunday will forfeit any premiums due.

All entries should be completed within the past year, or must never have been exhibited in the fair before. Must be clean and debris free. All entries must be original and sole work of the person entering

the exhibit. (No instructor assisted). If you would like to display something done in a class you may bring it and it will be for display only, not judged and would not receive a ribbon. It would be nice to have several items for display only so we have a good showing of carvings. Bring carvings you think others would enjoy seeing again.

The classes that you may enter are; Chip, Relief, Cane/Walking Stick, Carving in the Round, Wood Turning, Wood Burning, Found Wood in bark and other. Other being anything that doesn't fit in the first 7 classes. Example: Christmas, spoons, birds & many more. Christmas may go in relief or in the round, but if you have 3 carvings that fit a class and still have another carvings we will find a place for it in "other". You can have 3 in "other" also.

If any of you belong to the wood turners, encourage them to enter also. They could have 3 in woodturning and 3 in other. I think we only had 1 turning last year.

Even if you are not a resident of Baxter Co., but since you are a member of our club, you may enter your carvings in the Baxter Co. Fair. If you don't wish to make a trip into town on Sunday or Tuesday to enter your carvings, bring them to carving on Thursday, Sept 10th and I will take them to the fair for you. If you want me to take them, they must be well packed in a box and a list of the enclosed carvings must be included. Also your name, address & age? I know they asked that last year...I guess so they know if you are an adult.

There are sign up sheets for workers at the fair. I am asking for 2 per 4 hour shift. One to watch the carvings and one to sell and watch the raffle and charity items. If you sign up and for some reason cannot make it please call Kathi Clark at 870-580-0711 so I can get someone to replace you. We will get tickets so you do not have to pay the gate fee for working. They usually have a nice dinner in Oct. for all the workers too.

Hope to see you at the fair with lots of your carvings!! Kathi



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