



DUPAGE

WOODWORKERS

Learning by Sharing the Art of Woodworking



## Calendar

### DPWW Regular Meetings

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

In person and Via Zoom

- **March 21**
- **April 18**
- **May 16**

### DPWW Board Meetings

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

- **April 4**
- **May 2**
- **June 6**

### Future Activities

- **April 2**  
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#)  
[Zoom Conference](#)
- **April 16**  
Toy Making Workshop at  
[Woodcraft in Woodridge](#)

### Programs

- **March 21**  
[Glenbard South shop teacher](#)  
[Jim Snyder](#)



## President's Message - March 2022

At our most recent board meeting, based on current health guidelines, we have decided to resume in-person meetings. We will be meeting in-person on [Monday, March 21 at St. James in our usual location](#). Masks will be optional and up to the individual. This meeting will also be held via Zoom for those that cannot, or prefer not to, meet in person. I look forward to seeing you and also seeing what projects you have been working on. We will have a [From Our Workshop \(FOW\)](#) presentation after our regular program. We have had very good success in people sending in pictures of their projects for the From Our Workshop portion of our meeting. These pictures have been of higher quality than what is obtained at the meeting allowing others to better see what you have accomplished. This has also allowed for a smoother flow to the FOW portion of the meeting. Please submit pictures of your projects at the following link: [From My Workshop \(google.com\)](#) If you can, please also bring in your project so others can see it first hand. Prizes will be awarded to three people who have submitted projects and are in-person at the meeting.

Our [March meeting](#) will have [Jim Snyder](#), woodworking instructor at Glenbard South HS, discussing his experiences with students. He will talk about how he handles shop safety, projects that students work on, along with other experiences he has had with students over the past 30 years. He welcomes questions about the current status of high school shop courses.

Please don't forget about our toy making workshop coming up on [Saturday, April 16 at the Woodcraft store in Woodridge](#). We will be working on making and assembling vehicles and doll beds. More info is in the [toy section of this newsletter](#).

Please continue to make toys, Beads of Courage boxes and items for St. James raffles. Doing something positive that we like to do in difficult times helps us all. Thanks for your continued efforts to help others.

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

## DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting **March 7, 2022**



*George Rodgers* opened the the in-person board meeting at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Jim Harvey, Mike Kalschuer, Mike Perry, Tim McAuley, Lee Nye, Bruce Kinney, Bill Hoffman, Jeff Kramer, and Jerry Johnson.



The minutes and treasurer's report from January and February were both approved.

**President's Communication** – The March general meeting will be Hybrid: In-person at the church and Zoom.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Membership (Mike Kalscheur)** – 25 members from last year have not paid their dues so were dropped from the roster of members on March 1. This was about the same as last year and leaves us at 183 members.

**Library (Tim McAuley)** -- The library is now open for business. The expansion of the library cabinet is in the planning stage. When the capacity is finalized, we will offer for sale duplicates and those in poor condition or out of date.

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

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

**Toys (George Rodgers)** – George has settled on Saturday, April 16 as the date with [Woodcraft for a toy work session](#).

**Newsletter (Jim Harvey)** -- Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday, March 11. Jim is always happy to receive educational and other articles of interest for our members. If you have an idea, please contact Jim and discuss it.

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – With a hybrid meeting we will still use slides for all presenters. Use of slides coupled with the better video will improve the quality of the learning to the best we have had. Those presenters at the church are still strongly encouraged to bring the items for members to see and learn from. Questions can be better answered at break

and even after the meeting is over. See the article Lee has prepared [in this newsletter](#).

**Activities (Jeff Kramer)** -- Activities will resume in April with the work day at [Woodcraft on April 16th](#).

**Programs (Jeff Kramer, Don Pellegrini)** March will be an information session on shop operations in a high school environment described by [Jim Snyder](#). a shop instructor at Glenbard South.

**A/V (Mike Perry)** -- The two new cameras we purchased are in hand and will be used at the March general meeting. Mike P discussed the pros/cons of different arrangements.

**Web (Bill Hoffman)** – The next [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#), will be the first Saturday in April.

## Old Business:

**- Incorporation Update:** After a long process [Bill Hoffman](#) was able to announce that the IRS has granted our request for non-profit status. Hurray for Bill and all those who have helped him and all those who have preceded him achieve this success There is still work ahead as the state will also need to approve.

**- Organization Debit Card:** We have received a debit card for use by the club to pay for recurring or large expenses. The card will be held by the treasurer.

**- 2022 Constitution and By-Laws:** Jerry reported that Mark W has prepared a first draft of potential changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. He gave it to Mike K and Jerry for their thoughts and the three will get together when Mark returns from HI in early April.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jerry Johnson -- Secretary**

## Internet Woodworking Link of the Month

Our sharp eyed president, [George Rodgers](#) spotted a DPWW member featured in the [Highland Woodworking Newsletter](#). See [Kevin Loewe's](#) projects at:

<http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodworking-projects/kevin-loewe-show-us-your-woodworking.html>

You may recognize many of the Highland photos from Kevin's From Our Workshop contributions. See the [Dupage Woodworkers Gallery](#) for January 2017, September 2019, October 2020, November 2020, January 2021, February 2021, May 2021, and January 2022.



## March 21 Meeting



**Jim Synder** will be presenting for us this month.

Jim was a teacher for over 33 years before he retired this year. He has a bachelors and master's in education. For ~ 30 years Jim taught woodshop at Glenbard South High School, he also taught PE, architecture, and was a football coach there.

Jim has made numerous woodworking projects during his career and overseen over 1000 projects from students.



Jim will be presenting an overview of what he taught in woodshop over the years, focusing on the safety aspect, various projects his beginners class made and some of the many projects his advanced students made.

In addition, Jim will discuss the hand tools and machines they used and main items he taught them in class, also the woods they used, and other items from class over the years.

**Jeff Kramer/Don Pellegrini**

## February Meeting Recap



Our meeting featured **Ron Herman**, professional woodworker. In his teens, Ron was an apprentice woodworker and this was his final exam - a four panel

frame with nine different joints.

- 1 Butt joint miter with pin
- 2 Doweled butt joint Miter
- 3 Bridle Joint
- 4 Half Lap
- 5 Dovetail half lap
- 6 Full mortise (mortise and through tenon)
- 7 Bridle joint (running tenon)
- 8 Running Half lap in center
- 9 Pocket screw

Ron discussed each of these joints in detail, and how to make them reliably in a modern shop.

## Toy Collection



DPWW and **Woodcraft (75th St. and Woodward Ave. in Woodridge)** will be hosting a toy making workshop on Saturday, April 16, 2022 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. **glrodgers@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 website: [dupagewoodworkers.org](http://dupagewoodworkers.org)

**George Rodgers**





## Table Saw Shop Safety

Contributed by *Lee Nye*



Those who know me well, would say I am one of the last guys to be pontificating on shop safety. I have had more than my share of emergency room visits due to shop mishaps. Some of us only learn the hard way but hopefully, we do learn from our mistakes. Well if mistakes qualify me, I have the scars to prove it. Years ago I spent a week in the hospital hooked up to an IV antibiotic due to an infected hand injury. That was due to hurry and carelessness in using a piece of scrap wood as a table saw push stick. As a result I have never trusted push sticks for anything but use with a bandsaw. A push stick does keep your hand away from the blade, but it does not hold the material firmly enough to the table to be safe, in my opinion. Yes, the rounded edges on a proper push stick may not cut open your hand if the saw kicks the material back, but it might break some bones nevertheless. Almost all of us seasoned woodworkers have a scary table saw kick back story. Even small table saws have tremendous power and one false move can send the material rocketing back at you.

Here is what I recommend for table saw cuts of smaller pieces (photo right). This style of push block has the leverage to push the material forward and keep it firmly against the table and rip fence. I have three versions of this in varying widths to accommodate thinner materials. You can see I have replaceable hooks on the ends and all have sandpaper glued to the bottom for better grip. The thinnest push block is 1/4 inch plywood and looks like it is ready for replacement.



I also use the larger push block on my jointer and have a broader block (photo left) for wide materials. These push blocks are easy to make from scrap wood. They will help you use your table saw more safely, but the one downside is that they do not hold down the cutoff. And yes, I have another sad experience with a cutoff vibrating its way into the blade to come shooting back at me.

When I suspect a cut may cause this kind of problem, I use a Grr-Ripper push block that straddles the blade and guides both sides of the material through the cut. This jig is very flexible and can be configured for wide and thin materials. No push blocks or Grrippers will guarantee safety, but they surely improve your odds of remaining injury free. There is no substitute for being cautious and using common sense. Take your time and be safe.





## Better Than Google!!

**Tim McAuley - DPWW Librarian**

So where do you go to find knowledgeable answers to your questions about woodworking? Maybe you have a mentor. Or you look thru that stack of woodworking magazines in your basement. How about learning from a presenter at the Club's meeting. Or you watch a TV show; make a trip to the local library; check out the books in your own library. Or you just Google it . . . and then try to find the best answer out of the 13,526,475 possible answers!

Now, we've got a better answer for you. It's right there in the [DuPage Woodworkers Library](#). Free and available, qualified, answers for nearly everything you'd ever want to know about your woodworking questions. And, we've just made it even better with the addition of the on-line library.

Why do we think it's better? Well, let me give you some reasons:

1. The Library is easy to access – right there in the same room as our General Meetings
2. It has Books, DVD's, electronic versions of several woodworking magazines (searchable, too)
3. And you can look thru the Library right from your own home before coming to the meeting
4. You can even search for topics, authors, titles, specific words and get a short list of matching items
5. You can put a Hold on the item(s) of your choice and have it ready for you when you come to the meeting
6. You can take that resource home with you and review it for the next Four Weeks

So how can you see this on-line library? Here are two ways:

1. Go to [our website at dupagewoodworkers.org](http://our website at dupagewoodworkers.org) and click on the link in the Library tab (there's even a link there to see a [detailed PowerPoint presentation](#) on how to use the site), or
2. Just put the following in your web browser: [libib.com/u/dpww](http://libib.com/u/dpww)

There is a Collection for **Books** and another for **DVD's**. When looking at one of the Collections, you can click on the letter at the top of the list to go to that section. You can also use the Filters section to find all the items that use a particular Tag. And of course, you can use the Search Box to find items that use your search word in the Title, Tag, or Description.

When you find an item of interest, just click on it for an expanded view that will give you information like whether or not it has already been checked out, and the Call # which tells you where it is located on the shelves, and a detailed description of what is in the book. If the item is not currently available, you can place a Hold on it so the Librarian can hold it for you when it is available.

Yes, indeed, that Library with the addition of an on-line way to find a resource, is, in many ways, even better than Google. So check it out soon: <https://libib.com/u/dpww>

## Sawdust in Your Coffee

There were 14 participants at the March 5 Sawdust in Your Coffee Zoom meeting hosted by **Ron Colliander**.

Topics discussed included:

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| • Baby Cradle and Shipping                                     | • Libby Free Magazine App       |
| • Dry Wall Tools   | • Gary Knox Bennett Woodworking |
| • Paducah Ky. Tool Sale  | • Removing CocaCola Stains      |
| • Quilt Hangers  | • Mandolin Project              |
| • Cabinet with Hutch   | • Fret Filing Jig               |
| • Site Built Cherry Stairs                                     | • Fret Board Construction       |
| • <b>Kevin Lowe</b> in <a href="#">The Highland Newsletter</a> | • Wooden Jar Lid Holder         |

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at 10:00 on Saturday, April 2. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual EMail invitation.





## From Our Workshop February 2022 - Click to Enlarge

These projects, projects in progress and many more can be seen on your [DPWW Gallery Web Page](#). These projects were submitted before our February 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 web page](#).



**Mike Kalscheur - Phone Amplifier**  
Walnut - Wipe On Poly



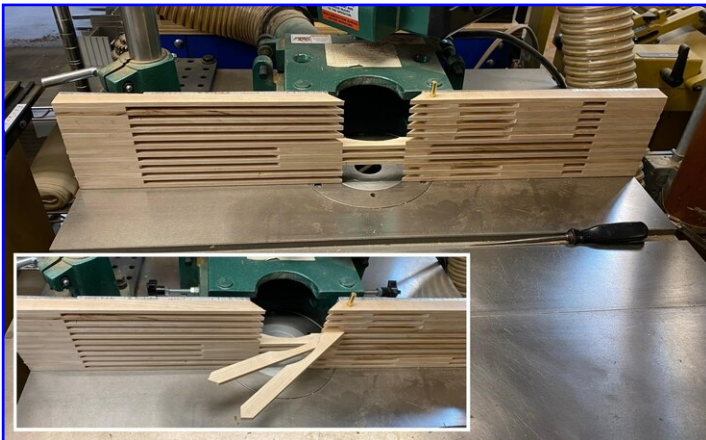
**Ron Milford - Cheese Board**  
Walnut, Birch, Rosewood, Maple,  
Ash - Mineral Oil



**Ron Milford - Ice Cream Scoop**  
Zebra Wood - Hut Crystal Coat



**Jim Simnick - Segmented Bowl**  
Walnut, Cherry, Maple - Tung Oil



**Jim Simnick - Aigner Style Fence**  
Maple - No Finish



**Lee Nye - Miter Extension**  
Birch Ply - Shellac, Wax





**Emilian Geczi - Coasters**  
Walnut, Oak, Poplar - Urethane



**Mike Kalscheur - Woven Board**  
Walnut, Maple - Oil & Wax



**Lee Nye - Snowflakes**  
1/8" Birch - Shellac, White Paint



**Bruce Metzdorf - Lawn Dice**  
Ash, Walnut - Wipe On Poly



**Jerry Kuffel - Lattice Bowl**  
Maple, Walnut - Lacquer



**George Rodgers - Nakashima Style Table**  
Cherry, Calcite, Mother of Pearl, Epoxy - Shellac, Waterlox

## DPWWC FOW

**From Our Workshop** is an important part of DPWW meetings and we all love to see what other members have made and hear about details of their work. Even though our March 21 meeting FOW will be in-person at St. James and Zoom, please continue to send us your project photos. One lesson from our zoom meetings are the great project photos in our FOW slideshows.

The DPWW Board has decided to request all FOW photos be submitted online, even if you plan to bring your project to the in-person meeting. You can [find the online form](#) under the [members only tab](#) on our website. The Google form asks for your name and project info like in the pictures in the above FOW page, then allows you to upload up to three image files. Photos projected on screen at the meeting 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. There will be a drawing at the March meeting for FOW prizes to those who attend in-person. If you need assistance submitting your project photos to FOW, please contact **Lee Nye** email: [woodworkerlee828@gmail.com](mailto:woodworkerlee828@gmail.com).