

DESERT WOODCRAFTERS ASSOCIATION (DWA)
Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2026

President, Bud Bencic, opened the meeting at 9:00am. The meeting was held at the Flowing Wells High School Auto Shop. There were 27 Members present.

MINUTES:

August minutes were corrected with changes.

50/50: The total was \$56. Jim Payne won \$28 and \$28 went to the club.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current cash on hand \$3,783.

BRING BACK: John Nicholson won the Bring Back, a display stand with desert cutouts made by Ron Pullen. John and will be responsible for bringing an item for the Bring Back in October,

DISCUSSION:

So far we have at least 1 person volunteer for each 2026 Board of Directors. Contact Linda Heffernan if interested in volunteering or any position.

NEW BUSINESS:

SAZWA's Christmas Party will be December 13. The Flowing Wells School Culinary class will provide the meal, which will take place in the Cafeteria. Menu and price TBD. More to come next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Click Raffle tickets still available. There will be 3 prizes (a new vehicle, cash and vacations). This year will be the last raffle - Jim Click has sold his business.

AUCTION:

Trying something new:

Some items will be presented as a Silent Auction. Contact Bencic for items.

Also several items were auctioned off from deceased, Sam Flores', workshop. Half the proceeds (\$17.50) were donated to the club.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

DOODLE BOXES (Part of the Toy Project) – Chairman: Terry Glover (520) 290-8503. Bob Deines substituting for Terry for the September Status.

Goal for 2026: 1,000

Status for 2026: 241

Many kits are made up and need volunteers to assemble. Contact Terry for kits.

TOYS – Chairman: Frank Pickett (520) 546-7646

Goal for 2026: 2,000 assorted toys plus 1,000 doodle boxes.

Status for 2026: TBD

Contact Frank for wheels & axles for toy cars.

BEADS OF COURAGE - Chairman: Curt Peters (520) 240-4876

Goal for 2026: 50

Status for 2025: 30

Need to speed it up to meet end of year goal.

The creativity in many the vessels is well received.

TURN-TO-HONOR - Chairman: Dale Benson

The various Pen Project Programs have been consolidated under one umbrella. The old programs have been closed out. The new Project (Turn-To-Honor) will dispense pens under various categories to honor those who have served and represented our nation to the highest degree. The categories will include Military, Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, Firemen, and First Responders. If anyone has a passion project for any group that they feel could use pens, the Turn-To-Honor Project could provide and track pens to them as well. The Chairman has created a spreadsheet tracking information about pens handed out. This spreadsheet will be updated each month and included along with the Minutes of the Meeting.

NESTING SHELTERS (HOUSES) – Chairman: Spencer Davis (520) 471-2480.

Goal for 2025 50

Status for 2026: 35T

DIAPER BANK – Chairman: Jim Payne (520) 591-9876.

No status.

SHOW & TELL:

Jeff Goldberg won the monthly \$25 award.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE:

Bob Spillman won the quarterly \$25 award. Next award will be in December.

DEMO:

Celtic Knot With Odd Number of Rings was presented by Frank Pickett. “

OCTOBER PRESIDENT'S CHOICE:

An item to donate to our charities (to help make our 2026 goals).

OCTOBER DEMO: “Scroll Saw” by John Nicholson

The next meeting will be held on October 3rd, at 9:00am at the Flowing Hills High School, Auto Shop.