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GARDEN STATE MARQUETRY SOCIETY PLUS

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Highlights from our March 7th, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was opened by John Truskowski. Seven new guests were in attendance.

Woodworking Equipment belonging to the club is available to be borrowed. Please take care of it. Currently, the Club's scroll saws are being refurbished.

Dues for 2009 Season are now due. Dues are \$10 per person, includes spouse.

Newsletter: If anyone has articles or information that they would like to have included in the newsletter, please contact: Helen Hoefele.

Library: Four new videos were purchased at the Show for our Club's library.

Comments about the Wood Show:

- We are looking into getting badges or Exhibitor nametags & shirts for next time.
- We should bring chairs/stools & replacement bulbs for cutting equipment next time.
- Tip: When buying equipment at the show, stay away from lower-end/cost items, which can become "recipes for frustration".
 Dewalt is the best recommended scrollsaw.
- Need more screens to hang things next time.

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Demonstration on "Basic Marquetry":

There are a lot of different ways to do Marquetry: scroll saw; fret saw; chisel; scissors; or knife method.

John T. demonstrated the "plywood sandwich" cutting method, by stacking veneers between Baltic birch. (For a four-color picture, stack five veneers). Tape or pin edges of stacked pad together. Affix pattern printed on Wonderpaper (easy to remove). Use a perfectly straight scroll saw blade (no angle cutting). Follow the pattern lines. All five sheets are cut at the same time...always cut one extra sheet in case some color combinations aren't ideal. Edge-glue the cut veneers together. Turn upside down on wax paper; place wax paper between all five sheets. Put a weight on stack till dry. Turn around to back. Make your filler from sawdust & glue to fill in any gaps. Sand it, but don't sand into the veneer. Use wood glue to attach veneer to your base.

Larry discussed equipment used for the "knife cutting method". Glue your pattern onto the largest background veneer (use Elmer's glue or rubber cement or glue stick). Use X-acto knife

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Upcoming Meetings: In 2009: April 4th; May 2nd; June 6th

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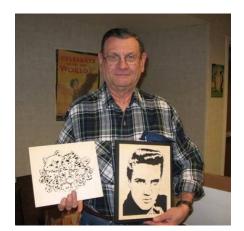
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"Show & Tell" Projects from Our March 7th Meeting



Henry Buccino - Elvis, Kittens & Roses Scroll Saw



Ethel Autorino -Miniature Musicbox



John Goetz -Oval Scroll Saw Plaques



Marty Schwartz - Abstract Bird & Cow Bone Carving



Bob Lewis - Dragon Puzzle



Billy Vivona - Foam Inlay for Fishing Rods



Pat Miles - Dog & Lion Intarsia



Pete Laudati- Spoon Carving



John Liska's Son - Fish

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with #11blade on a self-healing cutting board. Frequently sharpen your blade on a sharpening stone and a leather honing board (can be self-made). When knife tips snap off, sharpen tip using edge of cutting stone. Sharpen each side of the blade with the same number of strokes. When cutting veneers, for angles use a stab cut. Straight cuts are easier. Drag your knife blade on the edge of a candle as a lubricant for smoother cutting. Use tweezers to put small pieces in place.

Go home, try it, and come back with questions for the next meeting!

Future Presentations: Anyone who wants to present in the future, let us know.

Demonstration Pictures











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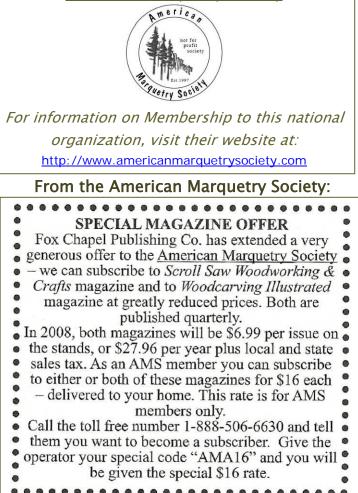


Join us at our upcoming meetings: April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th. Location: The Monmouth County Library on: 125 Symmes Rd, in Manalapan, NJ You can find Directions online at: <u>http://gsmsplus.com/meeting_info.php</u>

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