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The range County Scroll

Monthly newsletter for the Orange County Scroll Saw Association

MAY 2020

Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Update

In light of state orders and guidelines where mass gatherings are currently not allowed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Street Fair and Chili Cook-off scheduled for June 7, 2020 in Old Town Tustin will continue, but with a twist. “The Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-off organizing committee is hard at work on options to bring the Tustin community together with virtual components of the event that everyone can enjoy from their homes,” said Mayor Dr. Allan Bernstein. “We have a very creative staff and committee, and I’m confident that a modified version will showcase those innovative ideas.” The City of Tustin has a long history of working with local non-profits to bring the largest one-day chili cook-off to Orange County. With annual attendance records of 30,000 people and over 100 vendors, this will be the 36th year for the revised event. More details will be announced soon.



As per an email I received today from our contact at the city, this event has been **CANCELLED**. There will be some type of virtual format available for vendors that want to do some advertising on that day. I will forward the information to our Board. They will either refund our payment or we can use it for next year.



Show us Your Best

2020 San Diego County Fair

DESIGN IN WOOD

Thank you for being a part of the Design in Wood Competition community. Last week our Fair Board made the difficult decision to postpone the Fair to 2021 as our top priority is the safety of our exhibitors, Fair guests, and community.

While we will miss seeing you this year, we would look forward to seeing your creations in the 2021 competition. The 2021 entry materials and "Heroes Unite!" Fair Theme will remain the same with the exception of the dates so if you would like to plan next year's entries, please reference the 2020 materials.

Thank you for your time and loyalty to our exhibit - it's all because of you and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Sincerely,

Ed Gladney
Design in Wood Coordinator

Throughout the newsletter there will be pictures I received from members. Projects they are working on at home. .



Bert Halter



Larry Olson





Message to Our Guests About Cancellation of the 2020 OC Fair

The OC Fair & Event Center Board of Directors voted unanimously to cancel the 2020 OC Fair, one of the most anticipated and enduring summer celebrations in Southern California for 130 years.

The Board considered ongoing guidance and updated information from State and County health care and government officials about the status of the coronavirus pandemic and the improbability that mass gatherings like the OC Fair could safely and responsibly take place this summer.

OC Fair Competitions & Contests

Dear OC Fair Competition Participants,

We want to thank you and express our appreciation for supporting the annual OC Fair. Your participation is a big part of what makes it so great – this year we already had more than 660 competition entries! We value and respect your enthusiasm and talent, as well as the time you devoted to creating your entry.

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 OC Fair, we will issue a full refund to your original form of payment. There are many refunds that need processing. We are expediting them as quickly as possible and ask for your patience, support and understanding. Please contact Stephen Anderson at sanderson@ocfair.com with any questions regarding entries or refunds.

Please note: for all 2021 entries, we will honor (non-food) items made between 2018 and 2020.

We look forward to celebrating with you at the 2021 OC Fair!

Classified Ads

RBI HAWK SCROLL SAW. 22" throat. Variable Speed. \$200. Good Starter Saw or Second Saw to set up for specialty jobs like cutting Corian.

Contact Devon Day 562-335-3595



From Chuck Collins:

I was able to put smiles on the faces of the kids in the neighborhood by giving them a name badge with their names wood burned on a dolphin or a shark. I dropped a note in the parents mailbox explaining that if they would write out the names of their children and drop it in my mailbox, I would cut out a shark or a dolphin and wood burn the child's name on it. After receiving all of the names and making the name tags I dropped them in the parents mailbox, thereby keeping our social distancing. The kids loved them.

From Jim McGuire:

A lot of folks want to know or ask how to remove a paper pattern once you glue it to wood. One method I use is to spray the back of the pattern with 3M 77 spray. Put the pattern on the wood and rub it down well. After I finish cutting everything I use a foam brush and brush on a coat of mineral spirits and let it soak in. Give it a few minutes to soak. Than usually I am able to remove the pattern in one piece.

As an example attached is a photo of a Kobe Bryant pattern by Charles Dearing I cut and next to it is the paper pattern I removed. The paper pattern is just placed on a black background so you can see it in detail.



Update on the Happy Face Pins for Jim Stramer's Celebration of Life

By Devon Day

I sent pictures of the Happy Face Pins folks from our club are making to give out at Jim Stramer's Celebration of Life. Originally, that event was scheduled for April. At this point, Bonnie Stramer does not know when this will take place. We will let the club members know once that date is announced.

Bonnie appreciated the photos I took. I let her know that Larry Olson and Jerry Delmore did the cutting and that I am working on the sanding with some help from Don Borchardt. Mike Johnson will paint each face bright yellow. The last job is to glue the pin back to each Happy Face. Bonnie mentioned that when she goes out to Jim's shop she smiles when she sees all of the happy faces on many items in his shop. She said, "Our Family mantra is Be Happy."

I counted the happy faces today. I promised Bonnie 100 pins.

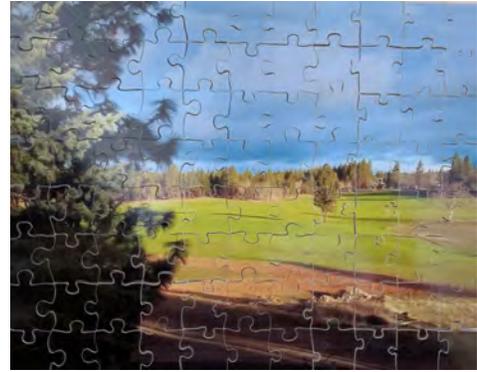
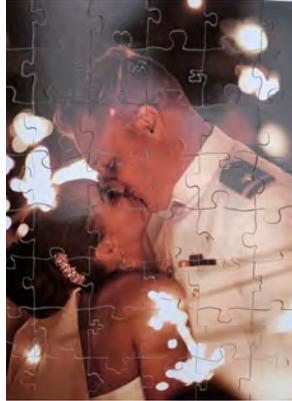
We have 143. I think it would be cool to add a pin to our club aprons in honor of Jim. I know for sure all the volunteers from the Toy Program will want them.

Update: Latest email from Devon shows the pins have been completed. Thanks to all that helped with this project.



From Barb Schmit:

I have made several puzzles. My nephew is in the US Navy, so I cut out U S N in 3 of the pieces on each of his puzzles.



From Dan Frembling:

Something that might be of interest to some of the members. Chaffey Community Museum of Art is an art museum in Ontario. It very often displays works of their members which I am. There is currently a room dedicated to just my Artwork. Hopefully it will reopen soon so people will be able to go.



From Michael Johnson:

It has been busy during this virus lockdown. We have the cleanest cabinets, closets, and flower beds and haven't run out of things to do yet. I have spent every day in my shop and I am not running out of wood working projects yet. I visited storage shed at Larry Olson's and brought some of the toy cars and trucks home to put on wheels and axles. I have also made some airplanes, helos, and race cars. My next project is basketball games. I am running out of storage space but maybe I can put some in the spare bedroom. HA HA I hope all of our members are well and not going stir crazy. WE WILL GET THRU THIS!



By Devon Day

I recently bought a pack of Angled Sanding Pads for my wood projects at home. Just like Steve Good, I'll buy anything that makes my sanding easier. My friend, Tony, borrowed my set to sand the molding in his sail boat. A few days later he bought me another pack. He was so impressed; he wanted to keep the ones he borrowed from me. His pictures show why these contoured sanding pads are so slick.

Today, it was my turn to clean the kitchen well. My husband and I divided all the weekly cleaning tasks up and rolled dice to determine who got which job. At the end of two weeks, we switch jobs. That's how much we love cleaning the house. We actually turned this into a game of chance. Anyway, getting back to cleaning the kitchen. Guess what? As I was spraying my bleach cleaner on the cupboard doors, my mind raced to the contoured sanding pads. I wrapped my cleaning cloth around the pad, and was able to clean the molding in my kitchen cupboard cabinets. Not only that, I was able to clean

parts of the microwave door that hadn't been cleaned this well in a while. The microwave door had a metal frame that was super hard to get to. The molded pads got right in there. These things are great. They cost about \$10.00 at Rockler. They help with both sanding your wood projects **and** cleaning the moldings in your house. Rockler is offering drive up pick up.



From recently retired, Allan Carter:



Larry Olson and Chuck Collins Continue Life Saving Surgery...on Scroll Saws.

By Devon Day

I recently acquired a used Excalibur scroll saw. The previous owner hesitated to sell it to me because he had noticed that after sitting a while in his shop, the saw made a pounding noise until it was warmed up.

I waved his concerns away and bought the saw.

When I got home, I set it up and noticed that the saw was really making a loud, pounding noise. As if I thought the noise would go away if I turned it off and restarted it (like a mysterious reboot), I turned it off and restarted it. The noise was still there. So, I made a video and emailed it to Chuck Collins. He talked me through a number of possible fixes. None of those worked. He told me to download the manual and order a new bearing for the engine. I made a mental note to do that the following day.

A few minutes later, Chuck called. He had an extra bearing. He told me to meet him at Larry Olson's the next day. We agreed on a time and hung up.

Larry and I carried the saw into his shop. Chuck arrived shortly after. The two old friends got to work. Systematically they checked every screw, set screw, bolt, and angle to assess the problem.

The noise was definitely coming out of the motor. Chuck made a quick call to Ray Seymour, the owner of Seyco. Ray lives and operates out of Rockwell, TX. He has had years of experience with scroll saws. Ray sold Excalibur years ago. Larry, Chuck and Ray have known each other for years. They discussed the problem and Ray made good suggestions. Larry and Chuck looked down at my new (used) saw and got to work. They removed the motor from the saw and checked washers, replaced the bearing, and reassembled the saw. The noise disappeared at low speeds and at high speeds. They followed Ray's last suggestion and disassembled the motor and added grease to the washers on either side of the bushing to the side of the motor. At first the saw still sounded rough. Larry got a twinkle in his eye and revved up the saw. It sounded smooth, really smooth. He lowered the speed and the knocking came back. He revved it up again and it ran

smooth. He lowered the speed and ... it ran smooth. All three of us stood there staring. Up with the speed, down with the speed. Smooth.

What had happened? We concluded the grease from the washers had finally lubricated the knocking parts.

If your saw is running rough, it is totally worth having the saw surgeons, Chuck and Larry, take a look at your saw. Having witnessed the process, the job was totally a two-man job. Fortunately, these two guys work like brothers. They have repaired so many saws; they have a mental check list of what to do next. They charge a nominal fee to repair a scroll saw. If you need help, reach out to them.



OCSSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14	Monthly Meeting - Cancelled
May 22	Toy Workshop - 8:00 a.m. Rockler - Cancelled
June 5 - July 5	San Diego Fair - "Heroes, Unite!" is the theme for 2020 - Cancelled
June 7	Tustin Chili Cook-off and Street Faire - Stay tuned for information
June 11	Monthly Meeting - Election of Officers
June 26	Toy Workshop - 8:00 a.m. Rockler
July 9	Monthly Meeting
July 17 - Aug 16	Orange County Fair - "All for Fun" is the theme for 2020 - Cancelled
July 24	Toy Workshop - 8:00 a.m. Rockler

I hope May finds you in good health. I can say I am in good health, or at least I have not been impacted by the Covid. I know, as I am sure you do, it is a lot of work to stay healthy. It can be lonely too, at times; it is tough not seeing family and friends, even though they are less than stone's throw away. It is hard to believe that May will be the third month without a club meeting.

Due to this, I would like to remind you we will still have our elections in June. More details will be in the next newsletter and there will be information on how we will vote, should there not be a meeting. Until then, send me your recommendations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Until we meet again I wish you, your family and friends all good health and many happy hours of scrolling and enjoying what you do.
Willie Ellis, Secretary

VOTE *in June*

OCSSA Officers

President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary
			
John Howe	Devon Day	LaVaun Ward	Willie Ellis

OCSSA Volunteers

Membership	Mentoring	Toy Program	Toy Program	Website
				
Barb Schmit	Larry Olson	Jerry Delmore	Gary Tennison	Bob Evins

Sharpening 101, Words of Wisdom

Paul Sellers has a YouTube series on all kinds of wood working topics. In his video about how to sharpen new, but not expensive chisels, he has these words of wisdom. Start flattening the back of the chisel by beginning with 150 grit wet and dry sandpaper on a flat surface like tempered glass, moving up the grit levels to 400, 800, 1200, and maybe 2000. He says a lot of viewers say that you should continue up to 20,000 or 30,000 grit. He says that is, "Codswallop." For more words of wisdom, check out: <https://youtu.be/GN4yr7vp4I4>



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Next Meeting:

**To be announced
1955 N. Tustin Street
Orange, CA 92865**

**6:00 pm
Mentor's Corner**

**7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Regular Meeting**

The Orange County Scroll Saw Association meets every second Thursday of the month. Our purpose is to promote, teach and share in the fun and fellowship of scroll sawing. Our club is open to all who have an interest in scroll sawing and at all skill levels from beginner to expert.

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