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Upcoming Events

The next meeting is;
January, 2024 date and time to be discussed at the December Meeting.

Workshops

The next Saturday workshop at Chuck Passaro's will be in January 2024. Details will be emailed.

Meeting Report: The meeting was opened at 6:45 PM by our President, Eric Marshall. Seventeen members attended. No guests at this meeting. Tom provided the Treasurer's report.

As we arrived at the Library to set up the room, Eric was advised by the Library Management tonight and going forward we will need to be out of the room by 8 pm (2000) no exceptions. Options were discussed (see inside).

Tech Sessions are an important part of our meetings. Members are asked to suggest topics that they can present. A recent survey has been sent via email. More to follow.

Next Tech Session

The January 2024 Tech Session is scheduled to be "Exploring the Sunken Canal Boats of Seneca Lake" by Al Cohn. There is no Tech session scheduled for the December meeting.

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Meeting Options

Since the third meeting of SMSNJ in 1986 (then Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey) we meet the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Milburn Library. We typically met until almost 10 pm. Eventually, the meetings had to be ended by 9, so we started earlier. One April, I think about ten years ago, we were informed that we no longer could meet in the Library. We meet outside, and discussed where to go. Not long after, member Ken Schuetz suggested that we meet in Roseland. Although the Library at the time closed at 9, they offered to allow us to stay longer. It was a great relationship as they actually liked having us and were very flexible. Then Covid happened. For some time we had to switch to virtual only meetings. After about a year and a half, the Library opened again but they changed their closing time to 8 pm. However, they allowed us to stay later and lock up. Interestingly, when we left, the cleaning staff was there to lockup anyway. We accommodated the earlier time by starting our meetings at 6:45 pm. Rather than 7:30.

All of this changed last meeting when we were informed that we had to be out of the building by 8 PM. That left all of one hour and fifteen minutes for our meetings. That is simply not workable. Starting earlier is not feasible considering members that have a day job and rush hour traffic. So, we will need to make other arrangements. This was discussed at the meeting with options ranging from meeting at some other library, staying in Roseland and moving to a different day, meeting in a members house etc. To assist in that decision it was agreed that we survey the SMSNJ membership. The survey was prepared by Eric and recently emailed. We plan to discuss the survey results at the December Virtual meeting understanding that turnout may be light because the meeting is the day after Christmas. While the plan is being formed, and to give us a bit more time, Tom Ruggiero has offered that the January and February meetings could be held at his home on a Saturday morning (third Saturday of the month). We will discuss that plan at the December meeting.

As happened when we left Milburn, we will get through this situation.

BOOKS
AND PUBS

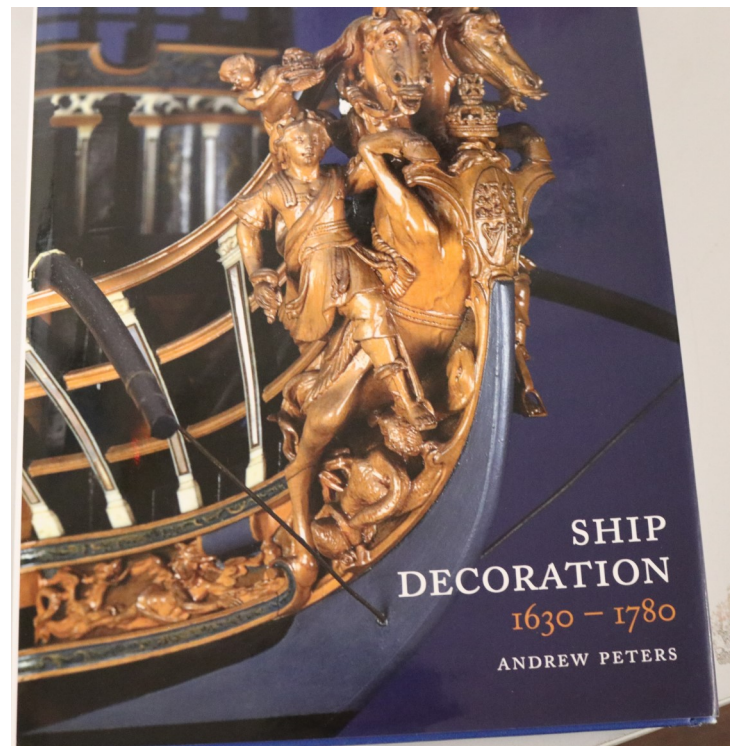


Ship Decoration 1630-1780

Andrew Peters, 2013, Seaforth Publishing

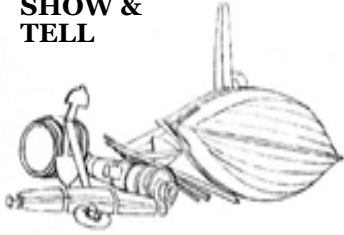
Eric passed around the beautiful book on Ship carving. The author is a wood carver himself and this book researches various styles of the elaborate ornamentation of various vessels during the period of 1630-1780. After that time, while carving was still done on British ships, it was toned down quite a bit.

The book does give a good summary however, it is not an instructional for ship modelers. Still, it is a handsome book and reasonable reference.



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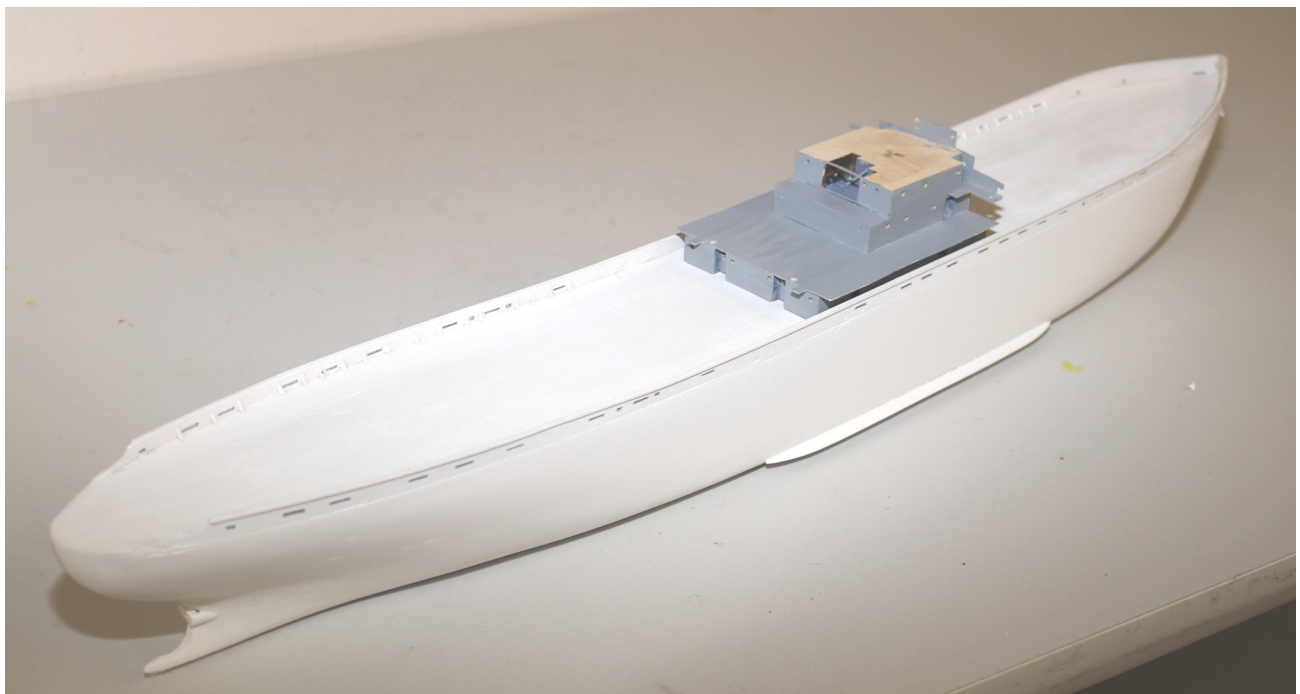
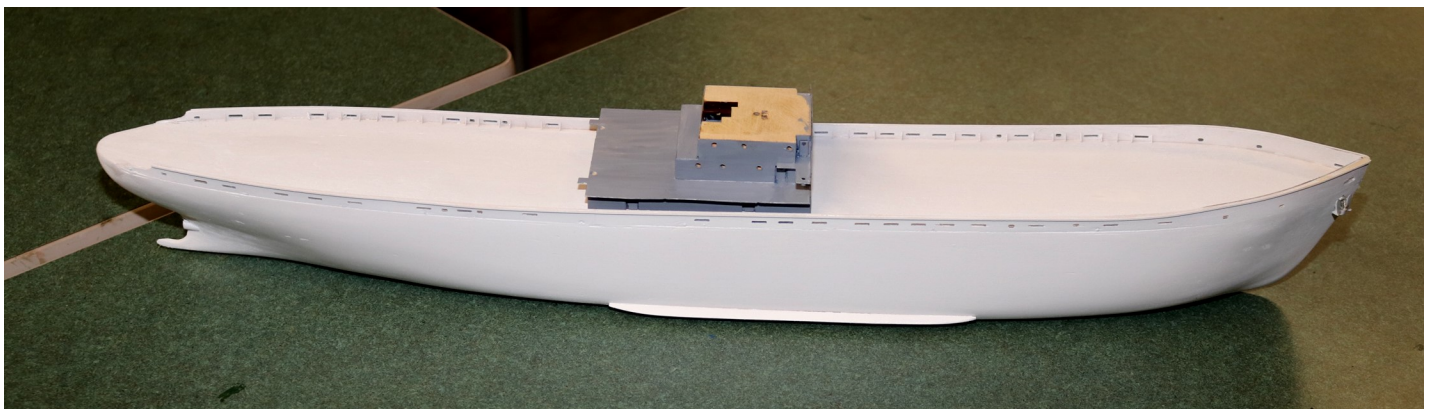


Liberty Ship, US, 1942

Scale 1:192, Bluejacket Kit

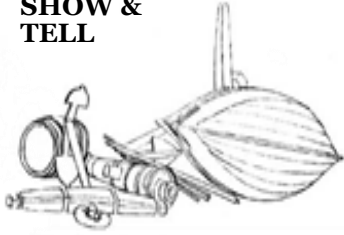
Chris Scornavacca

Chris has not started on his next model; a Liberty Ship from the Bluejacket kit. This is a solid hull kit. Chris has finished carved, sanded and primed the hull. He has trial fitted the superstructure. He will finish it in its World War II configuration. These ships were modular built by Kaiser to a British Steamer design. Good looking model and he started it three weeks ago.



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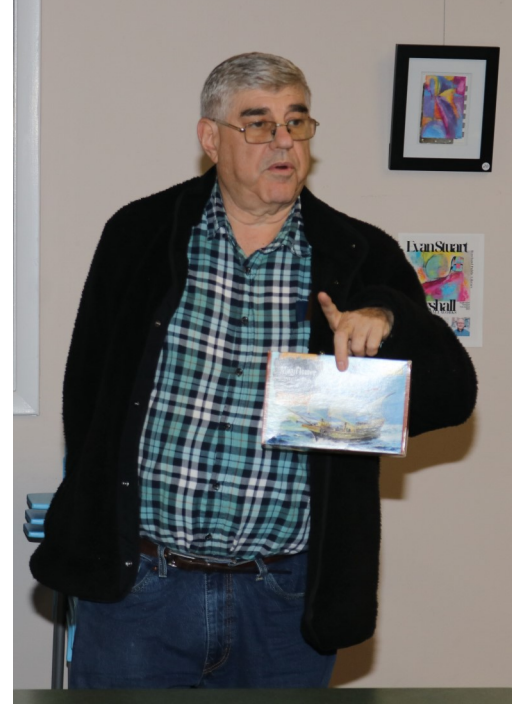


Mayflower, English 1620

Scale 1:250, Lindberg Kit

Mason Logie

Mason's next project is this Lindberg plastic kit of the Mayflower. His interest in her comes from a descendent who sailed on the Sea Venture to Jamestown. A article cataloging the information that Mason found will be in a future Broadaxe.



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Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:45 PM, at the Roseland Free Public Library, 20 Roseland Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey. Guests are always welcome.

Contributions to *The Broadaxe* are always welcome, and SMSNJ members are encouraged to participate. Articles, shop hints and news items may be submitted directly to the Editor as typed manuscript or electronic files, either on discs or by email. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

The Broadaxe is edited by Tom Ruggiero. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Please submit them to Steve Maggipinto at trugs@comcast.net.

If any member would like an email copy of the roster, please drop a note to Tom Ruggiero at the email address listed below. If there is an error in the roster let Tom know and the roster will be amended. Please make sure that your spam filter is not blocking emails from Tom because if it is, you won't get member bulletins. Please keep your contact information up to date. Your email address is particularly important because that is the main avenue of communication for club announcements. In case of emergencies such as last-minute cancellations due to weather, emails will be sent to the members. Direct All Correspondence to Tom Ruggiero.

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