



NOVEMBER 2007

Meeting Minutes October 14, 2007 Respectfully submitted by Rob Arnberger, Secretary

President Jack Yancick called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. after another hot-dog lunch. Jack introduced three new members: Michalyn Erickson, Peggy Taylor, and Steve Trowbridge. Welcome to the club!

Recently, Jack has been introducing his "word of the month" at the end of the meetings which has not contributed to the ability of the membership to more fully use the word during the complete meeting. Similarly, it has not helped the Secretary use the word in the minutes as effectively as when the word was announced at the opening of the meeting. Accordingly, the Secretary with *impunity* has decided to announce Jack's famous words at the start of the minutes, rather than at the end.

The President announced his "word of the month" as being *impunity* defined as "without consequence or being able to be prosecuted". Jack quickly indicated that he was seeking "*immunity* from prosecution" in picking the word, quickly confusing the difference between *impunity* and *immunity*. As usual, the membership set him straight.

The pumpkin carvers presented their work which was a fantastic array of caricature faces expertly carved with *impunity* upon the exterior of the waiting pumpkins. Jack Yancick did a wonderful job of leading the group and teaching the delicate art of whacking up a pumpkin to the collection of 9 club pumpkin whackers. All of this pumpkin whacking and chiseling is preparatory to the scheduled **Pumpkin Carving event being held at Foothills Mall on October 25** starting around 10 a.m. where pumpkins will be carved and then auctioned off to the crowd, the proceeds to be donated to a worthy charity. The Mall will provide the pumpkins but the carvers must bring their pumpkin carving tools for this

worthwhile event. We need a good group out there performing...there may be some media coverage.

Dave Rushlo, of Phoenix offered to present a tool sharpening class on November 2, the day before the annual Southwest Woodcarvers Show and Peoples Choice Awards, on November 3 & 4, 2007. Unfortunately, not enough interest was expressed by members in attendance to offer the class. Thanks anyway Dave!

Jack reminded the members with *impunity* of the upcoming annual **SOUTHWEST WOODCARVERS SHOW AND PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS** to be held at Foothills Mall November 3 & 4, 2007. There are still tables available for those who wish to show their work or to sell it. See Chuck Trinko (520-883-1042; ctrinko@msn.com) to make arrangements. Entries to the **Peoples Choice Awards** must be received no later than 10 a.m. on Saturday morning November 3, and you must have been a member for at least 3 months before the show. The entry can be placed into one of 7 different categories and must have been completed within the last 2 years. The rules for the **Peoples Choice Awards** are located on the club website (www.swwoodcarvers.org). You do not have to have a table at the show in order to enter into the **Peoples Choice Awards**. We encourage you to enter and let the public see your carving! Jack Erickson will be placing the entries on the tables and overseeing the public's ballots. Rob Arnberger and Joan Eerkes will receive the entries and assign them to the proper categories. Jack, with *impunity*, will supervise the mess and take responsibility for all screw-ups. Photographs will be taken by Jim Katchur for submission to Chip Chats Magazine. For those carvers who will not have a table but would like to attend and demonstrate their carving skills and projects to the public, there will be one or two "carver's tables" set up (at club expense) where you can create your wood chips. There will be a raffle table set up and tickets sold to win carvings donated by the club for

raffle (Jack Yancick promises a cane and Rob Arnberger has also promised something). Donations are welcome. Proceeds from the raffle come back to the club.

Jack announced that Gary Slocum is the new librarian. Gary, with *impunity*, accepted the job and was heard to mutter under his breath, "that if anyone didn't like it, they could volunteer for the job!"

There was a lot of uncoordinated and confusing discussion about the coming **Christmas Party on December 8, 2007**. The party will be held at the Voyageurs Resort where we presently meet for monthly meetings. The discussion about the party revealed a few facts: Prime Rib @ \$ 19.00 and Chicken Cordon Bleu @ \$12.95 will be the two menu choices. Cocktail Hour will be from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. We need to know how many are coming and what the menu choices will be no later than December 1, 2008. Vern Preator will take your reservation money in person during the

November 10 meeting, or you can send your reservations and a check made out to S.W. Woodcarvers to Vern at 1060 W. Rio Magdalena, Green Valley, AZ. 85614. After more confusing discussion the membership rebelled and with *impunity* requested the committee provide a reservation form to indicate who is coming and what their menu selections are and to have this form available at the November 10 meeting so that reservations can efficiently be handled. So, bring your checkbook to this meeting in order to make your reservations for the Christmas Party. If you are unable to commit this early then you know how to get hold of Vern to make reservations prior to December 1. A **gift exchange** will also take place at the party and in November President Yancick will appoint someone to head that effort up with *impunity*. The Toys for Tots and Food Bank efforts were discussed but there was not a whole lot of clarity as to what the club was going to do, and there was no one in charge...so decisions on these efforts will have to wait until clarification comes from someone.

The **SaddleBrooke Woodcarvers** are presenting a seminar by Lori Corbett, nationally known bird carver and painter. She will be demonstrating "Painting a Miniature Mountain Bluebird and her techniques for color mixing and blending. The seminar will be offered February 9 – 11, 2008 from 9 am to 5 pm at the Mountainview Activity Center, Turquoise Room at SaddleBrooke. The Fee is \$330 including cast bird and written materials. Class size is limited to 12 and a \$50 deposit is due by November 15, 2007. Contact Denise Rowell at 520-576-2261 or deniseprowell@wbhsi.com .

Congratulations were issued to Jerry Berg who had his grand opening of the Berg's **Woodcarvers Miniature World Museum** in Pima, Arizona (on Highway 70 out of Safford, AZ). The Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 12 noon to 6 pm and also Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 8 pm. They can be reached at www.woodcarversmuseum.com and 1-928-485-2484. The membership applauds the Berg's new venture!

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 10, 2008

OCTOBER 25 @ 10AM AT FOOTHILLS MALL IS PUMPKIN CARVING

NOVEMBER 3 & 4 IS THE ANNUAL FOOTHILLS MALL SHOW & PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS

DECEMBER 8 IS THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Raffles and Show and Tell were carried out.

With *impunity* the membership closed the meeting at approximately 1:00 pm. (approximate because Secretary Rob Arnberger left without looking at the clock)

NEW MEMBERS – Welcome to the following new members.

Michalyn Erickson – jemetuc@msn.com

Fred Hall- chefhall@aol.com

Peggy Taylor – tecate1020@hotmail.com

Steve Trowbridge – strow049@aol.com

OCTOBER 14TH MEETING

50/50 – won by Bob Sorenson

Free Lunch - won by Barbara Sorenson

Jack Yancick received a free lunch for teaching a class but promptly donated the money back to club.

The October meeting was the 24th anniversary of the Southwest Woodcarvers Association. Attending this eventful meeting were 44 members and 3 guests.

Honored members were:

Nick Accordino

Rob Arnberger

Dick Brown

Christel Busby

John Lawrence

Jim Thompson

2008 BALLOT

The nominating committee has listed the following members for SWA officers for 2008.

President	Jack Yanick	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Marie Roberts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Rob Arnberger	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Jim Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Members	Bob Sorensen	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Chuck Trinko	<input type="checkbox"/>
Second Year	Gary Mims	
	Max Kuehnlenz	

Ballots will be collected at the November meeting. It is not too late to run for an office. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

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SWA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Catalina Room of the Voyager RV Park

December 8, 2007

12:00 – 1:00 PM Cocktails
1:00 – 2:00 PM – Meal

Your Name: _____ Prime Rib \$19.00 Chicken Cordon Bleu \$12.95

Guest/Spouse: _____ Prime Rib \$19.00 Chicken Cordon Bleu \$12.95

Please make your selection and return this form at the November meeting or send it with your check or cash to:

Vern Preator
1060 W Rio Magdalena
Green Valley, AZ 85614

Make checks payable to Southwest Woodcarvers Association
Reservation must be made by November 29th