



## Calendar

### DPWW Regular Meetings

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

Will be via Zoom until  
further notice

- **January 17**
- **February 21**
- **March 21**

### DPWW Board Meetings

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further notice

- **February 7**
- **March 7**
- **April 4**

### Future Activities

No in person activities until  
further notice

- **February 5**  
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#)  
[Zoom Conference](#)

### Programs

- **January 17**  
[Panel Presentation on Local and Out of State Woodworking Schools](#)
- **February 21**  
*Ron Herman* on "Joinery"  
A condensed version of his  
[class on the subject](#).  
*Tim McAuley* will present  
our new Library  
Management software

## President's Message - January 2022



sent out shortly before the Monday, January 17 date.

Happy New Year! We anticipated a return to a more normal year in 2022. Unfortunately, Omicron has other ideas. Hopefully, it will spike shortly and subside in the very near future. Our first board meeting of 2022 was held via Zoom in light of Omicron. Our first general meeting will also be held via Zoom only, no in-person meeting. A link to the Zoom meeting will be

Our January program will be a panel discussion of various woodworking schools that members of our organization have attended. They will provide an overview of the school, logistics of attending, pluses/minuses of their experience, etc. It should be a very informative discussion. I have seen advertisements/emails from a woodworking school in Maine, [The Center for Furniture Craftsmanship](#). Recently I became aware of their free videos on their website that are of excellent quality and provide a lot of good information. Click on the Video Library tab on their website.

We will also have a From Our Workshop portion at our January general meeting. I look forward to seeing what everyone has been doing for the past several months. I am sure some Christmas items will be shown.

I received a nice thank you note from *Father David* at [St. James](#). Each year we provide a cash gift to him, Lisa, Rubi and Wes. These are the people at St. James that facilitate our use of their facilities. We do not pay rent to St. James. These cash gifts along with making items for their raffles are ways we try to say thank you for their generosity.

As I said previously, hopefully Omicron will spike and subside in the near future and we will be able to meet in person in February.

In the meantime, it is not too early to make toys for our holiday giveaway program, items for St. James raffles and Beads of Courage Boxes.

Hope to see everyone soon,

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

## DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting

**January 3, 2022**



*George Rodgers* opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Jim Harvey, Mike Kalschuer, Mark Wieting, Mike Perry, Tim McAuley, Lee Lye, Lou Meli, Bruce Kinney, Bill Hoffman, Jeff Kramer, Mark Jundanian, and Jerry Johnson.



The minutes and treasurer's report were both approved. Bill gave a review of the preliminary 2021 financial results. For the first time in years the expenses exceeded the revenue due primarily to COVID issues and a major upgrade of the A/V equipment. Our reserves covered the amount.

**Secretary Communication** – The By-Laws require a review of the [Constitution and By-Laws](#) at the first meeting of the new board. Since there are so few new members it saves time for the board to have the new members read those documents on the web site and ask Jerry any questions they have on the subject.

**Presidents Communication** – Several thank you letters have been received from the organizations that received toys. **The January general meeting will be Zoom only.**

## Standing Committee Reports

**Membership (Mike Kalscheur)** – We added three new members bringing the total to 207.

**Library (Tim McAuley)** -- The library contents have been cataloged and entered into the new software. The current plan is to present the capabilities to the membership at the January general meeting. Since the January general meeting will be Zoom only Tim has offered to deliver books on hold to the borrower.

**Prizes (Bruce Kinney)** – Door prize activity will continue to be on hold until we can hold in-person general meetings.

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

**Toys (George Rodgers)** – An article describing the results of the 2021 Toy program will be prepared for the newsletter.

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

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – We will have 27 projects ready for the next FOW program.

**Activities (Jeff Kramer)** -- Activities will be suspended for January and February with a decision on March being reviewed later when the outlook for the Omicron variant is better known.

**Programs (Jeff Kramer, Don Pellegrini)** January will

have a panel on Schools, and a Zoom FOW. February is slated to be **Ron Herman** on joinery and a presentation of the new library software.

**A/V (Mike Perry)** -- Mike P. purchased the two new cameras we need.

**Web (Bill Hoffman)** – For Sawdust in my Coffee, we still need to identify moderator(s) for the remainder of the year. George will serve as a temporary moderator for January.

## Old Business:

**- Non-Profit Status:** Bill will check on the status of the application for federal non-profit status. The original time interval was estimated to be five months (April-May time frame).

**- Banquet:** There were many good comments about the banquet. The buffet worked out well again. Even with an organization subsidy it was a little expensive. A non-organization member expressed an interest and will look around for us. George will follow up.

## New Business:

**- Mentor Program:** The program was discussed and felt that members would benefit from more information about it. There will be an article in the newsletter. To guard the mentors' privacy, it will still remain in the Members section (password protected) of the web site.

**- July General Meeting:** Tabled until we have more information on the COVID situation.

**- Club Debit Card:** Several years ago there was discussion on this topic which ultimately ended with a decision to forgo the advantages as the disadvantages/risks outweighed them. The board felt that now there are ways to negate some of the risks and it should be reviewed again. Lou will lead the investigation, identify alternatives, and present them to the board for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jerry Johnson -- Secretary**



## January Meeting

### Featuring a Panel on Woodworking Schools



Our January 17th program (via Zoom) will provide you with the opportunity to learn about several of the woodworking



schools where some of our members have taken woodworking courses. Our presenters will provide an overview of their experience and answer questions. We've recruited Don Johnson and Dick Sing from the Windy City Woodturners to fill out the program. The schools and their presenters are:

- **Don Pellegrini** - [Chicago School of Woodworking](#) (Chicago)
- **Mark McCleary** - [Marc Adams School of Woodworking](#) (Franklin, IN)
- **Don Johnson** - [The Clearing Folk School](#) (Ellison Bay (Door County), WI)
- **Dick Sing** - [John C Campbell Folk School](#) (Brasstown, NC)
- **Mark McCleary** - [Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts](#) (Gatlinburg, TN)
- **Tom Olson** - [The Woodwright's School](#) (Pittsboro, NC)

Please join us for this informative program.

**Jeff Kramer/Don Pellegrini**

## Online Discussion Forum

Have a woodworking question you need answered? Want to share progress on a project? Try the [DuPage Woodworkers online forum](https://dupagewoodworkers.org/bbs/) (<https://dupagewoodworkers.org/bbs/>). 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 information to get you started registering in the ["About How to Use This Forum"](#) section. You can also sign up for emailed notifications when there are new posts.

## Membership News



Sadly, we lost long-time member Bob Ruyle this past December. If you wish to leave a memory to the Ruyle family or show your support in another way, [click on this link](#).

New members have also joined recently. Please welcome **Jon Stehlik** from Glen Ellyn. Jon's interest in woodworking is making furniture. Also please welcome **Sandy & Patrick DeCraene** from Lisle. They enjoy carving, making furniture and other wooden decorations.

With almost 200 households now listed on the roster, over 75% of the members have already renewed their membership for the 2022 year. A membership dues reminder was recently emailed to those members who haven't renewed. Annual membership fees are still only \$25 per household and payment was due before year-end 2021. Prompt payment is appreciated to continue as a member in 2022 past the 2/28/2022 expiration date.

**Mike Kalscheur**

[membership@dupagewoodworkers.org](mailto:membership@dupagewoodworkers.org)

## Mentors



Some DPWW members have mentioned they would like to be able to contact someone in the club when they have a question about some aspect of woodworking. On-line videos and woodworking forums are a way to learn, but sometimes a real person as a mentor works better.

If you cannot wait for a general meeting to ask a question about a problem in your shop, a Mentor list is available for all members' reference. Many talented members have already answered the call to share their expertise. If you have some area(s) of talent and are willing to act as a mentor, contact **Mike Kalscheur** at [membership@dupagewoodworkers.org](mailto:membership@dupagewoodworkers.org) who will add your name to the Mentor List. "Learning by Sharing" is our motto.

The Mentor list is available on the DPWW website under the ["Members Only"](#) tab.



## Toy Collection



Each year we give away over a thousand toys to children who might not otherwise receive anything. We are making a difference in these children's lives. Some of the thanks are handwritten (see the attached two notes) while others are emailed or communicated verbally. You should feel very proud that you are changing lives with your efforts making wooden toys for these children! Thanks!

**George Rodgers**

### **Off The Street Club** The Oldest Club for Boys and Girls in Chicago

December 21, 2021

George Rodgers  
DuPage Woodworkers Group  
Sent via Email

Dear George,

On behalf of our boys and girls, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful wood toys made by the DuPage Woodworkers Group.

Your donations touched our hearts and will bring so much joy and delight to kids during our annual Christmas Eve Winter Wonderland event. Thanks to caring friends like all of you, Off The Street Club is able to give a present to every child who attends this magical evening.

All of us at Off The Street Club are so grateful for your kindness. Please share this letter with the other members of the DuPage Woodworkers group.

Warmest wishes to you for peace and blessings this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

Gratefully Yours,

Arnett Morris  
Executive Director



DuPage Woodworkers,

Thank you so much for your donation of wooden toys. They were distributed to the Special Needs students in the Eisenhower Coop's Developmental Learning Program which serves students with multiple needs and to the Pre-K At Risk program of Midlothian District 143. Everyone who received one of your toy gifts was very excited and grateful.

I taught in the DLP program until retiring just recently. It was always a little bit of magic when Rick Ogren, my brother in law, would come to my class and demonstrate how a piece of wood became a car or a truck. Sadly, these times have prohibited that experience from taking place. Please know that all my students were amazed at the process.

Your time and generosity each year have made the holidays so much brighter for our students and I thank you sincerely.

Joanne Keilman

## Sawdust in Your Coffee

There were 14 participants at the January 8 Sawdust in Your Coffee Zoom meeting. Topics discussed included:

- Cracked Walnut Tray
- Exploding Ukulele
- F. L. Wright Lamp Build
- Flocking
- Step Stool Build
- Floating Shelf Build

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at 10:00 on Saturday, February 5th. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual invitation.

## Internet Woodworking Link of the Month

In keeping with the theme of January's meeting, here are links to videos produced by **The Center For Furniture Craftsmanship** in Rockport Maine. Rockler is hosting the videos on their web site <https://www.rockler.com/>

Link to Rockler (CFC) video on Carcass Miters:

<https://www.rockler.com/learn/how-to-cut-carcass-miters-video-by-cfc>

Link to all the Furniture Craftsmanship videos:

<https://www.rockler.com/learn/center-for-furniture-craftsmanship>

**Jim Harvey**



## 2021 Christmas Party

**December 13, 2021 at Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn**

The food was good, there were lots of friends, and the bar was open. These items were brought to the party for the spousal gift exchange. 19 members and 11 spouses attended.

Though apparently the Hickory Hills club had a more generous bartender at their Christmas party.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/G8awPF84GPhPqMVx6>





## From Our Workshop December 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 in late November and December.

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 web page.



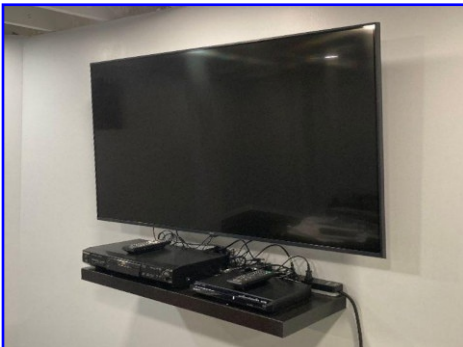
**George Rodgers - Workout Mirror**  
Hollow Core Door - Paint



**Lee Nye - Student Desk**  
Poplar and Plywood - Satin Paint



**George Rodgers - Pizza Cutters**  
Maple - Minwax Poly



**George Rodgers - Floating Shelf**  
Plywood, Poplar - Black Paint



**George Rodgers**  
Infeed Platform  
Plywood,  
DeStaCo  
Clamp  
No Finish

## 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.

