



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A doctor tells his patient that she needs to lose a little bit of weight for her health. He tells her that his recommendation is that she eats regularly for two days, skips a day and then repeats the procedure for two weeks. He then tells her that she will lose at least five pounds by the time she comes to his office again. The next time he sees her, she's nearly 20 pounds lighter. "That's amazing! Did you follow my instructions?" the doctor asks.

"Yes, she said. But I really thought I was going to die," she says. "From hunger?" the doctor asks. "No, from skipping," she replied.

Here is wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and hopefully prosperous new year. I wonder how long it took people to break their new year's resolutions. I myself have made only one resolution. That is to never again make a new years resolution and so far, so good.

Our beginner's class is starting Jan. 14th and we have eight people signed up. I hope they all show up. Marty has been teaching a bird carving class for the past few weeks and it looks as if it is going well with a good number of people signed up.

Tommy Johnson just had a chip carving class, and Naomi is scheduled to do a boat relief carving class soon. We will need more intermediate classes for the year so if you wish to do one, please tell Jason and fill out a sign-up sheet to put on the table.

So far we have about nine Halloween items carved and could use a few more. I don't have any roughouts but I do have some ideas. See me if you're interested.

We have approximately ten Santa roughouts left. One of them is a Mrs. Santa and the rest pawns.

Remember if you take one do not paint it. We will have to get one or two people to paint them all uniformly and that each set looks different from the other so people could tell which pieces belong to 'white' or 'black'. Also remember to sign or at least initial your carvings.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

## 2016 OFFICERS

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## General Membership Meeting of December 17, 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*.

Sid Edelbrock presented the treasurer's report which was accepted. Kathi Clark reported

that the membership for 2015 is 172 and the 2016 membership is 69.

The librarian, Sonia Nelson, announced that on January 7th, there will be a meeting of the committee investigating missing books.

Tommy Johnson will teach a chip carving class on January 7. A ship relief class will be taught by Naomi Inglett on March 17 & 24. The new Beginners' class will start on January 14.

Anyone having a problem receiving club email should contact Sandy Smith. Sandy also said that Bar Fly roughouts can be ordered by an individual or in a group.

There will be no carving at the VFW on December 24 or 31. Our next meeting will be January 7.

Show and Tell followed. Mary Waldeck carved a relief titled Carver's Homestead, finished with oil. Margaret Killen showed a Covered Bridge and Winter relief carvings finished with oil; a donkey, and crane pins. Naomi Inglett carved church bells. Kathi Clark carved Little people and a dragon from 2002. Rod Engle showed Bat Mobile and Rouge River otter lamp. Paul Baumann showed a leprechaun. Betty Gregory carved bells and Mickey Mouse and Santa ornaments which will be gifts to her family. Myrna McCurley carved an Iris in relief.

John Gregory carved a queen for the chess set. Ken Doran showed two diamond willow walking sticks. Norm Rutledge carved an apple, a pear, and a sunflower in relief, a Woodlawn snowman, and a Halloween goblin,

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pumpkin house, and scarecrow for the Halloween scene. Ray Killen showed the poplar display case that he made for the chess set. Sandy Smith carved her twenty fourth critter, a Corgi dog. Sonia Nelson carved two angel hearts, two reindeer, and two reindeer for the chess set. Penny Wells carved a walnut comfort bird.

The name tag drawing winner was Gary Beck. Penny Wells won the Show and Tell drawing and the 50/50. The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**of January 7, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen at 10:15. Sid Edelbrock gave the treasurer's report which was accepted. Kathi Clark reported that we have 77 members.

Gary Beck said that we have enough tools for nine beginner's kits. There are eight people registered for the beginner class starting January 14. Ray said that he has one complete beginner kit that he brings to every carving session.

Paul Baumann reported that by March, he will be deciding what wood the club will purchase at the show in May. He is also looking for a source for novelty blanks.

Wally Smietanski said that *The Baxter Bulletin* and area radio stations are reporting information on our new beginner class. We have also had pictures of our donations to Hospice and Kindness, Inc. published recently in the *Bulletin*. Wally said that he has submitted a picture of the new Board which has not yet been published.

Ray reported that we need additional pieces for our Halloween raffle project. No cut-outs are available at this time.

Ray has applied for licenses for our May 7 silent auction, the October 20 Halloween drawing, and the December 1 Christmas drawing. Prizes for name tag drawing winners will be purchased from The Woodcraft Shop at the show in May.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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**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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