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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Woodcarvers!

Hopefully the "inclement weather" is behind us as Spring is right around the corner. I am very happy about our club attendance, and that more and more of you are joining us to continue to carve until 1:00. We may as well take advantage of our access to the VFW Hall that is included in our weekly rent. The VFW kitchen is open and serves lunch, or you can bring your own.

The beginners' class is progressing nicely and all the students continue to be enthusiastic. Every class gets a little more ambitious and all seem to be up for the challenges. Keep up the good work!

At our last General Membership Meeting we all agreed to create a themed wreath for our 2026 fundraiser. The theme will be patriotic to commemorate our nation's upcoming 250th Birthday. *Let's hear it for the Red, White and Blue!* So grab a cutout or design your own patriotic ornament to display on the wreath. If you need help with a cutout, please let me or an officer know. We'll do what we can to help.

Our annual woodcarving show is sneaking up quickly... it's only 2 months away. Currently there are 19 tables reserved, so if you need an application, see me, or you can print one offline from our website. Please pass the word to your carving friends by word of mouth or on social media. If you have any questions or concerns, please see a member of the Show Committee.

Our February Potluck was extremely yummy with many delicious selections to choose from. No one could have possibly gone home hungry from this delectable lunch. Thank you for bringing all the tasty dishes!

Remember, if you need carving ideas, check out our library. If you need wood, see Terry Muth and/or Norm Dixon.

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## General Membership Meeting of February 19, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting came to order at 10:42 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sandy Smith, President.

Our Treasurer, Nancy Wheeler, reported that our funds are sufficient at this time and our charity fund is stable. Linda Peacy did receive a few more membership dues and we are currently at 81 members. Everyone is encouraged to remind previous members to remain members and to invite new people to join. Bob Gilkerson is monitoring

our tools supply and states that we will be in need of tools before the next class in May. Terry Muth, Quartermaster, has a good supply of wood, and members are reminded to take advantage of our great prices and inventory. Dee Robinson, VP/Activity Director, encouraged the club to get ready for Deb Bergum's painting class in April, just before the club show, to get those pieces completed for competition. The current Beginners class continues to go well. Pat Grimes is still preparing the new rooster so you can still be included if membership is up to date. Evelyn Burtram, Media, was absent today but Facebook postings continue on a regular basis. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, people are beginning to notice. Librarian Sonia Nelson is getting ready to clean out the library for books to sell at the show. *The Chip Pile* is fine and up to date. Sandy Lord, Sunshine Lady, says she is caught up with all of her correspondence at this time. Please let her know if anyone needs some thanks or cheering up. Barbara Edelbrock reminds everyone to bring their favorite dish to our potluck next week, we will eat around 11:00. Charity Coordinator Tina Campbell shared an upcoming Open House announcement for members to see the charity table changes and welcome friends or family in for a sneak peak on purchases. The members were asked if they would like to be included in the Welcome Home program here in Mountain Home submitting a card to let new people moving to our area know about our club. We are getting ready, along with the show committee, for the big show in May, and we have our application in for the Craftfest in June. Please be prepared to help your club by volunteering for these upcoming events. The Show Committee has 14 tables signed up so far. We are looking forward to our biggest event of the year.

**Unfinished Business:** The club voted on our next club project and it will be a wreath. Anyone can participate. The theme will be the 250th year anniversary celebration of our nation, with lots of fun carvings in that theme.

**New Business:** The club was asked if there was any interest in returning to the county fair and the general consensus was it was NOT something we want to participate in at this time.

**Announcements:** Be sure to reserve a Burke Sharpening System, if interested, before to show and save \$50. Sandy Smith has the flyer for members to review.

**Show and Tell:** This month's Show and Tell was a great success. We had many members participate. We had Marty Wells with his birds and bark house; Linda Peacy with ornaments; Sandy Smith with a mallet and charity ornaments; Sid Edelbrock with charity pieces; Carol Riley showed her beautiful pyrography pieces; Bob Gilkerson showed the final *Miller Time* project for donation to the

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club's fundraiser, Santa, little lambs, tiny jugs and a spalted carving knife for the Chinese auction at the show banquet; Dee Robinson had her darling doggie; Daryl Lehman had a walking stick and owl; Terry Muth had pumpkins, a small bass and his bird relief; Paul Baumann III had Santa with a lantern and boot plant holder; Tim Sharp shared a BoBo Fett relief and his butterfly bush; Bonnie Davis showed her unique North Woods nativity; Sonia Nelson had an assortment of charity items cats, ducks, dogs, a bear head, grinch, a long horn bull and Santa; Lisa Hays brought her completed projects including a walking stick, dove, birds, dogwood flowers and cross; Tina Campbell brought some "failed" projects to remind everyone to just keep carving, it's fun and in time you might even get better.

Skip Jones won the name tag drawing and Dee Robinson won both the 50/50 and Show and Tell drawings.

There was a brief discussion about changing show and tell back to the potluck day as the original plan to have potlucks was to draw more members to attend the general membership meetings. It was tabled at this time for later consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**of March 5, 2026**  
**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by Sandy Smith at 10:25 a.m. Treasurer report from Nancy Wheeler included new liability insurance search: ours is currently not due until April. All other information was updated for the insurance broker. Our PO Box was paid for and funds are sufficient at this time.

Membership per Linda Peacy is currently at 82 paid members. Members are encouraged to invite others to join our awesome club.

Bob Gilkerson has inventoried our current class supplies and will be purchasing some tools, large gloves and thumb guards. If anyone has old tools or knows someone with old tools, the club will always accept them as a donation or consider purchasing them (depending on condition and the type of tool). Our next beginners' class is scheduled for May.

Quartermaster/Wood Chairman Terry Muth has been selling wood of late and will be reviewing our current needs for wood before the show for his next purchase.

Dee Robinson, VP/Class Coordinator, says the current class will have their break next week and will start again with Norm Rutledge and the dogwood flower for 2 weeks. Then Paul Baumann III will teach faces with bark carving on April 2nd. April 9th Deb Bergum will be teaching her painting class and then will help the club with painting (as we prepare for the show) April 16th and 23rd. Bob Gilkerson will teach a D'lalo Chicken class open to the club March 26 and April 2nd.

Pat Grimes, Publicity Chairperson, has had family emergencies but is still working on the new printed photo roster.

Evelyn Burtram, Social Media Chair, says we have 759 followers on Facebook (FB) and good activity. She will post upcoming events. She did ask for us to watch comments

on FB and if there is anyone asking about tables or asking members to contact them, please let her know immediately. Many of these are scams. So, if you see it, report it to her or any member of the board for resolution.

Sonia Nelson, Librarian, is preparing the library for its annual spring cleaning and has found many cards for checked out books that appear to be very old. She requests that everyone check, and if you have one of the missing books, to return it. If you already returned it but forgot to put the card in the book, please let her know where you put the book or return the card to the book. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

*The Chip Pile* per Sandy Smith is fine.

Sandy Lord, Sunshine Lady, sent cards to Myrna McCurley for back surgery and Naomi Inglett, (a longtime member), just to let her know we are thinking of her. Also, congratulations to Ethan Swanson on the birth of his son.

Sandy Smith, Show Committee, reports we currently have applications for 19 tables. Support the club, get a table.

Barbara Edelbrock, Party Coordinator, asked for a count for meal tickets for the show banquet, and will be preparing for the picnic in June.

Tina Campbell, Charity Coordinator, is getting ready for our first ever Open House, to showcase the charity table for club members and an opportunity to invite guests for them to purchase carvings ahead of the crowds. Open to the public from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on March 12th. We are also signed up for two other events besides the show. A craft fair in Bull Shoals on March 28th, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Bull Shoals, and the Craftfest at the Fairgrounds in June.

**Unfinished business:** None

**New business:** A gentleman offered *Wild Fowl Carving* magazines to the club but the board felt it was best offered privately to club members, so if you are interested contact Sandy Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

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**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**2026 Annual Membership**  
**Dues has increased due to**  
**Hall Rental Hike**  
**\$75 - Individual Membership**  
**\$30 - Supporting Membership (Restrictions Apply)**

Please see **Linda and Ray Peacy**, *Membership Chairpeople*, to Renew Your Membership



**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.