



THE CHIP PILE

North Arkansas
Woodcarvers Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 531
Mountain Home, AR 72654

April 2017 Newsletter • Volume 1704

www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

They say April showers bring May flowers. While we are getting the showers, I think this year it is March bringing April flowers.

May 6th and 7th is our annual show and if you are like me, you are busy trying to finish your projects for the show. Hope to see everyone there. NAWC has a great show that we need to take pride in and support.

I know after this being the 5th year I've been president of NAWC, some of the enthusiasm has been lost and I sense a loss of energy in the club also. We need a club spirit, unification, and excitement project. What would this look like? It could be as simple as a club picnic and cook-out, or someone's good idea. We need to plow some new ground to get the excitement back, create unification and have fun. We all share so many things in common with our love of wood, let's build upon this and not be distracted.

We have a new graduation class so let's welcome them into the fold. While we are at the show or other activities, let's use these as an opportunity to recruit new students for the class starting May 18th.

Yes, this month is pot luck at our general meeting. Remember, 'even' months are pot luck months. There is always something wonderful there to eat.

We are getting a start on the birds and crosses for Hospice. It would be nice to have a box full to donate. I find carving them relaxing. I have gotten input from families of someone who has received one of these and it is amazing how "comforting" these can be. It is a great feeling to know you have had a positive impact on someone's life. REMEMBER: SMOOTH AND ROUND.

We also could use more ornaments for the tree. It looks too bare. More ornaments will attract much more attention. Attention usually translates into selling more raffle tickets.

I guess this is enough speaking from the soap box so will sign off by wishing all good health and happy carving.

Sid Edelbrock, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of March 16, 2017 MINUTES

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Vice President Marty Wells.

Minutes as presented in *The Chip Pile* were approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Ray Killen.

Librarian Sonia Nelson is waiting to order books until closer to the show.

Paul Baumann, Quartermaster, reported that we have plenty of wood. Hats are in today and will be \$12.00 each. If people want a particular color, see Paul soon, as the hats sell fast at the show.

Membership Chairman, Kathi Clark, states that membership is at 140.

Webmaster, Sandy Smith, says everything is going well.

No publicity report.

Amy Wainscott sent cards to Steve LeBlanc, Wally Smietanski, and Bob Ahrens.

Show Committee signed up more people today and said that baked goods are needed for the host table at the show.

Old Business: Hospice of the Ozarks needs more birds (pattern was at the table) and comfort crosses. Need to find smaller patterns for both items as smaller sizes are needed too. Paul listed the people who have keys to the storage: Paul Baumann, Sid Edelbrock, Sandy Smith and Bonnie Davis.

New Business: Ray Killen suggested that we think of some group activity(s) to do such as a picnic. Will discuss next meeting.

Show and Tell: Red Murr (cane, rabbit in leaves), Earl Gulley (woodburning), Donna Gulley (angel, hummingbird from yard sale), Norm Rutledge (for charity - 2 crosses, 3 dogwood, snowman, Christmas stocking, for Farm - Donkey), Paul Baumann (stick with faces), Kathi Clark (critters for farm), Bill Weingart (ornaments, green man, outhouse, wood spirit), Bob Bowling (coons & cabin), Myrna McCurley (howling coyote for barn, stylized hearts), Sid Edelbrock (Christ and Madonna, Christ, "Arizona man", Indian bust, Indian roughout, Mt. Rushmore), Margaret Killen (sheep & cow for farm scene), Ray Killen (triceratops in tar pit), Deen Shirkey (woodburning), Curt Shirkey (carvings), Sandy Smith (fawn bust, child on rope swing, cereal killer), Sonia Nelson (creche, Marine emblem). Red Murr won the Show & Tell drawing (paint brushes & paints).

Name tag drawing & 50/50 won by Linda Peacy (wood certificate).

Adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wells, Secretary.

Board of Directors Meeting of April 6, 2017 MINUTES

President Sid Edelbrock brought the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Treasurer Ray Killen gave the Treasurer's report. Librarian Sonia Nelson asked that a budget set for books to purchase during the annual show. She has been asked for fantasy, Noah's Ark and chip carving books. Motion duly made and passed to authorize \$100.00 for new books. Sonia stated that we have 5 people signed up for the carving classes set up for after the show. She will contact the instructors to see if they are willing to travel to teach 5.

Membership Chairman Kathi Clark reported that we have 141 paid members.

VP Marty Wells stated that there will be a painting class consisting of 2 weeks of acrylic, 2 weeks of oil and 2 weeks of pastel. A walking stick class will be scheduled after the 6 weeks of painting class ends.

Sign up sheets will be put out next week. Webmaster Sandy Smith says everything is going fine.

Quartermaster Paul Baumann stated that \$400.00 of wood will need to be purchased at the show. Paul was asked to get prices for basswood eggs of various sizes..

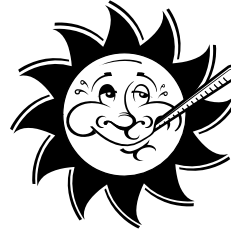
Show committee reported and announces that people could come to the dinner etc without having a table at the show. Dinner reservations are listed on the show application and are \$20.00 per person for either turkey or beef.

Old business: none

New Business: Paul suggested that all the (250) door prizes be brought in to be laid out on the tables for photos to be sent to the newspapers for publicity. Board will investigate.

Motion made to adjourn at 10:51 am.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wells, Secretary



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.

**There will be a Potluck Lunch
following this month's
General Membership Meeting
on April 20th**

North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club
P.O. Box 531 - Mountain Home, AR 72654

