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**SUNCOAST WOODCARVERS MEETING
MINUTES**

December 11, 2012

Seminole Recreation Center

President Bill Briggs opened the meeting and gained agreement with the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Greta Murphy distributed copies of her report and read the principal numbers. Members accepted the report by vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Show Chairman Joe Lutz brought us up to date with actions since the last meeting, at which time Rec. Center director Becky Gunter was meeting with Seminole City Council. Both our annual fee and the contract for Show costs were approved. This included use of tables and chairs, set-up, and take-down. This leaves decoration and conduct of the Show to the Club. The timing for actions on set-up day, Friday, January 18, 2013 have not been set. Joe has provided the basic layout to the Rec. Center.

The Annual Show will be on Saturday and Sunday, January 19-20, 2013 from 10-4 with registration and setup on Friday, January 18th.

Members need to do two things to participate in the carving competitions: be a paid-up

member of the Club for 2013 and register your carvings. Bill Dewald is collecting 2013 dues (\$15).

Everyone is urged to sign up for a table(s) to display their work to the visiting public at the Show. Greta Murphy and Bill Dewald are taking table reservations (\$12/table).

There is a single \$5 fee to compete in both the Judged Competition and People's Choice events, paid at the time of registration for the Show on Friday, January 18, 2013. The 2013 Competition Registration Form and a copy of the Show Rules are attached to this mailing.

Advertising for the Show was discussed. Ken Beek advised that a booklet of advertising was distributed monthly to 59 trailer parks. Ken was authorized to place an ad which could be used for a \$1 discount on the Show entrance fee. Other discount slips have been available to visitors at Heritage Village, where Club members demonstrate carving on Thursdays.

Flyers for the Show will be available for posting in January. Other advertising methods are planned.

Joe answered questions from members about what Show set-up would be done by the Club

and what would be done by the Rec. Center staff.

David Watson spoke about the discount coupons from the 2012 Gem and Mineral Show. Specific numbers weren't available, but it was thought the coupons produced positive results.

NEW BUSINESS

Carl Smith was authorized to buy a green tarp for the Club storage trailer. This is in response to a request from the trailer park manager.

SHOW AND TELL

A variety of items were displayed at this month's Show and Tell session.



Karl Allison showed a Santa with a cardinal in his hand, painted with acrylic and antiqued. He discussed thinning of acrylics.



He also showed a caricature of a German beer drinker with stein.



Ron Singerman discussed how his results have changed over the years from flat faces to rounded surfaces. He uses a carving post or vise to hold the work and mostly two handed tools. Shown were Indian busts in basswood natural. He described his technique of allowing extra wood in depth.



Ted Broadworth showed baskets carved from wooden eggs.

Joe Lutz uses boiled linseed oil to finish his carvings and allows it to dry for a week before painting with acrylics. He described his dilution practice for acrylics.



Jack Stewart showed bears and incised Xmas trees, the latter by cutting the tree out by scroll saw, carving the tree, inserting LEDs for tree lights, and reinserting in the cut out frame. Components are available at places like Radio Shack.



Ken Beek showed an 18 month calendar in a jewel case made up of pictures of carvings by Club members.

Nick Stella was not available to attend, but wanted to show his mixing spoon, so he asked Bill Dewald to bring it. In addition to superb chip carving on the spoon and base, the bowl of the spoon has a figure which, if stared at in a certain way, may produce a vision of the face of Christ. Instructions were attached.

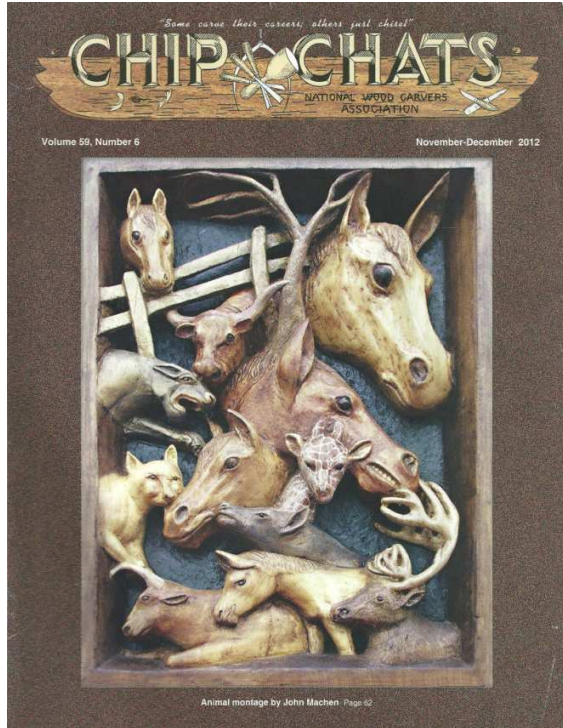


Don McKerrow showed an intarsia of the Last Supper. Wood was obtained from Anderson Lumber Co. in St. Petersburg. Bill Briggs noted that Value Lumber in Tampa also sells all types of wood.



CHIP CHATS

The November-December, 2012 issue of Chip Chats has an animal montage by Club member **John Machen** on the cover. Congratulations John!



The works of several other Club members from the 2012 Annual Show are highlighted on pages 62-65 of the same issue. Thanks to John Roush for submitting the photos and accompanying text to Chip Chats and to Glenn Fry for the outstanding photography.

MISC. NOTES

Be advised that the Workshops, during the weeks of Christmas and New Years, will be held on the day after Christmas and the day after New Years. Both are Wednesdays.

The next Business meeting is on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at the Seminole Rec. Center at 7 PM.

If you have any changes in your contact information (street address, email address, or phone number), please call Bill Dewald at 727-595-7542 or send updates by email to: suncoast_woodcarvers@comcast.net

A variety of information is available from our Club Website at

<http://suncoastwoodcarvers.com/index.htm>

Contact Webmaster Richard Samay with comments or corrections via the link on the website.

Bill Dewald, Secretary