

## Southern New England Scrollers February 9, 2014 meeting notes

Fourteen people (including 4 visitors) attended the meeting.

We reviewed the activities related to the woodworking show we participated in last month. I wish to express my sincere thanks to Max S., Murray N., Terrie F., and Larry G. for manning the booth during the show. We handed out many of the quarter page flyers and talked to a lot of people throughout the 3 day event.

The jig saw puzzles that Terrie brought to the show for attendee to cut were a big hit (especially with the children). We will do this activity again at next year's show, and will prepare the puzzles as a club activity (perhaps during the (June) picnic this summer?). We need to come up with a solution to the problem of how to get the lines on the puzzle without damaging the picture on the top. The puzzle lines were drawn on a piece of paper that was put over the picture and secured with tape on the sides. The paper would be flapping up and down during the cutting process, and was a distraction to the scroller. A few possible solutions were suggested during the meeting, and perhaps some of the members can try to come up with a process that will work before the show next year.

The most common questions from attendees at the shown concerned blade selection and tension. Max will try to come up with blade profile pictures we can use at next year's show.

We discussed the membership email list, which includes several people that have not been at recent meetings and have not paid the \$5 assessment for the club banner. I will send out an email to those people that have not paid, and remove any that do not wish to be counted as members from the list.

I needed someone to will take pictures of the "show & tell" and demonstrations during future meetings, and I have had 2 responses to this request (from Max S. & Ron A.), which will ensure we have at least one photographer at each meeting. I am sure either will probably do a better job than I have in the past, and if both Max and Ron are at the meeting, things should go more smoothly and the results will be more professional. I sincerely appreciate their help.

We will be doing the toy drive again this year, and will include something for parents/ adults as well as children - perhaps an ornament for their tree or other small gift. Your participation in this program helps needy families in our area have a Merrier Christmas!

I will try to include the link to the club website in any emails I send to members. You might want to put the club website address in your favorites/bookmarks for future use. Any ideas or suggestions for improvement to the website content is always appreciated.

The business meeting went longer than normal, but we still had time for show & tell and a demonstration on compound cutting. Dick W. brought in his marshmallow/rubber

band launcher (rubber band powered crossbow), and handed out instructions and a kit of parts for anyone that was interested in building one. I have uploaded the show & tell pictures to the website for you to look at when you have the opportunity.

**The next meeting will be April 13, 2014**, from 1 to 3 PM, at the Woodcraft Store in Manchester, CT. Dick W. will bring some of his jigs and fixtures and discuss how he uses them to complete his scroll saw projects. I look forward to seeing this demo, and I hope to see many of you there.