

Southern New England Scrollers

February 9, 2020 Meeting Notes

Ten people attended the meeting, including one new member, Steven Ryan.

We had a short discussion concerning the Woodworking Show, and decided that we would participate again next year if the show continues.

We had a more lengthy discussion about the “Beads of Courage” program. Gene M. brought several of the boxes he has made for that program; two or three were made of bamboo, and the rest were made of hardwoods. The boxes were made to fit the approximate guidelines published by “Beads of Courage” (BoC), and showed that there are several different ways to construct a box that will be acceptable to the hospital. Max S. brought several different box patterns that are based on the designs in Carol Rothman’s book, and he will give them to any member that is interested in making one for the program. Murray N. will research Steve Good’s website to see if he has any designs that will work for this program. Arnie brought in a pattern purchased from Sue May’s website that should work well for this program, and hopefully will be completed before the next meeting. Arnie has purchased 20 BoC logo button that should be included in any of the boxes we make for the program, and they will be available for sale at the next club meeting. Arnie has also made contact with his local woodturners club, and we should be able to add our completed boxes to theirs for delivery to Baystate Hospital in Springfield, MA. This program just might be one of our most successful attempts at community involvement.

The last business topic was another lunch or dinner event. The last one, coordinated by Gene M., was a success, and a lot of fun, so we thought we should try it again. But we cannot do it without a coordinator or a location, so this message is a call for everyone to seek out and contact a local (in your area) restaurant that has a room that could hold about 16-20 people (members & spouses) for an event. Ask them if they would do it with individual checks for each couple, or if they require all to be on one bill. Ask about reservation times and dates that are available for a time and date that works for you. Any information that you come up with can be forwarded to Arnie for distribution to all members. Your participation is appreciated.

Show & Tell

Murray and Laura brought a box of corian butterflies that will be used at their wedding reception. He is tasked with making about 100 of these butterflies, so I suspect he will be having a very busy spring and summer.

Terri brought in a wine glass holder that slides over the neck of a wine bottle. Unfortunately for those in attendance, the wine bottle she brought in was empty!

Dick W. brought in some scrap wood projects he recently made for his shop. One was a holder for a hot melt glue gun and glue sticks, the other was a holder for tubes of glue (like CA glue).

Gene M. brought in the boxes mentioned in the notes above.

Steve R. brought in a very cool toy car he made - great painted finish.

Since our next regularly scheduled meeting would be on Easter, we moved the date out one week; so **our next meeting will be April 19, 1-3PM, at the Woodcraft store in Manchester, CT.** Hope to see you there!