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**SUNCOAST WOODCARVERS MEETING
MINUTES**

September 11, 2012

Seminole Recreation Center

President Bill Briggs opened the meeting by requesting Treasurer Greta Murphy to read her report, which had been distributed. Approval was gained with a voice vote.

Vice President Alan Anderson was in from Connecticut for a brief visit and was in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

The trailer, donated to the Club by Alan, was sold to Bill Murphy for \$100. This solved Bill Briggs' problem of a partially blocked driveway.

NEW BUSINESS

Activity associated with the Annual Show has started, with packages being sent to potential vendors and publications notified of our Show date.

One of the major costs of this year's Show was table rental. Search for an alternate source will be pursued.

We will have a friendship cane again this Show. Blocks were distributed at Tuesday Workshop and will be available at future meetings. Plan to carve one or more.

Bill B. noted that Nick Stella had returned from a summer in New Jersey and that it is time to change our lobby display case contents. Bill Murphy volunteered to provide display items for a month.

Other Show related items were discussed briefly without resolution or commitment. David Watson promised to provide data from the dollar-off -coupon system used by the Gem Society at their annual show.

Bill B. mentioned correspondence with Bob Vinas relating to joining a local Arts & Crafts group. No commitments have been made.

Secretary Bill Dewald spoke to demonstrating carving at Heritage Village on Thursdays. Activity has been low with students back to school.

Treasurer Greta Murphy described the celebration of Pinellas County's 100th Anniversary at Heritage Village at which she and Bill will be demonstrating carving. Several other members are volunteers at the weekend (**Sept. 15-16**) celebration. Normally a docent, Jan Samay will be serving beverages to the volunteers. Members were invited to participate or visit.

The current coffee pot is defunct. It was agreed that a new one would be purchased by Bill Briggs.

SHOW AND TELL

Don McKerrow showed an intarsia tiger in Spanish cedar, aspen, walnut, and alder. The unit is 3 feet long and the detail, especially in the head area, is splendid. This piece has been in progress all year. Don mentioned that he has made over 100 intarsia projects.

Alan Anderson showed and played a native American flute made of sumac. He also had some branches of sumac which he used while describing the process of building and turning the flute. In answer to a question of how you drill the holes in the right place, he cited a website, <http://www.flutopedia.com> with all the necessary info. The flute was circulated to the members.

Jervy Paluta offered a small fish carved in sumac. The coloring of the wood and the grain pattern are attractive and the wood is widely available from the north to mid-south in the eastern half of the U.S. It grows on the edge of woods and forests.

MISC. NOTES

The next Business meeting is on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Seminole Rec. Center at 7 PM.

You may pay your dues for 2013. Secretary Bill Dewald will take your cash or check (made out to Suncoast Woodcarvers) for \$15.

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