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Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

- **November 15**

**No December Meeting, see
Holiday Party**

- **January 17**

DPWW Board Meetings

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

- **December 6**
- **January 3**
- **February 7**

Future Activities

- **November 13**
[Visit to Rockford ReTool and Rockford ReStore](#)
- **November 6**
Sawdust in Your Coffee
- **December 4**
Sawdust in Your Coffee
- **December 13**
[Holiday Party](#)

Programs

- **November 15**
[Small Router Table](#)
[Jim Harvey](#)



President's Message - November 2021

I learned a lot from *Steve Latta's* Zoom presentation on bookcase carcass construction. He always approaches his projects in an efficient and consistent manner. I realize we had some difficulty in asking him questions. We discussed this at our last board meeting so hopefully we will be better in the future.

I am happy to let you know we passed minor constitutional wording changes at our last meeting.

These wording changes focus on confirming our mission of education and our continued charitable endeavor of making and distributing wooden toys during the holiday season. These wording changes help facilitate our application for 501(c)3 charitable organization status.

Our November program revolves around our annual toy collection and distribution. If you have toys to donate please plan on arriving early (doors will open at 6:30pm) so that we can get the toys placed on the tables prior to the start of our meeting at 7pm. In addition, *Jim Harvey* will demonstrate how to make a mini-router table. I have made one based on his plans and have used it many times. Works great! We will also be voting on our board nominations at this meeting.

We have signed a contract with Reserve 22 for our [holiday party on Monday, December 13](#). This will be in lieu of our general meeting in December. We had our party with them in 2019. The food was good and the room was very well laid out allowing for good interaction of members and their spouses. More details later in this newsletter about our holiday party. I'm looking forward to seeing you at this social event.

Our next general meeting will be at [St. James the Apostle Parish Catholic Church in Glen Ellyn](#) on Monday, November 15 at 7pm. (Toy donations should arrive at 6:30PM.) 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.

George Rodgers 708-623-9038 GLRodgers@comcast.net

DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting

October 4, 2021



George Rodgers opened the on-site, in-person meeting at 7:07 p.m. Present were Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Whit Anderson, Mike Kalschuer, Bill Hoffman, Mark Wieting, Jeff Kramer, Mike Perry, Tim McAuley, Lee Nye, 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 the necessary changes to the constitution have been passed by the membership. The changes to the constitution are limited to those necessary to achieve the non-profit status. The next general review will be in 2022.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership (Mike Kalscheur) – We have 202 members which belong to 192 households. About 50% of the households have already renewed their membership for next year.

Library (Tim McAuley) -- Most of the library contents have been cataloged and entered into the new software. Tim demonstrated the capabilities of the new system which are far superior to the existing software making it much more useful. There is still work to be done but he expects to have it well in hand by the end of the year. The current plan is to present the capabilities to the membership at the January general meeting.

Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – The door prize activity will continue to be on hold until January.

Publicity (Keith Rosche) -- No report.

Toys (George Rodgers) – We still have charities that want the toys although not all will be present at the November general meeting. All toys should be brought in November as we have done in the past. We will be selecting toys for the absent organizations.

Newsletter (Jim Harvey) -- Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday evening, November 5.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – Due to the toys distribution there will be no FOW at the November meeting.

Activities (Jeff Kramer) -- Jeff has planned a visit to the [Retool Store](#) (used tools) in Rockford on November 13. He distributed a copy of the schedule through December, 2022 with some filled but many openings and asked for help with ideas.

Programs (Mark Wieting, Jeff Kramer) – November is the time we bring the toys and a short program by **Jim Harvey** on making a small router stand will precede the toy distribution.

A/V (Mike Perry) -- We discussed the protocol during Zoom meetings to assure that the presenter hears and responds to questions from the audience. Conclusion: Two microphones will be available and must be used by anyone asking a question.

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. There will be “Sawdust” in December.

Old Business:

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

-Banquet: In the discussion of the banquet a motion was made and passed that Proof of Vaccination will be required and shown to enter. As in the past, crafted gifts for guests are strongly encouraged.

-2022 Board Nominations: Good progress is being made on assembling a slate of officers and chairs; however, we still need a co-chair or help on Library, Publicity, A/V and Toys.

New Business:

-Finalization of Constitution amendment: In response to some questions regarding the finalization Jerry made the following comments. The amendment became official on the date that Mike K transmitted to George (president) that the results are all in, quorum requirements were met, and the amendment passed. [Post meeting note: The date is October 19, 2021.] The spreadsheet created by Mike K. containing who voted and how will be sufficient documentation of the voting. The constitution will be added to the 501(c)3 application by Bill who expects to be able to submit in the next week. Jerry(secretary) will be the keeper of the official document. He will send a copy to Whit (webmaster) for posting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Johnson -- Secretary



October Meeting Recap

Most of our October meeting was taken up by **Steve Latta's** most excellent Zoom presentation on large project Carcass Construction. Steve recommends starting a large case project by first building the front; the face frame. He seldom uses measuring instruments after the face is done, relying on the components themselves to dimension the next piece. This method requires some planning, but in the end is far more accurate. A favorite tip was using a pair of overlapping steel rulers to record a dimension. "Measurement is the Enemy of Precision" - Christopher Schwarz.



Steve likes to create an edge bead on visible parts that may be subject to damage. He uses a shaper to create beads and rabbets, though a router does just as good a job. Always cut the bead a bit lower than the surface so it doesn't get flattened by sanding later. He demonstrated how to cut and join face frame pieces so that there is a tenon joint between the components, but the inside edge beading is mitered.

Carcass side, top, bottom, and rear panel construction was demonstrated. He fits sides into face frame rabbets, uses dados for bottom installation, and dovetails his top into the sides. Dovetails can be half blind or later covered by a molding.

Then Steve spent some time discussing options for rear panel design, recommending plywood panels glued into a grooved frame for strength. He also shared several tips for safely pushing thin material through a table saw. He also showed his methods for creating molding with a router from flat stock, always doing the innermost profile first so tearout is cleaned up by subsequent cuts. He angles his table saw blade a few degrees to get an edge that fits tight against the carcass.

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 DPWW since last month. Please welcome **Chad Montgomery** from Glen Ellyn. Chad learned about DPWW from the website, and lists his woodworking interests as luthier and carving projects. Also please welcome **Joe Ray** from Palos Heights. He also found DPWW with an internet search.

With 193 total households now listed on the roster, almost 50% of the current households have already renewed their membership for the 2022 year. Many thanks to those members who have already submitted their dues payment. Annual membership fees are still \$25 per household and payment is due before year-end. Prompt payment is appreciated if you plan to continue as a member next year.

Mike Kalscheur

membership@dupagewoodworkers.org

Sawdust in Your Coffee

There were nine participants at the November 6 Sawdust in Your Coffee Zoom meeting. Topics discussed included:

- Blastgate efficiency
- Marking with calipers
- Wood and finish for hand mirror
- Routing a drip groove in a cutting board
- Ammonia fuming
- Bits for pattern routing
- Bending a runner for a toy rocking horse
- Shipping to Hawaii
- Progress and finish for a canoe
- Making a mandolin
- Wood selecting and drying for instruments
- Making a snack table/tray

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at 10:00 on Saturday, December 11th. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual invitation.

Whit Anderson



2022 DPWW Board and Committee

Nominees

President	George Rodgers	(Officer)
Vice President	Mark Wieting	(Officer)
Treasurer	Lou Meli	(Officer)
Secretary	Jerry Johnson	(Officer)
Programs/Activities	Don Pellegrini	(co-Chair)
Programs/Activities	Jeff Kramer	(co-Chair)
Programs/Activities	Mark Wieting	
Programs/Activities	Tom Olson	
Membership	Mike Kalscheur	(Chair)
Library	Tim McAuley	(Chair)
	Tom Kubica	
Newsletter	Jim Harvey	(Chair)
Prizes	Bruce Kinney	(Chair)
Prizes	Tony Evansky	
Prizes	Don Sinnott	
Publicity	Keith Rosche	(Chair)
A/V	Mike Perry	(Chair)
A/V	Jack Pine	
A/V	Mark Jundanian	
A/V	Jim Schneider	
Webmaster	Bill Hoffman	(Chair)
From Our Workshop	Lee Nye	(Chair)
Toys	George Rodgers	(Chair??)
	NEED Chair and co-Chair!	
Toys	Bill O'Malley	
Toys	Walter Schmidt	
Toys	Fred Cutlan	

Election of officers for 2022 at the November 15th meeting

Email voting will not be done, members must vote in person or by show of hands in the Zoom session **at the November meeting**. At this date, none of the offices or committees have more than one candidate.

November Meeting

The November general meeting will feature DuPage Woodworkers member [Jim Harvey's presentation](#) on

making a nifty stand for a trim router [any small router]. The stand features splayed legs and firm hold-downs for the router [hold-ups, really for the inverted tool].

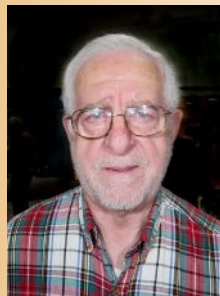
The stand can include a fence for rounding over longer pieces of stock, such as bed rails for the doll beds members made at the Toys Workshop in October. The meeting Nov. 15 will be held in person at [St. James in Glen Ellyn](#), but those members who cannot attend in person can participate via Zoom.



Then there are toys! Representatives from several of the organizations to which we are donating toys will be present to pick up them up. Also, [Becky Snobeck](#), who has "rescued" and refurbished literally hundreds of Barbie dolls and donated them to our group to accompany the doll beds we made, will attend by Zoom. Along with the beds, puzzles and crayon holders, there will be literally more than 1,000 cars and trucks. With all the toys laid out on tables, it's quite a sight. If you are a new member and haven't experienced the "Toys Meeting" before, come and be amazed at the productivity of our members in this charitable activity of our organization.

Mark Wieting

DPWW Clothing



Family is always trying to get you a gift that you would appreciate, and you have trouble coming up with a suggestion. Possibly a DPWW shirt or hat is just the thing. I offer hats, polo and long sleeve T shirts with the attractive DPWW embroidered logo. Tan hats \$18. Limited supply of green polo and long sleeve T shirts in size M, 2XL and 3XL \$20. One polo shirt size L \$23. Other shirts and hats require ordering at slightly higher prices. See you at the meeting.

Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106



Toy Collection

The time has finally come for us to collect all the toys you have been diligently making throughout the past year. We will collect the toys at this month's general meeting. Toy collection will start at 6:30pm. Following our shortened program we will distribute the toys around 8PM. These toys go to help children who are less fortunate than a lot of others. The ministries we work with include, St. James Christmas Basket Program, Epiphany Toy Collection benefiting the kids of St John Paul 2 parish in Kankakee (facilitated by St. James), Humanitarian Service Project in Carol Stream, Mutual Ground

in Aurora, Developmental Learning Program in Midlothian, New Moms organization in the Austin section of Chicago, Refugee One, Pillars Community Health in La Grange, Buddy's Place in La Grange, Off the Street Club in East Garfield Park section of Chicago.

As you can see, we have a tremendous impact on a lot of children in the greater Chicago area. As my five year old granddaughter told her father after helping me put together wooden puzzles. "I am happy to help Grandpa George help children that are not as lucky as me."

Thanks for your contributions!!

George Rodgers

Time for the Holiday Party!

The holiday party replaces the December general meeting: Monday December 13th at Reserve 22, cocktails at 6:00 p.m. (cash bar).

Dinner will be served at 6:30. The restaurant is part of Village Links golf course, 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, approximately 3 blocks north of St. James. Drive into Winchell Way to the clubhouse. Plenty of parking available.

Dinner will be buffet style. A modified Italian dinner with chicken piccata and penne pasta are the main dishes. Cost is \$25 per person (includes coffee and soft station).

Spouses/significant others are encouraged to attend. Checks can be made out to DuPage Woodworkers or cash is accepted. See **George Rodgers** to reserve your

spot(s). Deadline for payment is Friday, December 3.

In the past, those having a partner accompany them have made a small gift to be given away to another spouse/significant other. We encourage this tradition again this year, although participation in this portion of the program is optional. If you do not participate your spouse/significant other is not eligible to choose a gift.

All participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID 19. Proof of vaccination will be required for entry. This was a unanimous decision by the board to protect our members and their guests since masks will not be worn during a large portion of the evening with food and drink served.

If any questions, please contact **George Rodgers** at glrodgers@comcast.net or (708) 623-9038.

Internet Woodworking Link of the Month

Who among us is not crafting a strategy to get what they want from Santa Claus? That \$3000 Sawstop might be out of reach, but Lost Art Press has more affordable suggestions. Every year **Christopher Schwarz** posts his favorite items. Perhaps you could insinuate the following link into the browser on your spouse's device: (Disclaimer: never worked for me).

<https://blog.lostartpress.com/category/anarchists-gift-guide/>

And Lost Art Press offers their own designer tools: <https://lostartpress.com/collections/tools>

And books: <https://lostartpress.com/collections/books>

Jim Harvey



DuPage Woodworkers Activity

November 13, 2021: Visit to ReTool and ReStore, Rockford, IL

9:30 am to 10:30 am

Breakfast (Optional)

Johnny Pancakes– Masks are required

3700 E State St

Rockford, IL 61108

Located in: Fairview Shopping Center Inc

10:30 am - 11:30 am

[ReTool – Masks are required](#)

[3622 E State St.](#)

[Rockford, Illinois](#) 61108

Located in: Fairview Shopping Center Inc

ReTool buys, sells and trades new and used (but perfectly functional) tools. Their unique combination of offering customers both new and used tools means ReTool can offer a real advantage, both for quality and value. After all, many do-it-yourselfers and contractors purchase expensive power tools and hand tools for a specific project - only to use them once or twice and then put them away forever. ReTool also sells a variety of new and factory-reconditioned lines as well.

Note: Dave at ReTool may be able to offer a discount to us on certain items (amount of discount may vary depending on the item).

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

[ReStore– Masks are required](#)

[7141 Harrison Ave](#)

[Rockford, IL 61112](#)

Habitat ReStores are independently owned reuse stores operated by local Habitat for Humanity organizations. ReStores accept donations and sell a constantly changing inventory of diverse, high-quality merchandise to the public at a fraction of the retail price, while diverting reusable household items and building materials from area landfills. Proceeds from ReStores provide funds for building Habitat Homes.

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Jeff Kramer

DPWW Constitution Amendment Voting Results

The results of last month's vote for amending the DPWW Constitution document are in. This amendment was proposed last September to allow DPWW organization to formally apply for non-profit 501(c) (3) status with IRS. The procedure for passing this amendment was followed per the current Constitution document. DPWW Board members initially approved the proposed document changes. The entire membership was then asked to cast a ballot (for or against) the proposed changes to the Constitution.

When the ballot box was closed back on October 19th, 102 ballots (email proxy and paper ballot) had been cast by the membership. This ballot count met the minimum number of ballots cast for a valid amendment vote, as specified in the Constitution. Over 98% of those ballots cast were in favor of approving the proposed amendment, which also exceeded the required minimum of 67% of votes for approving the amendment.

The amended Constitution document will now be finalized and made available to members within the next month, accessible from the website. 501(c) (3) application forms will also be submitted to IRS for requesting non-profit status for our organization. The expectation is that final approval for DPWW as a non-profit entity will be known by mid-2022.

Mike Kalscheur

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.



From Our Workshop October 2021 - Click to Enlarge

These projects, projects in progress and many more can be seen on your [DPWW Gallery Web Page](#). These projects were submitted by the October 18 meeting.

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. Submitted projects will also be featured during the next monthly meeting "From Our Workshop" and on the DPWW Gallery page.



Jim Harvey - Cigar Box Uke
Cigar Box - TruOil



Jim Harvey - Ukulele Stand
Birch Ply - Shellac



Lee Nye - Screened In Porch
Table Top
White Oak - Deck Stain



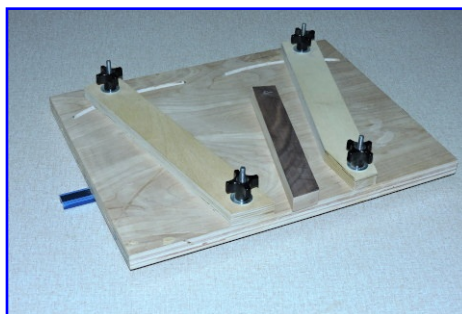
Roy Galbreth
Excavator
Yellow Heart
Blackwood
Wenge



Bob Bakshis - Plaque
Oak - Poly



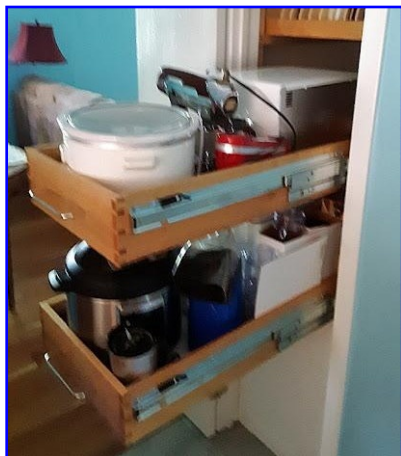
Jim Harvey - Guitar Preamp
Cherry - TruOil



Jim Simnick - Segment Fixture
Plywood - No Finish



Jim Simnick - Segmented Bowl
Cherry, Walnut - Oil, Wax



Mike Madden - Closet Drawers
Baltic Birch - Watco Oil



Patrick Kirchner - Shelf With Glass Storage
White Oak - Poly



Lee Nye - Patio Chair
White Oak - Oil Deck Stain



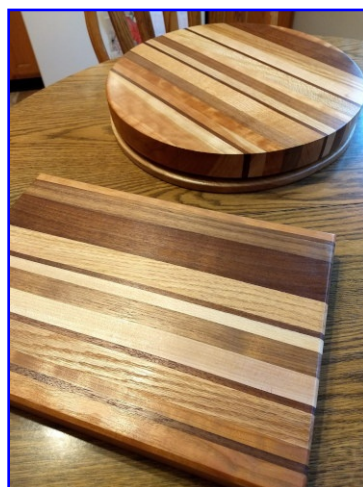
F.O.W.

From Our Workshop is an important part of DPWW meetings and we all love to see what members have made and hear about details of their work. FOW won't be held in November due to the toy drive. The next meeting FOW will be in January but please continue to send us your projects.

One advantage of our zoom meetings is the great photos in our FOW slideshows. The DPWW Board has decided to require FOW photos to be submitted on-line, even if you plan to bring your project to the in-person meeting. [You can find the on-line form](#) under the members only tab on our website. Photos projected on the screen and on zoom give everyone a better view of projects than our cameras can see. Whether you are in-person or on zoom, you can still speak about your project when called upon. Please continue to bring your projects to the in-person meetings so we can see them before the meeting and during breaks.

If you need assistance submitting your project to FOW, please contact **Lee Nye** email: roadbiker123@gmail.com.

Lee Nye - FOW Chairman



Tim McAuley - Cutting Board and Lazy Susan
Many Woods - Watco Butcher Block Oil



Bob Bakshis - Switch Plate
Baltic Birch - White Enamel



Don Pellegrini - Coffee Table
Black Walnut - Poly