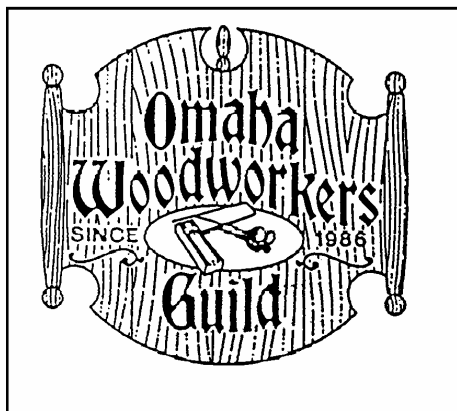


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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN .....by  
Rick Froehlich

### THINKING ABOUT SCROLL SAW'S

Scroll Saw's, are one of those woodworking machines, that you either love or hate!

Personally, I love them! .....Why!...Cause their FUN! Also, one of the most used power tools in my shop. Today's Scroll Saw's have come a long way since my youth, where you heard the thing being called a "Jig Saw". When I was about ten years old. I received a Jig Saw for my birthday. I couldn't wait to cut some fancy curves with it and make some real neat stuff! I soon found out that the thing about vibrated to piece's and could only cut thin Pine and other soft woods. After awhile, I lost interest in this contraption! Now race ahead several decades and bad experiences with bad Jig Saw's, to the age of the.....SCROLL SAW!!

Scroll Saw's are a far cry from the day of the Jig Saw! In most cases, they are fairly quite, cut those fancy or sharp curves easily and with a little practice and patience, anyone can learn to use one, in no time! As I've stated before and truly believe! You have to look at today's wood-working tools and all tools in general, like Fishermen look at all the latest fishing aids and Lures on the market. "Is the thing going to catch fish...or catch the Fisherman"!

Modern marketing tells us that we absolutely need this or that! Usually, with a hefty price tag! The same is true of the array of Scroll Saw's! Today, one can spend hundreds of dollars and up past the two thousand dollar mark for a Scroll Saw. These high end saw's are beauties, with all the "Whistles and Bells", and Master Scroller, Bill Knothole from TV recommends you buying one..Today! .....WHOA! I want to cut

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## TREASURER'S REPORT...

Ending Balance 12/31/05  
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K.G.

### *New Programs are being scheduled now!*

Do you have an idea for a program you  
would like to see or present?  
Give Jim Dalen a call at 933-6607 or  
email him at [jdalen@cox.net](mailto:jdalen@cox.net)

## President's Column from page 1.....

wood, not drive it away .Let's look at a few things first! What type of scroll cutting, do I want to do? What types of wood? Soft or Hardwoods, thick or thin? Going to do a lot of Fretwork or mostly edge cutting? And, how much money do I want to spend?

Generally speaking, most of the modern Scroll Saw's on the market today, will do most of the jobs their intended, to some degree. When I bought my last and current Scroll Saw. I didn't want to spend a lot of money on one, just in case I didn't like scrolling, as much as I thought I would. I still had the "Jig Saw" troubles in mind! I wanted a saw that I could easily change blades and be an adjustable stroke speed type. The one I settled for had all of the above and at a price under \$200. The manufacture was a reputable maker....Dremel! I don't want to turn this story into a commercial for their company, but this little Scroll Saw has cut dozens of Intarsia items for me out of both soft woods to Rock Maple with ease and hundreds of smaller items without a hitch! I've had the chance of trying the upper end machines, but think my little machine cuts and works, just as good. I highly recommend this machine for anyone thinking about trying their hand at scroll sawing! Yes, there are a lot of factors like blade size, speed setting and material being cut. Remember, all those fancy lures, don't always catch fish! But the old fisherman with the biggest stringer .....probably caught his fish on less costly bait! So if you ever wanted to try scrolling-give it a try! Several OWG members will be glad to help....

JUST CALL OUT!

RF

## **2006 OWG DUES ANNOUNCEMENT!**


**The Membership Chairman, Gene Kathol, is now excepting 2006 OWG dues!**

Please remember that dues are now \$30.00 a year and a membership form must be filled out and sent with your check. All members are also asked to fill-out one of the OWG Liability Waiver Forms, starting in 2006. If you haven't already picked-up one of the (yellow) Liability Waiver Forms at one of our past meetings. You may do so at the February OWG meeting. By filling out these forms and turning them in with your dues payment it makes sure, that our Guild records keep accurate.....As usual, you may also pay your dues at our regular February meeting!

**Dues can be sent to:** Omaha Woodworkers Guild c/o Gene Kathol, 13423 Corby Circle, Omaha, Nebraska 68164


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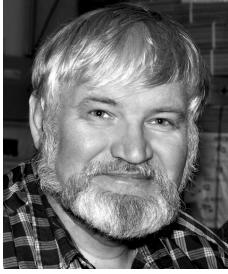
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### *VICE-PRESIDENT'S LETTER...*

Thanks to Walt Strain our professional looking newsletter continues to be available to members and non-members alike. I enjoy visiting the internet sites of other woodworking guilds to see their ideas and projects. A GOOGLE search for "woodworking guild" results in about 400,000 matches. One site I find interesting is the Vancouver Island Guild site.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Feb 21st meeting to get some tried and proven sharpening tips from Albert Peterson. Several other members will demonstrate various sharpening methods and equipment during the March meeting. Mastering a sharpening method is an essential step in woodworking. Another key item on the Feb 21 agenda is discussion of two possible meeting locations. There seem to be advantages and disadvantages to each choice so your opinion is needed.

#### Workshop Tip

Accurately sized dowels may be easily made in your shop by constructing and using a Dowel Plate. A piece of steel about 6" X 1.5" X ¼" will provide space for 4 or 5 dowel sizes. Drill the desired size holes such as ¼, 5/16, 3/8 & ½" through the steel plate. Leave the edges of the exit side of each hole sharp and mount the plate to a hardwood block about 10 X 3 X 2. Mount the plate with the sharp edges exposed and drill each size hole through the block and then enlarge each hole so the completed dowel will pass easily. Roughly shape and taper the scrap material prior to driving the scrap piece through the steel plate and through the block.

### *SECRETARY'S REPORT...*

The January meeting of the Omaha Woodworkers Guild was attended by 37 members, including their wives. There were also two guests, Frank and Tom.

Rick talked with the group regarding the search and change of our meeting location. There was also discussion as to what to do with the club's library.

Members were reminded that 2006 dues are due, and that they can be mailed in.

We had the chili feed and treats that had been originally scheduled for November. About 6 members brought items for Show and Tell. There was also a drawing for door prizes. The meeting adjourned about 8:40.

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