

# All From Just Toothpicks

*Toothpick Models of Early 20th Century Ocean Liners  
and Ships from the Age of Sail  
by Folk Artist Wayne Kusy  
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## **Toothpick ocean liner builder Wayne Kusy travels to Italy to see the work of Ocean Liner builder Ivan Pedersoli**

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On November 20th toothpick artist Wayne Kusy will be in Boario Terme in Brescia Italy to see the work of famous model ocean liner builder Ivan Pedersoli. Like Kusy, Pedersoli also builds large scale early 20th century ocean liners from wood. Also like Kusy, his ships are carefully painstakingly researched with deckplans and mechanical drawings, and built to the smallest detail. This attention to detail has over the years earned Pedersoli a craftsman artist reputation through out the local Italian media. He also builds repairs real vintage boats. Discovered on Facebook, Kusy was so impressed he had to view these liners for himself and praise Pedersoli's skill personally. Together, they are keeping these old relics of a bygone era alive.

Both Wayne Kusy and Ivan Pedersoli have a passion for the historic beauty of ocean liners. They both were transfixed by the legend of the Titanic which lead them to build large scale replicas for the public to see. They both love the detail of these magnificent ships. They are both inspired by their historic relevance. They both exhibit their ships to the public frequently in their native counties and hope to use their common bond to display their work internationally.

Wayne Kusy is an internationally acclaimed folk artist who builds large scale models of ocean liners between 1895 and 1950 from toothpicks. What started as a 5th grade art project, over time earned him world wide recognition for his unique work that incorporates, folk art, history, dedicated craftsmanship and extreme attention to detail. His liners are recreated from actual deck plans, blue prints and mechanical drawings of the real subjects. They are often built in sections to better move from his apartment.

His recent work, the 1939 SS America at 14 feet in length, took nearly 3 years, 372,000 toothpicks, 10 gallons of glue makes his 7th ship to his fleet. Next ship will be the German liner SS Bremen 1929.