



# THE CHIP PILE

North Arkansas  
Woodcarvers Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 531  
Mountain Home, AR 72654

October 2020 Newsletter • Volume 2010

[www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org](http://www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all,

Well, Fall is here and we are having a lot of carving going on to fill the time. I was talking to Dave McConkey on the phone and he was saying that Cheryl was watching some power carving videos on YouTube. For some of you who haven't checked the carving videos there, you are missing a valuable asset to help you through some unusual situations. They have carving videos on all types of carving. They have cane and walking stick carving, small bird carving, relief carving, etc. So just about whatever you are interested in.

Also, I was talking to Kim about power carving at our club meeting and talking about Foredom versus some of the cheaper models available. This made me curious so I checked some to see just how powerful they were and here is what I found. I bought my canister model from Harbor Freight for \$50 and it runs up to 15,000 rpms, Foredom 5200 deluxe model is \$480 and runs up to 18,000 rpms, a Wecheer model from Woodcraft is \$220 and runs up to 20,000 rpms and Foredom also has model K107018 micromotor which is more for jewelry and small items (not for you Kim) at \$414 and runs up to 38,000 rpms. Just some comparisons FYI. I can say I have had the one from Harbor Freight for almost 20 years and it just went out and I bought another one, but if you use it all day and a lot, Foredom will probably last longer. I use mine any time I power carve but use it for power sanding more and it works great for me. It was also affordable and if it quits sooner is cheaper to replace.

We had our sale of the donated tools, books and wood 2 weeks ago and made approximately \$600 to put back in the club account. Thanks to all of you who participated. We also added about 12-20 books and go-bys to our library and about 15-20 tools to our grab bags, so it worked out real good for all.

Our bird class is going along and some of the cutouts were a little hard, making them hard to carve. If you run into this situation, (most may know this but some don't) use a mixture of 50% water and 50% rubbing alcohol, put it in a small spray bottle and spray your carving, then carve. If it gets hard again, spray it again, then go again and so on.

I guess that is enough for now. See you all at our meetings and happy carving.

Marty Wells

## General Membership Meeting of September 17, 2020 MINUTES

Marty Wells opened the meeting at 10:28.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Approval of *Minutes per The Chip Pile* was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Lynn Huett. Lynn reported that the tool, book and wood sale that was held today totalled \$595.00 for the club. Marty thanked everyone for their participation.

No Membership, Equipment, Wood reports were given.

VP Kim Valentine has not scheduled any classes due to the low numbers of participants because of COVID-19.

Wally Smietanski reported that *The Baxter Bulletin* has been publishing numerous pictures that he has submitted.

Sandy Smith, Webmaster says everything is going well.

Librarian Sonia Nelson asks that overdue books be returned to the library. Some books have been out for a long time.

No Sunshine Lady report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** No new club business.

Kathy Hewitt reported that Clarkridge Fire Department is having a pie auction and craft sale on October 24. Event starts at 5pm with a light supper.

**Show and Tell:** Sonia Nelson (bear, cowboy and Santa ornaments); Kim Valentine (full relief cedar buffalo, heron, trees for forest in Native American Tribal display which will go on tour to museums); Len Kieltyka (lil' britches cowboy, cigar store Indian, buzzard, Indian face on tree limb); Jim Waldeck (cottonwood bark figure from S. Dakota wood), Lynn Huett (alien fish, one-eyed pirate); Curt Shirkey (chip carved plate); Rod Engle (Mike Shipley - little people, Santa ornament). Curt Shirkey won the drawing and selected a \$10.00 wood certificate.

Name Tag Drawing was won by Sid Edelbrock who selected a Swiss Made tool.

Sid Edelbrock also won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wells, Secretary

# Board of Directors Meeting of October 1, 2020 MINUTES

President Marty Wells called the meeting to order at 10:10.

Treasurer's report given by Lynn Huett.

No membership report as Linda and Ray have not been here in some time. Marty will give them a call to see how they are doing

No Equipment report. No Wood report, we **need** a wood person.

Kim Valentine, VP, has not scheduled any classes at this time.

Wally Smietanski, Publicity, reported that articles were published in *The Baxter Bulletin* last Wednesday and Saturday.

Sonia Nelson, Librarian, is updating the list of contents/books due to the donations received recently. This is still in process.

Sandy Smith stated that the website is going well.

No Sunshine Lady report.

**Old Business:** We cleared \$600.00 from the sale of donated items in September. We also added tools left

over from the sale to the grab box for Show and Tell and the Name Tag drawing.

**New Business:** It was brought to the board's attention that we need more ball caps. The board asked that 2 dozen be ordered - 1 dozen summer and 1 dozen regular caps.

The board discussed the 3rd Thursday as it is an even month and we would normally have a pot luck. Kim Valentine offered to make a sausage and chicken gumbo. Marty will ask those present today if they were interested in doing this. Kim will be the person to ladle out the gumbo as he is the chef.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn at 10:25.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Wells



## 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.

There will be a  
**SAUUSAGE AND CHICKEN GUMBO**  
Potluck Lunch  
following this month's  
General Membership Meeting



North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club  
P.O. Box 531 - Mountain Home, AR 72654

