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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2009

MEETING MINUTES JAN 10TH 2009

Submitted by secretary **Bob Sorensen**

The general meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. by president **Jack Yancick** the following items were discussed for all members to "assimilate".

- Welcome three new members, **GEORGE CONDON, MERLE NEWSTAD** and **JOE PRESELY**. Congratulations and welcome to our club. We hope that you "assimilate" all the great things we do.
- Tricia Jennings is trying to get 10 woodcarvers to sign up for a class by **Maddy Kloeber (Pulsifer)** at Doug Raine's studio. Subjects being a squirrel with almonds or happy polar bear. Cost is \$175.00 for three days (check payable to Maddy Kloeber). Contact Tricia or Dewey DeWitt to sign up. Send checks to Dewey at 1402 E. Via Entrada, Tucson, AZ 85718. Payment of the full amount or half is requested at sign up. You won't be sorry she has been carving animals for many years and is a great carver and teacher.
- **Doris Trinko** announced two upcoming classes to be held at Chuck and Doris's new carving studio. **Doris** is going to teach sand painting on a board on **Jan. 17th** and **Bob Sorensen** is going to teach acrylic painting on the round carvings on **Jan. 31st**, 2009
- **Tricia Jennings** is promoting the Wounded Warrior Project which was featured on the back cover of the July/August issue of Chip Chats. Several woodcarving clubs thru out the U.S. are carving and distributing Eagle Head Canes for injured U.S. Military service men and women. Tricia has a great pattern for this and is willing to share it with you in return for a carved cane for this project. The club mentioned in the Chip Chats article has a goal of 120 canes. HOW MANY CAN OUR CLUB PRODUCE??? Give Tricia a call or see her at our next meeting, get a pattern and carve one or two.
- Field trip to **Jerry Berg's woodcarving museum**. **Joan Eerkes** announced the plans as follows. **Jan 29th**, 2009 meet at Houghton Rd. and Hwy 10 @ 7:45a.m. Carpool and drive to Pima Az. Near Safford to meet with Jerry & Karen Berg. Suggest you bring a bag lunch or plan to stop in Safford for lunch. They have over 300 woodcarvings in scenes and has been reported a great experience by those that have assimilated it.
- Attendance was 51 with 22 for lunch.
- Lunch next month was suggested we have chili, coleslaw and corn bread complete with beverage and dessert. Let's support our club and the Voyager by signing up for these lunches. REMEMBER WE DO NOT PAY ANYTHING FOR THE USE OF THIS FACILITY. Please sign up for lunches at our meetings for the following month or let Louise or Jim Thompson know by at least the week before the meeting. Grand Canyon Woodcarving show and sale coming up on Feb 21 to 22nd in Mesa Az. Lots of competition and great carvings. Carvings must be entered for competition on the 20th.
- **Vince Ferrari** announced that you are welcome to join their woodcarving group that meets at the Rincon M.H. Park at 3411 Camino Seco on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The group from Benson meets at San Pedro Park so. Hwy 80 on Tue 9:00 to noon and Wed 1:00 to 4:00

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

Voyager RV Resort
Catalina Room
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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 Green Valley group meets every Monday 8:30 to 11:30 at Friends in Deed, corner of La Canada Camino Casa Verde.
- **Betty** and **Vince** collected and distributed 96 lbs. of food at our Christmas Party. Thanks Betty and Vince.
- County Fair. **April 16th** thru **26th**. **Gary Slocum** volunteered to handle signing up volunteers to man the carving tables. He did a great job last year and we're glad he can do it again.
- New Librarian **Larry Telegdy**. Thanks for volunteering to handle the books for 2009. Thanks to **Gary Slocum** for handling it last year.
- Name badges. Remember to wear yours. A 25 cent fine will be imposed for those who forget.
- February meeting is still scheduled for the Catalina room. Remember to sign up for the chili lunch to be served.
- 15 Year pins were awarded to **ROY GASKIN** and **MAX KUEHNLENZ**.
- The Bark carving class was well attended with 15 carvers saying they assimilated much knowledge. Thanks **Chuck Hutler** and his assistant **Dave Meyers**. We are fortunate to have such great talented people who are willing to share their knowledge and talent.
- Word of the month. Awaited with much anticipation as we hear that this great knowledge reaches as far North as Minnesota. The word is "ASSIMILATE" which means "to take in". Jack said that it hard to "assimilate" all the great carvings at our club
- Show and tell :
Chuck Hutler with a bark house, **Doris Trinko** showed a sand painted gourd, **Lefty Snyder** with a confederate soldier and his dog. Bob Sorensen showed his two carved wounded warrior canes which will be presented to disabled vets, **Michalyn Erickson** showed a chip carved box, **Doug Raine** explained his one piece Milt at full tilt and **Jack Yancick** his walnut wood cat carving.

ALL GREAT CARVINGS! Thanks for sharing them with us all!

BOARD MEETING MINUTES JAN. 10, 2009

In attendance, Jack Yancick, Larry Finch, Jim Thompson, Chuck Trinko, Max Kuehnlenz, Gary Mims and Bob Sorensen

Minutes submitted by secretary, Bob Sorensen

Items discussed;

- Lifetime memberships. The board agreed that some guidelines need to be set and will do so at a later business mtg.
- Dates are set and arrangements made for the Foothills pumpkin carving event and for our woodcarving show.
- Next event is the county fair which will be from **April 16 to the 26th** 2009, need a volunteer to arrange for carvers to man the tables during the fair.
- Mesa show, we have two tables for our club use.
- Lunches—Chef Paul needs to know how many to prepare for by the Friday before our monthly meetings. Also needs to know what to serve.
- Woodcarving Museum in Pima, Az. On **January 29th** - **Joan Eerkes** has a plan and will be asked to discuss it at our general meeting today. {see page 1 of the newsletter}
- New Members handbook. Needs some updating. **Gary Mims** volunteered to take care of this, but needs the board members input on what to and not to include. I have the sample hand books and will make my comments and pass on. Hopefully we can have changes ready for our next meeting.
- Suggest that we revise our current roster after the new membership end at the end of March. **Rob Arnberger** has agreed to continue to maintain this for our club.
- Roy Gaskin won the free lunch at the last meeting.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Vice President Larry Finch has commitments from three members for programs so far. They are:

Feb 14th - **Roy Gaskin** will teach a class in leaf carving

March 14th - **Gary Mims** will again give a program in chip carving

April 11th - **Jim Thompson** will give a program on pine knot carving

Please get in touch with Larry if you are willing to give a program. We have some very talented artists in our group so let's fill up the rest of the year with programs that will make the meetings interesting.

Word is that **Hap Chandler** will be at the next meeting to sharpen tools. He has done this in the past, but we haven't seen him in two or three years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As you know dues are due in January each year and for some unknown reason, for which I can't explain we always give you until March to pay. For three months the treasurer is kept busy collecting dues at the meetings and is unable to take part in programs during this time. Maybe we can come up with a better system in the future. The club had expenses of \$550.00 for the Christmas (Holiday) party. The balance in our account is still close to \$6,000.00.

We have been able to keep the balance high mainly because of the high number of members that are getting the newsletter by way of their computers. This results in a huge savings in postage, printing and other costs. Also my daughter Nancy has been putting out the newsletter for very little cost to the club. We are probably saving over \$600.00 a year. The club is paying part of the cost for coffee and lunch for people that eat in the Catalina room. We also pay \$10.00 for lunch for anyone that gives a program, and draw a number for a free lunch every meeting.

- Jim Thompson

OTHER CLUB NEWS

If you have anything you would like to put in the newsletter about your club let the editor know.

The group that meets at Woodworkers Source Weds. and Sat from 8am to noon has winter visitors from Colorado, California, and Chicago, Ill. Bernie Gordon from Chicago considers himself to be lucky to be here during the extreme winter conditions back in his home town. We also have a dog that meets with us sometime by the name of Charley. He doesn't

carve but he eats popcorn, donuts, and any other food that happens to fall on the floor or in his mouth. Charley belongs to Peggy Taylor.

HEALTH & WELFARE

We have a member that is going through cancer treatment and we wish her the very best of luck.

I would like to wish Don Hill and also Marti Kuykendall the very best wishes for a speedy recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.