

**SOUTHWEST WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
TUCSON, ARIZONA**

***April Newsletter***

**April 8, 2017 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President, Judith Thomason at 11:40 am. Vince informed the membership that the management for the Park has requested a specific configuration of how the tables are to be left set up when the woodcarvers are finished with the hall. A diagram is posted on the wall near the light switches. There was also a complaint from management regarding the cleaning of the hall after the meetings. Wood chips were left on the floor after the clean-up. Swiffer dust mops are available for clean-up. All are asked to take time to clean their own area after carving and to help with the general cleaning of the hall at the end of the meeting to avoid the club being assessed a \$50 cleaning fee.

Pumpkin carving: Judith is coordinating the event to take place in October and has secured a venue at St. Phillips Plaza at River and Campbell. Since we are a non-profit organization, there will be no fee to participate in the Farmer's Market with our Pumpkin Carving. Updates will be forthcoming.

Christmas Party: A chairman is still needed. Judith asked for a show of hands for those interested in attending a Christmas Party and approximately 12 members raised their hands in assent.

Spring Picnic: Dave and Joan Eerkes are hosting the annual spring picnic at their home on April 22. A sign-up sheet and maps to their home are available. Please bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share.

New Club Brochures: A very special thanks to Doug Raine for taking charge of designing and ordering the new brochures. A sample was on display and new brochures will be available soon.

November Show: Plans are made for the November show to be a one day event and will be held at Saddlebrook November 4. Flyers and information sheets regarding the show are available as well as sign-up sheets for tables.

Canes for Veterans: Trish spoke about the canes for veteran and had sample canes on display. Embellishment on the cane staff is all that is needed – See Trish for the cane staffs. Lynn Smith will prepare the cane staffs and finish as needed. Trish will take charge of getting them to The VA Hospital for distribution.

Pat Moore's Class: Bob Sorensen announced that Pat Moore will have a class on Santa figures at Doug Raine's workshop in February 2018. Bob will inquire if alternate figures will be done as well. The cost will be \$175 for the 2 day class and will include a rough-out as well as instruction. There are 2 spots left in the class. Please see Bob if you're interested.

May class/demo: Betty Ferrari and Michalyn Erickson will present a class on free form chip carving at the May meeting. There is room for 12 in the class. There will be a small charge for the practice board with pattern or you may bring your own practice board.

Many thanks to Bob and Barb Sorensen for their class on painting faces and eyes.

Thanks also, to Mark Erickson for providing the coffee and snacks.

Health and Welfare: Susan Kleismet announced that she has sent a condolence card to the family of Dewey DeWitt who passed away March 13, 2017. He contributed so very much to the club and will be greatly missed.

Get well cards were also sent to Bill Milligan who is dealing with lung cancer. He has had surgery on both lungs, the most recent being April 6.

A card was also sent to Kathryn Houslet as she recuperates from a recent fall.

Show and Tell: Chuck Hutler showed a cowboy he had carved; Mark Erickson showed a hawk that he had entered in the Mesa show and Susan Kleismet showed a diamond willow cane shaft that she presented for Judeen Berry.

50/50: Was won by Lynn Smith

Raffle: 12 great raffle items were won by various members

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ferrari

Acting Secretary