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The range County Scroll

Monthly newsletter for the Orange County Scroll Saw Association

OCTOBER 2021

Thoughts From The Sawdust **By John Howe, President**

Well, it is almost Halloween. This means that the stores will soon start putting up their Christmas decorations. I'm sure you have all been getting your Halloween scroll saw creations ready and the candy bowls filled. I hope you submitted pictures of your ghouls, witches, and black cats for the newsletter.



The holiday season brings some special dates you need to put on your calendar. Besides our general meeting dates we have two wonderful opportunities to gather together in person. The first is the Scroll Saw Demonstration on October 30th at Larry Olson's house. You can sign up on the website. The second date to set aside is our Christmas Party on December 16th. Sign ups will be available on the website next month.

The Toy Program will be winding up the year with our annual distribution of toys in December. Boxing of the toys will take place the Saturday after Thanksgiving, at 9 AM. We need all hands on deck at Larry Olson's house. Gary is stepping down as the Program Coordinator at the end of the year. He needs a replacement and is look-ing for someone who will take over for next year. If you are interested, please contact Gary or any Board member or committee chair.

A special thanks to Devon who is doing the newsletter for LaVaun this month. LaVaun is taking a well deserved vacation from her job (and us). If you haven't sent her your project pictures for the newsletter, please have them ready to show at the meeting.

Stay safe.

John



Photo by Patricia Sidoti-Polichetti on Facebook



Photo by Gary Tension

October Meeting

We are going to have a Zoom meeting for all members this next Thursday the 14th 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 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.

Topic: **MyToya Pritchett on Making Your Own Scroll Saw Patterns**

Meeting information is in the version of the October Newsletter on the Member's Only page at ocssa.org.

MyToya Pritchett Shares a Simple Path to Pattern Making

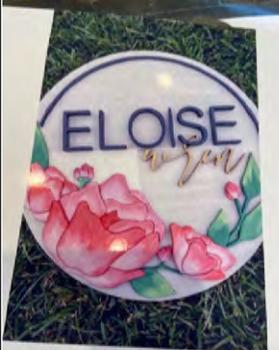
By Devon Day

MyToya Pritchett will be back again this month for our Zoom General Meeting. She will show us how to use Silhouette 3.0's free download. If you would like to follow her as she demonstrates her own pattern making process. I have used it and was pretty happy with the results. <https://silhouette-studio.software.informer.com/3.0/> or 3.1

These are examples of names cut into names. I found them on Facebook under the Group called Girls with Scroll Saws. MyToya can show you how to literally cut

the exact cut out for the second name to fit perfectly into the first and larger name.

It feels like the snug fit of marquetry but it is literally tucked into the larger name. Very interesting technique and is designed on a free download.



Toy Program Update

The will not be a Toy Workshop this month.

Allan Carter:



Dan Frembling:



Scroll Saw Demo at Larry Olson's on October 30th



Revise text from the September Newsletter

Many Mentors Scroll Saw Clinic

By Devon Day

This is going to be a fun workshop. We will be making things you can take home with blades selected for the task. For example, we will cut a pot lid holder out of Corian, using four different scroll saws with the same blade, selected by the instructors. But wait! There is more. At the end of the workshop, you will not only take home a couple of finished projects, you will receive a folder with a sample of all of the blades we use on our projects so you can finish what you were working on at home. You must sign up on our website for this fun workshop. We start at 9 and finish (including clean up) at 1 PM. Bring a sack lunch and drink. I'll bring cake!

Projects from our Members

John Howe:



James McQuire:



Who Needs New Fonts for Next Season's Sign Making on Your Scroll Saw?

By Devon Day

If you have been interested in adding new fonts to your library, try defont.com for free fonts and MyFonts.com for paid fonts. Some popular fonts on Instagram for scrolling include:

Albondigas on defont.com (also Silhouette Store) *Albondigas*

Ostrich Sans **OSTRICH SANS**

Black Forest **BLACK FOREST**

Nicholia *Nicholia*

Samantha: *Samantha*

Cream Candy: *Cream Candy*

Madina Script: Costs: \$12.50 *Madina*, but it is very cool for big signs. (on Myfonts.com)

Christmas Wish Costs \$11. *Merry Christmas* (on Myfonts.com)

Thought for the Day:

Don't try to make everyone happy. You are not tequila.—

—Anonymous Club Member's submission.

Larry Olson



Willie Ellis's resin blank to turn.



Workarounds in Scroll Sawing

By Devon Day

A lot of us love clever Work-Arounds in Scroll Saw work. My brother uses this term a lot. It is to find a way to overcome or avoid a difficult problem. "If you know the pitfalls, then you can work around them." The word is old. It first appeared in 1961. Part of being a club member is sharing ideas for making our work easier.

Jerry Delmore recently printed corner templates on his 3-D printer that I recently used on a box I am making for an October Habitat for Humanity Auction.



Erwin Bragg shared with me his handy dandy dust collector for his scroll saw. I keep a ShopVac permanently housed in the back of my scroll saw so I can empty dust from under the table easily. I plan to try Erwin's Work-Around invention on my scroll saw to see if it improves dust collection. Save those vitamin bottles and try this idea out.



Send me your favorite Work-Around idea and I'll share it.

OCSSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 14	Monthly Zoom Meeting - Mytoya Pritchett on Designing your own Patterns with free software.
October 30	Workshop at Larry Olson's - Many Mentors Scroll Saw Clinic
November 11	Monthly Zoom Meeting - Jerry Delmore on 3D printed aides
November 27th	Annual Toy Packing at Larry Olson's
December 9th	Monthly Zoom Meeting Canceled to Prepare for the 16th
December 16th	Annual Christmas dinner and Ornament Exchange
January 13th	Monthly Zoom Meeting:

Ornament Time is Here

By Devon Day

The 2021 winter issue of *Scroll Saw Woodworking and Crafts* is loaded with great ideas for December. October in my shop means it is time to start making an ornament for the club's annual ornament exchange. I actually would like to make a round ornament in rings and burn some designs into it. I don't know how to make those rings. If you have an ideas, please drop me a message or email.



Meanwhile patterns like Keith Fenton's Filigree Holiday Ornaments are terrific. The article begins on page 26. The patterns are included in the center foldout.

Alex Fox's patterns that Larry Olson cut out on page 5 are easy to order from Alex's Etsy site. Patterns are instantly downloaded. Each patterns runs around \$9.50.



Sue Mey has a whole set of 3D ornament patterns on her website for \$12. Check out: <https://scrollsawartist.com/>

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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 woodworking and is always willing to help.

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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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