

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Woodcarvers!

This summer is flying by and most of us seem to be spending much of it indoors... hopefully getting a chance to catch up on your carving projects.

Our club is up to 91 members and our Spring Beginners' Class has ended. Please encourage our newest members to continue to participate and assist them if requested. We are here until 1:00 p.m. every Thursday. The VFW is requesting suggestions for lunches that they can prepare for us. Please plan to stay, carve and socialize with us every Thursday. We started this year with a plan to increase our membership and promote woodcarving and we are striving to attain that goal. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and participation to support our club and its functions throughout the year.

A Potluck Lunch will be served in August. Barb is planning to have fried chicken as the main dish and will put out a donation jar to collect for it. She suggests to bring something "light" - such as salads - to complement the chicken. Everything I've ever had at our potluck lunches has always been delicious. Besides being good carvers, you're all good cooks, too!

Our next charity sales event will be the Dam Jam at Roy Danuser City Park in Bull Shoals in September.

We have a couple classes and a "Carve In" scheduled. Marty Wells will be teaching his "little broom" class on August 13th, followed by a simple "bird" class on August 20th & 27th. Sid Edelbrock will be leading the "Carve In" where we're invited to carve "extremely smooth" comfort birds for our charity table.

Because both "Eve" holidays fall on Thursdays, we decided **not** to meet on Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve) and Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve), this coming December.

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General Membership Meeting of July 16, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by the membership. The June 18th Meeting *Minutes* as published in *The Chip Pile* were approved by a unanimous vote.

Nancy Wheeler delivered the monthly treasury report and stated that we are within our budget and have the funds necessary to meet our budget expenditures for the rest of the year. The new copier was the only discretionary spending approved previously by the membership. Our charity fund is growing. Membership from Linda Peacy stands at 91 members currently.

Bob Gilkerson Tools and Equipment chairman was absent, along with Dee Robinson, VP; Evelyn Burtram, Social Media; and Librarian Sonia Nelson. No update reports from these positions at this time.

Terry Muth, our Quartermaster, says wood inventory is good but he is preparing an order for the fall, so anyone with any special requests should let him know and we can save shipping costs with a delivery by a member.

Pat Grimes, Publicity, says nothing new to report.

The Chip Pile and Website are good according to Webmaster Sandy Smith and reminded us to check out the website at www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org

All's well according to Sandy Lord, the Sunshine Lady, and Bob Gilkerson is on the mend and hopes to return soon.

Show Committee is on vacation until September. Anyone wanting to join this group to help out at our annual show in May is welcome to attend.

Our next potluck is Aug. 27th and there will be donations requested again for the fried chicken. Barbara Edlebrook requests we bring salads

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to accompany the entrée. Barb also proposed a "Carve In" to dedicate one meeting to just simple carving for the charity table with cut outs available for everyone to carve and she offered to bring a crock pot meal.

Our charity table got a \$100 bonus as Tina Campbell, Chairman, miscounted the funds from the Crafftast which was a nice surprise. Sorry folks, it happens. A big THANK YOU to the many people who have recently donated to the charity table. This club has the best and most generous members. Our next event is the Dam Jam in Bull Shoals on Sept. 26 from 11-6.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: There was a suggestion for a possible table game for carving. The VFW is working on specials for Thursday and would accept suggestions. The club voted NOT to meet Dec. 24th and 31st as they both fall on Thursday this year. Our annual Christmas Party will be Dec. 3rd.

Announcements: None.

Show & Tell had lots of participants again. Thanks go to Ray Peacy, Sid Edelbrock, Sandy Smith, Marty Wells, Carol Riley, Terry Muth, Rita Margolian, Steve Munch, Tina Campbell, and Daryl Lehman. Rita Margolian won the drawing.

Name Tag winner was Deb Bergum and Tina Campbell took home the weekly fundraiser.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of August 6, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Smith at 10:05 a.m. Nancy Wheeler, Treasurer, reports the club accounts stand as last reported, and she has completed and passed the bi-annual audit.

Our current membership as reported previously by Linda Peacy is 91. Bob Gilkerson, Equipment/Tools Chair is still out due to surgery, but says all his tool orders have arrived and he will be making up the kits needed for the next class in Jan. 2027. There was a report from this beginners' class that there is an issue with the strops and Bob will need to address that on his return. Quartermaster/Wood Chair Terry Muth was absent at this

meeting, along with Pat Grimes, Publicity and Evelyn Burttram, Media Liaison.

Dee Robinson, VP and Class/Activities Chair, is wrapping up the summer class this week and will award our graduates their certificates soon. Librarian Sonia Nelson reports there is no change in the library status. The Webmaster/Chip Pile Editor Sandy Smith says the domain name is coming up for renewal this month.

Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord will send some "cheer" to 3 people this month: Paul Miller, Associate Member, following his surgery; Amy Wainscott, a get well; and Red Murr, a hello and how are you? A suggestion was made for cheaper postage at www.foreverstamps.com.

Show Committee is on vacation until September.

Barb Edelbrock, our Event/Party Chair, is preparing for a chicken feast at the end of the month and will be collecting donations for fried chicken. She is asking us to bring salads. The date for our potluck lunch will be Aug 27th.

Our next scheduled charity event is the Dam Jam at Roy Danuser City Park in Bull Shoals on Saturday, September 26th. This one-day event will need some outdoor-ready volunteers.

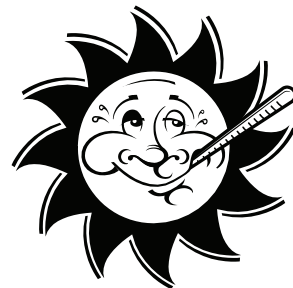
Unfinished Business: Our officers will be meeting with the Arts & Craft Guild sometime in the near future to see if we can collaborate with them in anyway to help both of our clubs.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Donations are requested for the potluck "fried chicken" entrée.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary



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.