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President's Note October

Well the show for 2016 is over and I for one could not be prouder in what we did as a team. I was particularly impressed with the number of people that were new to assist in putting on the show. We have not seen the final numbers yet but the preliminary numbers are impressive. We are not up to our pre Katrina numbers but look out, we are fast becoming the premier carving show in the country. Even the weather participated and people were out to see what we were about. I know they had to be impressed with the quality of work we were presenting and the number of world class carvers we had participating.

Before we get too comfortable in counting our successes, and there are many, we need to look at ways to improve our work processes for next year. By improvement I am thinking on the best use of existing resources and improving revenue. I hope you attend the meeting with your ideas. I know this is difficult considering our successes from this year but to improve we need to generate innovative ideas. It would be easy to bask in our success and do nothing to improve them but that would not get us to where we would like to be.

One of the work processes dictated by our laws is the election of officers. I will be opening up nominations for the election of

NOTICE

Next General Meeting will be October 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Front Meeting Room. Piccadilly Cafeteria 2222 Clearview Pkwy. Metairie La.

officers and directors at this meeting. We will not have meetings in November and December due to the Holidays. I will close nominations in January with election in February. A phone call or email to any of the existing officers will put you nominee, with his/her consent, on the ballot.

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Left: Just a few of the many vendors we had this year.

Above: The carvings that were in competition for the \$14,000

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 LWCCG BANQUET & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All guests arrived and dinner was served at 6:00 P.M. . After dinner, Gene Hebert opened the meeting by introducing the officers and board. He then introduced Mr. Harvey Lewis, our guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Lewis, a retired Attorney recently wrote a book "Contemporary Louisiana Decoy Carvers." He told members and guests that he was donating all profits from his book to the LWCCG. And then gave a very informative and interesting speech explaining how his interest in decoy collecting started with Mr. Charles Franks book on Antique Decoys. In another chapter he recalls the founding of LWCCG which began with a group of carvers and collectors who met at a decoy and duck calling show in St. Bernard Parish. They decided to meet on a regular basis calling themselves "The St. Bernard Shooting League"

Mr. Lewis showed a decoy from the 1930's and contrasted it to a bird by Kal Kingsmill comparing the old carving as Folk Art to the Contemporary as museum quality. He discussed the problem of counterfeiting decoys. He asked that all

carvers sign their name to the bottom of their carvings or any they do major repairs on. Mr. Lewis talked about how hunting is declining and how important it is for carvers to make their self available to anyone who is interested in carving.

After Mr. Lewis's very interesting story, Gene called Chris Weaver to come to the front. Gene thanked Chris for his dedication to the club , his work with the boy scouts, and how hard he works to get out the word about our Festival each year. Gene then congratulated him on being chosen as our Member of the Year for 2016.

We did Show & Tell: Doc Pierce had a head from the early 80's he bought at an auction in Bayou Lafourche. Gene had 1 of his 3 birds he entered in the Shooting Rigs at the Ward show. Tom Balou had a hand made duck call Jatoba pine cone cast. Cal Kingsmill had 14 great pen and ink prints he did and he donated on as a door prize. Mr. Ruth had a Goose from Ben Klinpepper collection (1934) No one could identify it. He then revealed that it was a Pierce Savoie carving.

Next we gave out the door prizes.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

LWCCG 2016 BANQUET



Left: Mr. Harvey Lewis, our guest speaker talks to members about his new book "Contemporary Louisiana Decoy Carvers".



Above: Gene congratulates Chris Weaver who was chosen as our "Member Of The Year" for 2016.



Left: Our 2016 Banquet was a big success. We had over 50 members in attendance.