



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We better start off thanking Norm for writing last month's message. Time was short and I had my thoughts on a house we had to remodel in Alabama. We had two weeks to do two bathrooms and a bunch of other work, this included floor joists and all.

Saturday the 6th was spent at the Chili Cook-off. Everyone that attended seemed to have a good time. I find it enjoyable visiting with all the folks that go by the booth. Thanks to the Ryan's we had a big tent, and I would also like to thank those who helped them set it up and take it down. Try it some time, you'll enjoy it. The chili was good also.

Next event coming up is the County Fair, and this year we have our own segment of the fair. Registration is Tuesday the 9th from 2 -7 pm. Let's all make an entry or two, and show the community we are out there. We have a club full of great carvers and we can make a great showing at the fair.

The majority of our time at the last Board meeting was spent discussing tools for the carving class. See the meeting minutes for details. I believe we all agree we need to start the students out with good quality tools that are sharp and proper for the class assignments as well as have some tools available beyond the basic kit we provide to make the tasks easier and more enjoyable.

Dick and Steve have finished up painting the totem pole at Cooper Park. On behalf of the club and community, I would like to thank them. It is participation like this and volunteerism that makes this a great place to live. There is not a day that goes by that I'm not thankful for finding this beautiful place to retire with so many other great people. After devoting all our efforts to raising and educating five children, we now are able to also give back to the community and find it rewarding.

Now, Paul will be searching for new officers for the elections in November. Please give holding an office serious consideration. I have a great slate of officers to work with and now it is time for others to step forward for their turn. When all contribute a little, no one has to work so hard that they get burned out. Everyone seems scared of the President position, but it is really not that hard, and Norm has a program of lessons set up for months to come which will provide an easy path for someone else to follow.

It is time to abandon my soap box and get to mowing lawns before the next rains come. Let's all keep making chips.

Sid
NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of August 21, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock, at 10:30. The Pledge to the Flag followed. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Kathi Clark reported that our membership is now 155. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Sign-up sheets for up-coming lessons are on the table every Thursday. Lessons include a chip carving class by Ray Kropke, spoons by Naomi Inglett, and a Dogwood flower by Joe Acsai.

Registration for the entering carvings in the County Fair is September 9 from 2:00 – 7:00. Sid encouraged all members to enter their carvings.

The Chili Cook-Off is September 6 at the Bull Shoals State Park, above the dam in Lakeview. The tent will be set up at 10:00 on Friday, Sept. 5.

It was decided to order twenty-four caps in navy and forest green. Sandy's sister will embroider the club logo on them. Sandy also said that anyone who wanted a logo embroidered on a shirt, should give the shirt to her (by September 11). Shirts and caps will be returned the end of September.

Next month a nominating committee will be chosen to select candidates for club officers for the election in November.

The winner of the name tag drawing was Cheryl McConkey; 50/50 winner was Sandy Smith; and the Show and Tell drawing winner was Terry Balcom.

Bea Berke said that a carved cane had been left at the Burger King and they are trying to find the owner.

Show and Tell: Mule rider and "Pop" in walnut by Dick Dulaney; Kick the Can and two canes by Richard Arndt; a relief, a bird caved from an egg, spoons, Christmas ornaments, carving show door prizes, and two mice by Naomi Inglett; a memorial cross, Ole Bucktooth Beaver, and Inspector Moosso mouse by Terry Balcom; crosses by Ray Kropke; Hound Dog, Rasmus I, and Rasmus II by Roy Dunkelberger; Rasmus, Santa, Moon Santa, and wood spirit by Judy Clark; Meadowlark, Bluebirds, Quail, and Woodpecker with habitat by Roland Ellis; Ozark Saint Bernard carved in a class taught by Harold Enlow by Curt Shirkey; Buffalo relief done in Desiree Hajney's class by Toni Giardina; Preflight Instection, Santa and Rudolph, by Sandy Smith for the *Woodcarving Illustrated* Santa competition, Hill Billys by Jo Anne Moore; Biker Santa by Linda Heydt; a clock with a relief eagle by Dale Lakin; a relief carving by Kathi Clark; a love spoon by Norm Rutledge; three Santas by Bonnie Davis; a shoe and birds carved from eggs by Jean Kropke; a Santa, a Spanish monk, Doc, and a wood spirit by Burl Moore; Found wood by Paul Baumann; a painting of a Gold Finch by Betty Gregory; a Chickadee on a branch by John Gregory; an incised carving by Marjorie Clements; a totem by Jim Clements; a relief Santa head and two Santas done at the Rendezvous by Lenore Bryant; a diamond willow walking stick and oak and basswood walking stick by Ken Doran; an Eagle head walking stick carved from hard cedar in Jack Ryan's class by Charley Roets.

Sid introduced Norm Allen, who was there to film our carving club for "Out of the Norm", a show on Channel 19 and outofthenorm.tv on the internet.

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Adjournment at 11:10 was followed by a pot luck lunch. Fidel Tiscareno played his Native American flutes during the lunch.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of September 4, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock, at 10:30. Kathi Clark reported that our membership is 155. Norm Rutledge said that sign up sheets for classes are available on the table every Thursday.

Sid expressed our thanks to Dick Dulaney and Steve Wagner for the totem pole restoration in Cooper Park.

Members have been encouraged to enter carvings in the Baxter County Fair. Carvings may be entered Sunday, Sept. 7 from 2:00 to 4:00, and Tuesday, September 9 from 2:00 until 7:00.

We have a space (donated by Cindy Stephens) at the Chili Cook-Off on September 6. The hours are from 10:30 to 3:30. Turkey Trot is the second full weekend in October.

Paul Baumann, the nominating committee, is looking for candidates for new club officers. The election is in November.

Tools for students in the Beginner Classes were discussed. Dave McConkey made a motion to use the tools that Jay Nottingham has on hand first. Subsequently, a Warren 1/8" V-Tool, a #5 gouge, and a Denny bench knife will be in our standard beginner kit. A detail knife and a veiner will be

available for purchase by the students. The motion was passed.

Beginner Class instructors have been contacted and are willing to split the classes, teaching half the students in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. This will result in smaller classes with more individual attention for each student.

Naomi Inglett suggested that we ask people at the pot luck lunches to wait until the tables had been set up before coming up to get their food.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

Totem Pole in Cooper Park Complete

Dick Dulaney and Steve Wagner finished painting the Totem Pole in Cooper Park on Tuesday morning. It is located just west of the ball field in Cooper Park - Dick urges everyone to "Go have a look".

A little Totem Pole history...

The totem pole is 30 feet tall and is carved from black walnut. Originally, it took about 250 hours for to carve. Present members Dick Dulaney, Jay Nottingham and Jerry Rezin and former member Ron Carter were the high altitude workers. Jack Ryan and Cindy's (Stephens) dad (Curly Caldwell) carved the wood spirits at the bottom.

It took three sections of scaffolding and an 8 foot ladder to reach the eagle on top. They sent three people to set the scaffolding up and all of them were afraid of heights, so NAWC members adjusted the scaffolding as needed and Dick Dulaney braved the ladder set up and take down.

Thank you Dick and Steve for preserving the Totem Pole for all to enjoy...

Activity Calendar

September

- 18 Arlene Lesiak/Bonnie Davis - Santa
18 **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
25 Arlene Lesiak/Bonnie Davis - Santa
from a wood block

TBA

Naomi Inglett - Carving a Wooden Spoon
Ray Kropke - Beginning Chip Carving
Roland Ellis - How to Paint a Project



Out Of The Norm

Documentary

**On Cable Channel 19 and
on the internet at
"outofthenorm.tv"**

Roland Ellis is conducting a series of classes from pattern making through painting carvings, showing various styles of carving. Cost would be \$10 per week, with carvers taking as many or as few classes as they want. A sign-up sheet is available on Thursdays.

THE SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Pat Helmus 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.



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