



JANUARY 2009

Happy New Year to everyone! Another year is history. There is trend in our woodcarving group that has been adding to our membership. A lot of wives/spouses have become members. The latest is the wife of Larry Finch, **Patty Finch**. Patty is a very good wood burning artist.

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### CHRISTMAS / HOLIDAY PARTY

The Christmas /Holiday party was a huge success not because I was involved in it, but because we had other people and I believe it was good team work. **Marie Roberts** took care of the money, the food orders, and made up the place settings. **Bob Sorensen** made arrangements for the entertainment. He and **Barb** also came early to help with the decorations. Trish Jennings bought the snacks and also helped. **Jack Yancick, Chuck** and **Doris**

**Trinko, Louise** and I were all there to help out. Thanks to all and to all who came to enjoy the good food and entertainment. Our daughter and son-in-law came from Surprise as our guests. Our daughter Nancy puts together the newsletter for me in the Phoenix area and e-mails me the one to put on our web page. She also makes the copies to be mailed out, folds them and puts mailing labels and stamps and takes them to the post office.

I'm sorry we did not have a chance to introduce all the guests but the program put on by Magician/comic Norm Marini went past the normal time and the next group that was scheduled for the room was complaining that we were using their time.

Thanks to all the folks that brought in toys for tots and food for the food bank. It looked like a lot of stuff that was in the big boxes. Thanks to **Jack** and **Michalyn Erickson** for taking the donations to the proper place. Thanks also to **Dick D'abate** for the gift certificates for Woodworkers Source.

The **Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be cottonwood bark carving with **Chuck Hutler**. Our Vice President, Larry Finch will be asking for help in scheduling the other programs during the coming year. We have a lot of talented artists in our group so please share a little of your expertise.

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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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TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues are now due for 2009. It is still  
\$15.00 or \$25.00 a couple. We have been  
very lenient in allowing members till March  
to pay their dues. Almost all clubs will not  
allow this much time. Some members  
forget to pay at all. Remember there is a  
\$5.00 late fee after the March meeting. The  
treasurer could use a little help in Jan.  
Louise will be busy taking care of the  
lunch/raffle, etc Checks should be made  
out to Southwest Woodcarvers.

HEALTH WELFARE

**Christel Busby** was not feeling well when  
we had our party and didn't make it so  
Vern took her meal to her. **Adamae Child**  
was there after recuperating from a fall.  
Hope that both continue to improve.

We missed some of our other members  
like our greeter, **Roy Gaskin** and **Max  
Witkind**.

We lost some real good folks during the  
past year. **Reed Muir, Bill Schirmer, Dick  
Fink, and Jack Naperala**. They will truly  
be missed.

JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> LUNCH

The lunch menu for January will be Pasta  
Salad, New York style deli meats & cheese  
tray, assorted breads, lettuce, tomatoes,  
onions & pickles, cheesecake &  
beverages. If you want to eat lunch in the  
Catalina room you must make reservations  
with Jim or Louise by calling us at (520)  
747-9490 or by sending an e-mail to me at  
[jimcarves@aol.com](mailto:jimcarves@aol.com).

Things have changed at the restaurant. If  
we tell Chef Paul that we need lunch for 40  
people he will charge the club for 40 meals  
even though only 38 might show up. Also  
we need your input on what you would like  
for lunch. We could make up a list of things  
we would like and give it to Paul and see  
what he could come up with.

## WESTERN WHITTLERS

Western Whittlers meet at Woodworkers Source, 3441 S. Palo Verde on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from about 8am to noon. We sit and whittle and mostly try to solve some of the worlds problems. We haven't got the economy problem solved yet but we're working on it.

We have been carving there for many years and have some what of a woodcarving museum started. We have a wooden quilt on one wall. A totem pole and some block heads on display as well as a big gnome on wheels next to the front of the store. His name is Ashley since he is made of ash wood. Kids that come in the store with their parents can take Ashley for a walk. We are starting another wooden quilt for another wall display and also will have a display of wooden love spoons for people to enjoy. It is becoming quite a valuable collection with many hundreds of hours of carving pleasure.

## JANUARY EXCURSION PLANNED

Just a reminder that we are planning a trip to the Woodcarvers Museum on Jan 29th. We will carpool. **Joan Eerkes** is the trip leader. **Gary Mims** indicted that there would be some folks from Sierra Vista that will want to go. We will finalize plans at the meeting in January.

## JOKE CORNER

*Customer:* Why is there a hole in my wood?

*Woodcarver:* That's a knot hole.

*Customer:* If that's not a hole, what is it?

Q: What did one piece of wood say to another?

A: I'm bored (board).

How does a woodcarver create a masterpiece?

Whittle by whittle!