



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director how do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized. "Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," said the director, "a normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

I missed a couple of meetings due to minor foot surgery but should be back for the Nov. 10th meeting. We will have some things to decide upon soon. First will be what our raffle items will be for next year. I have listed a number of items that were discussed and will pass out a paper for everyone to vote on two items. You will put a '1' for first choice and a '2' for second choice then we will count them up for a decision. This way you will have the items in front of you to have more time to decide.

Next we will have to vote in our new Officers and Board of Directors to start in December. We will do that at our regular meeting. Proposed changes are as follows. President – Sid Edelbrock, Vice-president – Marty Wells, Treasurer – Ray Killen, Secretary – Penny Wells, Sunshine – Amy Wainscott. All others will remain the same. However if anyone else is interested in any of these positions please give me your names before we vote on it. It is always good for a club to have more members willing to take on the duties that a club must do in order to survive.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of October 20, 2016 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 gave the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Kathi Clark reported that we have 157 members. Wally Smietanski said that he has pictures which he will use for publicity. Sandy Smith reported that the Show Committee is mailing "Save the Date" cards in November. Also the dinner choices at the banquet this year will be a choice of beef or turkey. Barb Edelbrock said that Christmas party tickets are now available for \$10.00 per person.

The dinner will be catered by the Clarkridge Fire Department Auxiliary. Gifts for the gift exchange, which must be handmade, may be purchased.

Ray reported that our income no longer covers our expenses. The Hillbilly Chili Cook-Off this year only made about 20% of last year's amount. After some discussion, it was decided, by motion made and carried, that the dues will be raised to \$20 per member and an additional \$10 for the member's spouse.

Kathi Clark suggested several ideas for next year's raffle items. 1.) At least 30 people could carve five ornaments each to sell for the club. 2.) One carver could donate a carving to be raffled. 3.) A carver could carve the back of a garden chair. 4.) Blocks could be carved to be used as the top for a small table. Sonia Nelson suggested a farm scene. A small purchased Christmas tree decorated with carved ornaments was suggested. It was also suggested that two stylized Nativity scenes could be created; one to be raffled to the public, and one to be raffled to those who had carved the figures. A decision will be made at the November meeting.

The drawing for the Halloween scene was held, but the winner could not be immediately contacted. It was decided that if the winner could not be contacted by next Thursday, another winning ticket would be drawn.

Show and Tell followed. Sid Edelbrock carved a stylized nativity, a barn relief, and a kokopelli in spalted sycamore. Rod Engle showed Christmas ornaments on a stylized tree. Earl Gulley carved a horse head in relief. John Siebrandt showed a horse head carved in relief. Kathi Clark carved poinsettias on a sled. Donna Gulley carved a Santa/tree and an angel ornament. Margaret Killen showed a cat finished with a steel wool and white vinegar stain. Marty Wells carved a lake loon and a horse on an arrowhead. Linda Peacy carved turtle and lizard knife sheaths, a mouse, a wizard, two children in relief, two dogwood flowers, a hillbilly, and a snowman ornament. Ray Peacy showed tramp art picture frames made by his grandfather, a soused mouse, and other tramp and hobo art carvings. Sonia Nelson carved a chip carved cross, a musical gee-clef, a found wood dragon, minions, a toy boat, a woman's head, a wagon wood burning, and a cube nativity.

The Show and Tell drawing was won by Donna Gulley; Ray Peacy won the Name Tag drawing; and Jack Clarke won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting, which was followed by a pot luck lunch, adjourned at 11:10.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary.

Board of Directors Meeting of November 3, 2016 MINUTES

Board meeting was called to order by Sid Edelbrock who was standing in for President Ray Killen at 10:15 a.m.

Treasurer (Sid) gave his report.

Membership Chairperson Kathi Clark announced that we had a new member (Jim Clark) sign up today which brings the total number of members to 158.

Margaret Killen reported that her "tree" class went well. Diane Gumm is giving a wood burning class on December 8th. Marty Wells put out a sign up sheet for Diamond Willow sticks class...date is TBA. Sonia Nelson is giving a Santa/Christmas Tree class on November 10.

The show committee sent out the "save the date" cards for our May 2017 show.

Christmas committee is selling tickets for our Christmas party (December 1st) for \$10.00 each. Members are also able to sign up for the gift exchange - item should be a handmade (wood) item.

A suggestion was made that in the future, people bring their own drinks for the potluck/parties.

At the next general membership, meeting suggestions will be taken/voted on for our next year's raffle projects.

Margaret Killen headed the nominating committee and presented the slate of officers to be voted on at the next general membership meeting.

President - Sid Edelbrock, Vice President - Marty Wells, Secretary - Penny Wells, Treasurer - Ray Killen. Sunshine Person - Amy Wainscott, Wood - Paul Baumann, Tools - Gary Beck, Library - Sonia Nelson, Auditor - Naomi Inglett, Publicity - Wally Smietanski, Webmaster/Newsletter Editor - Sandy Smith.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary-Elect Penny Wells (interning 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.

2017 Membership Dues
are Due
\$20 - Individual Membership
\$30 - Individual Membership plus Spouse
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