



## Calendar

### DPWW Regular Meetings

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

- **January 16, 2023**
- **February 20**
- **March 20**

### DPWW Board Meetings

Usually the First Monday  
By Zoom until spring

- **February 6, 2023**  
(in person at [St. James](#))
- **March 6**

### Future Activities

- **February 4, 9:00 AM**  
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#)
- **March 4, 9:00 AM**  
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#)
- **TBA 2023**  
Ressler Guitars

### Programs

- **January 16**  
**[Make a plate from a board](#)**  
Bruce Metzdorf



## President's Message - January 2023

Happy New Year! Hopefully, this means starting new projects. Unfortunately, if you are like me you still have many projects in various stages of completion that still need to be attended to. I was able to recently complete making 3 storage units for "name trains". As mentioned in last month's newsletter, [ABC news had a brief segment](#) on their 10 o'clock news featuring our holiday toy drive.

A woodworker in Morris, IL saw this segment. He previously made wooden toys including "name trains". He has retired from woodworking and donated all of his leftover supply of scroll-sawn letters, wheels, axles, etc. to the DPWW. Three of the organizations to which we donate holiday toys also have pre-school programs. These are Refugee One on the northwest side of Chicago, Off the Street Club in the Garfield Park section of Chicago and New Moms in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago. I will be delivering a "Name Train" unit with 3 of each letter along with engines and cabooses to each. Our toy program continues to help others! My hope is to get a workshop in April at Woodcraft. I will keep you posted.

Long time member and woodworker extraordinaire, **Dave Reilly**, recently passed away. No memorial service has been planned. The family hopes to arrange something in the spring. We will keep you posted. Here is a [link to the projects](#) he has shown. Dave assisted and taught carving at Marc Adams School of Woodworking. He also was an excellent woodturner.

Our next general meeting will be Monday, January 16. DPWW member **Bruce Metzdorf** will demonstrate how to create a [turned plate from a board](#).

I am very excited about exploring a "Special Interest Group" for novice/beginning woodworkers. At the January meeting we will get feedback from novice/beginning woodworkers on their thoughts as to how we can best help them pursue their interest in woodworking. We want to help mentor and accelerate their growth in developing woodworking skills. We want your input!

Once you are past making your holiday projects it is not too soon to start making Beads of Courage boxes. We will be collecting them during the summer to give to Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. [Here is the website](#) for guidelines with respect to making the boxes.

We will have our From Our Workshop segment of our meeting in January. Be sure to submit your pictures at: [From My Workshop \(google.com\)](#)

Again, novice/beginning woodworkers be sure to attend the January meeting to provide input on how we can best help you in your woodworking journey.

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





## **DuPage Woodworkers** **Board Meeting** **January 2, 2023**

President **George Rodgers** called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Attending were Jim Harvey, Tim McAuley, Mike Kalscheur, John

Zurales, Howard Peterson, Dave Wesolowicz, Jeff Kramer, Bruce Metzdorf, Harry Trainor, Lee Nye, Bruce Kinney, Bill Hoffman, Lee Nye and Mark Wieting.

### **President's Report:**

George reported that he has checked with St. James on meeting dates for the next six months and we are confirmed for the first Monday each month for board meetings and the third Monday for general meetings. In regard to shifting our meeting days, Wednesdays are not available and Tuesdays would conflict with Fox Valley meetings, so we will continue with general meetings on the third Monday of each month. George said **Don Sinnott** will attend the next board meeting to discuss DPWW's insurance coverage.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**David Wesolowicz** reported our year-end financials with some concern about our cash balance being smaller than at year-end last year. He noted that our expenditure for wood for toys was much larger than last year, but it was pointed out that this year we had a large purchase, mainly for doll beds. He will create a 2023 budget with input requested from board members whose activities either generate income or require expenditures. The board thanked Dave for stepping into the Treasurer position last year and continuing for 2023.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Membership (Mike Kalscheur)** – Mike reported that we have four new members and 208 total. Around 75% of our members have renewed for 2023.

**Library (Tim McAuley)** – Tim will include a budget request to maintain our library software.

**Prizes (Bruce Kinney)** – Bruce reported that last year was essentially break-even financially. We will cut back to two prizes at each meeting in 2023, with a budget per meeting of \$150.

**Publicity** – No report.

**Toys (George Rodgers)** – George says our first toys workshop is likely to be in April. Jim Harvey mentioned that he has permission to reprint the entire article on the toys program that was covered in the Dec. 1 issue of the **Lombardian** newspaper.

**Newsletter (Jim Harvey)** – Jim set the deadline for material submission as Jan. 6.

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – Lee has prizes for January. Howard will take over from **Mike Perry** to create the FOW Power Point presentations and will work with **Bill Hoffman** on moving it into Google docs.

**Activities (Jeff Kramer)** – Jeff is exploring the return of the Milwaukee woodworking show for next spring and has a tentative shop visit for March. He would like to organize another trip to Des Moines and Woodsmith magazine for May or June.

**Programs (Jeff Kramer)** – Jeff reviewed our current practices for honoraria to speakers and it was the consensus of the board that some type of memento to members who present at the general meeting is in order. Professional woodworkers who present at the general meeting would receive a cash honorarium but speakers representing companies would not.

**A/V (Howie Peterson)** – Howie is working on the FOW Power Point changeover to Google.

**Web (Bill Hoffman)** – John will meet with Bill to discuss ways to upgrade the platform and make handling the Classifieds easier.

### **Old Business:**

**Non-Profit Status:** George reported there has been no response on our application for not-for-profit status in Illinois.

**Donation of Sandwich Fair building model:** After discussion about how this donation might be used, George noted his church has a relationship with a not-for-profit group in Sandwich and it might be interested in using the model in their fundraising. The board encouraged him to make contact. Lee said he also has such a model and he would donate it as well.

**Zoo Burr Oak:** George has not heard back from Lincoln Park Zoo about our offer to do something with wood from the tree they are taking down.



## New Business:

It has been suggested that we highlight our not-for-profit status on our website and that donations to DPWW are tax-deductible. John and Bill will work on the best ways to highlight our status.

Mark noted that he has not had a response to our sale of three Bartley Woodworking kits, two bow-back Windsor armchairs and a small lowboy chest. In April we will solicit the members again, then list them in the classifieds, which are open to non-members as well.

It was noted that long-time member and expert carver **Dave Reilly** has died. DuPage Woodworkers visited Dave's shop in 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

**Mark Wieting**

## January Meeting

This month DPWW member **Bruce Metzdorf** will talk about his method of making a plate from an inch thick board.



## Membership News



Four (4) new members have joined within the past month. DPWW now has 208 members.

Please welcome **Sandon Bate** from Lake Zurich. Sandon is not new to working, and has attended some local woodworking classes. His past woodworking experiences are many and current interests are turning and making small toys & gifts.

Also please welcome **Chuck Holpuch** from Woodridge. Chuck's membership to DPWW was a gift and he was turned on to woodworking at an early age with coaching from his grandpa. His present living space doesn't allow many tools, though he still wants to connect with

fellow woodworkers to keep the woodworking interest alive.

Also please welcome **Colin Joy** from Wheaton. Colin learned about DPWW via the DPWW website. He is interested in project design and making furniture.

Also please welcome **Jeff Nelson** from Oswego. Jeff also learned about DPWW from the website and his current interests are building furniture.

## From Our Workshop

All members at any skill level are welcome to share their recent woodworking projects at upcoming monthly meetings. There's usually a From Our Workshop (FOW) section during these meetings, where members can bring a completed project and show-n-tell a little about the project. Members can also submit their project(s) (photos) in advance [via our online form](#). Members who share their project and also talk about it during a meeting are eligible to win a small raffle prize.

## Membership Dues Reminder

DPWW annual membership dues (\$25) for the 2023 year are now considered overdue. Follow one of the payment options directions on this web page. <https://dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/renew/renew.php>

If you're not certain whether you've already paid dues for 2023, please contact me first. All members should have already received their 2023 Membership ID card in the mail last October, though annual membership dues are still required to help support DPWW operational expenses. If you don't plan to renew your membership for 2023, DPWW is always looking for feedback on how we can improve.

**Mike Kalscheur** - [membership@dupagewoodworkers.org](mailto:membership@dupagewoodworkers.org)





## Internet Tip of the Month From the [Lost Art Press Weblog](#)

Roy Underhill announced he will close his Woodwright's School in Pittsboro, N.C., at the end of the 2023 season. But this is not the end of the school or his career as a woodworking educator.

There is a new television show under discussion. Plus his school may appear in another location or in another guise.

P.S. Ed Lebetkin's tool store (upstairs from the school) will also close its doors, so it's time to make that pilgrimage to complete your tool kit.

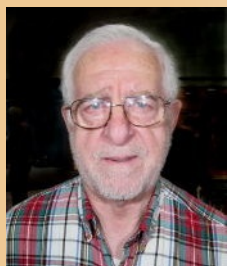
## Sawdust in Your Coffee

**Sawdust in Your Coffee** is our Zoom-based monthly informal discussion of wood related subjects. There were 11 participants at the January 7th Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

- Dust collector clogging with light weight paper.
- Possible Lincoln Park Zoo Burr Oak wood use to be donated back to the zoo.
- Growth board with sliding dovetail bird head for height measurements.
- Wobble segment bowl.
- Name train spelling letters for organization we currently donate toys to.
- Red Oak desk progress, discuss option for doweling into flat surface and applying finish to all surfaces to prevent uneven moisture transfer.

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at 9:00 on Saturday, February 4. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual EMail ZOOM invitation. - **Ron Colliander**

## Logo Clothing



Welcome to 2023 from the DPWW Apparel Dept and to the programs and events this year. I have a new order of hats, and was able co-ordinate with another member to get a few shirts prior to the Holidays. Beyond what I now have requires an order of 6 shirts to place the order. Get a shirt while they are available. Has a fellow member done something great for you and thinking of a special gift, get them a DPWW shirt or hat. Look Sharp, **Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106, harleypop99@att.net**

## January Door Prizes

As the Pandemic has resulted in fewer members attending live, there are fewer dollars going into the Door Prize pot. To lessen the impact that has on the organizations budget we have made the following modifications to the past rules:

- Lowered the monthly Door Prize budget from the previous \$200 to \$150.
- Reduced the number of prizes for each meeting from 3 prizes to 2 prizes. The quality of the prizes and the price of tickets will not change. Tickets are \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3, \$10 for 7, \$15 for 11, \$20 for 15.



It is the hope of the Prize Committee that you will continue to support the Door Prize program.

Door Prizes offered at the January meeting are:

- 1 – Milwaukee 12V Drill/Driver +Impact Driver Kit.
- 2 – 2 Sets of 3/8" Socket Wrenches (1 Metric and 1 SAE)



## Good Ink Department

The following article by Jane Charmelo appered in the "Lombardian" paper on December 1

### **DuPage Woodworkers group shares a love of start-to-finish process**

If you love working with your hands and seeing a piece of raw wood transform into a finished product, you might consider joining DuPage Woodworkers (DPWW), a 501(c)(3) group of woodworking enthusiasts who get together every month to learn more about the craft—and also share their knowledge with other members.

According to group president **George Rodgers**, a charter member since 1995, DPWW formed after a number of people were in a Batavia group, but decided they wanted something closer to home. They wanted to form a group in DuPage County, he narrated, mentioning that he came to a meeting because “I wanted to learn more about woodworking.”

“I wanted to create a network of woodworking friends,” he added.

Rodgers said that at the time, members were mostly intermediate-level woodworkers, but over time, the group has welcomed novice, or beginning, woodworkers who are interested in learning new skills.

The president related that at the monthly meetings, there is often a

guest speaker and “We also share ideas as well.”

Members work on projects at home and sometimes bring them in for a “show and tell,” some of which will “knock your socks off,” DPWW Vice President **Mark Wieting** praised.

He said he attended a meeting after hearing about the group from a friend, and found it to be “a cordial and welcoming group,” adding that he values what he has learned from the guest speakers and also from the expertise of group members.

What also appeals to Wieting is that he can brainstorm with other members and ask questions about a project he is working on.

The vice president related that he likes how he can network outside of the meetings with other members, citing as an example how he needed a special tool and was able to borrow one from a fellow DPWW member.

One major group project undertaken by the DPWW is the annual toy drive they organize.

Rodgers, the toy drive chairperson,

recalled how in the early 2000s, former president **Rich Rossio** learned from his wife that organizations were not getting enough holiday toys for children in need.

So, he put out a call to his fellow woodworkers, the president continued, and recalled the former president saying, “Let’s really make this a priority’ ... and it really took off.”

What started out as primarily vehicles and puzzles has come to include doll beds, doll furniture and crayon holders filled with crayons.

The group holds several toy workshops throughout the year and the finished products are brought to the November meeting, after which they are distributed among as many as seven different non-profit organizations, according to Wieting.

Now Wieting and Rodgers estimate that they annually complete toys “by the thousands,” and Wieting commented that “We expect two thousand this year!”

When asked how woodworking has changed over the years, Rodgers responded: “You’re seeing more

**The DuPage  
Woodworkers not only  
create their own  
personal projects, but  
take time to make toys  
that are distributed at  
Christmas time to less  
fortunate children. The  
non-profit group  
welcomes enthusiasts  
of all levels.**



involvement with computers and computer-driven tools,” as well as lasers.

While these woodworking aids have “expanded capabilities,” the president continued, “Most of us are using the tools that have been used for years.”

Wieting echoed that most of his fellow woodworkers still prefer “hand and power tools.” They are older tools, he said, but “They get you where you want to go.”

Added Rodgers, “You’re still using your hands.”

Rodgers said he enjoys woodworking because it involves “the process of figuring something out, seeing the finished project.”

Wieting said he feels “very much the same” as Rodgers, and he enjoys making “whatever comes up,” such as bookshelves, salad bowls and shoe horns, as well as gift items.

Rodgers said he enjoys creating furniture, bowls, handles and toys.

There are currently about 200 members of DPWW, coming from a far away as Chicago, Gurnee and Indiana, and more women are being encouraged to participate.

Both the president and vice president say that novice woodworkers are welcome, with Wieting noting that the group is made up of “a huge range, from early woodworkers to advanced.”

Rodgers said while there is Zoom

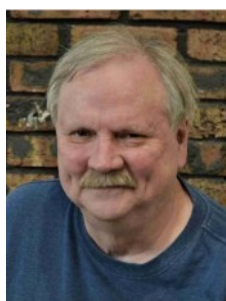
access to the meetings, he recommends that anyone interested in learning more attend the first meeting in person.

“We definitely encourage that,” he added.

“Everybody’s welcome,” Wieting emphasized.

DuPage Woodworks meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month (no meeting in December) at **St. James the Apostle Parish, 480 Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn**. Dues are \$25 a year.

For more information and a video of members talking about their interest in woodworking, visit their website, [www.dupagewoodworkers.org](http://www.dupagewoodworkers.org).



## Smile and Say Cabbage

Saying “Cheese” is supposed to form your mouth into a nice smile. According to Wikipedia, in the late 19th century, different aesthetic and behavioral norms required keeping the mouth small, which led to photographers using “say Prunes.” In Bulgaria they say, “Zeke,” which

means cabbage. We won’t ask you to say Prunes or Zeke. But we would like to get your picture into our photo roster.

The DuPage Woodworkers have a photo roster with pictures of members and some contact details. You can find a link to the photo roster in the [“Members Only” section of our website](#). You’ll need the user name and

password. The photo roster is very helpful when you know a member’s name, but can’t picture their face. It is also useful when you’ve talked to someone at a meeting but didn’t get their name.

At the January meeting we’ll be taking photographs to add to the photo roster. If you haven’t gotten your picture in the roster, you can come to the back of the meeting room and get your picture taken. If we don’t have your picture we’ll still put you in the roster, but with a silhouette that doesn’t do justice to your good looks. If your picture is in the current roster, you don’t need to get your picture taken again. If you’ve lost weight, grown a beard, or just gotten more attractive, you are welcome to get your picture taken again and we’ll replace your current picture in the roster.

**Whit Anderson**



## 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. - **Jeff Kramer**

## 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.**





## Looking Back By Mark Wieting

I've been a member of DPWW for about 10 years. Time to look back.

I heard about our group from a work colleague and attended my first meeting as a guest. I was just about to retire and was looking for some useful activities.

My biggest impression of these years has been the camaraderie among the members and their willingness to give advice, give instruction, lend tools, and share some wonderful creations that come out of their workshops.

I wasn't new to woodworking; I've had a table saw for 40 years. In fact, come on over and you can see it in my shop. I've made tables and shelves, a few cabinets and a coffee table or two.

But my other big impression of these years is about how much I've learned:

A top-turning workshop with Rich Rossio introduced me to turning and now with more instruction from Whit Anderson I'm not half bad.

I made my first mortise and tenon joint, first biscuit joint, first domino joint, first Kreg joint.

I know the best way to fold a quarter sheet of sandpaper to make an effective pad. And that skipping grits isn't a good idea unless you can't find any 180 at Home Depot.

That putting glue on both sides of a joint is generally a waste of glue, according to the rep from Titebond. He said, "You don't have to glue both sides, but God bless you if you do."

That many of us have more wood than we will ever use.

That "Measure twice and cut once" should be on US currency so we see it every day.

If you're turning four legs of a table, they don't have to be exactly the same—if you want to get the table made in a reasonable time.

A table-top belt sander can be nasty if you're careless, and sometimes even when you're not.

No riving knife on your table saw? A plastic splitter on your zero-clearance insert does the trick, too.

All dust is bad for your lungs, but walnut is particularly bad. And don't use walnut shavings as mulch out in the back yard if you want anything to grow out there.

There's more of course, much more. But suffice it to say I've enjoyed my time in the group and expect you do, too.

## Honoring DPWW Service

At our December 12 Holiday party ***Vice President Mark Wieting*** awarded ***George Rodgers*** and ***Jerry Johnson*** with unique DPWW embroidered fleece jackets. George has been President for Four years - and Toy chairman the whole time. Jerry is the retiring Dupage Woodworkers Secretary with **Twenty One** years of service in that capacity.

DPWW is still looking for someone to step up to Jerry's vacant Secretary position. See Article IV of the [DPWW bylaws](#) for details.





## December 2022 Christmas Party

There was no regular meeting in December, but DPWW has a long tradition of Christmas party for the members. This year 46 people attended, NOBODY went away hungry. Part of the DPWW tradition is that members contribute projects for a Significant Other gift exchange. These are photos of the gifts offered on December 12. Click on any image for a larger view.

