

ACES Seminar Outline

These types of demos are what will get the next generation of scrollers excited in to becoming members of S.A.W. This introduction removes much of the mystery of this very old hobby, fear of cutting with a scrollsaw, and makes getting started faster or easier for the inexperienced user.

Explain a little about who you are and how you became involved in being there to talk to the group about scrollsawing.

Remember to point out that this is an inexpensive hobby to start into as far a woodworking goes. This would be a great hobby for the youths and parents to get involved in together. If there are younger siblings in the home this is a great way for the older ones to cut and the younger ones will have items to paint. Turn it into a family hobby.

Age has no barring on ones ability to use a scrollsaw; seniors and youths alike can enrich their lives with this hobby. Grandparents cutting items for the grandkids to paint, supplementing their income with sales of items, and a hobby that reduces the stress of daily life.

Show the enclosed video.

If possible it would be nice to have a saw there that you could make a few simple cuts on. Maybe give a few of the attendees a chance to scroll with a hands on approach.

You will need to prepare some wood with patterns already attached for this. Use very simple patterns like hearts, stars, crosses, or maybe even a simple logo of the group you are speaking to. These are beginners and so their cutting skills may be a little poor. You want something they can complete in less than 10 minutes and take home with them. The "Look at what I did today" enthusiasm is what you are hoping to spark into action.

Answer questions about scrolling. Maybe include the minimum cost to get a saw and start.

If you would be willing and time available does not allow hands on, offer to meet with smaller groups and do more hands on type showing. This may include your entire scrollsaw club support to allow time and supplies for each participant to actually saw.