



DUPAGE

WOODWORKERS

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Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

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

DPWW Board Meetings

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

- **September 7**
- **October 4**
- **November 1**

Future Activities

- **September 4**
[Sawdust in Your Coffee](#)
- **September 11**
Visit to [Ron Colliander's Sawmill](#)

Programs

- **August 16** via Zoom
Panel Discussion: [Toys For Our November Drive](#)

President's Message - August 2021



I was finally able to submit our request for reserving space at St. James starting in September. I have not received confirmation but expect that in the near future. So, hopefully we are able to meet in person in September. Our August meeting will be held via Zoom from *Mike Perry's* workshop. We are going to have a round-table discussion/presentation of toy making tips and techniques.

Mark Wieting and I delivered 13 Beads of Courage boxes to Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn on Friday, July 30.



They were very happy to receive them and look forward to providing them to children with serious medical/surgical conditions.

SAVE THE DATE: We are going to have our Holiday Party at Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn on Monday, December 13. We were unable to have it in 2020 and look forward to an evening of socialization and good food.

Jeff Kramer has arranged for a [tour of Ron Colliander's sawmill](#) in September. An activity we can all enjoy.

Now is a great time to start or continue to make toys for this years 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.

We are starting the process of recruiting people to head committees and being on the board for 2022. We also encourage anyone interested in being on a committee but not wanting to be a committee chair to let us know.

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



DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting (via Zoom) **August 2, 2021**

George Rodgers opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Present were Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Whit Anderson, Mike Perry, Mike Kalschuer, Lee Nye, Bill Hoffman,

Mark Wieting, Jeff Kramer, Mark Jundanian, Tony Evansky and Jerry Johnson.

The minutes and treasurer's report were both approved.

Bill Hoffman reported activity on the move to become a non-profit.

President's Communication – George and Mark W. delivered 13 Beads of Courage boxes to Advocate Children's Hospital. George also made the deposit for the holiday party at Reserve 22.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership (Mike Kalschuer) – Two new people joined the ranks of the Woodworkers bringing the membership to 198.

Library (Tom Olson) -- Nothing to report.

Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – Bruce expects to have some door prizes left over at the end of the year.

Publicity (Keith Rosche) -- No report.

Toys (George Rodgers) – George is planning a toy workshop at Woodcraft for October 2.

Newsletter (Jim Harvey) -- Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday evening, August 6.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – There will be From Our Workshop at the August meeting.

Activities (Jeff Kramer) -- Jeff has several ideas for activities and is scheduling a visit to Ron Colliander's sawmill for September.

Programs (Mark Wieting and Jeff Kramer) – Mark confirmed that the August program will feature a panel of four members of our club talking about "Cars and Beyond".

A/V (Mike Perry) -- Nothing to report.

Web (Whit Anderson) – The July general meeting was attended by about 50 members. The July Sawdust meeting had nine participants. The next one will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 7. The Classified activity is busy. The Forum activity is nearly nonexistent.

Old Business

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

-Holiday Party: The ticket price for the Holiday party will be \$25 per person and the date is confirmed: December 13. The price still has a club subsidy.

New Business: The subject of board members for 2022 was discussed and current members were polled to see who will be able to continue. A final decision is not possible at the moment but it is likely that several positions will need replacements. Mike K. will start the activity with an email to the members discussing the situation and the need for Chairs as well as committee members. Other board members will pitch in as the size of the task is clarified.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Johnson – Secretary

July Meeting Recap



Our July 19 meeting featured **Steve Latta**, professor at Thaddeus Stevens vocational college and frequent contributor to [Fine Woodworking Magazine](#). The chosen subject was making tables, and what to think about if you are making a single design in quantity. He does custom construction in his Pennsylvania shop and the focus of his talk was tips and tricks for ensuring all table components can be cut quickly and fit together smoothly. A number of jigs for sizing stock before and during joinery were demonstrated.

For more on Steve's work see <https://blog.lostartpress.com/2021/06/22/steve-latta-from-the-difference-makers/>



Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is an informal Zoom get-together to talk about woodworking. At the August 7 Sawdust meeting we talked about a lot of things, including:

- Transferring a pattern to wood
- Minimizing raised grain when painting
- Antique brace
- Wild animals
- Rotating wood for cutting boards
- Table saw for sale
- Prices of used items
- Guitar parts and guitar kits
- Canoe making
- Granite topped table saw

The next Sawdust in Your Coffee will be 10:00 am, September 4th. 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

August Meeting Cars, Trucks and Way Beyond



The **DuPage Woodworkers** have a long history of making toys for underprivileged kids during the holidays, some years amassing more than 4,000

handmade toys of all types.

The focus of the August meeting will be toys, with special emphasis on alternatives to cars and trucks. Cars and trucks have been the mainstay of our toys program, but in recent years we've tried to diversify and create more toys for girls, including doll beds, puzzles and baby carriages.

Our panel of toymakers, DPWW members **Bruce Kinney, Wally Schmidt, Jim Harvey** and **George Rodgers**, will provide ideas on their own special takes on toys, from cars to play furniture to keepsake boxes and puzzles and doll beds. Panelists will answer questions and give tips on design, materials and construction.

Join us for a Zoom call on Monday, Aug. 16 at 7 pm. Also scheduled is From Our Workshop, a great collection of projects made by our members in the last couple of months.

We hope to "see" you on the call. Bring your ideas about other projects kids will love.

If anyone has trouble connecting to our meetings via Zoom and would like help, please contact **Mark Wieting** at mark.wieting@gmail.com or **Jeff Kramer** at kramer123@hotmail.com.



Membership News

Two new members have joined the Club since last month's newsletter. Club membership now totals 198.

Please welcome **Louis Meli** from Naperville. Louis learned about the Club from the website.

Woodworking is a new hobby for him, and will likely welcome advice from the many experienced club members.

Also please welcome **Bob David** from Aurora. He learned about the club from the local Woodcraft store. Bob is interested in building band saw boxes, small turnings, and book cases.

With the wide range of woodworking experience among club members, some members are willing to act as mentors or trusted counselors in many categories of woodworking. Look for the "Mentor List" found on the [Members-Only page](#) of the website. 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 for assistance or advice on a woodworking topic is to join one of the "**Sawdust in your Coffee**" informal sessions via Zoom. Those sessions are held on the first Saturday morning each month. Once in-person meetings begin again at St. James, sharing of woodworking advice should be easier for many members.

Have you received your COVID-19 vaccination yet???

Mike Kalscheur
membership@dupagewoodworkers.org



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 time to help bandsaw, drill, rout, sand and assemble toys for the DPWW underprivileged children give-away 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

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: dupagewoodworkers.org.

George Rodgers

DPWW August Activity **Visit to Ron Colliander's Sawmill**

Ron Colliander has invited us to visit his sawmill and to see it in operation. This will take place on Saturday, September 11 from 10:00AM until Noon. The mill is located at his home in West Chicago.



Ron and his brother Mike operate a 1994 Woodmizer LT40HD24. Their sawmill has the capabilities to hydraulically load, turn, and clamp logs. They can mill logs up to 20' long and 36" in diameter. The widest board it can cut is about 24". The lumber they process is used to support their hobby work along with other family members and friends.

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To sign up, please go the [activities page](#) on the DPWW website and click on "Sign Me Up" for this activity. Please bring hearing protection.

DuPage Woodworkers Activity

**[Garfield Farm Inn and Museum](#)
[Antique Tool Show & Sale](#)
Sunday, August 1, 2021**

The first club activity since March 2020! DPWW members attended the annual [MWTCA](#) meet at Garfield Farm in Campton Hills. This is the only Midwest Tool Collectors show that is open to the general public. Nearly all the hundreds of tools exhibited for sale date to pre-World War 2, many manufactured in the 19th century.

Jeff Kramer





From Our Workshop July-August 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.



**Emilian Geczi - Bathroom Shelf,
Mirror Frame & Towel Hook**
Poplar - Gel Stain, Spray Lacquer



Bill Hoffman - Porch Swing
Cedar - Gen Fin Exterior 450



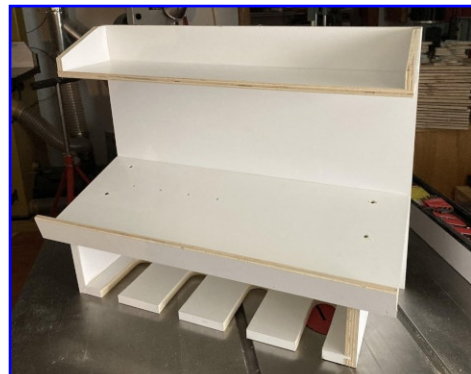
**Bert LeLoup - Turned Man Hole
Cover Box**
White Oak, Walnut - Watco



Mike Perry - Playmobile Swing
Scrap Trim - Spray Paint



Ron Colliander - Curio Cabinet
White Oak - Satin Poly



**George Rodgers - Cordless Drill
Charging Station**
Melamine - No Finish



Ron Colliander - Snack Table
Walnut, Pear - Satin Poly



Dan Urban - Trivets
Cherry - Danish Oil, Poly



Al Cheeks - Adirondack Chairs
White Oak - Unfinished