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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Woodcarvers!

Spring has *definitely* Sprung! Our area actually set a new record for high temperature reading at the beginning of March. I continue to be happy about our club attendance. More and more members are hanging out to carve, socialize and laugh up until 1:00 p.m. The VFW kitchen is open and serves lunch (sometimes they offer *Specials*), or you can bring your own sack lunch.

The beginners' class is doing well and progressing nicely. Your efforts are paying off - keep going!

The 250th Anniversary Patriotic Wreath is moving right along. Cheryl McConkey will be arranging the ornaments and attaching them to the wreath after the deadline of April 16th. If you're carving an ornament, please be sure to get it to Cheryl as soon as possible because it needs to be completed to display and sell fund-raising chances at our Show. Speaking of our Show - it's sneaking up quickly. It's May 2nd and 3rd and is always a fun time. If you already have reserved a table, thank you! If you have not signed up for a table but would like to, I encourage you to do so. I have applications, or you can download one from our website. If you are in need of a table cover, I also have those for you to borrow. However, if you do not plan on having a table, please volunteer to help us during the show. There's lots to do and I will have sign-up sheets available soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please see me or any member of the Show Committee.

Also, please contact Bob at [stadtländercarvings.com](http://stadtländercarvings.com) for carving products or call him at 330-931-7847 and leave a message if you receive an answering machine. If you need a specific size of wood, see Terry Muth soon so he can place an order with the wood vendor coming to our show.

I want to thank all members for their continued support and dedication, and would like to acknowledge all the contributions of the officers and volunteers who make our club the special organization that it is. Our club's collective efforts are vital to its ongoing successes and community impact.

Looking forward to our shared successes ahead!

Sandy

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## General Membership Meeting of March 19, 2026 MINUTES

Our meeting was called to order by Sandy Smith, President, at 10:55 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's report given by Nancy Wheeler was that our general funds are sufficient and our charity fund has increased slightly from the recent open house event. Members that would like specific amounts may ask the treasurer.

Our membership currently stands at 83 members according to Linda Peacy, Membership Chairwoman.

Bob Gilkerson, Equipment Chairman, was absent at this meeting. Terry Muth, Quartermaster, is doing a wood inventory to prepare for a wood purchase from the show vendor in May.

Our current class is going well and VP Dee Robinson announced a chicken class with Bob Gilkerson 3/26/26 and 4/1/26. Also, the upcoming painting classes with Deb Bergum are 4/16/26 and 4/23/26. Bring your own supplies. Marty Wells will be having a bird class TBA.

Pat Grimes, Publicity, completed our new member directory, available for \$4.00. Thanks Pat, they are beautiful! Evelyn Burtram, Social Media, says our Facebook page is active and she will show members how to invite others to our page.

Sandy Smith, *The Chip Pile* Editor, says things are fine.

Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord will be sending a sympathy card for the lose of our member Rick Hewitt and the club cross to his wife, Kathy. Other members and past members who have had surgeries are improving, namely Kim Valentine and Myrna McCurley.

Show announcement from Sandy Smith was if anyone wants something special in regard to tools, they can contact our vender at [stadtländercarvings.com](http://stadtländercarvings.com).

Barbara Edelbrock is organizing the show banquet and reminded the club that everyone is welcome (even if you don't rent a table). If you have Chinese auction items for that event you can bring them in. Reminder, our club picnic at Lakeview Civic Center is June 6th (rain or shine).

Our charity table had a successful debut at the Open House where charity and fund-raiser donations were collected. Tina Campbell thanks the club for their ongoing support of this part of our club.

**Unfinished Business:** Club members are reminded that wreath ornaments for the club fund-raiser are due in one month. There is a committee who will determine which ornaments get onto the wreath. If yours does not make the cut, you can take it back or donate it to the charity table. Thank you everyone for their participation.

**New Business:** Deep Holler Knives donated two carving knives to the Show Banquet Auction and wanted to pass

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along a flyer advertising their products. The flyer for reference will be put on Facebook. Terry Muth has fish cut-outs that he will be selling to club members to clear them out of the storage locker Thursday, March 26th.

Paul Baumann III proposed we update our bylaws and the club voted to do this. He is forming a committee and for anyone that is interested in participating, contact him.

Show & Tell featured carvings from Marty Wells of birds, and several were donated to the charity table; Ray Peacy showed his chip carving of napkin holders and ornaments; Sid Edlebrock brought a beautiful scrolled cross; Sonia Nelson shared several animal carvings and donated some of them to our charity table; Evelyn Burttram brought her completed chicken project from Bob Gilkerson's class; Norm Dixon showed his bird on a stick and butternut bear; JoAnne Thomas had more of her carved pencils. Sonia Nelson won the Show and Tell drawing.

Sandy Smith won the nametag drawing and 50/50 was won by John Clark.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**of April 2, 2026**  
**MINUTES**

Our meeting was called to order by Sandy Smith, President, at 10:00 a.m.

Nancy Wheeler, Treasurer, provided us with the first quarter financial report. Most large expenditures have been paid, insurance, POB, tools and wood up to this point. We are in line with our annual projections. Our 501c3 was renewed. Our charity fund and general fund are looking positive.

Our Membership Chair, Linda Peacy, was absent but had reported 84 members at the general membership meeting.

Bob Gilkerson, Equipment/Tools Chair, has completed his inventory for the next class and is preparing to purchase some needed tools and gloves. His expenditures in total are estimated to be \$800 for everything. This amount was approved by a vote of the board. The sale of tools has brought in \$600 so far this year.

Terry Muth, Quartermaster/Wood, will be stocking his inventory from the show vendor and is completing that list. If anyone wants something special, now is the time to let him know. His expenditures at this time are estimated to be \$500-\$600. This amount was approved by vote of the board. Wood sales, for the most part, cover this expenditure.

Dee Robinson, VP/Class Coordinator, stated we are in need of 3 instructors and we believe we have filled those positions. We will be checking with a few members to see if they are interested in teaching. Sonia Nelson said she would teach chip carving, and the other two classes are dogwood, and bark carving. Depending on the instructors found, we will hope to keep bark carving and possibly change the dogwood class, but that is TBD. May 21st is the beginning date for our next class and we already have some people signed up for it.

Pat Grimes, Publicity, will be looking for ways to promote the club. Suggestions are always appreciated. Newspaper is one way we have done it in the past. Evelyn Burttram, our Social Media Liaison, says Facebook (FB) has 766 followers and members comments and likes boost our appearance on FB, so she encourages members who have FB to be active.

Sonia Nelson, Librarian, asked to purchase a few new books at the show and was given approval by vote to spend up to \$100.

*The Chip Pile* and Website is fine according to Sandy Smith, Webmaster.

Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord is all caught up with notes to people. A cheer note was to Skip Jones who is experiencing some health issues. She did request note cards if anyone has them to donate to her.

Sandy Smith, Show Committee Chairman, reports that we will be putting out signs two weeks before the show and that help is always appreciated. She will also have sign-up sheets for the show volunteers. Please remember the Awards Banquet, and any member can attend that. Chinese Auction items are being displayed for members at our weekly meetings.

Event/Party Coordinator Barbara Edelbrock is getting all the banquet details completed, including the Chinese Auction items. Reminder: Our club picnic will be June 6th in Lakeview Civic Center - rain or shine.

Charity Coordinator Tina Campbell says we had our first real event at the Baptist Church Craft Show in Bull Shoals and did well. Thank you to everyone that helped with this event. Looking forward to the show. She did receive requests for cats and squirrels if anyone wants something else to carve for the charity table. Thanks to everyone who has generously given to the charity table.

There was no New Business or any Unfinished Business or any other Announcements at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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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.