



DUPAGE

WOODWORKERS

Learning by Sharing the Art of Woodworking



Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

Usually the Third Monday at
[St. James in Glen Ellyn](#)

- **February 15** via Zoom
- **March 15** via Zoom
- **April 19** via Zoom

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually the First Monday at
[St. James in Glen Ellyn](#)

- **March 1** via Zoom
- **April 5** via Zoom
- **May 3** via Zoom

Future Activities

- **February 20**
Sawdust in Your Coffee
[Online - See Page 4](#)
All other activities have been
Cancelled

Programs

- **February 15**
Powermatic Bandsaws
with **Alex Snodgrass**



President's Message

February 2021

If you are like me, the snow has taken some time away from the time I am able to spend in the shop. I still hope to have enough time to continue making a couple of pieces of furniture for our family room. Namely an end table and a corner table. I plan on doing these in the "Nakashima" style and look forward to showing them to you during an upcoming From Our Workshop

segment at our general meeting.

Our February general meeting features **Alex Snodgrass** demonstrating bandsaw setup, safety and techniques. If you have ever attended one of The Woodworking Shows in the past you have probably seen Alex demonstrate his bandsaw skills. He is very knowledgeable and entertaining. You won't want to miss this meeting! We will also have From Our Workshop during this meeting as well where members display pictures and briefly talk about what they have created. An email recently went out soliciting submissions for this.

St. James will be having a spring auction (date to be determined). So, I would like to encourage you to make items that can be auctioned to help support them during these challenging times. I will let you know more about when and how these items will be collected once I have more information from St. James.

I also plan on collecting **Beads of Courage** boxes in June to deliver to Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. Hopefully, we can again provide a number of boxes to children undergoing extensive medical and surgical procedures to help them through this process. Information about making the boxes can be found on page 5 at the [Beads of Courage web site \(click here\)](#).

Thanks for your continued support of the club. Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone else on the board about concerns/questions/suggestions you might have. This is your club and you make it what it is.

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DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting (via Zoom)

Minutes – February 1, 2021



George Rodgers opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Whit Anderson, Mike Perry, Bill Hoffman, Mike Kalschuer, Lee Nye, Mark Wieting, Tony Evansky, Jeff Kramer, Peter D'Attomo, and Jerry Johnson.

The minutes and treasurer's report were approved. Bill is changing the accounting reports to provide more detail to make them easier to use especially for the Audit Committee.



Standing Committee Reports

Membership (*Mike Kalscheur*) – Club membership now stands at 203. Eighty per cent of the members have paid their 2021 dues.

Library (*Tom Olson, Tim McAuley*) -- No report.

Prizes (*Bruce Kinney*) – Nothing to report.

Publicity (*Keith Rosche*) – No report.

Toys (*George Rodgers*) –. Nothing to report.

Newsletter (*Jim Harvey*) – The deadline for copy to be submitted to Jim is Friday, February 5. He is exchanging newsletters with the Peoria and the Grundy County clubs.

From Our Workshop (*Lee Nye*) – At the next meeting Lee will try out the new process for providing prizes buying them on Amazon so they can be shipped free to winners.

Activities (*Jeff Kramer*) – Nothing to report.

Programs (*Mark Wieting*) – In February, *Alex Snodgrass* will present on band sawing

A/V (*Mike Perry*) - Mike P has acquired a new device for switching between cameras during presentations. He expects it to enable easier operation of the equipment and take less training while at the same time better quality video for the benefit of both the presenter and the audience by uniformly using HDMI technology.

Web (*Whit Anderson*) –There were about 51 people at the January meeting. About sixteen people came to our January Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting. The next Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting will be at 10:00 am on Saturday the 20th of February

Old Business

- **Nonprofit Status:** Peter gave a report on the progress and led a discussion on this very complex issue. Fortunately we have several board members who have experience with or some knowledge of past usage of it by other clubs. Such issues as which tax code [501(c)3 or 501(c)7] are important as is the definition of the clubs primary function [education, charitable, hobby etc.] are critical. We need to search for the “owner” of a relevant EIN to determine usage and decide on the proper forms and cost to get started and annual costs

for succeeding years. It was determined that Lee had incurred some costs because of his tenure as treasurer and the board agreed to reimburse him. The board also agreed that Bill should proceed as soon as Peter determines the correct use of the existing EIN. Lee has joined the effort.

- **Constitution and By-Laws review with respect to board Elections:** Jerry gave a report on the status of the investigation of the three issues of concern raised at the last board meeting. In summary:

- a Electronic voting – The use of this capability is covered in the Constitution.
- b Ability to cast a “no” vote for a specific candidate. – The club has never had a race where two candidates vie for the same office. With a single candidate a “no” vote” would be a vote for leaving the office vacant which is not practical. The governing documents are silent on the subject of ballot design. The election committee has the freedom to design a ballot the meets the needs of the election.
- c Meeting a quorum requirement. – Again the documents are silent on this specific issue and it is similar to item b. where to even get one candidate is sometimes difficult so getting nominated is tantamount to being elected. Members want to learn how to become better woodworkers and not be bothered by the organizational details.

Given that all three issues can be handled within the current documents as written it was recommended that no changes be initiated at this time. A motion to that effect passed.

- **Audit Committee** – Tabled until March.

New Business:

- **Complete review of Constitution and By-Laws:** This issue was rendered moot by the decision in the prior issue to not undertake any new initiatives now. Mike K. reminded the board members the Constitution requires a comprehensive review every five years and that will take place in 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Jerry Johnson
Secretary



January Meeting Recap

We saw about 51 members at the January 18th Zoom meeting. **Greg Tamm**, Midwest Regional Sales Manager for **SawStop products** was the featured speaker. Greg gave an interesting talk about the range of SawStop table saws, how they worked, and prices - there are many options. He was open to questions from the Zoom platform. Members asked about the possibility of retrofitting SawStop technology to an existing table saw, how to test wet wood before a cut, possible damage to the saw if triggered, 120 vs 240 AC power required, and use of a Dado stack (requires a different cartridge).

Greg's presentation was followed by a panel discussion on table saw safety *led by George Rodgers, Lee Nye, and Mike Kalscheur.*

Some issues discussed were:

- use of a riving knife or a full blade guard
- applications for a crosscut sled, blade and fence alignment
- application of an easily reachable stop button
- kerf width tradeoffs
- use of the **"Gripper" commercial push block**
- blade sharpening
- splintering of the wood where the blade exits the cut

The panel forum was successful and a good use of the Zoom format. Watch this newsletter for more forums to be announced.

-- Jim Harvey

Membership News



The DuPage Woodworkers Club has exceeded the 200-members count for the first time since its founding over 25 years ago. Because members' woodworking experience and interests are many and varied, it's always a challenge to provide all members what they want to gain

from the Club. Take advantage of the Club benefits already provided, and if necessary, let the Board members know what you want to gain from your membership.

Social interaction during club meetings is certainly preferred over the Zoom meetings, though virtual presentations from very experienced woodworkers was not usually possible pre-pandemic. A restart of in-person Club meetings looks promising sometime in second half of 2021. This decision will be largely determined by St. James Parish in Glen Ellyn and covid-related requirements for large group meetings in their buildings.

Most new members have learned about DuPage Woodworkers through either an internet search, by word-of-mouth, or from local woodworking stores such as **Rockler Woodworking** and **Woodcraft**. Please welcome the following eight (8) new members who have joined the Club since last month's newsletter.

- **James Arthurs** lives in Elk Grove Village and is interested in building furniture.

- **Dan and Tim Breau** are from Woodridge. Their woodworking interests are furniture and boat building.
- **Matthew Dudak** lives in Lisle, and his woodworking interests are making furniture and small wooden gifts.
- **Andrew Hjellming** lives in Naperville, and is interested in building furniture.
- **Brian Polo** is from Bolingbrook, and is also interested in building furniture.
- **Dave Schroeder** lives in Bolingbrook, and lists building furniture, cabinets and boxes as his interests. He has already joined in on the January virtual club meeting and is taking advantage of the On-Line Forum accessible from the club's website.
- **Andrew Swanson** lives in Bolingbrook, and is interested in Furniture/Cabinet making.

Thank you to those members who have already renewed their 2021 club membership by paying annual dues. These dues help the club to better plan for future programs and activities in 2021. Members who have NOT renewed for 2021 by March 1st will receive membership cancellation notices via email.

REMINDER: Annual \$25 dues are per household/family.

More details about how to submit membership renewal dues is [found on the club website](#).

Mike Kalscheur
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The newsletter received the following message from DPWW member **Mark Osgood**. Mark presented his amazing bicycles at the June 2018 meeting.

I'll be teaching 3 classes at **Marc Adams School of Woodworking** this summer. They are:

Make Your Own Vacuum Pump and Pressing Table, May 1-2

Currently sold out but there may be cancellations.

Build Your Own Laser: A Discussion and Roger Cliffe Memorial Foundation Fund Raiser, June 19.

This is a one day class. I'll be auctioning off a 45W laser system and the funds will go to the Roger Cliffe scholarship program. The laser to be auctioned will be used as a demo in the class, but otherwise it's brand new. A case will need to be built (we'll discuss this in class with plans) and an exhaust system built (again a class demo). If the new owner wants a laser cooler this will need to be added too.

The Great Bicycle Frame Up, Sept 13-19, 7 days.

A class description can be found here: <https://www.marcadams.com/product/the-great-bicycle-frame-up-with-mark-osgood/> This is a class covering all the information on building one of my bicycle frames. We'll also look into all the accessories: handlebars, bottle cages, seats, water bottle, springs, suspension, and wheels. Students will build a 54cm sample frame.

Many thanks, **Mark Osgood**, rollingartbicycles.com

Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is an informal Zoom meeting for members of the DuPage Woodworkers. Sawdust is intended to replace, during the COVID lockdown period, the Question and Answer portion of our DPWW meetings.

About 16 people showed up to talk informally about woodworking at our January Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting. Some of the topics discussed were:

- Scroll saw clock (and other clocks)
- How to cut the foot detail on our toy doll bed
- Sound insulation for a basement shop
- Heating a garage shop
- Need for and use of a thin kerf blade
- Carving project
- Source of tiny birds for Christmas ornaments
- Information wanted about CNC set-up and use

There is usually no agenda for the meeting. I hope you will join the next meeting, February 20th, at 10:00 am. Bring questions, projects you are working on, and/or a cup of coffee. Expect the usual Zoom invitation.

Whit Anderson
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February 15 DPWW Zoom Meeting: Band Saws

Alex Snodgrass has been working with bandsaws for over 30 years and in that time has been recognized as an expert within the bandsaw industry. Companies including **Powermatic** and **Carter Products** have partnered with Alex in developing and implementing several of his bandsaw patents including the Carter Products Band Saw Stabilizer®, Quick Release® and the F.A.S.T. Fence Alignment System™.

Alex is the “face” of Powermatic when it comes to bandsaws and has developed many commercials, tutorials and seminars for the company.

Alex is best known for his **bandsaw “Reindeer,”** 3D cutting boards and other tips and techniques related to the setup and use of bandsaws. You can find Alex teaching at several large retail outlets as well as wood clubs and woodworking schools. He recently created his own **YouTube channel** and bandsawlife.com where you can follow him as he shares his latest projects and experiences.

We expect to have **From Our Workshop** at the February meeting.



Borrow Tools



Don't forget that one benefit of being a member of the DuPage Woodworkers is that we have tools you can borrow.

Our **Work Sharp** has been upgraded with a knife and scissor sharpening attachment.

Recently the club received a donation of a **Performax 12" planer**. It is now in the Borrow Tools inventory.

The **scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, Work Sharp, planer, and Drill Doctor** are available to members by contacting **Wayne Maier** at 630-303-1341.

Logo Clothing



You may give thought to promoting your DPWW with a gift of a shirt or hat with the embroidered logo for yourself or for that special someone, spouse, best friend, child or grandchild. I still have a few M, 2XL and 3XL

shirts available now at the special \$20 until gone. Other sizes and styles require ordering (quantity of 6). Call for prices. Carl 630-251-3106.

Note: Some prices are up per my contact last week with Special T

Carl Shaffer <harleypop99@att.net>



FOW Prizes - February 2021



Internet Woodworking Link of the Month Sorry no links this month, just carving inspiration

You would not believe what the crocheted Bernie sold for on EBay

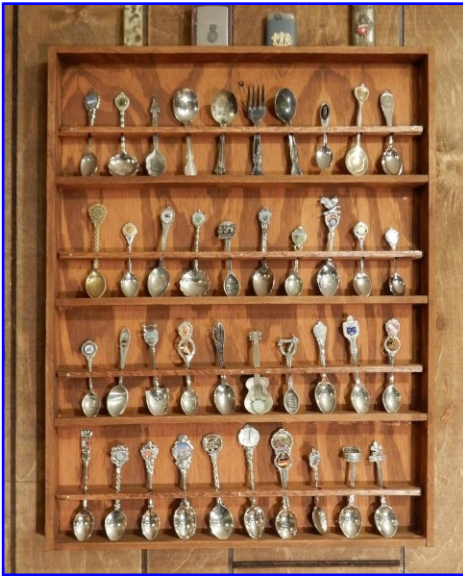




From Our Workshop January 2020 - Click to Enlarge

These projects, projects in progress and many more can be seen on your [club's Gallery Web Page](#). These projects will be shown at the February meeting, and there will be a [prize drawing](#).

While our Dupage Woodworker meetings are held via Zoom, you can submit photos of your current projects to **Mike Perry** and **Lee Nye** [via Google Forms](#) for inclusion in next month's newsletter and they will be featured in the online From Our Workshop.



Bob Bakshis - Spoon Rack
Oak, Oak Ply - Poly



Mike Chole - Jewelry Box
African Mahogany- Arm R Seal



Brian Glynn - Troll
Cedar, Scraps- Weatherproofing



Mike Kalscheur - Cup&Ball Toys
Hardwoods- Wipeon Poly



Mike Kalscheur - Toy Whistles
Oak, Basswood - Watco Oil



Jerry Kuffel - Pocket Knife
Walnut, Aluminum - Lacquer



Lee Nye- Tripoley Game Board
BB Ply, Oak - Shellac, Lacquer



Kevin Lowe - Bottle Stopper
Buckeye Burl - Wipeon Poly



Kevin Lowe - Cheese Slicer
Buckeye Burl, Urethane - Poly



George Rodgers- Chisel Box 1
Cherry, Basswood - Shellac,
Lacquer



George Rodgers- Chisel Box 2
Cherry, Basswood - Shellac,
Lacquer



Mark Wieting - Candle Sticks
Maple - Danish Oil, Poly



Mike Perry - Restored Cutting Board
Maple - Danish Oil, Beeswax,
Mineral Oil



Jim Simmnick- Book Case
Cherry, Cherry Ply- Gel Stain, Poly



Jim Simmnick - L-Desk
Cherry, Poplar- Gel Stain, Poly