



MARCH 2009

## MEETING NOTES FOR FEB 14<sup>TH</sup> 2009

- by Secretary Bob Sorensen

President Jack Yancick called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

- New members; none
- Guests: Wayne Norman, Ernie Barrier, Margaret Gaskin & Gil [ ]
- County Fair: April 16<sup>th</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>. Gary Slocum will be signing up volunteers for times to be at our booth at the fair. Doris Trinko will take care of putting carvings in a glass display case. So sign up, bring a few carvings for display and spend some time at our booth promoting our club and chatting with the public.
- Health & Welfare: A few members were unable to attend due to various medical reasons, none reported as serious. Don Hill, One of our members passed away.
- Treasure Report. We started 2008 with \$5,386.00 and closed with \$5,557.00
- Jim Thompson presented Jack Yancick with a new book to help create some new creative juices flowing. The club was DISPASSIONATE about this.
- Word of the Month: Dispassionate. Which according to Jack means "not influenced or emotional"
- Canes for Disabled Vets: Trish Jennings is passionate about this and would like to see more carved canes from our members for presentation to some deserving disabled vets. It's a symbol that some body cares that this vet sacrificed his livelihood and safety to make sure we Americans are safe from future Terrorist activities. Trish has seven canes, she and Jim Thompson are planning to distribute these soon. But this is not over. You can make some more for future use as Trish plans to keep this going. Please help out, its fun to create a cane of your own. If you need plans or wood let Trish know..
- Announcement: John Beckman needs some accessories for a Shoptsmith, call him at 480-209-0220
- Lunches: Seems that some of our members are DISPASSIONATE about eating lunch in our meeting room. We had 45 members at the meeting and only 20 signed for lunch. The other 25 either ate in the Grille or left. The \$10.00 lunches are the only payment we make for the use of the Voyagers meeting rooms. There are only 9 signed up for lunch for the March mtg. The Chef needs a minimum of 20. So, call Louise or Jim Thompson and sign up for March.
- Carving class: Roy Gaskin had 12 members at his class making Maple Leaves. Sound like they had a good time. THANKS ROY.
- Hap Chandler was busy sharpening knives and gouges for our members. Hap donated his proceeds back to the club. THANKS HAP
- Show and tell: What a great display!!!
- Chuck Hutler showed an Indian style "love flute" that he is afraid to play in front of Women due to consequences from one performance. He also made a turtle from found wood.

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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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- Tom Terrall showed his valentine display of a bouquet of fancy hearts.
- Larry Finch showed his cowboy recently completed at the Bishop seminar.
- Roy Gaskin made a Maple leaf spoon
- Jack Erickson explained his Bishop the Moose carving
- Bill Milligan finally finished his saddle carving that he has been working on for the past 6 months.
- Lefty Snyder showed his carvings of a peg legged pirate and a rodeo clown
- Sheri Goade made a carving for her finger pointing brother. [how many brothers do you have?]
- Michalyn Erickson aka Mrs. Erickson by a certain club officer, made a chip carved box for a Daughter.
- John Dittmar explained his one piece flying bat and an elf owl
- Trish Jennings showed her Elvis Presley carving
- John Beckman explained his work in progress relief carving 2 yrs so far and still carving.
- Larry, Jack E., Sherie and Trish all wanted to express their gratitude to the Raine's for their hospitality in sharing their studio for the Bishop Carving Seminar they attended last weekend.
- 50/50: Won by Trish Jennings
- Raffle: Wayne Norman won 2 items, Civil war head cutout and the Caricatures book. [Think he should join our club] Jack Erickson chose a Rameulson gouge, Jack Yancick won a tool pouch, Dave Mossberg chose a Warren v-tool, John Beckman won a Santa head bottle stopper cutout, Roger Hasey chose a file set, and Larry Telegdy chose a piece of basswood.
- Thanks for the raffle donations go to: Dave Rushlo, SWA, Frank Leisner, and Ed Bojarczuk.
- March Meeting will be in the Arizona room. Sign up for lunch.

## **NAMES TAGS**

There were two or three people at the February meeting who did not wear their name tags and did not release the 25 cents from their pocket. Could it be the economy?

## **WOODCARVING MUSEUM**

We had about 17 people from Tucson, Green Valley, Sierra Vista and Saddlebrook who went to the Woodcarving Museum in the town of



Pima, owned and operated by Jerry and Karen Berg. Jerry carved over 3,000 carvings that are mostly action figures. Some are hooked up to wires and can be activated by pushing a button. Most are comical, even Boot Hill. Karen is also a woodcarver and some of her birds are on display. It is well worth the trip to the Safford area. We had a real good lunch in Safford and the car that I was driving stopped at Stout's Cider Mill in Wilcox for some apple pie.

## **LUNCH**

We had three members who signed up for lunch that did not come to the meeting and did not call to cancel. This cost the Club money. We have only had 9 members sign up for the lunch in March which will be Chicken/Green Chili Casserole, salad and a dessert.

## **SHARP TOOLS**

The Treasurer received \$28.00 from members who had their carving tools sharpened by Hap Chandler. Thanks again Hap!

Dave Rushlo's tool sharpening class will be at his studio at 2530 N. 80<sup>th</sup> Place in Scottsdale on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. So

far four people from SWA are going. If interested, call Dave at (480) 994-1233.

## **DUES**

There are a lot of members who did not pay their dues for 2009. Dues are due in January of each year. For some reason we give you until March to pay. If you want to remain a member please pay the \$15.00. It is extra work to drop you from the membership list and then add your name and address after you pay the \$20.00 for paying late.

## **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

We were glad to see Max Wilkind at the February meeting. He has back problems and has not been able to attend for many months.

Member Don Hill passed away after a long illness. He never made it to our meeting but made it to Woodworker's Source and carved with the Western Whittlers. We will miss Don.

## **RINCON COUNTRY WEST CARVERS NEWS**

- by Al Jensen

The woodcarving club had 70 members on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The record was last year when we had 91. The members are residents of the RV Park on Mission Road. The club meets Monday and Thursday afternoons, using the Park's large recreation hall. Volunteers teach low cost classes during the weekly sessions ranging from butterflies to hobbit houses. The club officially operates from October 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>, but full time residents get together in the warmer months to whack wood.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Gary Mims

"The March program will be a demonstration of how I add color and finish my chip carved boxes. I present this as a demonstration, because I could not expect all to have the necessary supplies. I have presented this demo before, but have been asked to do it again. - Gary Mims"

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Jim Thompson – pine knot carving

## MESA SHOW

Southwest Woodcarvers won a total of 26 ribbons at the Mesa show. Our club won Best Club Table. Bill Milligan's carved saddle won a Blue Ribbon in the Chairman's Choice and Second Place in Best of Group. There were a lot of excellent carvings from our group.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbons**

William Milligan – Chairman's Choice  
Bob Sorenson

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red Ribbons**

Karen Berg  
Joan Eerkes  
Mark Erickson  
Larry Flynn (2)  
Chuck Hutler  
Susan Kleismit  
William Milligan – Best of Group  
Tom Nissen  
Chuck Trinko  
Jack Yancick

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place White Ribbons**

Robert Arnberger  
Roger Hasey  
Chuck Hutler  
William Milligan – Best of Class  
Tom Nissen  
Doug Raine  
Chuck Trinko  
Jack Yancick (2)

### **Honorable Mention - Green Ribbons**

Mike Kowaliski  
Susan Kleismit  
Doug Raine  
Bob Sorensen







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