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WOODWORKERS

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Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

In person and Via Zoom

- **April 18**
- **May 16**
- **June 20**

DPWW Board Meetings

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

- **May 2**
- **June 6**
- **July 5 (Tuesday)**

Future Activities

- **April 16**
Toy Making Workshop at
[Woodcraft in Woodridge](#)
- **May 7**
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#)
[Zoom Conference](#)

Programs

- **April 18**
[Gary Davis](#) presents his
[Kayak build](#)
- **May 16**
[Andy Kuby](#) and [Clint Stevens](#) - Woodturning



President's Message - April 2022

With no significant changes to our local COVID situation we will continue to have in-person meetings. We will be meeting in-person on **Monday, April 18 at 7pm at St. James**, 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) section to our program 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 via Google Forms at the following link: [From My Workshop](#). 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.

We will also resume our [Door Prize portion](#) of our meetings. We have not done this for over 2 years. Please be sure to attend to see the great prizes **Bruce Kinney** will be offering as door prizes.

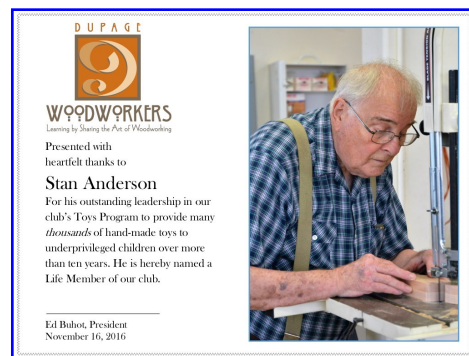
Our [April meeting](#) will have [Gary Davis](#) discuss his experience building a strip built kayak. He will talk about his process from start to finish. You won't want to miss seeing his kayak in person.

Stan Anderson, longtime member and "Life Member" of the DuPage Woodworkers passed away on April 5. Stan was the toy committee chairman for many years developing our program from 30 toys the first year to close to 2000 toys per year for deserving children.

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 and what we like to do in these difficult times helps all of us. Thanks for your efforts to help others.

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





DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting

April 4, 2022

George Rodgers opened the in-person meeting at 7:05 p.m. Present were Board members Jim Harvey, Mike Kalschuer, Tim McAuley, Lee Nye, Bruce Kinney, Bill Hoffman,

Mark Wieting, and Jerry Johnson.

The March minutes were approved. There was no treasurer report.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership (Mike Kalschuer) – We gained two members which brings us to 185 members.

Library (Tim McAuley) -- Tim reminded us the library is now open for business with the new software.

Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – Door prize activity will resume starting with the April general meeting.

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. Work will start at 9:00. [Notify George](#) and come when you can.

Newsletter (Jim Harvey) -- Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday April 8.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – Prizes will be available to those who present their item in-person at the church.

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

Programs (Jeff Kramer, Don Pellegrini) Build a kayak. Amateur woodworker **Gary Davis** spent three summers making and documenting his own kayak. Using a combination of hand and power tools with three different wood species he'll present his project from inception to completion.

A/V (Mike Perry) -- Mike is creating a comprehensive document on the set up of the AV station.

Web (Bill Hoffman) – Bill is investigating the use of Google Work Space for Non-Profit Services. The next [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#) will be 10:00AM on May 7.

Old Business:

- **Non-Profit Status:** The IRS has approved the non-profit status for our organization. That approval enables us to follow up with applying for state approval.

- **By-Laws Document Update:** Due to other commitments there was no progress.

New Business:

-**Banquet:** We are receiving help from DPWW member, **Pat McGrath** and with her help and guidance have determined that Reserve 22 still provides the best value and have reserved it for the 2022 banquet.

-**July General Meeting:** It is felt there are sufficient alternatives to auction type activities that we would not be able to develop a successful auction. Several alternatives were discussed but none were adopted at the meeting. The discussion was tabled until the next board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Johnson -- Secretary

Internet Woodworking Link of the Month

Here's a nice pdf on table saw choices. The site might ask for your email address:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/tnmarketing/wwgoa/How-to-Buy-a-Table-Saw-WWGOA.pdf>

Also shopping for a table saw and blades can be confusing. Here are three pages that can help:

3b toolworks (local sharpening company): <https://3bsawandtool.com/blads>

Tools Today web site: <https://www.toolstoday.com/t-sawbladeterminology>

An extensive dictionary of all things saw related:

<https://carbideprocessors.com/pages/saw-blades/saw-blade-glossary.html>



April 18 Meeting

Building a Kayak – Gary Davis

Amateur woodworker **Gary Davis** has had a dream for many years of making his own canoe. Well, life throws a twist sometimes and he made a kayak instead. It was a three-summer

project that he [documented the entire time](#). Using a combination of hand and power tools with three different wood species he'll present his project from inception to completion.

Jeff Kramer/Don Pellegrini



March Meeting Recap

Our March 23rd DPWW meeting was held in person at St. James in Glen Ellyn, also broadcast via Zoom. About 54 woodworkers attended. The meeting featured retired Glenbard South teacher **Jim Snyder**. He taught shop class there, along with several other subjects. Jim's presentation was about his teaching experiences and his emphasis on safety. Many slides were shown of student's projects. Jim also personally did many projects during his tenure as inspiration to the students.

Membership News

Three new members recently joined DPWW after learning about us from our website.

Please welcome **Scott Ayres** from Glen Ellyn. Scott's interest is in building furniture.



Also please welcome **Kevin Guynn** from La Grange. He joined as a new member at the March meeting.

Also please welcome **Douglas Carroll** from Wheaton. His latest projects are building library cabinets and desks.

Mike Kalscheur

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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. glroddgers@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 under the [Toys tab of our website](#).

George Rodgers



Off The Shelf

Tim McAuley - Librarian



As evidenced by the upcoming Toy Making Workshop, it's time to get started working on toys for this fall's collection. And we have a number of [tried and true toys that we've made over the years](#) and the club even supplies some of the materials. But maybe you're one of those that would like to try your hand at something a little bit different . . . but lack the ideas. Well, the library might just have the answer.

Did you know that our library holds 26 books with ideas for toy making? Here's a quick sample of just a few of those:

1. Natural Wooden Toys: 75 Projects You Can Make in a Day That Will Last Forever:

Making fun & imaginative wooden toys on the scroll saw is child's play with this book! Author Erin Freuchtel-Dearing, a stay-at-home mom who taught herself to make toys without any prior woodworking experience, shows how to make 75 simple and charming wooden toys using just a scroll saw and a few simple tools. Her toys are so easy to make that your children can help to create and decorate them too.

2. Marvelous Transforming Toys: With complete instructions and plans:

With this book, woodworkers can build any number of unique toys in six different categories: boats, trucks, houses, planes, vehicles, or ships. Each system uses easily made interchangeable components. An initial chapter discusses materials, tools, jigs for cutting small parts, and safety issues. The rest of the book contains scale drawings (with dimensions) and step-by-step instructions.

3. How to Make Animated Toys:

Wild, wacky toys that walk, wiggle, waddle, whirl, stagger, shuffle, shake, rattle and roll. Brilliant drawings, superb patterns, exploded diagrams and complete step-by-step instructions spur you on to make a Gallivanting Gorilla, Ornerly Lobster, Sub on the Lookout, Cantankerous Triceratops and 26 other rambling, rambunctious, animated marvels.

Look up these books or others like them on our club's website at <https://libib.com/u/dpww>. You can use the Filters option and select the Tag for Toys and Toymaking to see the whole list. If you put a hold on one you like, we'll hold it for you at the upcoming meeting.

Authors Wanted

If you're reading this, it's safe to assume you enjoy woodworking. And talking about woodworking. How about writing about woodworking? We would love to feature member submitted articles in the [DPWW monthly newsletter](#). If there is some corner of our Hobby/Art that you feel confident in, let your newsletter chairman know and we can work up an article. Writing talent not necessary, spelling talent not necessary, we have editors.

Book reports are also welcome. If you have enjoyed something from the DPWW library, write down what you liked about it and send it in.

Jim Harvey newsletter@dupagewoodworkers.org

Help Wanted

Our crack Audio-Visual team is losing one of its members. We are looking for a volunteer to fill that vacancy. It's good experience with the modern video and audio equipment we use to enhance our meetings. **Mike Perry** is currently authoring a setup manual for the AV cart. If you are interested please contact **George Rodgers** (president@dupagewoodworkers.org) or **Mike Kalscheur** (membership@dupagewoodworkers.org)



Doll Furniture Plans

There are new plans for doll furniture on the [Toy page of the DPWW website](#). The plans are based on the toy making demonstration at our August 2021 general meeting. There is a chair, an end table with drawer, a hutch, lamps, a table, and a three drawer chest. All those items were designed and made by **Wally Schmidt**. I drew the plans based on Wally's furniture. If there are any errors, they are mine and not Wally's.

Wally originally made the furniture for his granddaughters. They loved playing with them so much that Wally started making furniture for our toy program. My favorite is the three drawer chest. There is lots of room to adjust the furniture to suit your fancy. If you decide to make changes, the plans should give you a good starting point. They are designed for Barbie size dolls.

Wally pointed out to me that although there is a chair in the plans, most modern Barbies don't bend at the knees so Barbie can't really sit. Perhaps she can stand with a hand on the chair like a gracious hostess waiting for her guests to be seated.

Whit Anderson



Sawdust in Your Coffee

There were 9 participants at the April 2 Sawdust in Your Coffee Zoom meeting hosted by **Ron Colliander**. Topics discussed included:

- Possible sawmill or turning logs at Dupage Forest Preserve Greenville, needs investigation.
- Ukulele heat bending technique.
- Disposal of walnut sawdust at personal residence.
- Display of custom neon shop sign.
- Live edge walnut serving tray.
- Spruce log available for turners or others,
- Upcoming April 16th [toy workshop at Woodcraft in Woodridge](#).

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at **10:00 on Saturday, May 7**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual emailed invitation.



From Our Workshop March 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](#).



Jeff Kramer - Cradle
Oak - Linseed Oil



Mike Perry - Extreme Unction
Cabinet Rebuild
Birch Ply, Oak, Walnut - Shellac,
Flock



Bill Hoffman - Taliesin Lamp
Cherry - Tried & True, Black Wax



Bob Bakshis - Ornament
Birch Ply - Paint, Poly



Mark Jundanian - "Dreamery"
Butternut, Walnut - Osmo Poly Oil



Tom Benson - Pen
Acrylic



Lee Nye - Angel Ornament
Cherry, Maple - Spray Lacquer



Lee Nye - Serving Utensils
Maple, Walnut - Tried & True



Mark Wieting - Sofa Table
Spruce - Deft, StepSaver



Tom Olson - Cleaver Handle
Many Woods - Shellac, CA Glue



Tom Olson - Puzzle Boxes
Many Woods - Shellac, CA Glue



Rick Ogren - Puzzle
Birch Ply - Paint



Rick Ogren - Name
Butternut - Paint

Door Prizes!

Since in-person meetings are again possible, the board has voted to reinstate the tradition of selling tickets for door prizes. Tickets at the prize table are: \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3, \$10 for 7, \$15 for 11, \$20 for 15. This month we have:

- 1 Porter Cable Air Compressor.
- 2 8 Piece Forstner Bit Set.
- 3 4 Quickgrip Clamps.

