

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meeting
Usually the fourth Wednesday (Meeting location on the last page of the Newsletter)

February 22nd
 March 22nd
 April 19th 3rd wk , Tentative
 May 17th 3rd wk
 June 28th.
 July 29th Auction

DPWW Board Meeting
Usually the 1st. Mon. of the Month

St James Church, Glen Ellyn

March 6th, St. James
 April 3rd, St. James
 May 1st, St. James
 June 5th, St. James

Activity

Open

Program

February 22 Dave Pepalis Jigs and Fixtures

March 22 United Gilsonite Laboratories with Zar Finishes

April 26 Chris Yonkers will present a program on the use of hand tools

From the President's Corner



Peter D'Attomo

Peter is enjoying sunny Arizona this week, so I am reporting in his place. We are off to an exciting start for 2017. Membership has reached a record high 180 people. We have had two tours of exceptional shops already this year, thanks to Lee Nye and Dave Pepalis. The number of From Our Workshop projects in January was also exceptional. Thanks to the AV team for providing the fantastic audio and video this year. We have plans to add cameras and a video switch to have a better view of both demonstrations on stage and FOW examples. Your participation in buying

tickets for door prizes has enabled us to increase the value of the prizes. It was very nice to see that we had a half dozen new attendees in January and a few additional memberships. We really appreciate all the help from members in setting up and tearing down, making coffee, providing cookies, and most of all volunteering for board and committee responsibilities. Your efforts really make the club run.

One new initiative this year is to have a designated greeter to meet new people visiting our club, make them feel welcome, and inform them of the benefits available. We rotate this responsibility with each meeting. Rich Rossio has volunteered to greet for February, so please be sure to guide any new people you meet to Rich. Please let Peter know if you would like to greet. It is fun and really helps to make the club more friendly.

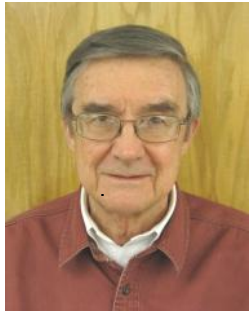
We try to have the primary speaker on the podium by 8:00PM so please adjust your FOW explanations to the number of presenters. Please be concise when the FOW table is extra full.

The club video you saw in January has been well received with ~ 300 views on YouTube so far. Thanks for sharing it with a broader audience.

February Door Prizes

Door Prizes for the February General Meeting are as follows:

- Porter Cable ½" Drill Driver & ¼" Impact Driver Kit.
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- 10gal/5HP Shop-Vac with attachments.
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- Abranet – 30 Piece Assortment 2.75"X5.0" Sanding Sheets.
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- Bruce Kinney Prize Chairman



Jerry Johnson

Secretary's Report Board Meeting – February 6, 2017

Dave Brearley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mike Kalscheur, Rich Rossio, Bruce Kinney, Lee Nye, Ed Buhot, Mark Wieting, Bert LeLoup, Mike Perry, Howard Peterson, Rick Ogren, and Jerry Johnson. Reminder: Any club member is invited to attend board meeting

The January minutes and treasurer's report were approved. Lee proposed reducing the amount of detail to be presented to the general meeting. The board approved as more detail is always available at the board meetings to which members are always invited. Lee also said the audit was nearly complete and things looked fine. He complimented Mike on the amount of detail contained in new member signup data as that had been a recommendation for improvement in past audits. The board added its thanks as well. Bruce Kinney, Tom Perry, and Bill Schwartz make up the committee.

Committee Reports

Membership – Membership has reached 180 per Mike. At the current time there are 34 members who have not renewed their membership for 2017.

Prizes – Bruce reported that door prizes are in hand for February and March. The committee has continued to increase the value of the door prizes. L & R Collectibles contributed a large assortment of Abranet material for one February door prize.

Publicity – Mark will prepare a note on the club video for submission to the Suburban Life paper.

Toys – A brief discussion centered on the need for a lead person for the toy program.

From Our Workshop – Howard requested feedback on how the FOW segment went in January. General comments were very favorable. It was suggested he might want to show the prizes at the beginning of the segment. He also plays an important role in time management for the first half of the meeting.

Activities – Rich and Mark have a shop visit scheduled for February 11. Dave Pepalis will host.

Programs – For February, Rich has Dave Pepalis ready to speak on jigs and fixtures he created to help with his guitar-making hobby. A representative of ZAR finishes will speak in March.

Audio/Visual – There was a discussion of how much the

audio portion of the A/V improved after our acquisition of upgraded equipment. It was the feeling of the group that the video could be improved substantially as well. Peter D'Atomo has discovered some economical components that should enable significant improvement. The board authorized expenditure up to \$700 for the A/V committee working with Peter.

Old Business

-Ed has reserved the Bohemian Crystal for the holiday party to be held Wednesday, 6:00 to 9:00 pm, December 13, 2017.

-Mike Perry received congratulations from the board for the audio/visual portion of the January meeting.

-The club video has received well over 200 views on YouTube. Unfortunately it has generated a few negative comments about the lack of safety equipment in the table saw segment. While that is commonly done in instructional videos as well as in many shops the board decided that the video will need to be modified to add the recommended safety items to equipment. Although many people use a table saw without a riving knife and/or blade guard, it is not something the club can endorse even implicitly. Mark will analyze the various alternatives and will facilitate the adjustments.

-Discussion of the proposal to use email addresses that wouldn't change with changes in the office holders led to a decision to continue with it for the president but not the other office holders. With the exception of the Membership Chair the volume of email did not warrant the extra work of setting it up and transferring the owner each year. Mike, the current membership chair, preferred to continue the existing process.

-The Greeter trial went well at the January meeting and Ed will serve in February. He will start the evening at the name tag table to assure that the guests receive a name tag.

New Business

-An idea to modify the club work bench to hold audio/visual equipment was discussed and, after hearing several horror stories about theft in very secure locations, it was turned down.

-A discussion on removing the "commission work & member specialties" was deferred.

The meeting adjourned about 8:15 p.m.

Jerry Johnson, Secretary



MEMBERSHIP

The Club had 4 new members join within the past month.

Please welcome new member **Kevin Loewe** from Elk Grove Village. Kevin learned about the club from another member. Kevin has woodworking experience with CNC fabrication.

Mike Kalscheur

Please welcome new member **Ray Johnson** from Joliet. Ray learned about the club from a relative who noticed the Club's Toys drive in a local newspaper, and Ray likes to build toys.

Please welcome new member **Jim Scudder** from Elmhurst. Jim enjoys building furniture and also heard about the Club from the Toys drive story in the local paper.

Please welcome new member **Jim Vary** from Wheaton. Jim enjoys making toys and also heard about the Club from the Toys drive story in the Glen Ellyn Sun newspaper.

REMINDER:

If you have not yet renewed your club membership for the 2017 year by February 28th, your name will be removed from the Club's membership list. The annual \$25 dues can be paid (cash or check) at the February 22nd club meeting. Alternatively, send a check (payable to Dupage Woodworkers) to Mike Kalscheur at 26W071 Durfee Rd. Wheaton, IL 60189. Please include the membership renewal application form you should have already received in the mail. If necessary, update any changes in your contact information on the form. If you do not have your renewal application form and your contact information has not changed, sending only a check will suffice.

COMING WOODWORKING EVENT

Milwaukee Woodworking Show 2017
 10 Mar 2017 - 12 Mar 2017
[Wisconsin Exposition Center](#)
[West Allis](#)

January Door Prize Winner



Bruce Kinney...Mike Perry ...Ken McLaren

...TOYS...



Stan Anderson

Toys February Du Page Woodworkers

For the January meeting we had issued 4 baggies of wheels and axles to be used to make wheeled toys for our annual toy program. Those baggies each have 40 one inch wheels and axles. That will make 40 wheeled vehicles. Some what a slow start for this years toy

drive. But than it is only January.

For February we will have a sampling of toys to make. Including plans and pattern available for them. All the membership has to supply is some scrap wood and your hidden talents to complete the job.

The samples shown at each meeting are only ideas to stimulate your own designs. Try it, it's not hard. Some suggestions may be pull toys, keeper boxes and large puzzles.

Now is the time during these cold wintry evenings to put your woodworking talents to work. Keep those chips flying and lets make this another toy year.

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Mark Wieting

Programs

Stairs and school of woodworking explained

At the club's January meeting, David Coulthard discussed his new Midwest Woodworking School and his "day job," building custom stairs in residences in Chicago and the suburbs.

A woodworker even before he became an apprentice at age 16, Coulthard has spent his life working in wood and has several certificates and designations to show for it. Yet, he says, "There is so much in woodworking. I learn things all the time. You can never know it all."

Holding up a copy of *A Treatise on Stairbuilding and Handrailing*, the "Bible" of stair builders, he said the section on the geometry of curving handrails and staircases challenges even math majors. And the book was written in 1900! He brought a sample staircase—four steps high, cut in cross section—to demonstrate the relationship between treads and risers and how they are joined. He said precision is extremely important: "If you are off on the risers by 1/16th of an inch, and you have 18 risers, you're off by more than an inch when you get to the top. That's a real problem." He said in one project he built, the risers measured 7 31/32nds inches. "You lose money when you make mistakes so you have to get it right the first time."

He showed photos of a class at his Midwest Woodworking School in Des Plaines, which offers classes for beginners to more advanced woodworkers, emphasizing hand tools. His partner, Douglas Ward, also spoke and invited club members to come by the school and to consider what courses would be of interest, or what courses club members might be interested in teaching.

Coulthard answered numerous questions from the club members, from bending handrails, to where he buys his mill work, to finishing ["I leave that to the floor guys or the painters. I do the construction and that's enough!"]



Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the meetings! Thanks to those who pitched in at the Last meeting

Anyone is welcome to make coffee. Just arrive a little after 6:00 and join the fun with others preparing coffee, cookies, and cleanup after

Shop visit recap

Lee Nye's Shop

About 25 club members toured club treasurer Lee Nye's Naperville shop on Jan. 29. Lee builds all kinds of things—he showed an arts and crafts coffee table at the January club meeting, plus a stage for American Girl dolls—but his more complicated projects include 17th Century furniture, including a Boston block front chest and a Philadelphia slant-top secretary desk that grace his home [and which are featured in the new club video]. His shop comprises two rooms in his basement, one dominated by a chop saw and a table saw, fence and extensions, plus a complicated dust-removal system. He has numerous other power and hand tools as well as numerous jigs and other helpers in his construction process, all arranged with the skill of the engineer Lee is. Many of us in attendance took home some great ideas about work flow and such essentials as push sticks that really work. An additional treat was seeing the photos of Lee's wife, Marcia, an accomplished photographer.



Du Page Members enjoying the shop tour



Shop visit recap

Feb. 11th. was the other great shop tour this Month. Past President Dave Pepalis opened his basement shop to club members.

Dave has been involved in "hobby" woodworking of various types for over 40 years. Most of his work has been of a practical nature involving cabinetry and furniture building and repair. In 2006 a friend talked him into building an archtop guitar and for about 6 years he continued building various stringed instruments and also repairing and modifying guitars for clients. He's had the opportunity to assist a few new woodworkers with building instruments including guitars, a mandolin and a ukulele. Because this was a "Let's see if I can do it" kind of a thing he does not claim to be a real luthier. "It was kind of a phase I went through but am not actively pursuing now."



13 Members of the Club enjoyed the shop tour while munching on Duncan donuts and coffee.

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DuPage Woodworkers make Christmas merry

Latest Newspaper Article from
Suburban Life on 11-5-16

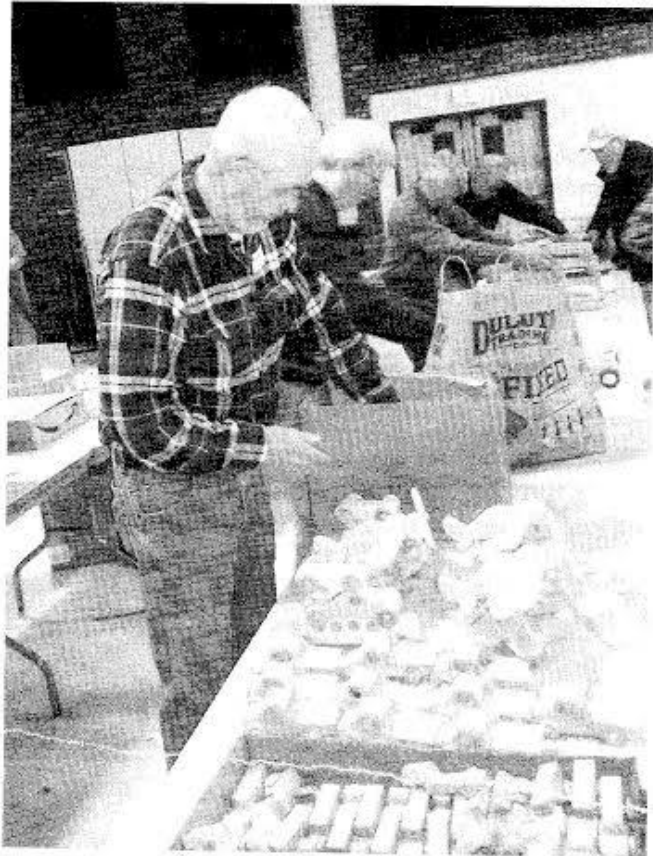


Photo provided by Keith Rosche

Members of the DuPage Woodworkers unload bags and boxes of toys they made for children in need. More than 1,640 toys were made, covering more than eight 8-foot tables. The DuPage Woodworkers meet in Glen Ellyn on a monthly basis, and the more than 170 members of the group made toys that were distributed in Glen Ellyn, Elmhurst, Lisle, Carol Stream, Aurora and Chicago. The group has made and distributed more than 17,000 toys during the past 10 years.

From our Workshop



Mark Wieting Mountain Dulcimer



Jack Harkins Bowl



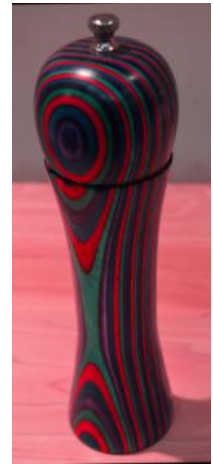
Rick Ogren Clock



Richard Wilen Segmented Bowl



Ken Everett Portable Shelves



Dave Brearley Salt Shaker



Tony Leto Childs Table



Ed Buhot Styialised Birds



Jim Arendt American Girl Doll Dresser



Dave Reilly Carved Bust of Linis Pauling



Kevin Loewe Wine Server set



Tom Olson Jewelry Box



Lee Nye American Girl Stage



Lee Nye Arts & Craft Coffee Table



Bert Le Loup Weather Station



Jim Harvey Raised Panel & Frame



Ken Everett Quilters Marking Guide



Al Cheeks Lazy Susan



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Roy Galbreath Dream Catcher & Eagle



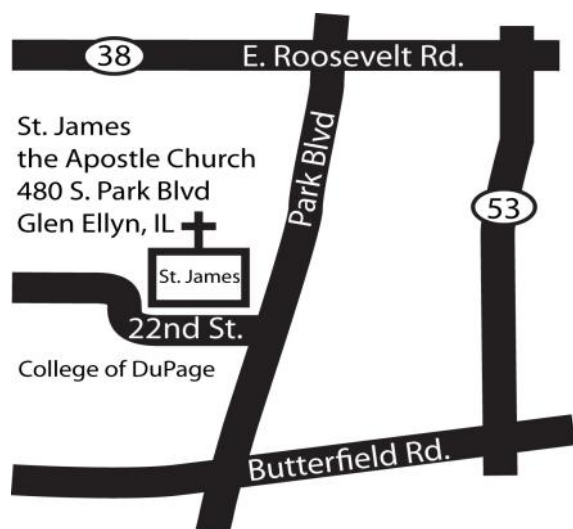
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DPWW Meeting Location



New Members

The DuPage Woodworkers welcomes members from all over the region. Our members consist of all skill levels; from beginners to professionals. Meetings and field trips provide an opportunity to gain and share knowledge about woodworking. Our regular meetings are once a month for about 2 1/2 hours. Meetings (usually the fourth Wednesday of the month) consist of some announcements about activities, a short discussion of any woodworking problems that members want to ask about, a drawing for woodworking prizes, and a presentation on some aspect of woodworking.

If you are interested in joining the DuPage Woodworkers, you are invited to attend a meeting. If you become a member, dues are twenty-five dollars per year. Membership entitles you to attend meetings, to go on field trips (shop visits, woodworking businesses, etc.), and a discount at several [local woodworking supply companies](#).

Any questions about the DuPage Woodworkers, Please contact Mike Kalscheur 630-510-7880 Email Michael.Kalscheur@sbcglobal.net