

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

September Newsletter

September 9, 2017 Meeting

General Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Judith Thomason, President at 11:30.

Announcements:

Rob Arnberger gave an update on the People's Choice show in Saddlebrooke

The show will be a one day show on November 4, 2017 from 9am till 3 pm in their Arts and Crafts Center. It will be in conjunction with Saddlebrooke's arts and crafts show so there will be other vendors there as well. Rob noted that this show is typically well attended by as many as 2000 visitors and that many of the buyers begin arriving around 8:45 am.

The ribbons for the show have been ordered and are available.

24 tables have been rented through Judith Thomason and 2 tables are still available. Please contact Judith if you would like a table. Any tables that have been reserved but not paid for must be paid for no later than the October 14 SWA meeting. Each table at the show will be provided with 1 chair. You may also bring your own chair and if more than one person will be at a table, additional chairs should be brought by the vendor.

There will be one table for club information and for the raffle items. Jill Clements has volunteered to manage the raffle and is requesting raffle donations. Club members can either get their donations to Jill prior to the show or they can be brought to the show by 8:30 am on the day of the show.

Saddlebrooke will set up the tables on Friday, prior to the show and vendors can bring their items on Friday, but as the tables are in an open air setting it isn't advisable to set up on Friday. There will be a locked room available to secure your containers with your sale items if you wish to get them there ahead of time. Follow up instructions as well as directions to the show will be forthcoming.

Publicity: Trish Jennings and Joan Eerkes will be managing the publicity. Professional signs have been made and will be placed in appropriate areas outside. Trish has also arranged for public media publicity beginning in October.

Parking: A part of the parking lot will be designated for SWA and we will be directed to that section. There will be space for motor homes but there are no hook-ups.

Food considerations: Mark Erickson has negotiated with the restaurant on the property to have food wraps available. He assures us that these are good quality. A menu and order form will be available on each table on Saturday morning; any orders will be

picked up by 9:30 am. Mark will need a 7 day advance notice of the number of people wishing to order from the restaurant. Food can also be brought from home. Please note that there are no other nearby restaurants in the area.

Eagle Head project: Bob Sorensen has eagle head blanks available to be signed out. Lynn Smith has made shafts for the heads.

Pumpkin Carving: Pumpkin carving will be at the St. Phillip's Farmer's Market on Campbell and River (SE corner) on October 28 and 29, 2017. It was noted that we will be missing some of our usual pumpkin carvers and requests were made for all carvers to show up to carve pumpkins to help with this fund raiser. Bob Sorensen noted that our October meeting demo be devoted to a demo on pumpkin carving. Pumpkins will be on hand for carvers to take pumpkins home to carve ahead of time as well as for those who wish to carve pumpkins but are unable to make it to the Farmer's Market to carve.

Christmas Party: Betty Ferrari announced that all plans for the Christmas party are moving forward. The party will be held at El Corral Steakhouse 2201 E. River Road on December 9, 2017 from 11am till 2 pm. The menu will be similar to last years as will the price. There will be no request for donations of ornament carvings this year – Betty has something else in mind. There is a sign-up sheet available to indicate your interest and flyers as well as reservation forms will be available at the October meeting.

Other news:

- Bob Sorensen noted that long time member George Korytko has donated a number of Chit Chat magazines to the club. He is now residing in a care facility on River Road – Atria Campana del Rio, 1550 E. River Road # 227, Tucson, AZ. 85718.
- Nominations for officers are due in October for a November vote. All offices are open – President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary (appointed) as well as board members. Members are asked to consider running for an office.
- Carver Pat Moore will be conducting a 3 day class at Doug Raine's studio on February 4,5,6, 2018. More information will be forthcoming.
- Judith Thomason noted that wooden cubes will be distributed to be carved and placed in a cane. These will be due in January.

Many thanks to Doris Trinko for her class in pyrography on paper and fabric.

Thanks also to Betty and Vince Ferrari for the coffee and snacks.

Health and Welfare: Susan Kleismit reported that Bill Milligan continues his cancer treatments. He has had 2 surgeries and now is undergoing minimal radiation treatment. He currently is on medications which prevent him from carving.

Sally Jones is much improved and we're pleased to see her with us today.

Lupe Salaz is also a welcome sight back at our meeting today.

Willie Jones will be undergoing spinal surgery on September 21.

Show and Tell: Gary Mims showed a chip carved plaque

Doris Trinko showed a wood burned likeness of Chuck which she had done in Crede. It was done on Baltic birch , then colored with colored pencils

Dave Myers showed a kokopelli on bark

Rob Arnberger had several carvings – a killdeer and several Santa carvings

50/50 Was won by Susan Kleismit

Raffle: A number of nice raffle items were won by Doris Trinko, Sally Jones, Vince Ferrari, Jerry Berg, Carol Ratterman, Feliza Williams and Lynn Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30

Respectfully submitted

Betty Ferrari

Acting Secretary