



Calendar

Next Meeting: March 28

March 19, March 24, April 7, and April 21

Pepper Mill Turning Classes
see details in Activities

Rich Rossio's shop
1318 Highland Ave.,
Lockport, IL.

March 19, 7 pm
Period Furniture SIG
Bosch National Training Facility
901 S. Rohlwing Rd., Addison, IL

March 28, 7 pm
DPWW Regular Meeting
usually the fourth Wednesday of the month
St. James Church
Tom Sharpe, Dremel Tools

April 7, 8 am
DPWW Breakfast
monthly: first Saturday and second Wednesday
Panera Bread Restaurant
Glen Ellyn

April 11, 8 am
DPWW Breakfast
monthly: first Saturday and second Wednesday
Panera Bread Restaurant
Glen Ellyn

April 14, 9-3:30
Toy Making Session
sign up at the March meeting
Rick Ogren's Workshop
4533 Linscott Ave.,
Downers Grove IL 60515

April 20, 10 am-6 pm
April 21, 10 am-5 pm
Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event
J. Miller Handcrafted Furniture
1774 W. Lunt Ave,
Chicago, IL 60626

April 25, 7 pm
DPWW Regular Meeting
usually the fourth Wednesday of the month
St. James Church
Roy Linday, Airbrushing

Programs



Keith Rosche

Coming to our March 28th meeting this month is Tom Sharp, the lead sales manager and trainer for the Robert Bosch Tools Corp. and it's subsidiary Dremel Tools. He'll be working with the Dremel 4000, the Dremel Multi-max™, the Dremel Trio™ and other tools of interest from Bosch. His presentation will start at 8:00 pm after the coffee break.

If you missed the meeting last month, you missed great demonstrations by Milford Lau doing chip carving, Will Richards showing his scroll saw skills, Bill Eck and his use of Internet patterns, Rick Ogren making name plates, Carter Johnson making greeting card puzzles, Jeff Smith from the Fox Valley Woodworkers club showing jigs and laser cuts, and Jim Stephens from Bosch Tools demonstrating rigid and plunge routers. The club thanks them for their presentations. Two other clubs in the area have commended you on your interesting demos.

At the suggestion of Charlie Scheffel, our April presentation will be by Roy Linday. His topic is *Air Brushing Enhancement of Wood Projects*.

I'm looking for program ideas. If you have suggestions email your ideas and names of contacts to Keith Rosche at Strawbum@aol.com, share them at the Wednesday morning Panera coffee get together on Roosevelt Rd. in Glen Ellyn, or write them down and give them to me at the next meeting.

Activities



Al Cheeks

Pepper Mill Class

There are five seats remaining for the pepper mill seminars being conducted at Rich Rossio's shop—two in the April 7 session and three for April 21. Remember, there is a \$25 cost for the class, payable at time of signup. See Al at our next meeting to sign up.

New User Seminar

We are planning a general woodworking seminar targeted for new users, and a refresher for those who feel they need it. The curriculum, dates, location and costs are now being developed. However, we need to know

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Activities continued

how many attendees to plan for. Please contact Al and let him know if you are interested.

Toy Day

The first toy day for this year will be on April 14, at Rick Ogren’s shop (4533 Linscott Ave., Downers Grove IL 60515). There will be two shifts, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please see Rick to sign up for this activity. Last year over 200 toys were made during the toy day at Rick’s shop. Remember, our quota for this year is 2790 toys. To meet this will require effort from all of us. Besides, this is a *fun* task!!

Help

The most difficult aspects of managing an organization, such as *DuPage WoodWorkers* club, is determining activities and programs that satisfy all experience levels of its members. Programs that satisfy new users, don’t always excite the more experienced, and programs for the advanced sometimes leave newer users struggling to keep up. Help us help you! At our meetings, feel free to tell us what you would like to hear. Talk to Al, Keith or Dale regarding programs or other activities you would like—we promise not to ignore you. This is your club—make it work for you.

Logo Clothing

See Carl Shaffer at the March meeting if you want a hat or shirt. Caps are \$15 and polo shirts are \$20. No more long sleeve Ts.

Coffee Makers

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

From Our Library



Ken Everett

I have completed re-organizing the library cabinet. About 50 duplicate and older books that have been deleted from the library will be on sale at the March general meeting. Bring your spare cash, there will be some bargains.

Additionally a number of DVD’s and VHS tapes (copies) will be available at no charge to members.

Milford Lau has been kind enough to review one of the DVDs from our collection.

Chip Carving, Wayne Barton, DVD reviewed by, Milford Lau:

This is a 10-15 min professional recording with Wayne Barton the world’s foremost chip carver, demonstrating and explaining the basics of chip carving. You probably would not learn to chip carve from watching this DVD but it would be excellent if you wanted a look see of what chip carving is all about. It would also, be a great review for someone that had done some chip carving. It is entertaining.

Borrow Some Tools

Don’t forget that one benefit of being a member of the DuPage Woodworkers is that we have some tools that you can borrow. The Work Sharp, scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, and Drill Doctor are available to members by contacting Wayne Maier at (630) 303-1341.



The President's Corner



Dale Gustafson

For the past six years *DuPage Woodworkers* has held its general meetings at *St James, the Apostle Catholic* church in Glen Ellyn. One of our founding members, Jerry Howard, who was also a member of *St. James*, was instrumental in persuading *St. James* to

accept *DuPage Woodworkers* as a Community Outreach Ministry. The benefits for our club have included rent-free access to a large, well-lit meeting space with a great sound system, access to the kitchen for preparation of coffee and enough closet space for us to store our library cart as well as some of the supplies and equipment that we use at our monthly meetings. In return for our use of the facilities, *St James* has periodically asked our club to provide the expertise of our members in the design and construction of various wood projects for use in church and school and our members also donate small wood project used for gifts at church related events. All of these projects are done with donated time and materials. Our annual toy making program not only provides toys to children in impoverished diocesan parishes but also to underprivileged children in other community and regional organizations as well.

However, the privileges afforded to *DuPage Woodworkers* in terms of facility use as an Outreach Ministry also means that our club must strictly abide by all of *St. James* regulations. The top priority at *St. James* is the safety of its children at its school and church functions. To this end, members of our organization are expressly forbidden from being in any part of the school, which includes our meeting area, when student are present. If there is a legitimate reason for

you to be in the vicinity of meeting area outside of our scheduled meetings, you must first contact the President of the club who will attempt to secure approval from the church on your behalf.

Secondly, our club must strictly adhere to the time that has been scheduled for all of our organizational meetings and events at *St. James*. Our schedule for general monthly meetings is 7-10 pm. We are permitted 60 minutes prior to the meeting for set-up and 30 minutes after the meeting for cleanup. Board meetings are currently scheduled for 7-9 pm with no additional time allotted for either setup or cleanup. Finally, all members are asked to pick up and properly dispose of any unwanted meeting handouts, as well as any cups and bottles used at the meeting. Be sure to clean up any spills. In the spirit of partnership with *St. James*, we also ask that you pick up any litter that you might find in the hallways, restrooms and parking lot.

A special thanks in due to members Gregory Kukulski, Tom Milleman and Tim McIntyre for giving their time and talents in the conduct of the constitutionally mandated audit of the finances of our club. A copy of the auditor's report will be available at the April meeting for inspection by any interested member.

Do not forget that the club is sponsoring a Birdhouse Challenge at its March meeting. The donated birdhouses will be installed by our club at selected rest homes, schools or similar organizations in time for spring nesting and will hopefully bring some joy to all located at those sites. Additionally, if your bird house is selected as one of the top three entries, you will win a cash award. Hope to see all of you at our March 25 general meeting.



Birdhouse Challenge, what Birdhouse Challenge?

Bill Hochmuth

(Overheard at February's general meeting.)

If you haven't gotten it by now I guess you'll never get it, but rest assured that if the quantity of bird houses in the challenge is lacking I'll turn into my most birdish self and summon down flocks of crows and parakeets to rain down upon your heads and shoulders unspeakable things.



Entries should be placed anonymously on the tables provided, separate from the From Our Workshop items. Judging and the huge awards will be made the evening of the March meeting.

To reiterate the goal, the following information is published once again to help you think through the spectacular design I'm certain you're considering.

All birdhouses entries **must be functional and must be donated**. Some guidelines are that houses should be made of wood, preferably ½ to ¾ thick. Roofs should not be metal (cooks the birds inside). Perches should not be used, they facilitate attacks by

predators. Drain holes about 1/4" are recommended along with ventilation holes near the top. Entry holes are usually 1" to 1 1/2" diameter for houses built for small birds. Birdhouses may be painted or stained. There should be a convenient way to access the interior for cleaning preferably before the spring nesting season begins; using screws to attach the roof or bottom panel to the house makes this convenient. Cleaning with one part bleach to nine parts water will effectively disinfect the interior and help prevent disease. The committee will mount, hang or stand on a post the birdhouses following the March general meeting. Please consider how your birdhouses will be mounted and provide either a screw eye or a back that extends above the roof. If you make a birdhouse so exquisite that you can't bear to make it a donation, as mentioned above, you can show it in the *From Our Workshop* portion of our meeting for all to admire, but it will not be part of the bird house challenge.

Questions can be directed to Len Swanson 630-469-5376, lenard.swanson@att.net, Nick Page 847-845-5829, nickpage@sbcglobal.net, Bill Hochmuth 630-858-4727, wfhochmuth@comcast.net.

Guests and New Members

Bruce Kinney – Membership Chairman

New Members: Two woodworkers joined our club in February. We welcome the following folks to the *DuPage Woodworkers* club; Glen Graves from Bloomingdale and Merle Nolan from Wheaton.

We are especially grateful to have these new members come on board. The *DuPage Woodworkers* club welcomes you. Our members will seek you out at upcoming meetings so we can get to know you.



Winter Wood Wonders

Whit Anderson

I stopped by the *Winter Wood Wonders* and found Keith Rosche, Eleanor Richards, and Will Richards selling handmade wood items and distributing DPWW brochures and information.

There was a good turnout at the show and the Kane County Fairgrounds gave the show a good venue with lots of space, light, and easy parking.



Will Richards, Keith Rosche, and Eleanore Richards

There were silent auctions and demonstrations. There were a lot of interesting carvings, pyrography, and tools on display and for sale. *Owl Hardwood* was the sponsor for the show whose net proceeds benefit veterans.

I came home with some books and more basswood than I am likely to get carved any time in the near future.

Art and Craft Shows

Lee Nye, Exhibits Committee Chair

Art of the Heartland, Inc., promoters of art and craft shows has released their 2012 Craft Show Schedules. These promoters are looking for high quality handmade items—the sort of projects exhibited at our club show and tells would certainly qualify. The booths are fairly pricey, ranging from \$140 to \$340 depending on the show. Their exhibiting requirements do not provide for groups or clubs, so DPWW will not participate as a club. I am providing the schedules for your information in case you might want to participate. All these shows have an April 15 deadline (jury date) to obtain preferential treatment for placement in the show—later applications will be reviewed monthly if space is still available. For more information, [check their website](#).

*Art of the Heartland
2012 Craft Show Schedule*

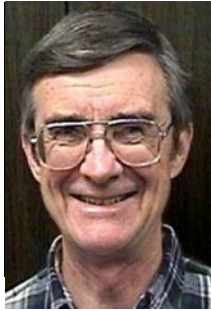
Heritage Fest
September 15 & 16, 2012
West Dundee, IL

Autumn On The Fox
(during the St. Charles Scarecrow Festival)
October 5, 6 and 7, 2012
St. Charles, IL

Christmas On The Fox
November 24 and 25, 2012
Kane County Fairgrounds
St. Charles, IL



Secretary's Report



Jerry Johnson

Board Meeting of March 5, 2012

Dale Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Present were Bruce Kinney, Whit Anderson, Al Cheeks, Jack Pine, Lee Nye, Ken Everett, Rick Ogren, Tom Perry, Stan Anderson, Keith Rosche, Bill Hochmuth, Len

Swanson, and Jerry Johnson. Reminder: Any club member is invited to attend board meetings.

St. James church is concerned that our members have sometimes entered the building before our 6:00 setup time for the meeting or at other times. Everyone needs to be aware that this is not acceptable to the church and we need to honor their rule.

The minutes of the February meeting and the February treasurer's report were approved.

We passed the deadline for membership renewals and the role was reduced to 174 members after removing those who chose not to renew.

Tom Sharp, president of the *Fox Valley* club and *Bosch Tools* manager, is presenting new Dremel tools in March. For April, Keith has an air-brushing program lined up.

Al reported that there are only five seats remaining for the pepper-mill turning seminar. He is working with *Woodcraft* on establishing a general woodworking seminar for May. Target audience is members newer to woodworking.

Ken handed out and discussed a sheet of library use guidelines. He continues his efforts to make the library more user friendly.

Lee reviewed the craft shows that he is aware of for the year. He also proposed

acquiring a digital picture frame to show pictures of our work and activities for use at shows and our own meetings. After discussion he was encouraged to develop the idea further including the technical platform.

Jack reported the two library displays are fully booked through May.

The supply of club brochures is dwindling and each board member was given a copy of the current one and asked to supply comments for suggested comments at the April board meeting.

Keith proposed we do more with the education part of our mission and suggested something like a scholarship to a *Marc Adams* seminar. The board found the proposal interesting and asked that it be investigated further.

The Toy of the Month for March is a minivan/panel truck. Stan will have templates at the general meeting. We were pleased to have gotten some response from the membership for toy suggestions as several prototypes were submitted. Stan also said *Design Stairs* had donated a large number of handrail cutoffs that can be used for tanker trucks. He sent a thank you note. Rick will host a toy-making workshop for April 14.

Draft 5 of the constitution and by-laws was adopted and will be distributed to the general membership in time for discussion at the March meeting and voting at the April meeting.

Dale submitted comments on table saw safety to the government committee on standards.

The board brainstormed ideas for increasing membership involvement in club administration. One idea is for the various directors/chairs to solicit more help with their current activities.

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Secretary's Report continued

Al suggested that we start thinking of ideas on how we would want to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the club. Board members were encouraged to come up with ideas for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Pepper Mill Turning Classes

Whit Anderson

Rich Rossio held the first of his pepper mill turning classes on Saturday, March 10th. I attended and had a good time. Along with low key instruction, Rich had a variety of blanks and the mechanical parts for the mill. I followed Rich's instruction, and with a little help, I went home with my first pepper mill ready for a couple of coats of oil.



Rich Rossio and Dan Dion at the lathe

Whenever I got close to making a serious mistake in my project, Rich drifted by and suggested, "Let's try this gouge instead." By the time he'd shown me how to use that tool, my project was back on track. It's nice to have a little help as you are working on something new.

There are a few spots left in future classes. If you are interested, contact [Al Cheeks](#) and get him your \$25 fee for the class.

March Toy of the Month

Help make toys to be distributed at Christmas!



The March toy of the month a panel truck. Use your bandsaw or scroll saw to cut them out. Stan Anderson has directions and templates, or download the directions and get started right away. The directions are available online at:

www.whitanderson.com/wood/dpww/tom

Remember, no finishes on toys.

We'd like to thank Design Stairs for their donation of wood for this project.

Door Prizes

Len Swanson

The door prizes for the March meeting will be:

- Dremel Trio which will sand, cut, and rout
- Hex Wrench Set (metric and imperial)
- Box of workshop rags



From Our Workshop, February 2012



Bill Hochmuth, Bowl



Daniel Dion, Shaker Boxes



Ron Dvorsky, Plywood Bowl



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Jim Arenot, Little Folk Flat Plane Carving



Richard Wilen, Ladder and Fireman Toy



Milford Lau, Chip Carved Goblet

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From Our Workshop continued



Rick Ogren, Bowl



Will Richards, Animal Puzzle



Bert LeLoup, Curly Maple Box



Will Richards, Animal Puzzle



Bob Nielsen, Bowl



Will Richards, Animal Puzzle



Bob Nielsen, Bowl



Will Richards, Animal Puzzle



Thomas Milleman, Animated Toy Elephant

Larger photographs of some projects are available at our [online gallery](http://www.duPageWoodworkers.org).



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Treasurer's Report

Income YTD \$1,012.48
 Expenses YTD \$2,403.02
 Balance 2/29/12 \$4,949.70
 Paid Members: 174

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](#).

If you have questions about joining the *DuPage Woodworkers*, please contact Bruce Kinney (brkinney@gmail.com).

Meeting Location

