



JULY 2008

Membership Meeting Minutes

There is no Secretary's Report this month. But President Jack Yancick did have a word of the month.

Dubious – causing doubt or uncertainty

A couple of announcements of upcoming events – The Foothills show will be on the 1st and 2nd of November. Pumpkin Carving will be on October 24th and 25th.

There will be an executive board meeting at 8 AM on July 12th in the Catalina Room. It is *dubious* that all Board members will be there.

June 14th Meeting

There were 25 members at our June meeting, an all time low attendance, I do believe. There was one visitor, **Betty Ferrari** who became a member. She is the wife of Vince Ferrari. Welcome to our Group, Betty. Betty and **Doris Trinko** will teach a class at a future meeting in an art form that some of us are not familiar with. It involves beading. Also **George Korytko** will show us how he prepares and puts in his beads on his wonderful creations at a future meeting.

FREE LUNCH – won by **Dave Myers**.

50/50 - won by **Vince Ferrar**.

We had a lot of art work on the show and tell table this time.

- **Larry Finch** had an eagle relief on basswood.
- **Lefty Snyder** had a blacksmith in basswood.
- **Mike Kowalski**, a Christmas sled, basswood.
- **John Dittmar**, Kangaroo rat, bass.
- **Chuck Trinko**, Christmas ornament.
- **George Korytko**, plate and cross, maple.
- **Betty Ferrari**, beaded egg/chip gourd.
- **Dave Myers**, face carved on an antler.
- **Gary Mims**, chipped carved clock on bass wood.

Raffle prizes were won by the following: Vince Ferrari, Joan Eerkes, Jim Thompson, Dave Myers won two, Dick Brown, Larry Telegdy, Dan Williams, Bill Milligan, and Lefty Snyder.

Thank you to **Lefty Snyder** for giving a class in carving an eagle bola tie (the bola tie is the official neck wear for the State of Arizona) this was not a 3 minute eagle head.

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Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month starting at 9:00 AM:

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Board meetings are held four times a year in February, May, August and November. The Board members will determine the exact days each month and they will be posted in the Newsletter. Any member can attend a Board meeting although they cannot vote.

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The June lunch was one of the best we had in a very long time.

A reminder that we are not having lunches in the Catalina Room during the months of July and August. If you want to eat you will need to go to the restaurant. We can all pay for our coffee in the morning. We'll try to have some goodies to go along with the coffee.

Any suggestions for some sugar free snacks for those folks who can't indulge in sweets?

HEALTH AND WELFARE

We have some sad notices to report. **Frank Leisner's wife** passed away after a long illness. Frank is a long time member and is in an assisted living home at 102 S. Sherwood Village, 85710 (Hundred Palms). Our thoughts and prayers go to Frank.

Long time member **Dick Fink** passed away on June 26th at the VA Hospital. Dick was a dear friend and was sick for some time. Our thoughts and prayers go Christel Busby and to Dick's family.

Bobbie Raine is recuperating at home after a knee replacement. Doug, I am sure has a carved walking stick for her to use. Our best to Bobbie.

Millie Hill, wife of Nile Hill is being treated for cancer. Nile is a founding member of SWA. They have moved to Georgia to be close to their children.

Greer 2008

The Greer Memorial Day weekend was very interesting this year. **Elmer Child** called me Thursday morning (he and **Adamae** and **Al** and **Kathryn** went up there early) and said they had snow during the night. The whole area of the White Mountains had an unusual winter snow warning. It snowed the night of May 21st through the 23rd. **Jack Yancick**, **Louise** and I left Tucson the morning of the 23rd. We started hitting snow in Show Low and it continued all the way to Greer, at times it was a white out. It made me think of one of the reasons I left Michigan many years ago. They got about a foot of snow in Greer. Jack thought he was back in Illinois. He got up early the next morning put on a pot of coffee and left for Tucson before breakfast. Louise and I went over for our outdoors breakfast with our cook, **Paul Cluff** and his assistant cooks. We had to dress up in our winter clothing, but the eggs, sausage, pancakes and coffee tasted good. Elmer and Adamae had already left Greer for the lower altitudes. Elmer was having a little trouble this time at 8,500 feet. Al and Kathryn were there along with Louise and I and Paul Cluff and his huge family. That was all. **Trish Jennings** and her husband came over for a short time Saturday noon. The ground was covered with snow Saturday so we did not set up then, but we did on Sunday. We did not get much business. **Paul's** quad grandchildren were in Greer and came over to the Quacker Barrel one day. They are four of the cutest babies you ever saw, not a year old yet.

Next year will be the 20th anniversary of the gathering in Greer and will be the last time Paul will be taking his cooking equipment up there. He and his helpers have been cooking every year since it started. He has been hauling his three stoves and three propane tanks, all the breakfast food and

all the cooking equipment not only to Greer but he did the same when we were meeting with the Phoenix carvers at Picacho Peak State Park and it seems to me he even came to our picnic in Madera Canyon one time. What a guy, what a guy.

Louise and I went out in the forest to collect a few aspen sticks and got stuck way down a dirt road. I walked out to the main forest road and flagged down some folks in a 4 wheel drive truck who pulled us out and followed us back to the main dirt road. They wouldn't accept any money so I gave them a carved walking cane.

Next year what about renting a cabin on Mt. Lemmon and save all that driving? It's about the same altitude, and about 200 miles or more closer.

-- Jim Thompson, Editor

Joan Eerkes would like to know if there is enough interest in car pooling to the "Woodcarving Museum" owned and operated by Jerry and Karen Berg, members of SWA. It is in the Safford area. On the way back we could stop at Stouts Cider Mill and get a piece of apple pie.

I want to thank our daughter, Nancy for putting the newsletter together and getting it sent out to all. She is still working full time. Thanks a bunch, Nancy.

Jim and Louise Thompson

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

No class

August

No class

September 12th

We need a teacher.

October 10th

Autumn leaves with Roy Gaskin

November 14th

Painting techniques with Tom Terell

December 12th

Christmas and Holiday Party