

Northeast Oklahoma Scrollsaw Club

Members present at the meeting:

Judy C. Campbell, Jerry Duis, Ed John, Bill Jones, Don Judd, John McCray, Chuck Mehm, Cora Mehm, Peter Ort, Joyce Rankin, Ken Rankin, Paul A. Turay, Ken Rankin, Joyce Rankin, Jim Stiek, Jim Wilkins

Welcome to new visitors, who have become new members: Don and Judy Holtz

Next Meeting: May 1st, the first Thursday, at **Irv's shop near 11th and Yale.**

Treasurer's report: None was given since Irv is in the hospital. Peter will be paid for the website:

Old Business:

1. People planning to attend the show in Grapevine, Texas, are Ken and Joyce and Judy, who will attend with a friend from the Branson club.
2. Ed John has spoken with someone concerning the **soldier portraits**. They have some reservations about a club doing it since they have not had good success with clubs following through in the past. We discussed giving it a try and all agreed that we would be interested in doing it. Ed John will follow up with the people and try to get us involved. Gary Browning needs to approve it, evidently. Peter will put the link to the website on the club's site.

New Business:

1. At the **Wonderful World of Woods** our club has been offered a booth. The show will be on July 10 and 11 at the 8th grade Union center. The table will cost \$10. we are needing workers, a scrollsaw, and items for display. The Carvers have asked for volunteers to make small scrollsaw items for door prizes. We need volunteers to sign up for all these things. Action: at May meeting we will have a lits available for people to sign.
2. In **June** there will be a **contest** with the theme **“wolf.”** First and second prizes will be awarded and it will also be a refreshment night.
3. A motion was made and seconded that in the event that there is no vice-president available and the president is not present, the former president will be honored to conduct the meeting.

Show and Tell:

1. Bill Jones showed his skateboard “Catch some air.” He applied construction paper after making the inside cuts, using permanent attachment spray and attaching it wet to birch plywood from Home Depot.
2. Ken Rankin showed his Jeff Zaffino picture, Pups on a Bench. Joyce made the bag he carried it in. He had cut it with paper in between the wood with a 2/0 blade and made the frame himself. It really looked nice. We discussed taking the tape off, best with mineral spirits, but not if you want to burn the fuzzies off. Spraying mineral spirits works well. He used quality lumber from Bixby and a router bit to cut the frame on a horizontal router table.
3. Paul Turay showed his pelican puzzle from a scrollsaw book. He plans to make it in different

sizes for a Pelican family. He used 3/4" wood, but doesn't know what kind of wood he has used for the first one. It is a very hard one that he got from White Brothers and Sons.

4. Don Holtz brought a horse and wolf made from 1/4" Baltic burch which he finished with spray lacquer., a Westlake Hardware brand (location: 61st/Lewis, 91st/Memorial; satin and high gloss available, dries fast) there is a Deft brand, semigloss that also dries fast. The background was painted. He had also made a hummingbird.
5. Judy Campbell showed a picture and a clock, with a hummingbird. She had cut three at one time and sold two. The back piece was 1/2" thick so she only cut 2 at one time.
6. Jerry Duis explained that for the picture he had showed in the last meeting he had used mdf and a #1 spiral, but had to use 27 blades. The butterfly picture he showed at the meeting is a Jeff Zaffino made with a 00 spiral blade. There were 1000 holes in the foreground. In discussing blades, Jerry recommends #59 whereas Jeff Zaffino recommends #62.

Program: Chuck showed a 3D project of different birds, showing different stages of the project. He had made cardinals, bluebirds instead of the raven from the pattern. He explained how to put the pattern on the wood and how to line it up so that the finished project would come out properly. Cautions were to watch the alignment of the lines, and using very small blades since the lines for the wings are so close together. Though 3 hours of soaking in hot water were recommended from the pattern, he found that the basswood needed longer soaking. He demonstrated how to bend the wings out and straighten them properly. He also had some finished projects for us to look at.

There was also a discussion of Baltic birch, especially the good price at Sloane's. Cora will see about getting an order possibility for those interested in ordering together.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attached are some messages that have come in succeeding weeks:

Baltic Birch:

From: [Ed John](#)

To: [Chuck](#)

Sent: Friday, April 04, 2008 11:53 AM

Subject: Baltic Birch Plywood

I went out and looked at Sloan's and also at RBI for their prices on Baltic birch plywood. Sloan's prices are out of sight and she says they have very limited quantities. They don't even have 1/4". I am sending the prices from RBI which are still reasonable. I assume it is up to date. I don't have a contact list for everyone. You may want to send this out to the club members. Several could go together and it is always cheaper the more you order. Thought some might be interested. Formatting is kind of messed up, but the prices are there.

Baltic Birch Plywood:

1/8"

1/4"

1/2"



Now you can buy all of the wood you need to make all of your favorite scroll saw projects. Our baltic birch plywood has a uniform light color that is pre-sanded on 2 sides for a smooth face and backside. Comes in 1/8", 1/4" and 1/2" sheets. Grade BB. Wood is cut 12" x 12". Width may vary slightly due to width of cut.

The more you purchase, the more you save per sheet!





Monday, April 14, this email came:

Martha, would you also include this. So far I have orders for 95 sheets so we will be able to get the best prices. I would like the ones who get their info from snail mail a chance to see what wood is offered and the prices before the meeting so they can get their orders ready at the meeting. Chuck

The latest message, from April 23::

We were at White and Son's today. He has 1/4" Baltic birch sheets (5X5) at \$29.00. That would yield 25 12"X12" squares. Also on hand they have American Birch sheets (4X8) for about \$25.00. The American birch is A grade- no fills- on one side. It would yield 32 12"X12" squares. Might be worth discussing at the meeting. Chuck

Soldier Portraits:

From: [Ed John](#)
To: [Chuck](#)
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 9:18 PM
Subject: FW: Cutter wants to form a club and help

They went right to Gary on this one. Looks like they have tried it before with bad results. Not sure what to add.

From: garylbrowning@comcast.net [mailto:garylbrowning@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 8:38 PM
To: eajohn@cableone.net
Cc: Diane Hall
Subject: Re: Cutter wants to form a club and help

Hello Ed,

Diane forward your email to me about your group of scrollers waiting to help as a group. We have tried this two times before. Once three years ago and once two years ago. The problem we had was that the cuttings did not get done because someone in the group did not hold up their end of the cutting or framing or was sick from the group.

It has been proven that individual attention gets them done quicker and with less hassles. Rather than

wait for a meeting to begin to start scrolling the portrait as a group our members try to get them done as soon as they can on their own.

It would seem that more hands make for light work and teamwork is usually best but as a club it has not worked for some reason. If you have some ideas on how you as a group can be assigned portraits, complete and mail them in a timely manner then I may entertain the idea once again but it needs to be a very well thought out method because as stated we tried this twice and did not have as much success as individuals.

If your group could set a goal of doing so many portraits as a group in a time period that is great and welcome but they have to be issued a pattern and go through the normal process on the site as an individuals. We cant assign a portrait to a group it has to be a person. I can personally make note of your achievements as a group on the site with a message to the members if you set a goal and make that goal as a group. Maybe something like that would help kick start some of them.

It does sound like a great idea to attack this as a group and seems like something that would be good for like minded scrollers in the same area. For one reason or another it has proven to be harder than it sounds to get the portraits completed. We don't want to loose your members but we have to think of the family members and those that we are honoring.

Let me know if you have some ideas,

Thanks for your interest with this,

Gary Browning

In closing, again I apologize that I took so long to get this out and to put it in a nicer format. Now I am just trying to get it out.

Looking forward to seeing you in **May** at **Irv's**,

Martha