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WOODWORKERS

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Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

Usually the Third Monday at
[St. James in Glen Ellyn](#)
Will be in person and via
Zoom until further notice

- **November 21**
- **December 12 (Holiday Party)**
- **January 16, 2023**

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually the First Monday
By Zoom until spring

- **December 5**
- **January 2, 2023**
(in person at St. James)
- **February 6, 2023**

Future Activities

- **December 3, 9:00 AM**
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#)
- **January 7, 9:00 AM**
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#)
- **TBA 2023**
[Ressler Guitars](#)

Programs

- **November 21**
[Jeff Kramer - Marc Adams](#)
Annual Christmas Toy Drive
- **December 12 (Holiday Party)**



President's Message - November 2022

Two big events coming up for our club in the next few weeks. Toy collection and distribution at our upcoming general meeting on Monday, November 21. And our annual holiday party at Reserve 22 on Monday, December 12.

Our November meeting will focus on our **annual toy collection/distribution**. November is always when we collect all the toys you have been making over the past year to distribute to children that otherwise might not receive any toys during the holiday season. Please bring your toys before the meeting begins at 7pm. I would like to have them before 6:45pm on Monday, November 21. I will open the church doors at 6:15pm so you can bring your toys early and we will be able to display them on the tables at the back of our meeting room. Representatives of our recipient groups will arrive around 8pm to box and take their share of the toys.

There will also be a brief presentation by **Jeff Kramer** on his experience attending a class at [Marc Adams School of Woodworking](#).

There will not be any From Our Workshop due to the toy collection.

Our **Annual Holiday Party** will be on Monday, December 12th at Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn. The holiday party replaces the December general meeting. 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 3-5 blocks north of St. James. Drive into Winchell Way to the clubhouse. Plenty of parking is available. Dinner will be buffet style. A modified Italian dinner with chicken piccata and penne pasta are the main dishes. Cost is \$30 per person (includes coffee and soft station). Spouses/significant others are encouraged to attend. Checks should be made out to DuPage Woodworkers or cash is accepted. See **George Rodgers** at the November general meeting to reserve your spot(s). If you won't be at the November meeting you can mail a check to **George Rodgers** at 5527 Grand Ave., Western Springs, IL 60558. Deadline for payment is Friday, December 2.

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. If you have any questions about our holiday party please contact me at:

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



DuPage Woodworkers **Board Meeting** **October 3, 2022**

George Rodgers opened the Zoom meeting about 7:00 p.m. Present were Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Bill Hoffman, Mike Kalscheur, Jeff Kramer, Mark Wieting, Howard Peterson, Lee Nye, Tim McAuley, David Wesolowicz, Bruce Metzdorf and Jerry Johnson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

President's Report:

George will follow up with St. James to ask how the many items DPWW contributed to the school fund-raising auction were received.

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of **Lou Meli**, George gave a brief overview of our finances. He has appointed **David Wesolowicz** as acting treasurer until a new person is elected.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership (Mike Kalscheur) – Mike reported that we have three new members and 199 total. About 60% of current members have renewed for 2023.

Nomination Committee - Mike has made progress in filling the slate for coming election but still needs a secretary and a little more help on AV and Publicity.

Library (Tim McAuley) – We have a fine resource in the library that could be used more. Tim and the board discussed a number of ways to increase ways of bringing attention to it.

Among them are moving it to the other side of the room have it referenced in the opening part of the meeting and asking Tim to write up a document describing how to access and use it.

Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – Prizes are about breaking even. It was affirmed we would continue, although the number will be reduced from three to two, and value of the items may need to change.

Publicity (Keith Rosche) – Mark will try to get newspaper coverage of the toy distribution at the

November meeting.

Nomination Committee (Mike Kalscheur) - Mike has made good progress in filling the slate for coming election but still needs a secretary, a toys chair, and a little more help on Toys, AV and Publicity. Members are encouraged to contact Mike if you can help out.

Toys (George Rodgers) – Toys will be distributed at the Nov. 21 meeting at approximately 7:45 pm. For possible use in publicizing our program, George will provide Mark a list of groups that we donate to.

Newsletter (Jim Harvey) – Jim set the deadline for material submission as Nov. 11. There will be a story on two recent shop visits, at **Lee Nye's** and **Doug Carroll's**, a book report from Tim and a story on DPWW elections at the November meeting.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – There will be no FOW at the November meeting because of the toys distribution.

Activities (Jeff Kramer) – The Winter banquet will be held on Monday, December 12 at Reserve 22. The cost of the event is \$30/person after a small subsidy from the club. Reserve 22 is located at the [Village Links Golf Course, 485 Winchell Way in Glen Ellyn](#) about five blocks north of the church where we normally meet. Doors open at 6:00 serving at 6:30. Money needs to be in George's possession a week in advance.

Programs (Jeff Kramer, Don Pellegrini) November will be a short presentation, by Jeff on his recent experience at [Marc Adams School's](#) basics course.

A/V (Howie Peterson) – The organization received a very complimentary email about our current AV capabilities from **Whit Anderson** who compared the AV quality from when he joined the organization to the high level today.

Web (Bill Hoffman) – Bill reported the DPWW web site is running well.

Old Business:

– **By-Laws Document Update:** Along with the Bylaws, the DPWW Constitution is to be reviewed and revised at least every five years. Secretary **Jerry Johnson** and Vice President **Mark Wieting** led a committee that include **Mike Kalscheur** and **Jeff Kramer** to review the documents. The Board reviewed



both draft documents and made minor suggestions on both. The revised Constitution will be sent to the membership and voted on at the January general meeting. The revised Bylaws will be sent to the Board for its final approval.

– **Non-Profit Status:** No apparent progress on gaining not-for-profit status from the State of Illinois.

New Business:

– **Apparel Pricing** - George reported 2023 pricing for DPWW Logo items: \$20 for caps, \$24 for T Shirts, \$30 for Polo or Sweat Shirts.

Jerry Johnson – Secretary, and Mark Wieting

November Meeting

The November program will feature a short presentation by **Jeff Kramer** about his experience attending his first class at the **Marc Adams School of Woodworking**. He will discuss the course he took (Fundamentals of Woodworking with **Steve Latta**) and the things that he learned about woodworking and **Marc Adams**.



The remainder of the November meeting will feature our annual DPWW toy distribution.

Don Pellegrini/Jeff Kramer



Membership News

Three new members have joined within the past month. DPWW now has 199 total members.

Please welcome **Chris Berger** from Downers Grove. Chris learned about DPWW from a friend and is interested in lathe turning and has been building built-in furniture.

Also please welcome **Andy Crnkovich** from Elmhurst. Andy learned about DPWW from a friend and likes building case work and Shaker-style furniture.

Also please welcome **Bob Paolicchi** from Aurora, and was recently encouraged by a member to join DPWW. Bob likes building small projects and is interested in woodturning.

New Board Members Needed for 2023

DPWW is still looking for more members to assist with running this organization in 2023. As current members have stepped down from positions on the Board for various reasons, now is the time to fill those openings and maintain the same high level of membership benefits.

The Board currently has openings for a **Secretary**, **Publicity Chair**, and an **A/V Chair** position. I encourage any member with a few free hours per month to step up and help fill those positions for next year. Friendly guidance and on-going training can be provided for these positions.

Members willing to learn more are encouraged to contact me or anyone else [serving in any particular Board position](#). Remember it's the extra efforts of the members that help make the club better for all. And you can also lessen the extra work required by the current Board/Committee members. They will greatly appreciate the help.

Mike Kalscheur - membership@dupagewoodworkers.org



Logo Clothing

We are into the Christmas season believe it or not. Some are already finished with their gift shopping. I'm sure you have heard in the past "I just don't know what to get him". I have the solution to that dilemma. Tell them that a nice DPWW shirt with the embroidered logo or DPWW hat would be great. That also might be nice for a friend that is a DPWW member or younger family member. I need six shirts to place an order. Do it now, so you will not wish you had. Call or email me to order.

Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106, harleypop99@att.net



Group Activity

Lee Nye Shop Visit, October 29

Lee is an active member of both the [Dupage Woodworkers](#) and [Fox Valley Woodworkers](#). He currently manages the "From Our Workshop" portion of DPWW meetings. On October 29 he opened his home to 17 members of DPWW. We first toured the house to view the amazing furniture he has produced, then moved to his basement workshop. Lee has just about every tool one could want - except a lathe. Check out the dust mitigation idea below.



Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly informal discussion of wood related subjects. There were 14 participants at the November 5 Sawdust Zoom meeting. Topics discussed included:

- Review of 10.29 *Lee Nye* shop tour.
- Discussion of shop tours at smaller shops.
- Review [RZ dust mask](#) for improved comfort.
- Routing red oak and minimizing chip out.
- Review donated projects to find what sells best.
- Donated log incorporated into donated toys.
- Review donated wooden cross construction.
- Rebuilding dead batteries with lithium alternatives.
- Hexagon box review including assembly fixture.
- Search for toy airplane designs.

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at 9:00 on Saturday, December 3. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual EMail ZOOM invitation.

Ron Colliander

October Meeting Recap

Vice President *Mark Wieting* conducted our meeting. He introduced DPWW member *Chad Montgomery* who gave a presentation on creating a Ukulele from scratch. Chad has a number of professional grade tools and jigs to help with the process. He thicknesses the wood for sides, top and bottom to between 70 and 80 thousandths with a hand plane. Then bends the sides around a form using a silicone heating blanket to soften the wood.

Chad then showed how he forms the neck with rasps and a spokeshave. He also has a template jig to lay out the fretboard which he cuts with a small miter box.





Our holiday party is being held on **Monday, December 12 at Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn**. The doors open at 6pm and a buffet dinner will be provided at 6:30pm. I look forward to seeing many of our members and their significant others there. The food and company will be outstanding. I am also sure many great gifts for our guests will be provided. - **George Rodgers**

Toys



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 6:15pm. Following our shortened program we will distribute toys around 8PM. These toys go to 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 large impact on a lot of children in the greater Chicago area. My grandchildren always feel good helping me put together puzzles for children less fortunate than them. Thanks for your contributions!! - **George Rodgers**

Book Report

Boxes, Clocks, Lamps & Small Projects

The Editors of Woodworker's Journal have put together a fun and helpful book that you might enjoy checking out.

The name of the book is Boxes, Clocks, Lamps & Small Projects and it is located in Section Red 3 of the Library (Woodworking Projects).

This is not a huge book (159 pages) and is an easy one to read in depth . . . or just browse thru quickly. It has a brief description of the project, scaled/detailed plans and great pictures to aid in understanding the project. Step by step instructions are easy to follow without being overly burdensome.

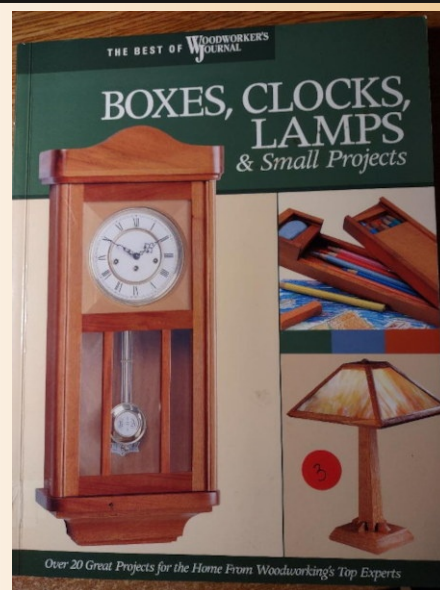
Also sprinkled throughout the book are "QuickTip" boxes with behind-the-scenes tips on such things as the order of laying out a project for dovetail joints, food safe finishes, tips on getting super sharp edges on your turning tools, making accurate and repeatable table saw angle cuts, non-slip workshop floors. The book also explains jigs you can make to help construct the projects.

Some of the included projects are:

- A Hall Mirror for Beginners
- An Irish Parlor Clock
- A Bombe Box
- Bird's Eye Maple Lamp
- Frame Shadowbox

You can reserve this book by putting a "Hold" on it thru the Library webpage. You can click on the link in the [DuPage Woodworkers Library page](#) or go directly at <https://www.libib.com/u/dpww> . Once on the site, search for the book by title and when you open it, click on "Add Hold" located right above the picture of the book. We'll pull the book and hold it for you to pick up at the November 21 meeting.

Tim McCauley - DPWW Librarian





Upcoming DPWW Activities

Mark Your Calendar

Visit **Ressler Guitars**, Custom Stairs & Staircases Chicago | **Designed Stairs**. John Ressler makes guitars and owns both shops. He has invited DPWW to

tour both places. Further information will be provided in early 2023.

Internet Tips:

1. For those screw on container caps that are always stuck shut, when you first bring it home unscrew the cap and put a couple layers of teflon plumbing tape on the threads.
2. Lost Art Press is currently running **Chris Schwarz's annual Christmas gift guide**. Check before you write that letter to Santa.



Group Activity

Doug Carroll Shop Visit Nov. 12

Eighteen DPWW members attended. Doug opened the visit by showing the wall sized bookcase he made. Doug has been woodworking for only two years but his shop, in a two car garage, has a full complement of power tools and an impressive store of wood waiting for projects.



October Door Prize Winners

Bruce Kinney
Bosch Sander

Jeff Kramer
Rockler Vix bits

Jim Scudder
Wixey Gauge

October FOW Prize Winners

Jim Simnick

Ed Buhot

Mike Kalscheur

Each won a \$20 gift certificate.



The following letter was received by President George Rodgers in October. Whit Anderson was the DPWW Web Master for many years and has produced several videos for the group.

George and Members of the Board--

After the last meeting I felt the need to communicate to the board how pleased I am at how far the organization has come in the presentation aspect of our meetings. Meetings are the core of our organization and it is important that members can see and hear what is happening. The topic of the last meeting was particularly interesting to me. I sat in the back of the room and I was struck by how well I could see and hear the details of what was going on up on the stage. It was great!

More people than I can name have been involved in upgrading our meeting experience. Many, many members have added to our audio-video capabilities. Recently **Mike Perry** had a big role in acquiring equipment. **Bill Hoffman** did a wonderful job of running the equipment at the last meeting. When I wanted to see the presenter's hands and tools, there they were! When I wanted a view of his face as he talked, there it was! I really felt like I could follow everything the presenter (and members at From Our Workshop) were showing me.

When I first joined the club it was often difficult to see and to hear some very fine presentations. I think members are now able to have a much better experience at our meetings. This has taken rather a long time and has been costly. I know that board members have occasionally wondered if it was worth spending the organization's money. I want to express my admiration to the board for their lengthy commitment to improving the experience of a meeting for members. Well done and thank you!

--Whit Anderson

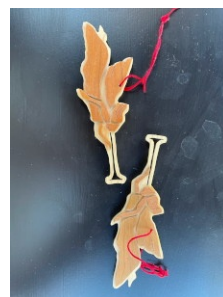
Saint James School Auction

These items and others, crafted by DPWW members, were donated to the November 4 St. James School fund raising auction. Also see the [Adirondack Chair in last month's newsletter](#). For many years Saint James has been kind to the DPWW and we are proud to help out.



Borrow Tools

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. Also DPWW now has a Performax 12" planer. It is 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 November 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 prior to, or at our November meeting.

With our meetings held via Zoom and in-person, if possible still 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 in-person and Zoom monthly meeting "From Our Workshop".



Bob Bakshis - Halloween Spider
Baltic Birch - Craft Paint



Paul Pyrcik - Turned Stopper
Walnut - Lacquer & Wax



Bruce Metzdorf - Leaf Bowls
Various Woods - Poly



Don Carkhuff - Clamp Caster



Don Carkhuff - Sander Fence



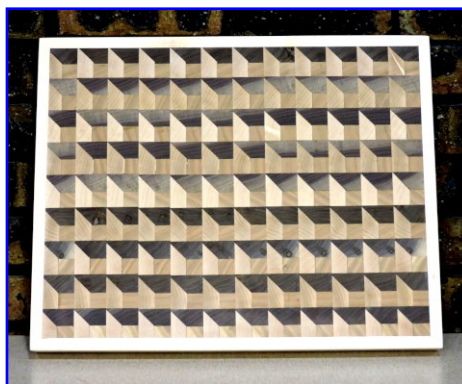
Don Carkhuff - Mallet



Tom Olson - Shoe Horn
Maple - CA Glue



Lee Nye - Book Ends
Walnut, Maple - Tried & True



Jim Simnick - 3-D Cutting Board,
Walnut, Maple, Cherry



Paul Pyrcik - Turned Pen
Acrylic Circuit Board - Polished



Mike Kalscheur - Tote
Pine - No Finish



Gary Rothmund - Barnwood
Frame
Old Wood - Original Paint



Paul Pycik - Turned Rings



Lee Nye - Desk
Plywood, Poplar, Red Oak - Benjamin Moore White



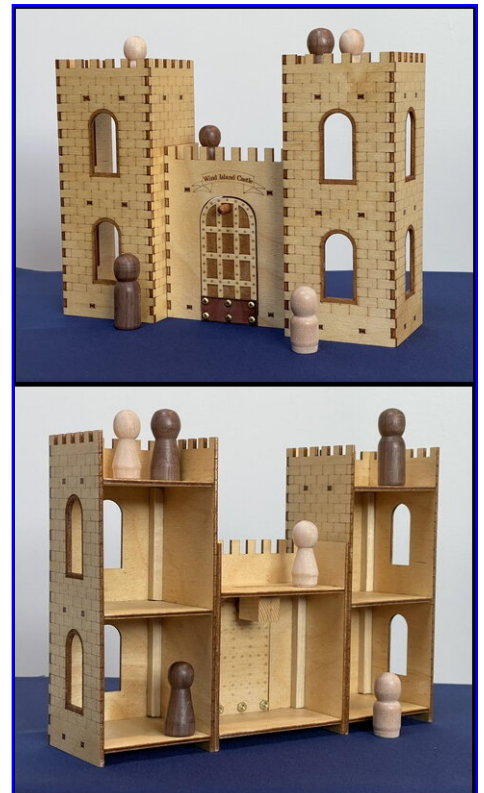
Ed Buhot
Cheese and
Cutting Boards

Mixed Wood
Mineral Oil

From Our Workshop

There will not be an FOW presentation at the November meeting due to the time needed for toy distribution. There will not be FOW in December as our usual meeting is pre-empted by the [Holiday Party](#).

However, if you have projects for FOW in the next two months, please take a few photos and don't hesitate to use our [online Google form](#) to submit them for inclusion in the newsletter and for the January general meeting.



Whit
Anderson
Castle Toy

Baltic Birch
Shellac