



DUPAGE

WOODWORKERS

Learning by Sharing the Art of Woodworking



## Calendar

### DPWW Regular Meetings

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

- **September 20**
- **October 18**
- **November 15**

### DPWW Board Meetings

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

- **October 4**
- **November 1**
- **December 6**

### Future Activities

- **October 2**  
[Sawdust in Your Coffee](#)
- **October 2**  
[Toy Workshop](#)

### Programs

- **September 20**  
The [Shaper Origin](#)  
*Whit Anderson*



## President's Message - September 2021

We are finally going to be able to meet in person! Our next general meeting will be at [St. James the Apostle Parish Catholic Church in Glen Ellyn](#) on Monday, September 20 at 7pm. Please park in the south parking lot as in prior years. The meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom. The DPWW board strongly recommends that people attending in person are fully vaccinated both for their protection as well as the protection of your fellow woodworkers. Properly worn masks are mandatory for all.

Member *Whit Anderson* will be providing us with a demonstration of the [Shaper Origin](#), a handheld computer operated router, during our meeting. We will also have From Our Workshop during this meeting. Please send in pictures of your projects even if you are bringing in the project. (An email will be sent out soliciting pictures prior to the meeting). A From Our Workshop power-point presentation will take place and picture quality in our prior FOW power-points has been very good.

**AUCTION REQUEST:** St. James the Apostle School is having their annual auction this fall. In past years many of us have donated handcrafted wooden objects to be auctioned. I will be collecting items at this month's general meeting. If you are not attending the meeting and want to donate an item please contact me directly, [glroddgers@comcast.net](mailto:glroddgers@comcast.net) or 708-623-9038. Please remember we do not pay rent to St. James and one of the ways we are able to give back is by donating items for their annual auction.

**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.

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. Please refer to the [Toys section of our newsletter](#) for more specific information.

We are starting the process of recruiting people to head different 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 DPWW. Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone else on the board about concerns/questions/suggestions you might have. This is your organization and you make it what it is.

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



## **DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting September 7, 2021**

**George Rodgers** opened the on-site, in-person meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Whit Anderson, Mike Kalschuer, Bill Hoffman, Mark

Wieting, Jeff Kramer, Don Pelligrini, Lou Meli, and Jerry Johnson.

The minutes and treasurer's report were both approved. Bill has most of the information needed on the move to become a non-profit, 501 (C) 3, organization and is preparing a draft of changes for the constitution. The changes to the constitution will be limited to those necessary to achieve the non-profit status. The next general review will be in 2022.

**President's Communication** – The room where we have been holding the board meeting will not be available in the future. We will be meeting in the large hall which is designated Room 1.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Membership (Mike Kalschuer)** – One new person joined the ranks of the DuPage Woodworkers bringing the membership to 199. The letters and membership cards for 2022 are being prepared.

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

**Prizes (Bruce Kinney)** – There will be no door prizes at the September general meeting.

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

**Toys (George Rodgers)** – George is planning a toy workshop at Woodcraft for October 2 and will be asking for a show of interest at the general meeting.

**Newsletter (Jim Harvey)** -- Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday evening, September 10.

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – Our experience with Zoom has shown that the photos showing the item being displayed show up more clearly using the photo rather than trying to capture the physical item live. In the future photos are strongly encouraged to supplement items presented at the church. The item should still be brought to the church for members to see first-hand during the break and after the 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)** – For the September program **Whit Anderson** will show and discuss the Shaper Origin. October is an expert woodworker possibly presenting via Zoom. Nov is the time we bring the toys and a short program.

**A/V (Mike Perry)** -- Several of the members conducted a test of the hybrid (Live and Zoom) a/v system and found it worked well although the sound could use some tweaking before the general meeting

**Web (Whit Anderson)** – The general meeting will continue on the third Monday of the month with the Zoom format as well the live at the church. The Sawdust meetings will continue solely via Zoom on the first Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

### **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.

**-2022 Board Nominations:** Good progress is being made on assembling a slate of officers and chairs. One unusual office has a candidate who is a new member (**Lou Meli**) who attended the board meeting as a guest and left the meeting as the treasurer candidate. Lou was an accountant in a former life and we are lucky he volunteered.

### **New Business:**

**-Grundy County invitation to meetings:** During the Covid pandemic we have been inviting the Grundy County folks to our Zoom meetings at no charge as they are a small organization. Now that it is permissible to have live meetings without a Zoom and just a mask requirement, we will discontinue that arrangement. They will be invited through November as they adjust to the new environment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jerry Johnson -- Secretary**



## Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is an informal Zoom get-together to talk about woodworking. At the September Zoom meeting the discussion included:

- Making a wood covered USB drive
- Furnace room door (peek opening)
- Venting garage workshop
- Next general meeting arrangements
- Delta planer with chip in blade, can they be sharpened? What angle? Why do they get chipped with "good wood"?
- Squaring a jointer fence
- Plans for toy day
- Mark Jundanian "Offering" in AAW show
- Least best tools ever bought
- Mini houses in Batavia
- Selling on Etsy
- Halloween decoration/pumpkin lantern.

The October Sawdust in Your Coffee will be Saturday, October 2nd at 10:00AM. Join us at the next meeting to discuss whatever woodworking topic is on your mind.

**Whit Anderson** [web@dupagewoodworkers.org](mailto:web@dupagewoodworkers.org)



## September Meeting The Shaper Origin

At our general meeting on Sept. 20, we are moving toward "normality," with in-person attendance at [St. James in Glen Ellyn](#), but there also will be a Zoom component for those

members who choose not to attend in person. Masks and social distancing will be required of those who attend in person, and we'll have to forego the coffee and cookies during the break in the meeting.

Our speaker will be **Whit Anderson** who will demonstrate the [Origin, a handheld but computer guided router from Shaper Tools](#). Origin is a portable CNC machine that can cut mortise and tenon joints, inlays, intricate parts of various sizes and other jobs demanding precision and repeatability. Whit has been using his device for almost a year, and has cut gears, dadoes, decorative shapes (some to be filled with epoxy) and other pieces. This is a chance to see this device up close, in-person or via Zoom.

There will also be From Our Workshop, both in-person and via Power Point. We've held off on FOW presentations for the last couple of meetings so there is a great list of interesting projects to be shown.

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



## Membership News

One new member has joined the DuPage Woodworkers (DPWW) organization since last month's newsletter. Membership now totals 199 members.

Please welcome **Doug Foster** from Sugar Grove. Doug learned about

DPWW from a friend, and enjoys woodturning, building games and toys.

With the wide range of woodworking experience among members, some are willing to act as mentors or trusted counselors in various categories of woodworking. Look for the "[Mentor list](#)" found on the [Members-Only page of the website](#) for member advice/help on a specific woodworking topic. You might find another member who is willing to assist. And if you have some unique area(s) of woodworking expertise and are willing to mentor other members, 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 to join one of the "Sawdust in your Coffee" informal sessions via Zoom. Those sessions are usually held on a Saturday morning. Sharing of woodworking advice should be easier for many members when in-person meetings begin again at St. James.

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





## Using the General 809 Honing Guide



the 809. I couldn't find instructions anywhere on the internet so here is what I learned.

Besides regular blades and chisels, the 809 is useful for sharpening very narrow things like a 1/8" chisel, short blades from a spokeshave, even skewed cutters. On the downside, an 809 hones only a 30 degree bevel. It has a roller foot that rides along the bench instead of on the stone, so the foot has to be reset each time you change to a stone with a different thickness.



I somehow have two of these. Did not like them initially, but at the MWTCA meet, I acquired an old spoke pointer which has a very thin, short blade, and I had to use

There's a flat area on the bottom below the blade clamp. It is thirty degrees to the surface that clamps the blade. Retract the blade so it does not touch

your stone. Loosen the knuckle knob in the center so the foot swings free, and place a business card on the stone under the flat area. Press down firmly on the front of the guide so the flat rests securely on the business card. At the rear, move the foot down so it touches the bench and tighten the knuckle knob.



remove the business card and commence honing.

When you advance to a higher grit, it's likely the stone

will not be the same thickness. I have stones ranging from 3/8" to 1". So on each change, repeat the foot setting process - press the flat against business card, loosen knuckle knob, adjust foot to touch bench, tighten knuckle knob. Only adjust the foot, do **not** change the blade setting.

The stock 809 clamp only works for blades 2 inches or longer. For shorter blades we have to help it. To handle this short cutter from the spoke pointer, I sandwiched the blade with three rulers, one on top of the blade, one underneath and one a bit thinner than the cutter in the middle. It honed up great and the spoke pointer works like a charm.



**Jim Harvey** [wb8nbs@prodigy.net](mailto:wb8nbs@prodigy.net)

## DPWW Clothing

Veterans Day is now passed. I am sure those of you who are veterans wore your veterans cap with pride; I did. Halloween arrives in a few weeks, and some of you will be out and about with the little ones. This is an opportunity to wear your DPWW cap and shirt, if you have them, and proudly tell others about the DPWW Club when asked about the embroidered logo that you have displayed on your hat and shirt. Other opportunities will soon be available to wear these items. You might consider a gift for someone special. A few hats are available from stock for \$17. A limited supply of Polo and long sleeve T shirts in M, 2XL and 3XL are available for \$20. Others are available at a bit higher cost, and require several weeks to obtain. Our supplier requires an order of 6 shirts for the embroidery setup. Let me know how I can help.

**Carl Shaffer**  
630-251-3106





## 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. In lieu of passing around a sign-up sheet (due to covid) please contact me directly if you are able to attend. [glrodders@comcast.net](mailto:glrodders@comcast.net) or 708-623-9038. 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. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning and pizza and pop will be served at lunchtime.

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. You can also contact me directly if you need wheels or axles. We also have patterns and directions for making toys which are available at each general meeting and on our [DuPage Woodworkers website](#).

**George Rodgers**

## August Meeting Recap



August featured a panel discussion on Toy Making. George Rodgers, Bruce Kinney, Jim Harvey and Wally Schmidt presented jigs and methods for making wooden toys in quantity, and the effort to make more items targeted at young girls. Bruce covered toy cars, Wally talked about the doll furniture he makes, Jim had several types of sliding lid boxes, and George showed the Barbie sized doll beds he is making for the November toy drive. There are many [toy plans on the DPWW web site](#).



## DuPage Woodworkers Activity September 11 - Ron Colliander's Sawmill



Our second group outing in 2021 took us to **Ron Colliander's** home workshop where he demonstrated his 1994 Wood-Mizer. This is a portable sawmill suitable for woodworking hobbyists to full-time sawmill operators. It uses a bandsaw type blade that is positioned for horizontal cuts.

Ron discussed the entire process from obtaining logs to loading logs, prepping them and cutting them into planks. He also discussed the features and operation of the sawmill. Ron then demonstrated how to load a log onto the machine using its hydraulic lifting apparatus and positioning it for cutting. He began the cutting process by making multiple passes as he trimmed the wood to prepare the central part of the log for cutting into planks.

**Jeff Kramer**



## From Our Workshop August-September 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 September 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.

Only one project has been submitted after last month's newsletter deadline. We expect to see more at the **IN PERSON MEETING** on September 20th. Even though In-Person meetings have started again, we encourage members to bring projects to the meetings but also submit your own photos [through Google Forms](#). Photos we have received over the past year have been good quality and we like to see the project as you see it. Also in-person FOW will overlap with Zoom for some time so including your photos in the slide deck will better show them to members who cannot attend in person.



**Jerry Kuffel - Wedding Heart Registry**  
Walnut, Maple, Plexiglass - Shellac



### 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.

### Online Discussion Forum

Have a woodworking question you need answered? Want to share progress on a project? Try the [DuPage Woodworkers online forum](#). You can post a question (or answer a question someone else has asked). You can share a project you are working on. Anybody can read the forum, but you need to register to post on the forum. There is some information to get you [started on registering](#).

If you are interested in the forum, but not enough to check each day to see what is posted, you can sign up to get a daily email outlining what was posted the day before. You can stop the emails any time you want. If you decide to sign up for daily emails check out "[Get an Email Daily Digest of New Posts](#)" in the forum for details on signing up.