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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](#)

- **July 19** via Zoom
- **August 16** via Zoom
- **September 20**

### DPWW Board Meetings

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

- **August 2**
- **September 6**
- **October 4**

### Future Activities

- **August 1**  
[MWTCA at Garfield Farm](#)
- **August 7**  
[Sawdust in Your Coffee](#)

### Programs

- **July 19**  
[Steve Latta](#) - Table  
Construction



### President's Message - July 2021

I received communication from St. James about meeting in person later this year. The first hope for an in-person general meeting will be in September. The room we have utilized in the past has been converted to a storage area for all the supplies used during the pandemic. In addition items from the school are currently stored in this room allowing for greater social distancing in the classrooms. These items won't be removed from our meeting room until later in

August. We do hope to have our first in-person board meeting in August in a different room than where we have our general meetings. We also hope to have access to the large meeting room to test our AV equipment ensuring Zoom capabilities even once we are able to meet in person.

This month we have [Steve Latta](#), professional woodworker extraordinaire from Pennsylvania. Those of you who subscribe to Fine Woodworking will recognize the name. Steve teaches woodworking at a vocational college in PA. He is an excellent teacher and both experienced and new woodworkers will take something home from his presentation on table construction.

I will be delivering Beads of Courage boxes later in July to Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. Information about Beads of Courage can be found at the following website: <http://www.beadsofcourage.org>

Now is a great time to start or continue to make toys for this year's Christmas season toy give-away. If you need any toy parts please contact me. I have scheduled a toy workshop at [Woodcraft in Woodridge](#) for Saturday, October 2, 2021. Details will follow at the time draws closer.

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.

**George Rodgers 708-623-9038**  
[GLRodgers@comcast.net](mailto:GLRodgers@comcast.net)

## DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting (via Zoom)

**July 5, 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, Bill Hoffman, Mark Wieting, Jeff Kramer, 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 he is working on changes with PayPal. PayPal offered to add Venmo capability at no cost which we accepted. There has been no activity on the move to become a non-profit.

**President's Communication** – St. James has told him that we may be able use the big hall in September. George will be making arrangements to provide more Beads of Courage boxes to Advocate Children's Hospital in the



latter half of July.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Membership (Mike Kalscheur)** – Two new people joined the ranks of the Woodworkers bringing the membership to 196.

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

**Prizes (Bruce Kinney)** – Bruce plans to continue with door prizes with all attendees eligible for a drawing.

**Publicity (Keith Rosche)** -- Mark will arrange for publicity for the toy project.

**Toys (George Rodgers)** – George is planning a toy workshop at Woodcraft for October. Making doll beds is planned.

**Newsletter (Jim Harvey)** -- Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday evening, July 9.

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – A discussion on board members being eligible for FOW prizes resulted in a decision allowing board members to each win a single FOW prize.

**Activities (Jeff Kramer)** -- The next activity will be the Midwest Tool Collectors show at Garfield Farm.

**Programs (Mark Wieting and Jeff Kramer)** – Mark confirmed that the July program will feature [Steve Latta](#) talking on tips for making a table with a drawer. In August the topic will be making toys and resources available to aid from ideas to finished product.

**A/V (Mike Perry)** -- Mike led a continuation of the discussion on AV alternatives to provide simultaneous in-house and Zoom meeting capability. Some of the questions need access to St. James to determine the compatibility with their WiFi capability. George will coordinate the access needs with St. James.

**Web (Whit Anderson)** – We had a June 26th 9:00 a.m. Shop Tour with Rich Escallier. The workshop featured his fondness for old hand tools. The next Sawdust meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 7.

## Old Business

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

-Holiday Party: George gave Reserve 22 a down payment for the holiday party scheduled for December 13.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Jerry Johnson -- Secretary**



## DPWW July 19 General Meeting

### Steve Latta - Table Construction

Our July presenter, **Steve Latta** has been a professional furniture and cabinet maker for 30 years. He also teaches at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Steve is a [contributing editor to Fine Woodworking magazine](#) and has lectured and taught at museums and schools around the country. He worked with Lie-Nielsen to create modern inlay tools and instructional videos about inlay.

Steve is known for his [work with Federal style furniture](#) and will talk about constructing tables.

## Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is an informal Zoom get-together to talk about woodworking. At the July Sawdust meeting we talked about a lot of things, including:

- Getting wood from a firewood supplier
- Countersinking
- Milling lumber
- Bending wood for a canoe
- Spindle turning to exact diameter
- The cost of wood

The next Sawdust in Your Coffee will be 10:00 am, August 7th. When you get the usual Zoom invitation, save it and join us at the next meeting to discuss whatever woodworking topic is on your mind.

**Whit Anderson**

**web@dupagewoodworkers.org**



## June Meeting Recap



**Ron Herman** is a fourth generation woodworker. He has a professional business and [conducts classes from his web site](#). Ron has a collection of tools that “to get these, someone has to die so you can inherit them.”

He apprenticed and was told that the point of learning as an apprentice is to be able to teach to someone else. He feels he was “born into this.” Other people are amazed to learn some of the things that Ron feels he was born into.

Ron talked at length about fasteners; Nail, Screws, and Bolts. Types available, when, where, and how to use them.

He then discussed Glues and Clamps, the many different kinds available and again; when, where, and how to use the different types of glue and clamps.

## Shop Tour Video Available

We had a Zoom shop tour with **Rich Escallier** in June. It was great to see how he has arranged his shop and to see the little things that make the shop efficient for him to work. He also showed us some of his collectible tools. Rich loves the old tools and has a story for each one. If you missed the tour, the video is available in the Members Only section of the website:

<https://dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/membersonly.html>

Look for "Rich's Shop Tour" towards the bottom of the page. You'll need a username and password for the Members Only section. If you've forgotten, you can send an email to [web@dupagewoodworkers.org](mailto:web@dupagewoodworkers.org).

**Whit Anderson**

## Membership News



Two more members have joined the club since last month's newsletter, now with 196 total members.

Please welcome returning member **William Schumacher** from Glen Ellyn. His interests are furniture restoration, veneering, turning, carving and general woodworking.

Also please welcome **Brandon Knott** from Naperville. He learned about the club from a friend and is interested in building furniture and small items.

With the wide range of woodworking experience among club members, there are some members who are willing to act as mentors or trusted counselors in some categories of woodworking. Look for the “Mentor list” found on the [Members-Only page](#) of the website if you're looking for help on a specific woodworking topic. You might find another member who is willing to assist. If you have some unique area(s) of woodworking expertise and are willing to mentor another member in that area, let me know if I can add your name to the Mentor List.

Another way to ask other members for assistance or advice on a woodworking topic is the [On-Line Forum](#), which is also accessible from the Members-Only page. Valid members need to first register on the Forum to enable posting new topic questions and replies on it.

**Mike Kalscheur**  
[membership@dupagewoodworkers.org](mailto:membership@dupagewoodworkers.org)

## Prizes



Pandemic or not, the club is continuing the door prize and FOW prize tradition.

\$20 Woodcraft Gift Certificate prize winners at the June meeting were as follows:

Door Prize - **Tom Kubicka**

FOW Drawing - **Patrick Kirchner, Gordon Brand, Bert LeLoup**

**Lee Nye** - FOW Chairman





## Toys



DPWW and [Woodcraft](#) (75th St. and Woodward Ave. in Woodridge) will be hosting a toy making workshop on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 9am to 3pm. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September general meeting. 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 sign 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. You can also sign up by calling or emailing **George Rodgers**, 708-623-9038 or [glrogers@comcast.net](mailto:glrogers@comcast.net)

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. We also have patterns and directions for making toys which are available at each general meeting and on our website at: DuPage Woodworkers

**George Rodgers**

## **Internet Woodworking Link of the Month** **Arnfest**

Not specifically an internet link, Arn Fest is a yearly gathering of people who collect and refurbish old woodworking and metalworking machines, people who make up OWWM.com (now VintageMachinery.org). They make hand plane collectors look like sissys. Their passion is for vintage American made industrial machinery that weighs thousands of pounds. Want a sixteen inch jointer? You might find one. The meet is held at the [Illinois Railway Museum](#) in Union, IL, so is easily accessible to DuPage Woodworkers.

Information on the 2021 show September 23-26, will be available soon on their web site:

<https://arnfest.com/>

You can download their 2019 schedule to get an idea of what goes on there:

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/350bb741-6ef4-4350-9b28-62ccf2593c3f/downloads/ArnFest-2019-Schedule-and-Map.pdf>

*Send YOUR favorite web sites to [wb8nbs@prodigy.net](mailto:wb8nbs@prodigy.net) - Jim Harvey*

## **DuPage Woodworkers Activity**

### **Garfield Farm Inn and Museum Antique Tool Show & Sale**

**Sunday, August 1, 2021**



Members of the Midwest Tool Collectors Association and the Early American Industries Association will display, trade, and sell antique and collectable tools. This is the only joint show by these two organizations in the mid-west open to the public. There is a fee for this event (\$7.00 adults/\$2.00 children 12 and under).

Many antique tools people come in contact with are mysteries. They might not know what the tool was used for or even who or how it was used. Not only can the public view, and even buy the tools at the Antique Tool Show and Sale, the collectors have an understanding and experience that they share with the show's guests. Plus the family can tour many Garfield Farm museum exhibits.

### **About Garfield Farm Museum**

The museum offers a variety of educational, family, and entertainment events. Seminars are held on such topics as prairie, woodlands, and wetlands management; bat and blue bird box construction; and fruit tree grafting. Special shows bring rare breed livestock, heirloom garden products and seeds, and collections of antique farm tools. Prairie walks are conducted monthly. And there are social events like barn dances.

**Jeff Kramer**



## From Our Workshop June-July 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 June 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.



**Al Cheeks - BOC Box**  
Purpleheart, Cherry - Danish Oil



**Ron Colliander - Step Stools**  
Bradford Pear - Satin Poly



**Gordon Brand - Yarn Bowl**  
Maple, Walnut, Padauk -  
Manoney Oil & Wax



**Marty Dettmer - BOC Box**  
Birdseye Maple, Walnut -  
Furniture Polish



**Gordon Brand - Wall Hanging**  
Cherry, BB Ply - Paint, Acrylic



**Harry Trainor - Cutting Board**  
Maple, Walnut, Purpleheart -  
Howards Butcher Block  
Conditioner



**Mark Wieting - BOC Box**  
Cherry, White Limba, Bubinga -  
Danish Oil & Wax



**Mark Wieting - Coffee Coasters**  
1/8" Ply - Lacquer & Poly



**Harry Trainor - Cutting Board**  
Cherry, Maple, Walnut,  
Purpleheart - Howards Butcher  
Block Conditioner





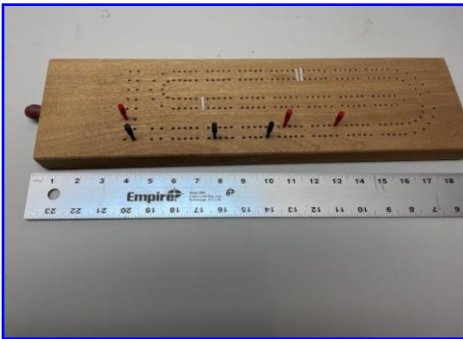
**Bruce Metzdorf - Guardian Angel**  
Spanish Cedar - Watco Oil



**Bruce Metzdorf - iPad Stand**  
Plywood - Danish Oil



**Bruce Metzdorf - Giant Jenga**  
2x4s - No Finish



**Harry Trainor - Cribbage Board**  
Sapelle - No Finish



**Mike Kalscheur - Side Table**  
Cherry - Gel Stain, Wipeon Poly



**George Rodgers - BOC Box**  
Maple, Walnut, Plywood -  
Airbrush, Lacquer, Shellac



**Mike Perry - Windsor Rocker**  
Oak, Cherry, Ash, Maple, Walnut -  
Watco Soon



**George Rodgers - BOC Box**  
Maple, Walnut, Plywood -  
Airbrush, Lacquer, Shellac



**Pat McGrath - Xmas Gifts**  
Various Wood - No Finish



**Bob Bakshis - Celtic Knot Boxes**  
Oak - Poly



**Jim Harvey - StewMac Tenor Ukulele Kit**  
Spruce, Pacific Walnut - Formbys Tung Oil



**Mike Perry - Picture Frames**  
Bridge Cedar - Watco Natural



**Jim Harvey - Folding Uke Stand**  
1/4" BB Ply - Rattle CanLacquer



**Mike Perry, Kevin Loewe - Signs**  
Cedar - White Paint, Watco



Illinois is opening most venues for meeting as more people get vaccinated for protection from the COVID-19 virus. New members may consider ordering a shirt or hat embroidered with the DPWW club logo so as to have it available when we are able to meet in groups. It is an advantage to be recognized as a DPWW member when out in some venues.

Hats are available for \$18, and a very few Polo and Long Sleeve T shirts in M, 2XL and 3XL are available for \$20. Others are a bit higher price. We need a combined order of 6 items if the size is not in club stock. I am available by phone or email to take your order.

**Carl Shaffer**  
**630-251-3106, harleypop99@att.net**



## **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**.