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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Woodcarvers!

We Did It Again! We successfully accomplished another fantastic woodcarving show! This year's show went off without a hitch (except for me forgetting to bring the award plaques to the banquet) and it is thanks to all of you who were there to make it happen. What a wonderful club we have! Both of our vendors, Bob Stadlander (tools) and Herb Johnston (wood) are planning to come back next year. Besides Arkansas, we had carvers registered from seven surrounding states: Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri and Texas. We had a total of 52 tables with 25 of them registered to non-members. 24 NAWC members participated, and as far as I know, everyone had a fabulous time. I cannot thank everyone enough who volunteered to help which not only included members, but their wonderful spouses. The Entry Door donations, the "show" fund-raiser (Patriotic Gnome chainsaw-carved by Dee), and the Banquet Auction exceeded last year's totals. Our Charity Table surpassed all expectations and sold a large amount of charity items. We gave away the majority of our little door prizes, so we will need additional doorprize carvings for next year. Additionally, we had a fantastic presence on Facebook. There were many posts during the event, that I viewed after the fact, that brought a smile to my face. Attendance was slightly down from last year, but I can only assume it was due to the beautiful weekend weather and that we were competing with Cotter's Trout Festival. Our carving competition ran smoothly on Saturday, as did the "Whittling Contest" on Sunday afternoon. I'm so proud of our club. We work very well as a team.

Dee currently has a "long" list of people that are interested in our beginners' woodcarving class which starts May 28th.

Can't wait to see what we can continue to accomplish!
Sandy

General Membership Meeting of April 16, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting opened at 10:43 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by approval of the March *Minutes* as published in *The Chip Pile*.

Nancy Wheeler, Treasurer, gave the quarterly budget report and review and states that we are on track with the club's budget and the Charity account is growing.

Linda Peacy, Membership Chairman, confirmed that we currently have 83 members.

Equipment/Tools Chairman Bob Gilkerson says we will be needing more tools for the upcoming beginners' class. These tools are ordered, however, many tool suppliers are on a backorder status.

Terry Muth, Quartermaster and Wood Chairman, has wood ordered from the vendor coming to our May show. If anyone wants something special, they need to contact Terry ASAP. All wood purchases were approved by the club at the Quartermaster's discretion.

Dee Robinson, VP and Chairman for Classes, is giving the current class of students their completion certificates today and we congratulate them and welcome them to the club.

Publicity Chairman Pat Grimes is working on a list of places to publicize our club and to advertise our upcoming Show, at no cost. Media Liaison Evelyn Burttram was absent for this meeting. Membership is encouraged to continue to like and share our postings on Facebook.

Our library is up to date according to Sonia Nelson, Librarian. Again, the club is reminded to check the check out box in the library, and return any books that are out or locate them in the library and return the card. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Members should check the box, just in case you have forgotten that you have a book out.

Sandy Smith, our Webmaster and *The Chip Pile* publisher, says all is well with our publications.

Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord is caught up with current requests and will be sending a big Thank You to Cindy Clifton for efforts to keep the club in snack heaven during meetings. Sandy Lord will be on vacation for 2 weeks so she will not be available for new requests until she returns.

Show Committee and Sandy Smith are busy preparing for the Show in 2 weeks. Signs will be out this week around the county and sign-up sheets for volunteer help are out, so please help and contribute some time to the club's BIG once a year show. Get your reservations in for the banquet and you can still reserve a table at the

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show. Tickets for the Chinese auction at the banquet for the auction items will be available at the next meeting for those not attending the banquet. Clarkridge Auxiliary Fire Dept. will be serving at the show from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. both days.

Event/Party Coordinator Barbara Edelbrock reminded us that next week is a potluck. Bring your favorite potluck food to share.

Charity Coordinator Tina Campbell and her team ask that members find time to help at the charity table during the show and possibly bring snacks for the hospitality table for our show participants and vendors.

Unfinished Business: If members are wanting specific tools contact Bob Standtlander, and if interested in a Burke Sharpener contact Nancy Burke. Denim shirts are also available with the club logo – sign up with Sandy Smith.

New Business: Members were told they could participate in the Queen of Hearts drawing at the VFW, part of Bingo's fun. Bylaws committee will meet again after the show. Worm hole butternut is available. Please contact Terry Muth if interested. Also, members please be sure to clean up your areas after the meeting.

Announcements: Wanda Schroder shared a thank you note from Kathy Hewitt regarding the passing of her husband, Rick. His memorial service will be at the Clarkridge main fire station on July 4, 2026 at 1 p.m., all are welcome to attend. This generous friend of the club will be missed, we all appreciated Rick's smile and helpful ways.

Show & Tell: This month sported many great carvings and we appreciate all who participated. Those who took part were Cheryl McConkey, Donna Mulcher, Norm Dixon, Marty Wells, Terry Muth, Sandy Lord, Linda Peacy, Dee Robinson, Bob Gilkerson, Sandy Smith, Debbie Whitaker, Sonia Nelson, Carol Riley, Bonnie Davis, Sid Edelbrock, Deb Bergum, Ray Peacy and Daryl Lehman. Sonia Nelson was this month's winner of the Show and Tell drawing.

Terry Muth won the Name Tag drawing and Curt Shirkey won the 50/50 drawing. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of May 7, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting called to order by Sandy Smith at 10:06 a.m. Treasurer's report by Nancy Wheeler was given and our charity fund is doing well following the "show" weekend. We have covered the cost of the directories with their sales to this point and we have covered the cost of tools bought earlier with a small profit in the year. Otherwise, our budget is in line and on track. Linda Peacy was

absent so there was no membership report.

Bob Gilkerson is preparing for the upcoming class and says we are almost stocked for that class, depending on our exact enrollment at the time of the class.

Terry Muth is stocked up since the show delivery of wood and he says he has lots of 3" planks. We have made a profit so far this year on wood from club sales.

Dee Robinson, VP and Class/Activity Director, is starting to call the signup sheet for the May 28th beginners' class start date. Pat Grimes and Evelyn Burtram were both absent but are still monitoring our publicity and Facebook page.

Librarian Sonia Nelson has not purchased any new books as of yet, but she will have duplicate books for sale to the club.

The Chip Pile / Webmaster Sandy Smith says all is well with both the newsletter and website.

Our Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord clarified that she will only be sending notes to members and their spouses.

Show Committee wrap up from Sandy Smith was we had a great show and exceeded most all of the numbers from last year.

An event coming up is the picnic at Lakeview Community Park - no theme - rain or shine on June 6th. Bring a dish to share, chairs and your own drinks, according to Barbara Edelbrock, Party Coordinator.

Charity Coordinator Tina Campbell stated we had a very successful sale at our show, and will be needing some additional donations to the table as we get ready for the Spring Craffest on June 19 and 20th. Watch for sign-up sheets to be put out soon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. with no other business discussed.

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.