



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Woodcarvers,

I would like to *Thank* everyone who participated in the Club's success at the Mountain Home Bicentennial/JamFest. Extra *Thanks* to Paul, Amy and Dee for their exceptional efforts to make it all come together. Teamwork truly pays off!

Glad to report that a lot of our "ill" members are doing better now, and our thoughts and prayers continue for those still struggling.

Our next event is the CraftsFest on November 17th and 18th (setup is the 16th) at the Fairgrounds.

Also, our Christmas Party is December 7th at the VFW. Contact Barb Edelbrock for reservations by December 1st. The cost is \$17.50 per person or \$35.00 per couple. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift to the party. No tags needed.

Think of your suggested charities as we will vote for them on November 9th at our regular meeting. The final amounts and number of charities supported will also be decided then after our CraftsFest sales have been added to the current total.

Hope all have a Great Holiday Season and Keep Carving!

Kim

## General Membership Meeting of October 19, 2023 MINUTES

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 10:10.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Nancy Wheeler gave the Treasurer's report. We have money in our treasury. Linda Peacy said we have 110 members. One more than we had last year at this time. Bob Shaffer reported that we are okay with the equipment and are ready for the Beginners' class in January. Terry Muth said the wood was good. Paul Baumann III reported that there are no classes scheduled until the Beginners' class in January. Kim said he would be doing another art class sometime in the future. Wally Smietanski, Publicity, said he is submitting pictures to *The Baxter Bulletin* every week. Sandy Lord, the Sunshine Lady, said she had made a list of people to send cards to but lost the list. She apologized for not getting cards out. Paul Baumann III said there was nothing new going on with the Fair. Dee Robinson reminded everyone that the sign-up sheets for the CraftsFest on the 17th-18th of November were out. Christmas charity items are needed for it.

**Old Business:** Kim Valentine read the slate of Officers and Board members for the upcoming year. The Officers will be elected at the annual meeting in November, will take office

January 1st, and will serve for one year without pay or until a successor takes their place.

### Officers

President . . . . . Kim Valentine  
Vice President . . . . . Paul Baumann III  
Secretary . . . . . Nancy Smith  
Treasurer . . . . . Nancy Wheeler

### Board Members

Membership . . . . . Linda and Ray Peacy  
Equipment/Tools . . . . . Bob Shaffer  
Quartermasters . . . . . Terry Muth  
Norman Dixon  
Publicity . . . . . Wally Smietanski  
Past President . . . . . Marty Wells  
Auditor . . . . . Pamela Frost  
Librarian . . . . . Sonia Nelson  
Webmaster/Chip Pile Editor . . . . . Sandy Smith  
Sunshine Lady . . . . . Sandy Lord  
Fair Coordinator . . . . . Paul Baumann III  
Events / Party Coordinator . . . . . Barbara Edelbrock  
Charity Coordinators . . . . . Amy Wainscott/  
Dee Robinson

Kim reminded members that we still need to decide what project we need for next year's raffle. If you have any ideas let him or any of the board members know. We also need to start thinking about which charities we want to donate to this year. Hope For All, Visionally Impaired People, and Bomb Squad were mentioned as possible candidates.

**Show and Tell:** Kim Valentine – bears and gnomes, pumpkins, (the little pumpkins go to the charity table); Paul Baumann III – 2 bottle stoppers; Curt Shirkey – various crosses (the small crosses are for charity); Sid Edelbrock – Santas and elephant; Bob Gilkerson – cow, native American, cowboys, rainbow feather; Tim Sharp – pelican out of cedar; Norm Dixon – owl; Dee Robinson – chain sawed mushroom, candle, gnomes and tree; Terry Muth – pumpkin. Paul won the drawing and drew a saw and sanding block.

**Name Tag Winner:** Debbie Bergum won the name tag drawing.

**50/50 Drawing:** Cheryl McConkey won the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

## Board of Directors Meeting of November 2, 2023

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Treasurer Nancy Wheeler said that there was money in the Charity and Raffle funds. We did quite well at JamFest. Membership chairman Linda Peacy reported that we have 110 members. She reminder us that next year's dues are due.

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**Board of Directors Meeting of November 2, 2023 Minutes -  
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Bob Shaffer said that we were ready with equipment for the new Beginners' class in January. Paul Baumann III suggested that we contact former class members that no longer come to our meetings to see if they would be interested in selling their equipment back to the club. Terry Muth reported that our wood supply is in good shape for now, but there may be problems getting basswood in the future. Paul Baumann III told the board that there are no other classes scheduled until the beginners' class in January. Ten people signed up for that class. Sonia Nelson said the library is a bit of a mess right now. She will be going through the books soon and will give the Show Committee priority on books no longer to be used in the library. Sandy Smith said *The Chip Pile* is going well. Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord asked if anyone was sick. During the meeting Kim got word that Naomi Inglett was in the hospital. Paul Baumann III, Fair Coordinator, said that there was nothing new. Barbara Edelbrock has been working on the Christmas party which is on the 7th of December. The cost will be \$17.50 per person or \$35 for a couple. A gift exchange will be held as usual. Amy Wainscott said that she had put out sign-up sheets for CraftsFest November 16th (set-up), 17th (9-5pm) and the 18th (9-4pm). Teardown will be on Saturday the 18th after 4pm. She asked for Christmas items to be donated for the CraftsFest.

**Unfinished Business:** Kim brought up the subject of the club project for next year. Paul had suggested a gnome village with houses, mushrooms, and gnomes. Everyone liked the idea. We'll have a vote on it at the General Membership Meeting on the 16th. The Board also discussed several charities to donate to this year. The list of charities is: Visionally Impaired People; The Food Pantry at the American Legion Post for Veterans; The

"Bomb Squad" Robotics at the High School; protective vests for the reserve officers of the Police Department; and Christian Clinic that provides free vision, dental and medical for under-insured and uninsured people.

**New Business:** Paul pointed out that people have been talking and not paying attention during the business meetings. Sherry Valentine suggested that \$400 in the coffee fund be donated to the charity fund. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

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## 2024 Dues are Due

It is that time of the year when our dues for the 2024 year should be paid. They are still \$20 for individual memberships and \$30 for member/spouse memberships. Dues may be paid during the Thursday morning meeting. Just stop by and see either Ray or Linda. They can also be paid by mailing your dues to the club at P.O. Box 531, Mountain Home, AR 72654.

Thank you, Ray and Linda Peacy, Membership Chairmen

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## 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.

**2024 Membership Dues**  
\$20 - Individual Membership  
\$30 - Individual Membership plus Spouse  
Please see Ray and Linda Peacy,  
Membership Chairpeople,  
to Renew Your Membership

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