

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

Usually Third Monday 7:00 pm at [St. James in Glen Ellyn](#)

Will be in person and via Zoom

- **June 16**
- **July 21**

DPWW Board Meeting

Usually First Monday

- **June 2**
- **July 7**

Future Activities

- **July 12**
 - Vist Crozehead Cooperage in Monee

Programs

- **June 16**
 - Titebond glues and adhesive

President's Message June 2025



George Rogers

I recently attended DuPage Woodworkers member Harry Trainor's memorial service. I am reminded of how much impact on other people's lives woodworkers can have. Harry made a lot of different type items for his family as well as for his many friends. They use and cherish these items. What a great hobby we have. Donations can be made to the DuPage Woodworkers in his honor.

Wen representative, Ben Jones, told us quite a bit about Wen and its pioneering history with respect to power tools. I was not very familiar with Wen. Ben talked about how Wen makes it more affordable for people to get introduced to woodworking. They have also recently expanded their line into measuring and marking tools along with a very popular lathe chuck.

Next up at our Monday, June 16th general meeting will be Bob Behnke from Franklin International, the makers of Titebond glues and adhesives. Bob is an avid woodworker and loves to answer your questions. He has previously spoken to our group and did a very nice job.

Thanks, Bruce Metzdorf, for arranging these programs.

Our June activity on parquetry had to be canceled as the presenter, me, tore his right biceps tendon and will be having surgery to repair it.

Unfortunately, Vaibhav Konanur, did not have enough notice to formulate another activity in June. He is working on one for Saturday, July 12. A trip to a small, boutique whiskey barrel cooperage in Monee, IL. Look for further details in the near future.

The Nicholson Logging and Lumber visit in early May was very interesting. Machinery was being worked on so we did not get to see as much demonstration as expected but the owner had a lot of good information to share. There is no published price list for lumber. You need to ask the owner for the price of the different, unique boards he has. I think a lot of his income comes from his tree service and also the custom saw-milling he does on trees he takes down. He hopes to expand his physical facility in the near future.

Every woodworker uses glue. You won't want to miss our next meeting on Monday, June 16 at 7pm.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

George Rodgers

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George Rogers

Toys 2025

DPWW and Woodcraft (504 Ogden Ave. in Downers Grove) will be hosting a toy making workshop on Saturday, September 27 from 9am to 3pm. We are hoping to have people contribute some of their time to helping bandsaw, drill, rout, sand and assemble toys for the underprivileged children give-a-way program. The plan is to have people show up for the morning (9am to noon) and/or afternoon (noon to 3pm) session. If you can't contribute 3 hours even just an hour or two will help. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning and pizza (always a big hit!) and pop will be served at lunchtime.

For those unable to make the workshop but still wanting to contribute toys, we have wheels and axles. We will have these available to pick up at the DPWW general meetings. You can also contact me directly if you need wheels or axles. We also have patterns and directions for making toys which are available at each general meeting and on our website at: [DuPage Woodworkers](http://www.dupagewoodworkers.org)

George Rodgers

[Toy Making Instructions](#)

July Activity

The club activity coming up on Saturday, July 12th is a visit to [Crozehead Cooperage](#) located in Monee, IL.

 **Date:** Saturday, July 12th

 **Time:** 1:00 PM (Tour starts)

 **Location:** 25956 S Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL 60449

[Crozehead Cooperage & The Crow and Calico Tavern](#)

<https://www.crozehead.com/>

 **Cost:** \$10 per person (50% off the regular tour price)

Guests of members are welcome and will also receive the discounted rate. Payment will be taken **on-site** by the venue — no need to pay in advance. There is no minimum or maximum number of attendees required — the venue will simply plan for multiple tours if we get a large group.

 Plus, enjoy a full afternoon at The Crow and Calico!

 Open Mic Patio Jam: 11 AM – 4 PM  Farmer & Artisan's Market: 11 AM – 3 PM  Tamale Spaceship Food Truck: 3 PM – 6 PM

Don't want to take the tour? No problem! You're welcome to come by and enjoy the market, live music, food truck, and tavern atmosphere without joining the paid tour.

DO want to take the tour? Please sign up in advance using the link below so the venue can prepare accordingly. If more than 10 people sign up, they'll run multiple tour sessions as needed.

 **Sign up here:** [FORM](#)

 Check out Loren's work on Instagram: [HERE](#):



Community Involvement

The May 25th edition of the Daily Herald carries the following article provided by Mark Wieting.

Christmas in April? DuPage Woodworkers make toys for kids

By Mark Wieting, DuPage Woodworkers



DuPage Woodworkers John Wiedemann, left, and Jeff Kramer glue wheels and axles to cars at the club's toy workshop April 26 at the Woodcraft store in Downers Grove. (Courtesy of Mark Wieting)

Ever see a herd of giraffes on wheels? Or turtles?

In late April, 25 woodworkers created upward of 700 toys like these for underprivileged kids at a workshop in Downers Grove. With a yearly goal of more than 2,500 toys, they like to get an early start.

Members of the DuPage Woodworkers, a 501(c)3 organization, make toys all year around, in their own workshops individually and in group workshops on a kind of assembly line.

That assembly line created more than 200 felt-lined doll beds and 500-600 vehicles — sedans, SUVs, school buses and trucks sized for tiny hands.

When the club distributes the toys to nonprofit organizations in Chicago and suburbs, the doll beds come with a doll and a blanket. Other toys include puzzles, airplanes, helicopters and crayon holders with coloring books.

The club purchases most of the materials, including wood for the beds and wheels and axles for the vehicles. Club members donate the rest, along with their time and skills.

“Some of my neighbors call me Geppetto,” said George Rodgers, of Western Springs, toys committee chair and club president. “But everyone who participates in the workshop has one or more roles to play, from sawing to sanding and routing to gluing and nailing.

“We work with eight to 10 nonprofits that serve families and kids,” he said, with distribution in November in time for holiday parties.

“The giraffes and turtles on wheels are made for the smallest kids, and the menagerie also includes ducks and pigs,” Rodgers said. “They come with no finish so the kids can get out their markers and color them any way they’d like to.”

DuPage Woodworkers is open to anyone interested in wood and holds monthly meetings with speakers on a variety of topics.

A schedule of its meetings is at dupagewoodworkers.org and guests are welcome. Meetings generally are on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, 480 S. Park Blvd. in Glen Ellyn.



May 2025 Meeting Recap

The May 19 monthly DPWW meeting was well attended.



Mark Wieting

WEN product developer shows old and new

Ben Jones, senior product development engineer at WEN tools, shared the history of the company and its approach to product development at our May meeting.

Founded in Chicago in 1951, WEN was the first company to offer random orbit technology. Jones said many product designs from the early days are essentially similar to today's, with updates and tweaks to refine them. He showed schematics of older tools and newer but similar ones.

Ben said price points are important to WEN, which aims to bring a strong “bang for the buck,” with solid tools at reasonable prices, many appealing to woodworkers building their first set of power tools.

Their full product line includes about 1,200 items, with 30-50 new ones each year. Most manufacturing is done in Southeast Asia, but some is done in the US. In response to a question, Jones said the new tariffs haven't affected prices so far but could have an impact in the coming months.

WEN developed a handheld planer in the mid-60s, priced at \$44.95. In today's dollars, that's about \$446. Today's model costs about \$50.

The full product line includes every area, from outdoor tools like generators and mowers to workshop items like drill presses, jointers, band saws, planers and accessories. When asked what his specific job was, he said, “It's really what don't I do.” He personally designs and tests tools, oversees pressure washer manufacturing, writes manuals and writes for the website.

In response to a question, Jones said the origin of the company name, now located in West Dundee, is simply “NEW” spelled backwards.

Ben brought in several tools, including a track saw, precise measuring tools, clamps, saw blades, turning tools, and other things most of us were not aware they made.



Carl Shaffer

DPWW Logo Clothing

Welcome to all new DPWW Club members. Stop by my table to introduce yourselves and learn what the club has available in clothing with the DPWW embroidered logo.

Thanks, - Carl Shaffer

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Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the DPWW meetings!

Thanks to everyone who pitched in at the May meeting. Anyone is welcome to make coffee. Just arrive a little after 6:00 and join the fun with others.





Sawdust in Your Coffee



Ron Colliander

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 14 participants at the June 7 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

1. Venting "spray tents".
2. 3M headset member testimonials.
3. Cellular PVC durability and adhesives.
4. Bandsaw pivot fence effectiveness.
5. Cutting board recommended thicknesses.
6. Idea for substitute straight edge for live edge boards.
7. Glue for cutting boards.
8. Best methods for ripping small thick pieces.
9. Flattening LVL's and alternative materials for table support members.
10. Adjusting supplied plan called out material thickness (bench seat).
11. Product data for odd shape sanding.

There will be another SIYC meeting at **9:00AM on Saturday, July 5**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual Email Zoom invitation.— **Ron Colliander**

MAY FOW WINNERS

From our Workshop winners were:

- Adam Tornheim
- Al Cheeks
- Rick Ogren
- Tony Leto
- George Rodgers

June FOW Prizes

From our Workshop prizes in June will be:

- RZ mask
- Wixey Digital Protractor
- K Pro Square
- Socket Awl
- Tack Clothes

May Door Prize Winners

John Grzanich

- Wixey Digital Calipers

Joe Berkemeyer

- Milwaukee 12Volt drill and driver



June Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- A random orbital sander.
- Kit of 230 standard drill bits plus set of 7 Forstner Bits

Tickets are \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3, \$10 for 7, \$15 for 11, \$20 for 15.



Bruce Kinney



Membership News

Two new members were added to the DPWW membership roster within the last month. Total membership count is now at 196. If you don't see your name on the roster or you're not getting emails about DPWW happenings, please let me know if you want to re-join the club.

Mike Kalscheur Please welcome new member **Matt Nix** from Chicago. Matt learned of DPWW from the website. He is new to woodworking and enjoys honing his skills with making boxes, cutting boards and basic furniture.

Also please welcome **Vinod Patel** from Woodridge. Vinod learned about DPWW from the club brochure at Woodcraft store. He has a general interest in woodworking and would like to learn more about this hobby.

DPWW members are eligible to receive discounts on purchases at various woodworking-related vendors. Please check out the vendors on this web page. <<https://www.dupagewoodworkers.org/discounts.html>> Also, don't forget to scan the "Classifieds" section on the DPWW website for woodworking items at very reasonable prices.

Mike Kalscheur

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Link of the month

– Mark Wieting



Charles Brock is the man behind the dozens of woodworking interviews available on the [Highland Woodworking web site](#).

PBS is airing [a new series called "Volunteer Woodworker"](#) with Charles as interviewer

Follow links above.



From Our Workshop May 2025 [Click to Enlarge](#)

These projects, projects in progress and many more can be seen on your DPWW Gallery Web Page. These projects were submitted prior to our May 19 meeting, or were shown in person at the meeting. With our meetings held via Zoom and in person, if possible, still submit photos of your current projects to **Mike Perry** and **Lee Nye** via [Google Forms](#) for inclusion in next month's newsletter. Submitted projects will be featured during the next in person and Zoom monthly meeting "From Our Workshop" session.



Bob Bakshis
Napkin Holder, mallet, Wall Curio Cabinet
School Project 6th, 7th, 8th grade

Adam Tornheim
Cutting Board1 — Cherry Maple Walnut — Mineral Oil
Cutting Board2— Walnut & Maple — Mineral Oil
Entry Table — Spalted Maple — Tung Oil



Burt LeLoup — Turned Pea Pod, 4 Knife Handles
Walnut



David Wesolowicz — Potpourri Bowl
Ambrosia Maple — Tried & True



George Rodgers
Wig Stand Oak, Sapele, Poplar — Polyurethane & Paint
Router Jig for Inlaying Mending Plate — Plywood



Tom Olson — Screwdriver Kit Handle
Cherry — CA Glue



Tony Leto — Wood Puzzle
Pine — None



Rick Ogren — Cutting Board
Walnut & Maple — Mineral Oil



Bill Hoffman — Toddler Bed
Soft Maple — Shellac



Rick Ranieri — Bowls
Sycamore, Cherry — Wax, Walrus Oil



Al Cheeks — Cutting Board
Cherry Maple Walnut — Walrus Oil



Tim McAuley — Cedar chest
Oak — Polyurethane