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# The range County Scroll

Monthly newsletter for the Orange County Scroll Saw Association

**JUNE 2021**

## Thoughts From The Sawdust

We are almost at the end of the tunnel and the light ahead is not a train. As we start trying to get back to “normal,” we find that things are not going to be quite the same. The way we communicate and interact with others has changed forever. Maybe for better, maybe not.

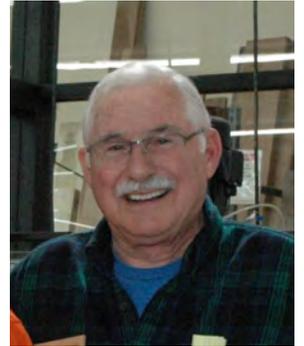
The way we move forward to meet our goals of sharing our knowledge and experience of woodworking will be a challenge. Going back to holding meetings at Rockler will not be an option at least for the remainder of this year. Thankfully, Zoom has been an incredible resource. It has given us the ability socially interact and bring presentations to our members that would have not been available before.

Now we need to start getting creative on how we move forward. The Board has discussed a number of possible ways to bring the in-person “social” aspect back into our activities. Among them are: field trips, periodic potluck socials; and alternate in-person and Zoom meetings. This is only a beginning list. This is your club. We need to hear from you.

On the Members Only page of the website, there is a “Submit Suggestion” button underneath the Scroll Saw Association logo. PLEASE use it and let us know your ideas on what direction we should consider and what activities we might pursue. You may also call or email any of the Board members or Committee Chairpersons.

Hope to see you at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

John



**John Howe:**



**James McGuire:**



Hi no major scroll project this time, just finished this backyard train thing for our grandson. Pattern is from The Winfield Collection. Did cut the window openings with a scroll saw. Instead of 1 inch lumber I used cedar fence wood for the siding and other trim parts. Most of the big lumber came from 2 pallets I took apart. They were from a metal stamping company and the sheets of steel came on them. Got all the 2 X 4, 2 X 6, and 4 X 4 lumber for it and still got a ton of wood left over from the pallets. They were 4 foot wide by 10 foot long.

**Willie Ellis:**



## June Meeting

We are going have a Zoom meeting for all members this next Thursday the 10th at 7:00 p.m. The link to the meeting is at the end of this article. I will also send an email out the day before the meeting. You can join a Zoom meeting with your computer / laptop / or smart phone.

If you would like to visit with other members before the meeting feel free to join the meeting any time after 6:30. John will start the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and we will mute all attendees so the speaker can have the floor.

If you have things that you would like to share, we will have a Show and Tell time at the end of the meeting. You can send pictures in to LaVaun or Bob before the meeting and Bob will make a PowerPoint slide of your pictures so the members can see your show and tell items.

Feel free to contact LaVaun Ward or Bob Evins if you have any questions, or need assistance. We had around 20 members present last month and we hope more of you can join us at the next meeting.

## June Meeting - Micro Jig Dovetail Clamps Open Big Doors

By Devon Day

This month's Zoom Meeting features Jerry Delmore and all jigs that can be made featuring the Micro Jig Dovetail system and Matchfit clamps. This system allows you to create your own track system with a dovetail bit. In this Zoom Video, Jerry will demonstrate how he uses the dovetail clamps on a dado jig, on a cross cut table saw jig, and on a table top jig for many projects.

The startup system called the Matchfit Dovetail Clamp Pro costs about \$85. This set includes two clamps, a dovetail bit, and a dovetail variety pack. You can make stops and hold downs, and a set up gauge for fast setups. If you already have a ½ wide 14 degree dovetail bit, it will work. Micro Jig is currently out of stock for the Matchfit Dovetail Clamp Pro but it is available on Amazon. Extra clamps are available at Micro Jig. Each pair costs \$45. The reviews on Amazon are great. Hello? Is Father's Day coming up soon? (June 20<sup>th</sup>). Another accessory you might consider is the Dado Stop. These and other questions will be addressed by Jerry, including how to make your own 3D printed accessories.



Jerry is currently working on a Micro Jig Clamp Jig to add to his Kreg saw horse. The jig can be adapted to most saw horses. I happen to have two ToughBuilt folding saw-horses and Jerry's jig will work fine on it.

See you On Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM to see this informative video and discussion by our own Jerry Delmore.

## July Meeting - The Music of Woodworking with Mytoya Pritchett

By Devon Day



Mytoya Pritchett will be the first to tell you that she cannot do a presentation with on-going talking. She will not work and talk at the same time. In this interesting presentation, Mytoya tell you that most likely the hum of the scroll saw, in her shop, will be accompanied by violinists Charlie Puth or Roddy Ricch. She actually has a YouTube collection of her favorite Scroll Saw music to scroll by. Just to be clear, Mytoya will not be playing her favorite scroll saw music in this presentation. The hum of her scroll saw will be the only sound we may hear.

In this live video from her studio and workshop in 29 Palms, Mytoya will demonstrate how to cut a name within a fretwork pattern. She has learned how to design her own patterns and is always busy with a new project. In fact she has offered to come back and teach us how to create our own patterns to create patterns such as a name within a name.

Mytoya has many YouTube scroll saw videos that begin with the basics and move on to more advanced projects. Mark your calendar for July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM for this interesting and informative Zoom meeting. We will introduce Mytoya promptly at the beginning of the meeting and hold off the business part of the meeting for the end. This will be our plan for all of our live presenters.

## August Meeting - Hans Meier and the art of Freehand Scroll Saw Work

By Devon Day



Lots of us have been following Hans Meier on You Tube for years. He and his friends over at Gwinnett Woodworkers Association in Norcross, Georgia have been teaching, creating, and working on Community Service Projects for years. GWA works out of Peachtree Woodworking Supply in Norcross, GA. Like our relationship with Rockler, the club members have the opportunity to pick up supplies for their next project right there at Peachtree. Unlike our club, they meet most Saturdays. Presentations can last half a day or more. Projects begin from beginning to end so that club members know the whole process for a project before they leave the meeting.

Hans has agreed to present a one hour Zoom presentation showing us the basics of freehand scrolling. He admits that if he ever tried to get away with only a one hour presentation with his club, he'd really hear about it. He is a great sport to comply with our club's time restraints. Hans will lead the meeting promptly at 7 PM Cali time (10 PM Georgia time). Our business meeting and sharing will follow.

One project that Hans has recently been part of is called Canes for Heroes. Club members make these canes as a group and can batch out a bunch in a couple of months. The canes are custom sized and include a patch indicating the branch of military the veteran served. The project was originally the brain child of Tim Alex, a disabled veteran from South Carolina. Soon his friend Clay Davis from Virginia joined the project. Tim Alex's daughter, Mina Little from Buford, Georgia began distributing canes at the VA Hospital in Decatur, GA. GWA club member, Rob Austin of Lawrenceville, GA learned about this project and started the project in their club. With the help of GWA, more canes are now available. In 2018, a story appeared in a local newspaper about an Army Vet who was dining at a restaurant and went to the restroom. He put his cane on the door of the stall when he went in. Somebody stole it! Immediately, the folks from Canes for Heroes responded and presented the man with a custom fitted wooden cane that hooks on a chair for security and for stability. The good folks at GWA have started a Go Fund to help with the expense of the patches and finish, and tool wear. If you are inclined to make a contribution, go to <https://gofund.me/f35dce9f> or scan this QR code with the camera of your cell phone and it will take you to the same place. No donation is too small.



## Toy Program Update

First In Person Toy Workshop of 2021 will be held at Larry Olson's on June 25th at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Gary Tennison if you will be attending so we can plan for the right number of people. There are several boxes of toys that need sanding, so that will be the focus of the day.

### LaVaun Ward:



How I spent Memorial Day Weekend. Three days in the shop.





The Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-off will be held this year on August 15th. Watch the newsletter and website for more information. We will post the sign-up sheet on the website in the next few weeks.

With the loss of Barb Schmit this year we will be looking for someone to man a scrollsaw and cut names during this event. Please let LaVaun know if you are interested in helping out.

### OCSSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| June 10             | Monthly Zoom Meeting - Election of Officers - Jerry Delmore - Micro jig demonstration                                   |
| June 11 - July 4    | San Diego County Fair   |
| June 25             | Toy Workshop - First in person workshop - Larry Olson's   |
| June 25 - 26        | OC Fair - Entry Delivery - Noon - 6 pm  |
| July 8              | Monthly Zoom Meeting - YouTube scroll saw artist Mytoya Pritchett on creating your own patters with words inside words. |
| July 16 - August 15 | OC Fair   |
| August 12           | Monthly Zoom Meeting - Hans Meier - Freehand Scrollsaw Work   |
| August 15           | Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-off   |
| August 17           | OC Fair - Entry Pickup  |
| September 9         | Monthly Zoom Meeting - Lou Barcelo - Using dyes in lieu of stains.  |

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John Howe

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Devon Day

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LaVaun Ward

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Willie Ellis

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Jerry Delmore

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Larry Olson

### Toy Program



Gary Tennison

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Bob Evins



## Mentor's Corner

While our meetings are on hold, Larry Olson is still more than happy to hear from you and help with any issues you are having with any current projects. Be sure to take advantage of this very useful information available to our club members. Larry has many years experience with wood-working and is always willing to help.

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# **The Orange County Scroll**

**The Orange County Scroll Saw Association meets every second Thursday of the month. Our purpose is to promote, teach and share in the fun and fellowship of scroll sawing. Our club is open to all who have an interest in scroll sawing and at all skill levels from beginner to expert.**

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