

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

May Newsletter

May 13, 2017 Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board meeting was called to order by Bob Sorensen, in Judith's absence. The only item needing action was the Christmas Party. There were three venue/scheduling options to consider, and the board unanimously decided to hold it at El Corral Steakhouse again this year. The restaurant will open for us at 11 a.m. and lunch will be in the \$30 range again. Menu options will be announced in the fall.

There was no new information on the People's Choice Show or the Pumpkin Carving events.

The meeting was closed at 8:20 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Michalyn Erickson, Sec'y

General Meeting:

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as posted. David Clements reported that we have \$5000 in available cash and all debts are paid. The treasurer's report was approved.

Tricia Jennings talked about the canes for the Wounded Warriors.. Dave Myers volunteered to provide the wood and cut Eagle head blanks for members to carve the handle, and Tricia asked for all members to turn in the cane staffs they have carved.

Thanks to Doug Raine, we now have some new beautiful brochures. Please feel free to take a number of them to have available as you encounter potential carvers/members. Thank you, Doug!

And thank you to Rob Arnberger for the new tent signs he had made recently. They are very visible, nicely designed, and will point the public in our direction at our public events and shows in the future.

Speaking of the Show, the contract is signed and turned in. Thank you, Mark Erickson, for handling that detail. Rob Arnberger and Jack Erickson are working on show details,

which will be announced at a future date. Judith is handling the table reservation list. They will be \$10 each. Judith has a map of the placement of the tables in 6' and 8' lengths, so you can choose the specific table you want and the location. Payment for the tables must be received by the October meeting.

Bill Tickner (webmaster) hasn't turned over the website to Feliza Williams and Brad Caryl yet, so if you have pictures or tutorials to contribute to the website, you can still send them to him.

The Pumpkin Carving will be at St Phillips Plaza in October, and the club will pay for the tables required. . We need several members to volunteer to bring pop-up awnings for shade. Let Judith know if you can offer one.

The Christmas Party will be Dec 9 at El Corral. The reservations are made for them to open for our private party at 11 a.m. Lunch will be \$30 again, and the menu choices will be announced in the fall. We still need a chairperson for the party, and if you could please step forward on that, Betty would gladly help you. Please consider it!

Gary Mims and Michalyn Erickson taught free form chip carving today and had 8 students. Thank you both!

The class for June will be low relief, taught by Susan Kleismit. Then, in July, Jim Thompson will teach a boot carving lesson.

Jo Mize provided our snacks and coffee today, and we were treated to a sample of her artistic talents applied to food! Thanks, Jo.

Thank you to Joan and Dave Eerkes for once again hosting our club picnic. We all had a wonderful time and enjoyed their lovely home and yard. Doris Trinko was there early to help cook the breakfast for the early birds.

Susan Kleismit gave the Health/Wellness report. Bob Sorensen spent some time in the hospital but is fine now. Michalyn Erickson had surgery. And Lupe Salaz has finished his radiation therapy and should be back soon. Jim Thompson reported that a former member, Rodney Mauck, passed away a couple of months ago. Many of us remember him fondly.

Show and Tell contributors were Doris Trinko (wood burned elephant), Gary Mims (chip carved plate and a box with tinting using water color pencils), Chuck Hutler (heron), Mike Kowalski (angel with gold leaf wings), and Joan Eerkes (2 dragon eggs, a horse head, and her relief carving done with John Engler)

Doris Trinko won the 50/50 cash.,

Items for the drawing were 2" basswood block, 1 ½" basswood block, knife, Flex Cut gouges, a magnifier, #7 gouge, V tool, a strop and 2 bears. They were won by Gary Mims, Bob Sorensen, Feliza Williams, Vince Ferrari, Jo Mize, Chuck Hutler, Joan Eerkes, William Mize and Ann Hutler, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Michalyn Erickson, Secretary