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Emile a student carver of Ralph Schexnaydre's, holds a new carving he is working on.



Joe holds a pair of miniature decoys by one of our old members of LWCCG. Mr. Joseph F. Hock

**NOTICE**  
**Our General meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27 at Piccadilly Cafeteria 2222 Clearview Pkwy. Metairie, La.**

**Mrs. Cele Fabre' is ill and is in the hospital. We ask you to keep Mrs. Cele, Mr. Curt and the Fabre' Family in your prayers.**

**NOTE:** Our General membership meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month. If there is any emergency change you will be notified by email or telephone in advance. Below is a schedule of the meetings for this year. Save with your calendar.

- Wednesday February 27th
- Wednesday March 27th
- Wednesday April—No Meeting
- Wednesday May 29th
- Wednesday June 26th
- Wednesday July 31st
- Wednesday August 28th
- Wednesday September 18th - Annual Banquet
- Wednesday October 30th - Last meeting of the year
- Wednesday November-No meeting
- Wednesday December-No meeting



Left: Ralph holds a nice looking Santa he carved just a little late for Christmas last year, but he's ready for this year.



Above: Mrs. Judy Margolis holds a copy of the Advocate Newspaper with an article about hunting season schedule for 2018-2019. In the picture above the article Chris Weaver holds a Drake Pintail decoy he carved.

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30, 2019**

Gene opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. and reminded members that their dues is now due for 2019. He told members of the sad passing of Mr. Gerald Armand's wife and that John Scallan was sick and having some tests done. He said to please keep them in our prayers.

Gene said that Dickey has booked the Castine Center for the next 3 years for our Festival.

A member brought up the question of what could be done by carvers who wanted to enter their gunning birds, but did not want to enter Divisions IV and V Purchase Award categories. After much discussion it was decided that we create a DIVISION IV-B and DIVISION V-B, which will offer "Just Ribbon Awards".

Gene asked if there were any nominations for officers of board and reminded members that they would be closed at the end of this meeting.

Mr., Harvey Lewis who wrote a book on "Carvers and their decoys" is writing his second book about the different types of decoy carving. He visited with members tonight and said he is trying to keep our Legacy alive and this book will be about the Artistry of Louisiana Decoys. He is planning to write a section on Bryan Chermie and Bill Hanemann and he is reaching out to carv-

ers and collectors for their input, information, opinions, etc. He will be discussing decorative gunners, slicks antique decoys and contemporary decoys. He also discussed replica's of contemporary (new carvings in the style of the old times). It was recommended that these carvers put their names permanently on the decoy when it is carved to distinguish it from the original carvers of the birds. Mr. Harvey said he was trying to take folk-art out of the marsh and into collector homes to make them more aware. Decorative decoys would bring the wildlife into peoples homes so that they would appreciate and love nature.

A young movie producer with PBS visited with us. She was looking for information for a movie she is making on the culture of duck hunting in Louisiana. She said she had filmed 10 duck hunts. The shows will air on Channel Twelve sometime this year.

The show is once again coming up at the Academy's Whale Fest on Friday March 29th; carvings, carvers and demonstrations are needed for display. See Dickey for further information.

The State Convention for Ducks Unlimited will be held this year in Thibodaux, La.

Show and Tell was next. See Pictures and explanations in this issue.

Being no further business door prizes were given out and the meeting closed at 7:50 P.M..



**Right: Chris Weaver holds a Eagle walking cane he made for a friend's son. He made it from a piece of cedar he picked up and carved an eagle head to put on top.**

**He also showed the Canvas Back Antique Decoy in the bottom of the picture which he purchased at a tail gate sale while attending the Eastern Wildfowl Festival. The carver was Madison Mitchell. Chris said there is a museum of his birds.**



**Above Left: Kal holds a taxidermy goose he purchased from a garage sale in Nebraska. The goose was used for a hunting decoy and comes apart. It was made in 1950 by Lloyd, a Taxidermist who made 30 and hunted with them for years.**

**Left: Kal also showed a Spoonbill and a Widgeon decoy which he hunted with 30 years.**