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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently went to my doctor and told him that I am incapable of doing all the things around the house that I used to do. When the examination was over, I said, "Okay Doc, in plain English—what's wrong with me?" "Well, in plain English," said the doctor, "you're just lazy." I nodded at him and said, "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."

There's not too much happening at this time of year. Many people are going on vacation and no events are planned until September and that will be here quicker than we know it. I remember back in elementary school the summers were probably 7 months long. Well it seemed like that at the time. Now they are gone in a blink of an eye.

We had a good showing for our Gassville-in-the-Park event on June 6th. It was a pleasant day and a lot of people attended. NAWC sold quite a few raffle tickets and charity items. Now we need to replace them to have them ready for the Baxter County Fair, which is Sept. 9th to the 13th and the Hillbilly Chili Cookoff on Sept. 19th. We will have sign-up sheets put out in early August.

This year's chess set seems to be very popular with a lot of people saying they want to win it even though they don't play chess. They loved the little hillbilly carvings and were impressed with the marble chess board. People also liked the Nativity set and those carvings as well. So thanks to everyone who worked on the raffle items. I know it's early but let's start giving some thought to what we want to carve for next year's raffle.

Let me remind everyone that our club library has lots of books that you can borrow for a couple of weeks at a time, but please sign out the book and put the index card in the box on top of the file cabinet. When you return the book, take the card out of the box, cross off your name and put the card back in the book (or study stick bag). Sonia does a great job of keeping it organized so let's not make it more difficult for her.

Well, that's it for now. I've got to go out and start mowing the grass before it gets too hot. Well

basically it's weeds but when it's cut it looks like grass.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of June 18, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:45. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the approval of the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Chip Pile*. The treasurer's report was accepted as given. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 164 members.

Sign-up sheets for upcoming classes are available on the table at every carving session. Warren Brown donated square blocks which members are asked to carve and return by September to be sold on the charity table.

Len Kieltyka said that he and his wife were celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary.

Show and Tell followed. Paul Baumann showed a Junior Cobb wood spirit which he found at a garage sale, and 6 wizards that he had carved. Kathi Clark carved a face on a plunger handle. Naomi Inglett showed three roses that she had finished in pastel chalk. Betty Gregory used an oil finish on a house sign and an angel/santa bell that she carved. Bonnie Davis carved a spoon with a handle of woodland animals

Margaret Killen carved a covered bridge in relief and two intertwined hearts. Dick Dulaney carved a troll, a gnome, an elf, a cowboy, and an Amish farmer using patterns from *Woodcarving Illustrated* magazine. Sandy Smith carved a "Pure Bread Dog" in basswood finished with acrylics. Sid Edelbrock used Bri Wax to finish a bust carved in Adina Huckins class. He also showed an intaglio barn relief carving done in Bob Bierman's class. Dave Petersen carved a walking stick from diamond willow with a basswood eagle head handle. Bob Bowling carved Mammoth Spring, AR in relief.

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Nancy Wheeler, a carver in the beginners' class, won the Name Tag drawing, Betty Gregory won the Show and Tell drawing, and Jerry Grace, also a member of the beginners' class, won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 and was followed by a potluck lunch.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting
of July 2, 2015
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 by the president, Ray Killen. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 165 members. The librarian, Sonia Nelson, said that she has been unable to find any new books on relief carving.

Jason Gambill reported that Naomi Inglett will teach a rose on a candlestick class on July 9 and 16; Roger Stegall will teach a caricature wizard

class on July 23; and Diane Gumm will teach a Bunny class on August 13.

It was decided not to participate in Gregg's Outdoor Wildlife Expo this year. Bob Shaffer said that he has the short handle tools.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

• **WANTED** •

Someone to carve a cane from a "submitted" design. Please call Karin Bluemlein at 424-2023 or at Harps Floral 424-3003 if you are interested.



SUNSHINE LADY
REPORTS

Please let Betty Gregory 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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