NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 2013 SCROLL SAW CLUB MEETING

1. Nine people attended the meeting.
2. We had 2 new people attending the meeting this month, as a result of our club having a booth at the Woodworking Show in January. We welcome Frank Garber and Robert Perzan to our club.
3. We discussed the results of Woodworking show booth Jan. 11-13. It was a busy weekend. Thanks to those that helped (Murray, Chris & Terrie Ferris, Bill Brady, Steve Read). We could end up with several new members; 15 people signed the list at the booth, and many more have flyer for the club. I sent email to each person on list from our local area. The projects on our table and the demonstration of the scroll saws helped draw attention to our booth. We discussed possible options for re-arranging our display for the next show.
4. The purchase of a club banner for next show was discussed along with a possible design for the banner. The cost for a sign (from a shop in Westfield) would be $7.50/square foot; so a 2’X4’ banner would cost approximately $60, and a 2’X6’ banner would cost approximately $90. The attending members decided that a 2’ by 6’ banner would be the better size, and a one-time assessment would be the best method to cover the cost. Max, Murray and I will attempt to get the design elements together and get a final figure for the cost from the sign shop. I will let everyone know when we have the final cost estimate.
5. During the Woodworking Show, we met a puzzle maker, Saul Bobroff, from Beverly, MA. Saul makes some very intricate puzzles, and is a member of an international organization. He offered to come to one of our club meeting to talk about making puzzles and the international puzzle maker organization. The trip from Beverly, MA to Manchester, CT, would take a lot of time and be costly for gas, and the club should expect to pay for his travel expense. I will contact him and see if he is still willing, and discuss costs.
6. Also during the Woodworking Show, we met Peter Gedrys, a guilder (application of gold or silver leaf to various materials including wood) from East Haddam, CT. He has studio and gives lessons in guiding. A few of the members are interested in taking lessons. I will contact him to obtain more information.
7. There were a few projects for “show & tell”. Murray brought a seascape scrolled on a piece of beautiful laminated wood that he purchased at the Woodworking Show. Bill Brady brought a winter scene cut from several layers of plywood inset into a groove on the base. Bruce brought a beautiful wolf head design where he had filled the cutouts with colored polymer clay. Bruce explained the process he used to complete the project, which involves baking the project at 200 degrees in a bag in the oven. I brought a couple of cat fretwork projects, one was finished in water based lacquer that I recently purchased. I also brought the plans and a completed toy truck for the club charity project, and discussed the non-toxic finish used on the truck.
8. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2013.