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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greeting Fellow Woodcarvers,

This year has definitely been one that none of us will soon forget! There have been ups and downs, but amid the uncertainties before us, we will survive. With your support and cooperation we will thrive. We already have 16 names for our next Beginners Class!

A good time was had by all at the annual Christmas Party. The turkey dinner with all the fixin's (served by the Clarkridge Fire Department Auxillary) was very tasty. The party began with a couple of games and was followed by the "gift exchange."

Checks for our annual charity donation are being mailed out to six worthy organizations: S&K Street Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Bull Shoals Library, Hospice of the Ozarks, CASA of North Arkansas, and Visually Impaired People (VIP). The club fund raiser tickets for 2025 were drawn, and 3 out of the 4 winners were club members. *How lucky was that?*

Please keep our ailing members in your hearts and prayers as they recover. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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2026 Officers

President Sandy Smith
Vice President (Classes/Activities) . . Dee Robinson
Secretary Tina Campbell
Treasurer Nancy Wheeler

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Membership Linda and Ray Peacy
Equipment/Tools Bob Gilkerson
Quartermasters Terry Muth / Norman Dixon
Social Media Chairman Evelyn Burtram
General Publicity Pat Grimes
Librarian Sonia Nelson
Webmaster/Chip Pile Editor Sandy Smith
Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord
Past President Kim Valentine / Marty Wells
Events / Party Coordinator Barbara Edelbrock
Auditor Kathy Frisbie
Charity Coordinator Tina Campbell

Our 2025 membership stands at 128. The club has 12 sets of class starting equipment ready for the January 2026 class. Our wood supply is good and members are encouraged to purchase their wood products from the club. Prices are the best in town, with NO SHIPPING COST. The willow diamond cane class started with Marty Wells today. No other classes scheduled at this time. No publicity report at this meeting. The only update is that we are waiting to produce

the new directory after the first of the year, after membership is more complete. No report at this time for the library, but it is always available to members for resources. Sandy Smith reported that all is well with *The Chip Pile* and updates were made to our website. (*Editor's note: If anyone sees something that needs to be changed on our website, please let Sandy know.*) Our Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord has sent a card to Kim Valentine for his recent surgery and the update was positive from his

procedure. No one else to report on and that is great news. Barbara Edelbrock is back and is ready for the Christmas Party coming up on December 4th. Today is the last chance to purchase meal tickets for the final head count on food. Remember, if you want a gift, bring a gift. This weekend is our final event for this year, the Craftfest at the county fair grounds. Volunteers to help are always appreciated. We look forward to a prosperous end of the year event. Thank you to all the members who have contributed throughout the year to our charity project.

Our only unfinished business was the request for one additional charity to donate to St. Vincent De Paul's program. The suggestion was announced and it was unanimously passed to include this charity also. That will mean that 6 local organizations will receive \$500 each from NAWC for 2025.

New business: A donation of a cowboy scene as a joint effort by Bob Gilkerson, Sandy Smith and Deb Bergum is slated for a 2026 rund raiser item. Donations also included

General Membership Meeting of November 20, 2025 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by acting President Dee Robinson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

We proceeded with the following reports by the current and present Board members. Nancy Wheeler, Treasurer, reported that all funds are adequate at this time. Currently, 27 members have already paid their annual dues for 2026.

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Tommy Johnson's fish that was donated by his wife. We have already sold some tickets for this item and may include it in the 2025 drawing TBD.

The only announcement was Kim Valentine's successful surgery and that he is expected to possibly go home today from Little Rock.

Our show & tell was a full display of members' projects. Dee Robinson completed a large carved sign to take to events and encourage people to learn to carve, and a chainsaw carved turtle. Terry Muth showed his completed dragon and his pyrography feather. Steve Munch finish his pair of zebras for his Noah's Ark project. He warns that zebra stripes are a lot of work. Deb Bergum brought her framed turkey feather pyrography and Bonnie Davis also showed her framed version of the turkey feather project. Sandy Smith brought her completed bereavement dogwood cross and cute raccoon pyrography (still in progress) from Deb's class. We had a woodpecker on a tree and a bear from Norm Dixon. Ronnie Trivitt completed his Indian Chief head with a real feather to accent the piece. Donna Munchler showed off her version of the turkey feather accentuated with a small ink well in the corner, and Rita Margolian put her own spin on the feather with a dream catcher. Marty Wells had a cabin relief carving, a swan and 3 little birds for the charity table. Tina Campbell showed her almost done mountain lion pyrography she made at class for her husband for their 7th anniversary. Tina Campbell was the lucky winner of the show & tell drawing.

Our name tag winner was Norm Rutledge.

Curt Shirkey took home winnings from the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of December 4, 2025 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by interim President Dee Robinson at 9:50 a.m.

The following reports were given by present board members. Nancy Wheeler stated that our reserves we have are strong at this time and all the nominated charities funds had been disbursed. This year's recipients of \$500 each were S&K Ministry, Bull Shoals Library, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hospice of the Ozarks, CASA of North Arkansas, and Visually Impaired People (VIP). Our membership report from Linda Peacy was that currently 32 members had renewed for 2026. Our final total in 2025 was 128. *Keep those memberships rolling in folks, thanks.* Our tools and equipment are set for the January 2026 class with 12 sets, according to Bob Shaffer, and we continue to explore all possible ways to curb the cost of tools to keep the class fees down. Our current class will pay \$190. For all this class offers, this is still a great deal and compares to other classes offered around town. Dee Robinson will begin calling the list

of possible class participants, right after the holidays.

Pat Grimes, Publicity, reminded us that the interview on KTLO was done but has not aired yet. Evelyn Burtram, Media, was not present today, but is still posting to FB regularly. Sonia Nelson was absent, but the library is always open and available to members. *The Chip Pile* and website are in order, states Sandy Smith, with no other updates there. Sandy Lord, the Sunshine Lady, sent her last get-well card to Kim Valentine last week, and will be sending one to Andy Cooper this week. A big thank you to Wally's wife (Joyce) for her generous donation of Wally's woodworking treasures. They will be of great use to our club. Barbara Edelbrock is ready for the Christmas party today and was helped by Kathy Hewitt, who donated lovely mugs/glasses for everyone to take home, and special prizes for the game winners.

The Charity committee will be updating and organizing the storage bins and tags. New tags will have the name of the creator on the tag. We are also researching an opportunity to maybe coop with a local art group, and they may also have space for us to meet. This could open new opportunities to get out to the community and to have alternative classes. We will keep everyone posted as we look forward to an amazing 2026.

All of our unfinished business was finished and the only new business will be the possible purchase of tools from a private party to use for classes and/or sale to the club. We are also actively still looking for a cheaper but adequate space for our club to meet.

Postcards and emails have been sent by the show committee and we have had some responses already. We will keep everyone posted as to the progress for the 2026 show.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE:
**2026 Annual Membership
Dues has increased due to
Hall Rental Hike**
\$75 - Individual Membership
\$30 - Supporting Membership (Restrictions Apply)
Please see **Linda and Ray Peacy**, *Membership Chairpeople*,
to Renew Your Membership



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Sandy Lord 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.