



# The Orange County Scroll

January 2007

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## President's Message

Happy New Year 2007!!

What comes to your mind as you approach a new year? Resolutions? New beginnings? New opportunities?

I like to think that the New Year will bring great opportunities including advancement in my job, maybe some growth in my character, and even strength in my relationships. I also look forward to learning new things.

The new things I hope to do this year in the area of scrolling involve the art of intarsia, a project that needs to be assembled. I have mentioned these in a past column and have not tried them yet. So, all of you can be my conscience. Check in with me from time to time to see if I have made good on my commitment to try something new.

Don't forget to set some goals for yourself. Break a bad habit. Try something new. Relax more. Stress less. They say to not sweat the small stuff. I hope to do that also.

Some of the activities we are planning this year include our continuing series of presentations on the basics of scroll sawing which will be provided by numerous subject matter experts right here in the group. For example, Jim Steele has volunteered to teach as many sessions as desired in scroll saw fundamentals. Other experts available for our enrichment include Noel Keller, Ron Posten, Jerry Poole, Ken Upton, Larry Finger, and Lester Hann, to name just a few.

Happy New Year to everyone. Be healthy and happy.

President – Barb Schmit

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### Quick Tips to Improve Your Sawing (www.scroller.com)

- Make yourself comfortable before starting. Try sitting down at the saw instead of standing.
- Use a foot control, if possible. It allows you to keep both of your hands on the workpiece.
- Relax and let the blade do the work.
- Don't forget your safety glasses.
- Don't be afraid of making mistakes! "Mistakes" make each piece original.

## Upcoming Events

Ongoing - An opportunity to share your skills with families of our military is still available through the UNMETNEEDS Program. It is a program in which handmade picture frames are given to families of active military personnel. If you are interested, please contact Don Borchardt at (714) 962-6254 for more information.



Members are requested to bring one or more completed projects to be used for displays at shows. The projects will be stored at the OCSSA shed in Larry Olson's backyard. Please bring them to the January meeting.



Mental Children's School Project. Thanks to the six volunteers for cutting out ten names each and bringing them to the December Meeting. Don will distribute the names to the school, which will be decorated by the children and given to their parents for Christmas.

Toolbox for Shows: Barb Schmit purchased and started filling up a toolbox to be available for shows. Contributions are solicited.

Membership fees for this year can be paid now - \$30 - for year 2007 (Jan thru Dec). They can be paid anytime to Chris Davis (Treasurer).

Here are the details on the events planned for the 2007:

Event	Location	Dates
Woodworking Show	Ontario, CA	Feb 23-25, 2007
Woodworking Show	Pomona, CA	May 4-6, 2007
UNMETNEEDS Program	---	On-going
OC Fair	Costa Mesa, CA	July 2007

## December Presentation

Minutes. Meeting minutes for the December meeting will soon be available on the website: <http://www.ocssa.us/>.

OCSSA Clothing. At the September 2006 meeting, the membership decided to allocate funds to get our OCSSA logo digitized for embroidering on clothing from Keeping Score, in Orange. We can order clothing from their catalog. A link to the catalog is shown below. We can have an embroidered OCSSA logo put on anything in this catalog. This site is for selecting an item for adding the logo. If you are interested in buying an item, please contact the store directly at (714) 744-6376 (795 S Tustin St, Orange, CA 92866). They will need a credit card number to get started.

<http://www.companycasuals.com/keepingscorecustomletering/start.jsp>

Website Address Update. Jerry Poole is still being trained to take over the function of Webmaster in the near future. As of late September, our website has been changed to <http://www.ocssa.us/>. Make a note of this and tell all your friends!!

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Future topics. To satisfy the requests of members, we are planning to feature hands-on scroll sawing techniques by resident experts at every other meeting. Jerry Poole was the first demonstrator in September. The next demonstrator will present sometime soon, so please prepare questions in advance, to allow presenters time to prepare visual aids to answer the questions.



November Presentation: Follow-up on the request for replacement of new style lids with old style lids from Titebond Technical Service hotline at 1-800-347-4583. I called the hotline and they have exhausted their supply of 'old style lids', however, they sent me a dozen of the new lids, free of charge, so when the lid gets clogged, I can just replace it with a new one.

December Presentation. Dec. 14, 2006 was the OCSSA Christmas party complete with potluck dinner and the wrapped ornament gift exchange.

### December Christmas Party Photos



Carson Davis and Nancy Rigdon assemble the pot luck entrees



The Rigdons traveled from Idaho to attend the event.



John Rigdon gave Dalton and Ken some drawing tips....



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!!!



Larry's wreath (by Kathy Wise) was the most popular ornament at the exchange!

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It's munch time!



The food line was led by Dalton!



Jerry – I told you it's not time yet!



The wrapped handcrafted ornament gift exchange was enjoyed by all!

## January Tips

January's Tips are from the website: [www.scroller.com](http://www.scroller.com).

**Just For Beginners.** Scrolling is a great hobby. If you're just getting into it, keep these thoughts in mind and your enjoyment of the hobby will increase. Completing a project will always take longer than you think. Relax and have fun; it's the surest way to decrease cutting errors. And if you do make a mistake or two, don't point it out to anyone! You're the only one who knows how the pattern was supposed to look.

**Take Breaks When You're Cutting.** As your body fatigues, it affects your ability to keep pushing the wood directly into the front of the blade. Take frequent breaks to refresh your body and your mind.

**Placement of Blade Entry Holes.** When drilling blade entry holes, it is best to place them at a point or corner. If that is not possible, place entry holes as close as possible to your cutting line and not in the center of the waste area. You will save both time and wear and tear on your equipment if you place those entry holes close to your cutting line.

**Enlarging or Reducing Patterns.** Decide how large you want your finished pattern to be. Measure it exactly in either 10th of an inch or in millimeters. Then measure between the same points on the 100% (magazine) pattern. Divide the dimension you want by the 100% dimension to find the percentage of increase or decrease.

Examples:

A) The magazine's 100% pattern is 12.0" measured between two points. You want your new plan to be 16.0" between those two points. Divide the dimension you want (16") by the pattern as designed (12") =  $1.333 = 133\%$ . Copying the pattern at 133% will give you that pattern at the scale you want.

B) The 100% pattern is 252 millimeters. The size you want measures 191 millimeters between the same two points. 191 millimeters divided by 252 millimeters =  $0.758 = 75.8\%$  or 76% on your copier.

**An Alternative to Spray Adhesives.** Sometimes using spray adhesives is a hassle. They're a bit messy and getting the proper amount of adhesion can be a hit-or-miss affair.

An alternative is using a glue stick to attach the pattern paper to the wood. Avery makes a "Removable Glue STIC." The pattern peels off the wood with ease after you have finished making the cuts. These glue sticks can be found at most office supply stores.



## Toy Workshop – Toy Program

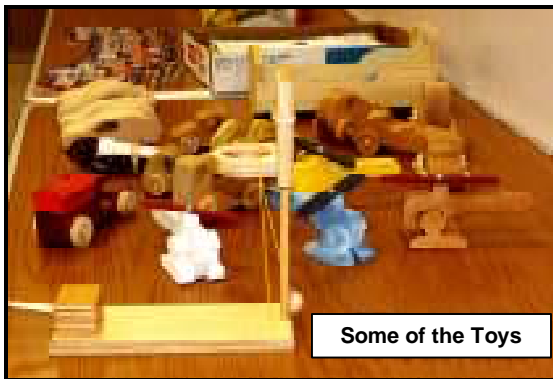
Carson Davis

I would like to report that the toys we made for 2006 have been distributed. They were boxed up and made ready for distribution during the first week of December. We passed them out to various organizations that work with children the week before Christmas. We distributed 357 toys. A big thank you goes out to all who helped with this project over the past year.

Organizations receiving Toys:

- a) World Vision in Ethiopia, Africa thru Don Borchardt's church
- b) Operation Smiles: Los Alamitos Joint Training Forces
- c) Halcyon
- d) Church of Hope
- e) Sheepfold
- f) Boys' & Girls' Town
- g) Eli Home
- h) Canyon Acres
- i) Cast

Again, I want to extend a special thanks to all who contributed their time & efforts for the toy program.



## January Presentation



The OCSSA meeting format consists of a Business Meeting and a special Program. This is the only time that Business discussions are conducted, so sometimes the Business portion of the meetings will require side meetings to be set up and handled at a later time. This is to ensure that the special Program does not get cut short.

January Meeting. Our own local Whirligig maker, Noel Keller, will present a special program. Noel refers to his craft as Twirly Gig Making.

## Item FOR SALE



Delta 28-206 1 HP 14" Professional Band Saw with Closed Stand (List Price: \$840.00-\$1008.28)

Band saw is assembled with mobile base, extra  $\frac{3}{4}$ " blade and magnetic work light and is located in Orange, CA. Band saw has seen very little use.

Asking Price: \$500.00. Contact Mark for more info at (949) 633-5306.

## Drawing/Door Prizes



Last Month. The December drawing was postponed until January. Door prizes were awarded to four lucky members: Barb Schmit, Edna Olson, David Ernest, and Don Borchardt.

Thank you all who brought in your scrolled ornaments. It was a brilliant display of talent shared with all.

This Month. The Drawing for January will include some surprises. Larry will also be giving away free Door Prizes just for coming, compliments of the Refreshments Jug.

### Pattern(s) of the Month

The patterns for January include a traditional SNOWMAN or a more useful hot stick. Pick one, size it like you want, and bring it to the meeting for a free ticket to the monthly drawing.



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The OC Scroll is sent out on the Saturday  
before the OCSSA meeting ... at the latest.

Any articles you wish to submit must be in  
my hands no later than the Tuesday before  
that date.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**WHERE?**

***TUSTIN SENIOR CENTER***  
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**WHEN?**

***GENERAL MEETING***  
Thursday January 11, 2007  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm



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