



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

We just had our Christmas Party and hope you all enjoyed it. It was good to see some faces we haven't seen in a long time. The way people stepped forward and helped set the hall up for the party was great and much appreciated. We had the real deal Santa Claus at the party also. I believe everyone was happy with the dinner prepared and served by the ladies from the Clarkridge Volunteer Fire Department.

We also had a good collection of food to go to the Food Basket in Mountain Home so we also helped out some less fortunate than we. We are so fortunate to be here with so many generous and caring people.

December 3rd is the Woodturner's Show at the Fair Grounds and we will be there selling charity items and raffle tickets on the chess set. The raffle drawing will then be on December 8.

In the coming weeks, I will be looking for ideas of things you would like to do and ideas to put a spark in the club. I miss few meetings and am always willing to listen to all new ideas.

**A reminder:** Because winter is here, any day school is cancelled, the carving club will not meet. This makes it simple for all to know if we are meeting on bad weather days.

Beginners classes start again on January 12. Bring your neighbor. Some have asked if they can retake some of the classes and I see no reason why not as long as they pay for the cutout which is only a few dollars. The only restriction would be if the class got too big.

On December 8, we will be picking our charity or charities for this year. Think about your choices and we will vote to make the decision.

Marty and Penny Wells have procured and donated a 4-foot tree for our ornament tree for the next year's raffle. We will visit with the Waldecks on the farm scene which was also approved as a raffle item. Thank you to them for stepping forward to do the cutouts. We can start any time on the ornaments.

Question of the Month: If POTUS is the President of the United States, what is the President of the North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club?

I am looking forward to working with everyone the next year. This club has become one of the largest in the U.S. and we plan to keep it that way. Let's push forward and do exciting new things that are fun and of interest to all. I will look for your ideas.

Sid Edelbrock, NAWC President-Elect

### *A quick message from the President-Elect's Typist!*

I want to thank everyone who jumped in and helped set the hall up for the party. It was fun watching it all come together. This was the biggest Christmas Party that I have had the honor of chairing. My Co-Chair was where she needed to be so we just had to have fun without her!

My plan had been to be as good as new by Christmas and I am still hoping for that but it keeps getting pushed out a little further. So, I am deeply in your debt for doing the things I haven't been able to do. I truly appreciate it.

Barb Edelbrock, NAWC First Lady

## General Membership Meeting of November 17, 2016 MINUTES

President Ray Killen called the meeting to order at 10:40 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by approval of the last minutes published in *The Chip Pile*. Treasurer's report was given and accepted. Membership chairman reported that we have 157 members currently. Two new members joined today - Jim Clark and Mel Carpenter. We have 38 members so far for 2017.

Paul Baumann reported that we have wood. Paul will not be bringing wood on December 1st. Sonia Nelson reported that we have books. Classes coming up will be Diane Gumm who will be teaching a wood burning class December 7 & 15 due to the high numbers signed up for the 1 day class. Marty Wells will be ordering diamond willow walking sticks for those who signed up. Dates of class will be determined when the wood arrives. Sandy Smith of the show committee reported that some of the "Save the Date" cards have been returned, and brochures will be ready in January. Barb Edelbrock of the Christmas committee reported that 82 have signed up for the Christmas Party. There will be a gift exchange (handmade, preferably wood items please).

There was no old business. New business, Woodturners' show will be December 3rd, and our members will be attending and will sell charity items and raffle tickets. Next year's projects chosen by members will be a small Christmas tree that will have carved ornaments and a farm scene.

Members voted and approved the presented slate of new officers: **Officers:** *President*, Sid Edelbrock; *Vice President*, Marty Wells; *Secretary*, Penny Wells;

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**General Membership Meeting of November 17, 2016  
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*Treasurer*, Ray Killen. **Board of Directors:** *Auditor*, Naomi Inglett; *Membership*, Kathi Clark; *Classes and Events Coordinator*, Marty Wells; *Past President*, Ray Killen; *Publicity*, Wally Smietanski; *Quartermaster*, Paul Baumann; *Tools*, Gary Beck; *Website/Chip Pile*, Sandy Smith; *Librarian*, Sonia Nelson. **Others:** *Sunshine Lady*, Amy Wainscott; *Historians*, Mary Waldeck and Sonia Nelson; *Preacher*, Terry Balcom.

Show and Tell followed with: Earl Gulley, relief of a deer and a cross pin; Paul Baumann, bottleneck babe bottlestopper; Donna Gulley, dogwood cross; Mel Carpenter, "carpenter's" nametag, burl bowl; Betty Gregory, peace dove ornaments and a cane; Margaret Killen, forest of trees, a red-nosed snail, a cat and mouse; Mary Waldeck, St. Francis; John Gregory, Santa faces; Kathi Clark, pelican; Norm Rutledge, snowman ornaments; Sonia Nelson, snowman ornament and comfort birds; Sandy Smith, holiday pins; Ken Doran, 2 walking sticks.

Name Tag drawing was won by Paul Baumann (a knife). Show and Tell drawing was won by Kathi Clark (dremel sanding stick). 50/50 was won by Betty Gregory.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Submitted by Penny Wells, Secretary

**Board of Directors  
Meeting of December 1, 2016  
was postponed until  
January 5, 2017**

**Wishing all of you and yours  
a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy Healthy New Year!**



**SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS**

***Please let Amy Wainscott 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  
Please see **Kathi Clark, Membership**  
*Chairman*, to Renew Your Membership

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