

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

October Newsletter

October 14, 2017 Meeting

Board Meeting:

Judith gave a rundown for the order and announcements of the general meeting, giving different members of the board their assignment.

General Meeting:

Judith opened the meeting by thanking Betty and Vince Ferrari for the coffee and snacks provided today, and thanking Bob Sorensen for holding the pumpkin carving demonstration. Guests were Jim Murr, Jo Ferrell and Ruth (sorry, I didn't catch the last name). Jo and Ruth plan to join SWA.

The Minutes were approved as posted and the Treasurer's Report was approved as read. A copy is available.

Bob Sorensen announced the candidates for our slate of 2018 officers.

President Bill Mize

Vice Pres Jerry Berg

Sec'y Michalyn Erickson

Treasurer Vince Ferrari

Board Mbr Rob Arnberger and Doug Raine

Thank you all for stepping up!

Betty announced that there will be pumpkin carving Oct 27 at Rincon Country East (same clubhouse where our meetings are held) in order to have some carved pumpkins ready for sale the next day at St Phillips Plaza Farmers Market. Come Friday from 10-2. Snacks and coffee will be available. We need to keep in mind that at St Phillips Plaza Sat and Sun, we will NOT be selling raffle tickets, but, rather, selling the carved pumpkins throughout the day. Please carve a couple ahead of time and bring them Sat.

SWA Show and Sale info was presented by Rob Arnberger, Jack Erickson and Mark Erickson. The location this year is Saddlebrook, 38725 Mountain View Blvd, Tucson, in conjunction with their annual Arts Festival. If you get lost, you can reach Mark on his cell, 907-8636 that day. GPS usually is accurate and brings you in one of 3 ways.

Mark the date—Nov 4, 2017, 9a.m.-3p.m—and entries must be in before 9. Rob, Jack and Mark will be there at 7, so plan to arrive 7-8:30.

People's Choice judging will be from 9-1, at which time ballots will be tallied and awards placed by 2, so that for the last hour of the show, the awards will be on the show table for viewers. Due to the short hours of the show, the categories have been redefined as follows:

- Realistic in the Round (human, animal, etc)
- Caricature in the Round
- Relief
- Found Wood
- Decorative (chip carving, woodburning, etc)
- Holiday (just Christmas)

There will be several of us setting up on Friday and Mark will lock the doors to the show room at 8 pm. Carving must have been done in the last 2 years and never before entered in the SWA show.

Jill Clements is running the raffle table and hopes all of the exhibitors and those who have rented display tables will donate an item for the raffle. They can be brought the day of the show or you may arrange to get them to her ahead of time.

Tricia Jennings and Joan Eerkes have been working on Publicity for the show and need help on the day of the show to distribute flyers, direct the public to where we are, etc. Please give a little of your time to them.

DUE TO CATERING ISSUES AT SADDLEBROOK, WE ALL NEED TO BRING OUR OWN LUNCH. THERE ARE FAST FOOD PLACES IN THE AREA IF YOU CAN SPARE THE TIME TO DRIVE, REPARK, ETC.

Now going from Show info to Christmas Party info.....Betty Ferrari announced that the Christmas Party will be held December 9, 2017, at El Corral, 2201 E River Road. Social hours starts at 11 (cash bar), and lunch at 12. Our entertainment will be a jazz band from a local high school. Again this year, we will collect new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots and non-perishable food or monetary donations for the Community Food Bank. Reservation forms are available at the front table and will be again, next month. Lunch is \$30 each and your options are prime rib, half rack of ribs and chicken. Please have your reservation and payment in to Betty by Dec 1. The address is on the form.

Betty announced that Doris Trinko is holding open carving at her studio on Oct 19th, complete with coffee and snacks. Contact her if you need directions.

Bob Sorensen is coordinating the students for Pat Moore's class and is pleased to note the class is full and there is a waiting list. I know you will all enjoy her class. Thank you, Bob.

Bob brought some items donated by George Korytko's family. He is in a care facility and unable to carve or use these items. Some are free, while others are listed with very reasonable pricing so you can contact the family if you are interested. See Bob for the list.

Feliza Williams reported that Bill Tickner expects to be at the Nov meeting to work with Feliza and Brad Caryl regarding taking over the website. The decision regarding having a professional lay out the new website is pending.

Susan Kleismet gave her Health and Welfare report. George Korytko is in assisted living. Willie Jones passed away recently and some of our members attended the funeral. Sally Jones is continuing to improve and hopes to be here next month. Bill Mulligan also continues on the road to recovery. The appropriate cards have all been sent by Susan. Thank you for your outreach, Susan.

Show and Tell exhibitors were Doug Raine (lumberjack), Ken Foisset (bark carving), Rob Arnberger (park ranger ready for painting) and Judith Thomasson (golf ball carvings). Thank you all for sharing.

50/50 was won by Carl Simpson

Raffle items went to Bill Mize, Judith Thomasson, Michalyn Erickson, Feliza Williams, Jo Mize, Lynn Smith and Rob Arnberger. Thank you, SWA, For the donated items.

Respectfully submitted,

Michalyn Erickson, Secretary