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WOODWORKERS

Learning by Sharing the Art of Woodworking



## Calendar

### DPWW Regular Meetings

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

- **May 17** via Zoom
- **June 21** via Zoom
- **July 19** via Zoom

### DPWW Board Meetings

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

- **June 7** via Zoom
- **July 5** via Zoom
- **August 2** via Zoom

### Future Activities

- **June 5**  
**Sawdust in Your Coffee**  
[Online - See Page 3](#)
- **June 26**  
[Zoom shop tour](#)
- **July 3**  
**Sawdust in Your Coffee**

### Programs

- **May 17**  
[Julie Bender](#) - Pyrography
- **June 21**  
[Ron Herman](#) - clamps, glues  
and fasteners

## President's Message

**May 2021**



I have two examples of what the DuPage Woodworkers means to the community and its members. I was contacted by [Wellness House in Hinsdale](#) via our website to help with a project they had in mind. The person who contacted me had been introduced to DPWW via a demo that was done several years ago by our organization in Lisle. Please see information about [this project later in this newsletter](#). Secondly, a new

member wanted help with constructing a bench. He joined the club and two days later attended our monthly [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#) chat. He was able to bring up his project and get feedback. In addition, a club member opened his shop to help him. Learning by Sharing is our motto and this was a great example of that in action.

Many times we are looking not only at constructing a nice item but we also want to make it unique. Pyrography, otherwise known as wood burning, is one way that can be accomplished. **Julie Bender** uses pyrography to make truly spectacular artwork. She will be presenting to us at 7pm on Monday, May 17. You won't want to miss her introducing us to pyrography and what masterful work can be done with it.

Now is a great time to start or continue to make toys for our Christmas season toy give-away. If you need any toy parts please contact me.

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 following link: <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-AAW-handout-guidelines.pdf>

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)

**May 3, 2021**



**George Rodgers** opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Whit Anderson, Mike Perry, Mike Kalschuer, Lee Nye, Jeff Kramer, Tom Olson, Bill Hoffman, and Jerry Johnson.

The minutes and treasurer's report were both approved. **Bill Hoffman** further reported that he has received the new tax I.D. number and needs to get changes made with PayPal. He noted that we may need to close the current account and open a new one and that would require a new web



address. The ensuing discussion led to a recommendation to work with PayPal to find a way to maintain the current address.

**President's Communication** – George reported that Wellness House had contacted him asking that the club meet their need for a “house” (approx. 4’x6’) to be used in one of their programs. He recruited Mike P. and they have built it for them.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Membership (Mike Kalscheur)** – Three new people joined the ranks of the Woodworkers bringing the membership to 192.

**Library (Tom Olson)** -- Nothing to report.

**Prizes (Bruce Kinney)** – Bruce reported receiving a \$100 donation from his doctor who was impressed by our toys program. The board decided to use it for the toy program material. George will write a thank you note.

**Publicity (Keith Rosche)** -- No report.

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

**Newsletter (Jim Harvey)** -- Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday evening, May 7.

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – Jim’s quest for accurate material for the newsletter led to discussion of whether there will be a From Our Workshop at the May general meeting. There are only a few known projects that could be used but it was felt that more could be garnered with some publicity. It was decided to change the timing of the reminder notices as they seem to be effective in generating submissions. Mike K. will take care of it. The subject of a prize for members participating via Zoom was clarified. To be eligible for a

prize the member will need to be on Zoom for the presentation and for the drawing.

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

**Programs (Mark Wieting and Jeff Kramer)** – Jeff confirmed the May program on Pyrography will be presented by **Julie Bender** at the general meeting. June will see **Ron Herman** talking about Clamp It Down.

**A/V (Mike Perry)** -- From Our Workshop project submissions can be accepted as late as the day of the meeting in many cases; however, that is not a guarantee. Earlier is better. The submitter should check with Mike P. if it is going to be close.

**Web (Whit Anderson)** – Two members have expressed a willingness to do Zoom shop tours. Planning is underway for the first one to be Saturday, May 8, at 9: a.m. There were about 65 members at the April general meeting with **Jim Heavey** as presenter. There were about a dozen people at the May Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting. The next Sawdust meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 5.

## Old Business

**-Non-Profit Status:** Covered in the treasurer’s report.

**-Holiday Party:** George reported **Peter D’Attomo** has checked with Reserve 22 facility at Village Links in Glen Ellyn and found that they can do a holiday party in much the same manner as the last time. At the moment, Monday, December 13 is available. Peter will check further on reservation details and will arrange for the down payment if they are satisfactory.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jerry Johnson -- Secretary**

## DPWW May 17 General Meeting - Pyrography

Forget whatever you learned about woodburning while a Cub Scout. **Julie Bender** is an artist who uses heat to create her art. Her pyrography uses mostly sepia tones to depict Western scenes. Much of her work features animals and outdoor life. An artist and pyrography teacher who offers both online and in-person workshops.



Yes, that photo is an image burned into wood! Julie's presentation is one you won't want to miss. Even if you don't intend to become a fine artist like Julie, you will learn techniques in pyrography that can enhance any woodworking project you might be working on. To see more of Julie's work, visit [juliebender.com](http://juliebender.com).





## April Meeting Recap



Here are some notes (Thanks *Mark Wieting*) from the April presentation by *Jim Heavey*. Jim was asked to talk specifically about finishing wood, and we had 65 members attend via Zoom.

**For grain pop:** Use a penetrating stain, especially on Maple.

**Danish oil** is essentially boiled linseed oil, mineral spirits and varnish. Works well on Cherry and Walnut. Lighter woods, not so much. Has a slight yellow cast.

**Tung oil:** BLO, mineral spirits, varnish and bit of tung oil. It's more of a penetrating finish and highlights grain in Maple.

**Dyes:** Dye first, then topcoat, with liquid dyes or powders. Dyes are sensitive to UV light and eventually fade. Use the dye before you can put a topcoat on it.

You can read all of Mark's notes [in the club forum](#). Also [Jim Heavey's written answers](#) to Zoom questions.

## Sawdust in Your Coffee

We've moved our meeting time to 10:00 am on the first Saturday of the month. This creates more separation from the general meeting. The meeting is informal. People bring questions, talk about answers, show projects they are working on, and just talk about woodworking. If you would like to join us, look for the usual Zoom invitation in your email.

There were about a dozen members at the Sawdust Zoom meeting in May. Topics ranged from Shaper Origin, epoxy pours, to making a bench. The bench discussion went into design, suitable joints, and choice of wood. Ron was nice enough to invite Joe, the member with a bench project, to his shop to see some of the tenon making options. The next Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting is **June 5th at 10:00AM**.

*Whit Anderson*

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## Membership News



Three new members have joined the Club since last month's newsletter, and they are already taking advantage of the recent events via Zoom meetings provided by the Club.

Please welcome *Emilian Geczi* and *Laura Flores* from Glen

Ellyn. They learned about the Club from a web search, and are interested in DIY furniture and simple outdoor projects (bird feeders -- etc.).

Also please welcome *Joe Berkemeyer* from Elmhurst. Joe lists his woodworking interests as "Furniture – toys", which likely includes many interests in between.

**REMINDER:** With the warmer weather seasons upon us, many unheated woodworking shops may see more activity with project finishing tasks. When purchasing those wood stains and finishes, keep those vendors in mind who offer discounts to Club members. Local Rockler and Woodcraft stores offer 10% discounts on many items. Show your valid DPWW member ID card at the checkout counter next time you stock up on project supplies at those vendors.

*Mike Kalscheur*

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## Good Ink Department

George Rodgers and Mike Perry featured in an article in Hinsdale Doings. George was contacted by the Wellness House through the DPWW website.



## Internet Woodworking Link of the Month

### Tool Industry Behemoths

Did you ever wonder who really made money from that tool you're using? Benefit from [somebody else's 2019 research at PressureWashr.com](#). In their WebLog article there's a better image of this poster with much more information on the listed parent companies. The Blog has lots of information about (surprise) [Pressure Washers](#).

Jim Harvey







## From Our Workshop April-May 2021 - 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 May meeting, and there will be a prize drawing.

While our Dupage Woodworker meetings are held via Zoom, please submit photos of your current projects to **Mike Perry** and **Lee Nye** via [Google Forms](#) for inclusion in next month's newsletter. Projects will also be featured during the monthly meeting "From Our Workshop" and on the club's Gallery page.



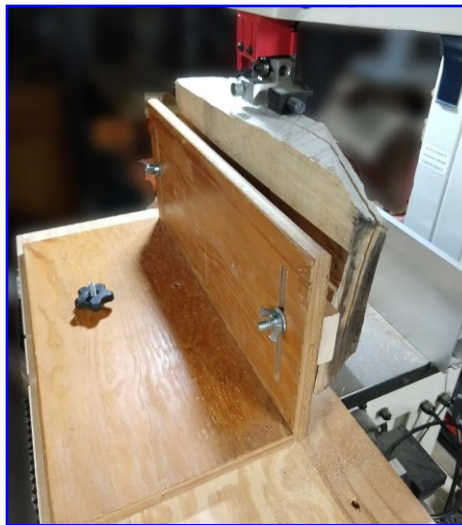
**Mark Wieting - Anything Shelf**  
Clear Pine - Gel Stain, Shellac



**Frank Peterson - Fold Down Desk**  
Hard Maple - White Poly Sprayed



**Bruce Metzdorf - Bandsaw Box Apple** - Gel Poly



**Jerry Kuffel - Log Jig**  
Plywood - No Finish



**Mark Wieting - Miter Saw Table**  
Salvaged Shelving - No Finish



**Mark Wieting - Cookbook Shelf**  
Poplar - Undercoat, Enamel



**Bruce Metzdorf - Door Decoration**  
Plywood - Spray Lacquer





**Emilian Geczi - Floor Lamp**  
Cherry - Tung Oil, Wax



**Tim McAuley - Shadow Box**  
Walnut - Lacquer



**Michael Fornaciari - Clock**  
Walnut, Maple - Arm-R-Seal



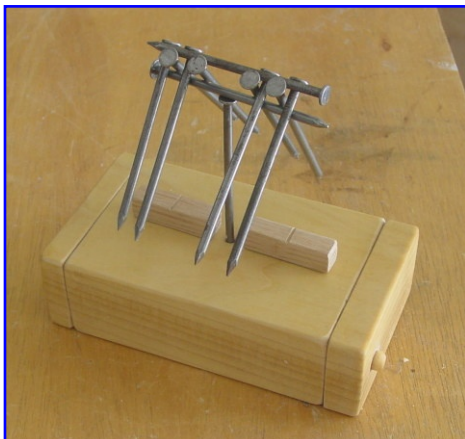
**Mark Jundanian - School Project**  
Maple, Walnut, Jatoba - no finish



**Mike Chole - Deck Chair**  
White Oak - Ready Seal



**Bob Bakshis - Plaques**  
Oak, Birch Ply - Craft Paint, Poly



**Tony Evansky - 11 Nail Puzzle**



**Tony Evansky - Red & Blue Boxes**

## Shop Tours

We have another shop tour coming up. We are planning a Zoom/video trip through Rich's shop. While Rich has the usual power tools, he has a special interest in hand tools.

The tentative date for this shop tour is Saturday, June 26th at 9:00 am. Watch for the usual Zoom invite, we hope you can make it!

