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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Summer Fellow Woodcarvers!

Welcome New Carvers! Our Beginners' Woodcarving Class has begun and we have another group of enthusiastic carvers in the class. Keep up the good work! For those who are traveling, please know that we are there to help you "catch up" when you return.

The next charity "event" is Friday and Saturday, June 19th and 20th. This is one of the biggest money-makers for our charity fund. Sign-up sheets will be posted during club meetings, so please sign up to help.

Our Annual Picnic was a fun and very tasty occasion for approximately 30 members and their guests. The weather was "iffy" but the temperature, slight breeze and lack of flies made it a perfect day. Although it drizzled most of the time we were there, everyone stayed dry. Thank you Cindy Stephens for reserving the Pavilion (and the Civic Center, which thankfully was not needed). Thank you Barb Edelbrock for organizing our picnic and Bingo games prior to lunch. A good time was had by all and no one should have gone home hungry as there was an abundance of yummy side dishes and desserts.

I want to thank all of you for what you do. I am honored to be a part of this incredible group of people. We need to continue to support and challenge each other. We work so very well as a team.

Sandy

General Membership Meeting of May 21, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order 10:48 a.m. by Sandy Smith, President, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting *Minutes* as published in *The Chip Pile* for May was approved.

Nancy Wheeler, Treasurer, reports that all is fine and we have met our fiscal responsibilities and have sufficient funds for budgeted expenses. The charity fund is growing. For any specific amounts

members can contact the treasurer. Membership as reported by Linda Peacy stands at 83 to date. Bob Gilkerson, our Tools/Equipment director, now has all necessary tools for the upcoming class. We are currently stocked with sufficient wood products says Terry Muth, Quartermaster. Feel free to explore our vast inventory with him. Dee Robinson, VP and Class Coordinator has confirmed 6 new students for next week's class and a possibility of one more. Several other interested parties moved to the January class, and she is still reaching out to 4 other people. Pat Grimes, Publicity, and Evelyn Burtram, Social Media, were both absent from this meeting. No updates at this time. Sonia Nelson, Librarian, has books and would love to show anyone interested how to utilize our library. If you have not explored it, you are missing out on a valuable asset to our club, both the books and Sonia. Sandy Smith, Webmaster, reports all is well with *The Chip Pile* and the website. Our Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord is all caught up and thanked those who contributed cards to her for future cheering. Show Committee wrapped up a successful show according to Sandy Smith and she reported our vendors plan to return next year, an indication of a successful show for everyone. Barbara Edlebrock, Event Planner, had out the donation buckets for money to buy chicken for the club picnic June 6th, rain or shine, at the Lakeview City Park, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR 72642. Lunch at about noon, games before we eat. Come enjoy some other club time. Charity Coordinator Tina Campbell is requesting carvings for the charity table. Our inventory was seriously depleted at the show. Some small token type carvings for the kids' box are also needed - these don't even have to be painted. Your contributions are graciously accepted and greatly appreciated. The upcoming event is the Spring Craftfest on June 19 & 20. Sign up sheets will be out in the next couple of weeks. Thanks to all volunteers. Couldn't do it without you.

Unfinished Business: The Bylaws committee has completed the updates. They will be sent via email and posted in *The Chip Pile*. The club will vote on the changes at the June General Membership Meeting, June 18th.

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New Business: The board will be looking for a new laser printer as our current printer died. When found, we will bring it to the membership for approval.

Show & Tell: Included in this month's show and tell were the winning carvings from the show. Members who displayed were Tina Campbell, Linda Peacy, Ray Peacy, Dee Robinson, Terry Muth, Sandy Smith, and Bob Gilkerson, who took 3rd place Best of Show for his lamb orchestra! Sonia Nelson shared her carving from the After the Show Class with Roger Stegall. Marty Wells brought face carvings and bark carvings, which he donated to the charity table. Kay Clark brought 3 of her new pieces and is excited to begin class next week. Tina Campbell won the Show and Tell drawing.

Sarah Talley won the Name Tag drawing and the big 50-50 winner was Penny Wells.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of June 11, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting called to order by Sandy Smith at 10:15 a.m. Due to circumstances, to include the Beginners' Class and a Bylaws Meeting on June 4th, this meeting was not held at its normally scheduled time. Treasurer Nancy Wheeler previously passed along that the club's finances are in good order. Linda Peacy, Membership, also passed along that including the beginners we now have 89 members, however, Melody Lehman joined so we currently have 90 members. Bob Gilkerson, Tools, was instructing the Beginners' Class at meeting time. Terry Muth, Wood, reported that all is good. He has sold all of the 1/4" planks so we are now down to the 3/8" wood and will be checking on prices and availability for more 1/4" wood. Dee Robinson, VP and Classes, said we currently have 7 in the Beginners' Class. Publicity and Media chairs were not present. Sonia Nelson, Librarian, reported that someone said there were "issues" with the drawers in the library cabinet. She will look into that. All is good with *The Chip Pile* and the website. Sandy Lord, Sunshine Lady, will be sending a Thank You card to Joyce Smietanski. Joyce donated Wally's woodcarving tools and supplies to the club and Paul Baumann arranged sale dates. A big thank you goes to Joyce for the generous donation. The Show Committee is on summer vacation until September. Barb Edelbrock, Events Chair, spoke about how wonderful our June Potluck Picnic was. The temperature (although drizzling) was great.

The Town and Country chicken plus all the salads and side dishes were delicious. She made note about how members stayed after the lunch to visit and socialize. She also wants to thank everyone for donating to the cost of the chicken and for attending our June event.

Unfinished business: The "revised" Bylaws changes will need to have a final vote to pass at the next General Membership Meeting (June 18th).

New business: The board discussed new ideas to increase our membership. Suggestions that were considered are 1) Weekend classes – maybe one or two times a month; 2) Consignment carvings at local businesses; and, 3) Another Open House or Parking Lot Sale. Also discussed were locations of other venues to sell charity items – Craftfest is next weekend and the Dam Jam in September is next after that.

Presently there are cutout patterns available in our library. We discussed looking for volunteers to teach extracurricular classes for charity items and door prizes at the show. If anyone is interested or has an idea as to how to generate carved items for charity and door prizes, please let anyone on the board know.

An idea for a future club fundraiser is a carton (1 or 1.5 dozen) of eggs carved in the shapes of animals.

Announcements: Paul Baumann reported the profit of the sale of Wally's carving tools/supplies from today.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Smith, substituting for Tina Campbell, Secretary

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.