

Southern New England Scrollers August 13 Meeting Notes

Six people attended the August meeting.

Since there were no business items to discuss, we went right into show & tell.

Bill B. brought a large, beautiful bell tower clock that he made from a pattern from the Berry Basket. The woods used were yellow heart, walnut and plywood, and it was finished with Deft satin spray lacquer. He did not know how many hours he spent on the project, but Bill said he spent about 40 hours just cutting the lower panel. Beautiful job Bill; a project to be proud of!

I brought in 4 ornaments that could be used as pendants (a Sheila Landry design) which were filled with Polymer Clay. This was my first attempt at using the material, and I am pleased so far with the result. As I gain more experience with the material I may do a demonstration at one of our future meetings.

John W. brought in a wall plaque with birds resting on a branch, with a beautiful blue sky background.

Kevin R. brought in a 3D ornament he had started and was seeking advice on the type and size of blade to use. Both Maurille and I shared our knowledge, tips, and tricks that we use in cutting the designs.

Speaking of Maurille, he brought in a jewelry box he had made, and he had used a flocking process to finish the inside. The finished product was beautiful, and he was kind enough to share his thoughts on the process he used. He thought the product was easy to work with, but cautioned us not to touch the material when it is wet, because you will leave your fingerprint on the surface.

Maurille also brought in a selection of needle files he found at Harbor Freight. He has found them very useful for taking off the burrs on 3D ornaments, and cleaning up details on other projects as well. He also showed us a round sanding mop, made from "scotch bright" type material,

that also came from Harbor Freight. The mop sander is on an arbor that he puts into the drill press and he uses it to smooth and cleanup projects he has cut on the scroll saw.

Then Maurille brought out a large assortment of 3D ornaments he has made over the past few months. They were beautiful! Several of them were made from scrap wood that he had laminated together before cutting the ornament. His work inspired me to try the same process.

Murray N. brought in several Corian cutouts he will be displaying at his next event.

The meeting turned out to be a lot of fun, and I believe everyone (especially me!) learned something new during the "Show & Tell" discussions.

The photos from the meeting will be attached with this email, and I will post them later on the website.

The next meeting will be October 8, 1-3PM, at the Woodcraft store in Manchester, CT. Hope to see you there!