

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

November Newsletter

November 11, 2017 Meeting

Board Meeting:

In preparation for today's General Meeting, Judith announced that Amy Burke, from Square and Compass Children's Clinic, will be visiting today at 9:30. She wants to see what we are doing, how we create our lovely carvings, etc.

Bob Sorensen will give a show wrap up, and all indications are that this show was as good as last year.

The Christmas Party update/report will be given by either Vince or Michalyn.

Elections will be held at the General Meeting today. Our Slate of Officers is:

Pres	Bill Mize
VP	Jerry Berg
Sec'y	Michalyn Erickson
Treas	Vince Ferrari

Board Mbrs Doug Raine and Rob Arnberger

Judith will have a statement of thanks for all the Veterans in our midst.

The website transition is still on the table, as Bill Tickner was unable to attend today to work with Feliza Williams and Brad Caryl. They will try to work out a different meeting time.

General Meeting:

Judith opened the meeting with a tribute to our Veterans, thanking them for their service to our nation, and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Then we had a moment of remembrance for our friends lost this year...Gary Slocum, Chuck Trinko, Dewey DeWitt, and Willie Jones. We miss each of them.

Vince reported on the Christmas Party in Betty's absence. Reservations are due in to her by Dec 1, in order for her to give El Corral a head count. Her address is on the reservation form if you need to mail it to her. The luncheon is \$30 per person, and the menu choices are prime rib, rack of ribs, and chicken. Please note your choice on the form.

Doris Trinko invited all members to her open carving on Thursday. She hosts open carving on the third Thursday almost every month.

Judith thanked Jack and Michalyn for the snacks today. (More items showed up along side those we brought...thank you, whoever you are!)

Judith reported the success of Pumpkin Carving at St Phillips Plaza, and a check was presented to Amy Burke, of the Square and Compass Children's Clinic, for \$700! Way to go, carvers!

Rob Arnberger gave a wrap up report about the People's Choice Show and Sale at Saddlebrook. He thanked all the hard workers on the show committee: Jack Erickson (co-chair, show administration), Judith Thomason (table rental, signs, etc), Joan Eerkes and Tricia Jennings (publicity, signs, photography), Jill Clements (raffle table), Mark Erickson (on site contact with Saddlebrook), and Bill Mize for all his hard work helping set up. This show is lots of work and you all made it happen! THANK YOU!

What worked well...good organization and pre-planning, entry process was smooth, exterior signs were good but could be improved, venue was nice, clean, convenient facilities.

What needs improvement...gravel courtyard was hard to walk around in for those of us manning tables. There was no plan B for inclement weather. The word "demonstration" on our signs was misleading, so the public thought that was all it was. And Jack reported he needed more help in the show room to oversee the voting and looking at the show. There were many times when we did not have one member in the room supervising. We have three club events packed into four weekends. Might we consider moving the show date to the Spring Arts Festival in 2018?

And finally, we are definitely invited back to Saddlebrook! The Festival officials were very pleased and impressed with our show and level of representation.

David Clements rounded up the show report with his Treasurer's report, and the show almost paid for itself, with income from tables and raffle falling only \$25 short of covering expenses. That's the best we have ever done, financially.

Judith asked the membership for a new chair for Pumpkin Carving next year. She will gladly help but cannot do the pick up and delivery of all the pumpkins again.

Vince reported in Betty's absence that RSVPs for the Christmas Party (Dec 9) are due in to her by Dec. 1, in order for her to give El Corral a head count. You can turn in your form and money today to Vince or mail it to Betty by Dec. 1. Be sure to mark your menu choice!

Judith gave the Slate of Officers for 2018 and asked for any additional nominations. There being none, Jack Erickson made a motion to accept the slate as posted in the October minutes online. It was seconded, and the motion carried. Therefore, the officers for 2018 are: Pres Bill Mize, VP Jerry Berg, Sec'y Michalyn Erickson, Treas

Vince Ferrari, Board members Doug Raine and Rob Arnberger. They will assume their duties at the January meeting.

At the January meeting, Dave Myers will conduct a class on bark carving.

Bob Sorensen announced that the Mesa show (Desert Woodcarving Show) has asked Southwest Woodcarvers Association to provide volunteers to help sell tickets, take tickets, and help with the Silent Auction in 2-hour shifts. They also asked for a member to judge the Novice entries and Joan Eerkes will do that. Entries must be turned in Friday, Feb 9, from noon to 4 pm. and cannot be removed until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb 11.

Today we had a long time member visit and were so glad to see Dan Williams again. Also, Lupe Salaz was back after a long illness! Welcome, guys!

Show and Tell

Bud Chamberlain	Tall Bark Village & small bark carving
Doris Trinko	Turned box w/lid out of spalted Maple & wood burned card stock samples
Joan Eerkes	Father Winter and My Guy
Jill Clements	French Press Spoon out of lilac branch
Dave Myers	Huge Maple Burl Bowl
Peggy Huffman	Collage of club photos

Dave Eerkes won the 50/50.

Raffle items were won by Doris Trinko, Bill Mize, Vince Ferrari, Sally Jones, Jo Mize, Lynn Smith, Brad Caryl and Bob Ratterman.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michalyn Erickson, Secretary

November 4, 2017 People's Choice Show and Sale Results:

Carvers' Choice

1 st Jerry Berg	It's All Mine
2 nd Harold Chamberlain	Tall Bark Village
3 rd Doug Raine	Hilda

People's Choice

1 st Harold Chamberlain	Tall Bark Village
2 nd Jerry Berg	Reindeer On Strike
3 rd Bob Sorensen	Bark Santa

Realistic

1 st Mark Erickson	Sharp Shinned Hawk
2 nd Joan Eerkes	My Guy
3 rd Doug Raine	Hilda

Caricature

1 st Jerry Berg	It's All Mine
2 nd Rob Arnberger	Class Reunion
3 rd Doug Raine	Lumberjack

Found Wood

1 st Harold Chamberlain	Tall Bark Village
2 nd Mark Erickson	Walking Stick
3 rd Jack Erickson	Water Spirit

Relief

1 st Gary Mims	Optical Sphere
2 nd Dave Myers	Koko du
3 rd Jack Erickson	Cabin in Woods

Decorative

1 st Gary Mims	Tea Leaf Box
2 nd Mike Kowalski	Hopi Kachina
3 rd Michalyn Erickson	Chip Carved Box

Holiday

1 st Jerry Berg	Reindeer On Strike
2 nd Bob Sorensen	Bark Santa
3 rd Joan Eerkes	Father Winter

A message from Rob :

I want to report to the membership that the Annual People's Choice Show and Sale held at SaddleBrooke, Tucson, on Saturday, November 4, in conjunction with their SaddleBrooke Arts and Crafts Show was a success! We had 18 of our club members show up to the sale taking 24 tables demonstrating carving and showing their carvingsand a few of us making some sales! Hundreds of visitors came to the show enjoying the art of woodcarving and interacting with our members. Winners of the People's Choice and Carver's Choice Awards are reported elsewhere with this article. It was great meeting visitors who actually attended the show enjoying arts and crafts, really interested in the woodcarving world, much different than other shows we have done where people were on their way to the movies or to buy a pair of shoes! Several of our members had considerable success in selling some of their woodcarvings. Most of us had a great time talking to people who really appreciated our art and wanted to know more. SaddleBrooke is a bit of a travel distance for most of us which brought a few logistical challenges. But, holding this show in conjunction with the SaddleBrooke Arts and Crafts Show also brought a lot of other benefits which made the show a success. It is also appropriate to notice that our successful show followed on the heels of an extremely successful Pumpkin Carving event which brought in just about \$700 to be donated to a favorite charity. You can't argue with two successes in two weeks!

Our club volunteers made the People's Choice Show a success. Without their efforts nothing would have happened. So let's notice them....and thank them!

Show Co-Chair Jack Erickson who handled the People's Choice Show, visitor voting, and awards. Michalyn Erickson also backstopped Jack and kept him from flipping out!

Judith Thomason who handled table reservations and set up.

Joan and Dave Eerkes who handled a lot of the pre-show publicity, signs set up, publicity flyers, photography and article to Chip Chats magazine.

Trish Jennings who did the early preliminary work on publicity.

Jill and Dave Clements who made the raffle of donated items so successful. Betty Ferrari got us table cloths and Vince helped to move the crowd into the show room with his eloquence.

Jim Kersten spent a lot of time demonstrating with one of his carvings and helping voters in the show room.

Jo and Bill Mize pitched in to do about everything that needed to be done. Mark Erickson who was instrumental in getting us an invitation to do this show and served as the liaison with SaddleBrooke in all things important.

A show like this takes a lot of planning and a little work. And, as you can see above it takes a team to pull it off! If you all are interested in a repeat, consider that it can't and won't be done unless there are volunteers to step forward to make it happen and it can't be the same volunteers year after year. A questionnaire is going out to the volunteers and participants to get their views on how the show was carried out and where we can make some adjustments if the club wants to pursue this next year.

Thank you volunteers for your help! And, congratulations to all participants on a Show well done!

Rob Arnberger
SWA People's Show Choice Co-Chair