



DUPAGE

WOODWORKERS

Learning by Sharing the Art of Woodworking



## Calendar

### DPWW Regular Meetings

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

Will be in person and via Zoom until further notice

- **April 17**
- **May 15**
- **June 19**

### DPWW Board Meetings

Usually the First Monday  
By Zoom

- **May 1**
- **June 5**

### Future Activities

- **April 29**  
[Toy Workshop at Woodcraft](#)
- **May 6, 9:00 AM**  
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#) Zoom
- **June 3, 9:00 AM**  
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#) Zoom

### Programs

- **April 17**  
[Member Show and Tell](#)



## President's Message - April 2023



Saturday, April 29 we will be having our semi-annual toy making workshop at [Woodcraft in Woodridge](#). Please see the article under the toys section for additional information. We will be making at least 100 doll beds and over 500 toy vehicles. Please help us if you can.

You also won't want to miss our April general meeting. **Jeff Kramer** is putting together a program whereby our members will be offering tips and techniques that they find useful in their shop. Should be a good variety with something for everyone.

I want to thank **Jeff Kramer** for organizing a great activity in March. We visited [Designed Stairs](#) and **John Ressler's guitar making studio** in Sandwich, IL. Both sites were very interesting and John was great at informing us of different processes and answering our many questions. He even demonstrated bending guitar sides using heat, a small amount of moisture and his bending jig.

My take home from General Finishes' **Tom Monahan** presentation was that their best product for outdoor clear finishes is their Exterior 450 water based product. General Finishes is also introducing a hard wax product this month. It will compete with Osmo and Rubi Monocoat. He has been using it on charcuterie boards he makes.

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 April. Be sure to submit your pictures at: [From My Workshop \(google.com\)](#)

At the last meeting I mentioned (and you received an email earlier this year) about entering woodworking items in the IL State Fair competition. Entries will begin in July. You will receive an email as the time draws closer with more information. We are trying to increase the number of items exhibited to encourage others to take up the great endeavor of woodworking. If you have questions in the meantime please contact me.

Finally, **Mark Wieting** has graciously agreed to compile a list of members and their best contact information (most likely cell phone number). This list will only be used for emergencies such as last minute cancellation of our meeting or such. With a cell phone number we will be able to text you with any last minute changes. Please send this information to Mark at [mark.wieting@gmail.com](mailto:mark.wieting@gmail.com)

Hope to see you at our April meeting!

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



## **DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting**

**April 3, 2023**

**George Rodgers** opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Lee Nye, Jim Harvey, Jeff Kramer, George Rodgers, Harry Trainor, Howard Peterson, Bruce Kinney, Dave Wesolowicz, Tim McAuley, Joe Berkemeyer, Mark Wieting (on phone), Bill Hoffman

**President's Report: Lincoln Park Zoo Bur Oak tree project** – George will continue to investigate potential DPWW projects.

**Secretary's Report:** The position is still vacant.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current Balance is \$6060, spreadsheet of details sent to board members.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Membership (Mike Kalscheur)** – (Mike K absent) Current total membership is 196, with 4 new members added in March. Mike will be asked to generate a list of members dropped in March 2023 for follow-up by the board.

**Library (Tim McAuley)** – Tim passed around a photo of the cabinet addition which will be in the newsletter. 54 new books were received from Fox Valley Woodworkers (from their surplus).

**Prizes (Bruce Kinney)** – \$278 tickets sold at March meeting, \$237 profit year to date due in part to donated items. April prizes will be Milwaukee Drill/driver set and 4-piece chisel set.

**Publicity** – No report.

**Toys (George Rodgers)** – [April 29 toy construction workshop](#) at Woodcraft at 9 am.

**Newsletter (Jim Harvey)** – Items due by April 7.

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – Need 2 more gift cards for the April meeting.

**Activities/Programs (Jeff Kramer)** – Jeff still needs more volunteers for the “Show and Tell” program at the April meeting.

Jeff solicits suggestions for future meeting topics.

**A/V (Howie Peterson)** – Nothing to report.

**Web (Bill Hoffman)** – We can now view multiple project photos in the Gallery. Bill is working on creating a mailing list for beginning wood workers.

### **Old Business:**

**Adding non-profit info to the website** – still pending.

**Member cell phone contact list in case of cancelled meetings** – **Mark Wieting** will keep the list for now and an update will be circulated at the April meeting.

**Liability insurance (GR reporting)** – there is no formal quote yet, broker is waiting for underwriters to respond. We are pursuing liability coverage for board directors and officers of DPWW. The board voted to authorize **George Rodgers** to accept an additional charge for up to \$500.

**Archiving of club records** – **Bill Hoffman** reported we can store up to 30 Gigabytes of data and 5M records on Google Drive

**Holiday Party at Reserve 22** – George reported that reservations at Reserve 22 have been secured for the 2023 party on Monday, December 11. Per person cost is estimated at \$40.

### **New Business:**

**Northern Illinois Woodworking Council proposal** – Fox Valley president **Dave Dockstader** has sent letters to area woodworking clubs proposing a council be established to share ideas and resources. The board agreed to respond affirmatively. George will be the initial representative.

– **Lee Nye**

### **March Meeting Recap**

**Tom Monahan** from [General Finishes](#) talked about the product lines produced by General Finishes in



Milwaukee. He showed slides of the many projects he has himself completed and finished.



## April 17 DPWW Meeting

### DPWW Show and Tell – Your Opportunity to Share



We are going to do something different for our April 17, 2023, meeting. We want to offer you the opportunity to share something about woodworking that you have done or learned over the years. This can be a “tip or trick,” an item of interest, a special tool, or anything else that you think would be of interest to the membership. It doesn’t have to be anything big. A special jig you use or a shortcut or just something you learned and want to pass on.

Your presentation does not have to be long – use five minutes as a guide. You can send pictures or use PowerPoint even if it is only one or two slides, but it is not required. If you have pictures or use PowerPoint, please send the file to me (**Kramer123@hotmail.com**) and I will collate them for the meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Please provide the following information to me for your Show and Tell

**Name:**

**Topic/Item:**

**PowerPoint/Pictures: Yes (Attached) No**

**Comments:**

The April 17 meeting will be at 7:00 PM at **St. James Catholic Church in Glen Ellyn**. Please park in the South lot adjacent to Fawell Boulevard.

Thanks, **Jeff Kramer (630) 926-3784**

### Internet Woodworking Link of the Month

**Rockler Woodworking** did more than was really necessary to celebrate April 1:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/cIXVNnQFVcs>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=160675973576168>

<https://www.facebook.com/Rockler/photos/a.58236237377/10160551451652378/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Rockler/videos/1142980706395665>

## Membership News



DPWW now has 196 total active members. If you cannot find your name on the latest (4/1/2023) membership roster list, please let me know. **Whit Anderson** is presently updating the **DPWW photo roster**. If you

don’t see yourself in that upcoming photo roster, show up at a future meeting to get your photo taken for that roster.

Four (4) new members have joined DPWW within the past month. Woodworkers of all skill levels have become members, which is evident is the newest members’ range of woodworking skills. The DPWW motto, “**Learning by Sharing**”, is important for all members to keep in mind.

Please welcome **Joshua Martell** from Wheaton. Joshua is just getting started in woodworking and is interested in furniture and other smaller projects. The

newly formed Special Interest Group for novice woodworkers may be a good fit for Joshua.

Also please welcome **Ryan Hesse** from Palatine. Ryan learned of DPWW from the Facebook page. He listed his interests as furniture, shop builds and lumber deals.

Also please welcome **Steve & Kay Young** from Wheaton. They learned about the DPWW on our website and enjoy a variety of carving and simple furniture building.

### DPWW Mentors

There is a list of current members who have agreed to act as mentors for other woodworking members. Any member with woodworking skills they’re willing to share with other members is welcome to join that list. This list is available from the **Member-Only section of the website**. Contact me if any questions or you wish to join that Mentor list.

**Mike Kalscheur -**  
**membership@dupagewoodworkers.org**





## Activity Recap: Ressler Guitars and Designed Stairs

On March 18, 2023 DPWW visited *John Ressler* who owns [Designed Stairs](#) and [makes guitars](#) in his home workshop. He has taught Guitar making at the [Marc Adams School](#). John showed and demonstrated the many jigs and fixtures he uses in crafting his instruments. Some, made of exotic wood sell for thousands of dollars.

The group then moved to the Designed Stairs facility in Sandwich. This business creates custom staircases and employs about 40 people. We first had a demonstration of a large CNC machine cutting out a complete stair stringer in about five minutes. They specialize in custom curved stairs and the building has a large area where mock ups of customers rooms are created and stairs built to fit.



## Borrow DPWW 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.**



## DPWW Library Upgrade

Librarian *Tim McCauley* built a new front door for the group's library cart. It has multiple shelves and Tim has moved all the removable computer media into the new space. We can look forward to many new titles as the library has been space limited for some time.

Tim reminds everybody that DPWW has an on-line catalog of available publications at [HTTPS://dpww.libib.com](https://dpww.libib.com). More information on using the libib site and on checking out a book is on the [Library page](#) of our web site.







## Toy Makers Workshop

DPWW and [Woodcraft \(75th St. and Woodward Ave. in Woodridge\)](#) will be hosting a toy making workshop on **Saturday, April 29** from 9am to 3pm. Members can contribute their time to help bandsaw, drill, rout, sand and assemble toys for the Toys for Tots Christmas give-a-way program. Come for the morning (9am to noon) and/or afternoon (noon to 3pm) session.

For those unable to make the workshop but still wanting to contribute toys we have wheels and axles. These are available at [any DPWW general meeting](#). We also have [patterns and directions](#) for making toys. If you only



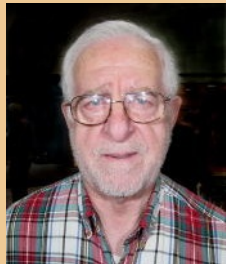
have some equipment such as just a drill press, etc. we can always use help completing part of the project or help with assembly. Pick what you feel comfortable doing.

For those without equipment at home to make toys remember that the club has a drill press and scroll saw to borrow.

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## 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 you are thinking of a special gift, get them a DPWW shirt or hat.

Look Sharp, **Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106, [harleypop99@att.net](mailto:harleypop99@att.net)**



## March Door Prize Winners

*David Burk and Bert LeLoup*

## April Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- 1 Milwaukee 2 Drill/Driver & Impact Driver kit.
- 2 4-piece Wood Chisel Set.



Tickets are \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3, \$10 for 7, \$15 for 11, \$20 for 15.

— **Bruce Kinney**



## Beads of Courage Medallions and Card Scrapers

I Have never had much luck sharpening card scrapers, maybe a 50% success rate. But decided to try it again after reading this Woodcraft article: [https://www.woodcraft.com/blog\\_entries/scrapers-demystified](https://www.woodcraft.com/blog_entries/scrapers-demystified) and this: <https://www.highlandwoodworking.com/sharpening/cardscrapersharpeneringvideo.html>

My motivation was a project making Beads of Courage medallions which could be embedded in a BOC box.



**Before**

Whit Anderson provided engraved and cut out blanks of 1/8" plywood. My task then was to fill the letters with appropriate colors. I did this by globbing on two coats of Testors enamel. To remove the excess I tried first a hand plane. It usually removed more than was necessary. Then I tried sanding the surface down to wood which worked but was slow. Finally decided to try a



**After**

card scraper sharpened per the above links. It was by far the fastest and cleanest method taking only seconds to clean excess paint off the discs, producing a finish that did not have to be sanded. – **Jim Harvey**

## Sawdust in Your Coffee

**Sawdust in Your Coffee** is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 11 participants at the April 1 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

- Tips Tricks at the next general meeting
- Toy work shop at the end of April.
- Possible "Sketchup" demo and training
- Saw Stop opinions from users
- Jar lids turned from wood.
- Status of desk from newer woodworker
- Out door table wood recommendations
- Exterior kitchens suggestions
- Bar area shelf held to wall with pocket screws
- Surplus "Beads of Courage" medallions as awards/prizes
- Searching for spalted maple.

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at 9:00 on Saturday, May 6. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual EMAIL Zoom invitation.

– **Ron Colliander**

## Libby App Resource

Thousands of public libraries offer ebooks and audiobooks for free in the Libby app. This includes emagazines. Here is the website link: <https://libbyapp.com>. You need a library card and PIN issued by your local library.

Titles are available directly in a web browser but for better access download the Libby app onto your phone or tablet via the Apple Store or Google Play.

I have been able to access many woodworking magazines along with related magazines via this app. Cuts down on my costs and having to store/get rid of paper magazines.

A list of woodworking related magazines that I have been able to access: *Woodcraft*, *Woodsmith*, *ShopNotes*, *Popular Woodworking*, *Woodworkers Journal*, *Australian Woodsmith*, *The Family Handyman*, *This Old House*.

You can also access many woodworking related books.

– **George Rodgers**





## Are you covered?

**This article was contributed by Lee Nye. It originally ran in the Fox Valley group newsletter.**

Insurance is a necessary evil in life and insurance companies are often viewed with suspicion by the public – with some justification, I think. I was recently relating my personal experience with homeowner's insurance coverage for wood shop tools and was encouraged to share the story in the newsletter. First of all, I am not an expert on insurance and will not recommend for or against any particular company. Do your homework and seek the best fit for your needs.

I long had a basic operating mode when it comes to auto and homeowners insurance. I get multiple quotes, check the company ratings, and pick the lowest cost company. Often I have found that a company that gives me an attractive initial rate increases the premium after the initial period – kind of a carrot and stick strategy. The fact that no claims for loss have occurred does not seem to matter. This does not work with me and rate increases trigger a new rate quote seeking process. A company that keeps its rates stable will keep my business for several years before I check rates again.

A few years ago, my insurance company raised its premiums substantially and I chose a new company that saved me considerable premium cost. This was a large nationally advertised company with a good rating and service reputation and I was pleased to move my policies to them. After getting all the paperwork done, the company mailed me their policies and eventually I got around to scanning through them. Imagine my chagrin to discover that coverage for my shop tools was limited to \$2000 or so in their limits of liability section. It is typical to find limits of one or two thousand dollars for firearms, jewelry, electronic equipment, and such, but not I think, for tools. Yes, tools and items used for business purposes are typically limited or excluded from coverage. But my tools, like most of us, are for personal use only. Given a \$500 or greater deductible, many of us would get no coverage for a partial loss of our tools and woefully insufficient coverage for a total loss. Some of us probably have more than \$2000 in our router bit collection alone! The discovery of this inadequate coverage led to a call to my agent and a request for a rider to add more coverage. Unfortunately, the company did not offer any options for more coverage. I cancelled my policies and picked another company that had no specific limits to loss coverage on my tools.

This experience led to a new procedure in my insurance quote process. Before I sign up with a new company, I ask the agent to email me a pdf file of their policy – not a brochure, but the actual policy. Even though the agent says tools are not limited, I check the policies anyway. This review may reveal other surprises for limitations you were not expecting. While most standard homeowner's policies do not cover loss due to flooding from the outside, they also may exclude losses due to sewer backups or sump pump failures. If you have a basement shop, you might want to add sewer backup and sump pump coverage. A few years ago, Naperville had a "100 years" flood. However, many home basements were flooded due to the power failure and no sump pump draining of ground water, not the overflowing river water.

While we are on the subject of insurance, here's another suggestion. My father was in the property - casualty insurance business for many years. He strongly recommended taking photographs of your personal property and keeping them in a safe place – off premises. Insurance claims adjusters aim to settle fairly but for the minimum cost to their company. They often encounter claims from their insured that exaggerate the quality and value of lost items. For example, an insured claiming the stolen tools are high end "Festool" brand, when all the other tools they see are "Harbor Freight". Inventory lists of items are helpful but could still be disputed by a skeptical claims adjuster. A digital photo of your tools will help validate your claim and remind you of what you had. And, it is easier to document your tools with pictures than manually listing an inventory. (Just make sure the pictures you take do not reveal unsafe conditions like piles of sawdust or improperly stored flammables!) Take digital photos of your shop tool inventory – maybe once a year, including the contents of cabinets and drawers. Copy the digital files to a flash drive or writeable DVD disk and keep it in a safe deposit box.

I hope this helps and that you will never need to use your insurance. – *Lee Nye*



## From Our Workshop March 2023 - 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 our March 20 meeting, or were shown in person at the 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" [session](#).



**Whit Anderson/Jim Harvey**  
Laser Cut BOC Buttons



**Tom Benson - Bandsaw Boxes**  
Walnut - Tung Oil



**Mike Kalscheur**  
Stand Rehab  
Walnut, Maple  
Shellac



**Jeff Kramer**  
Table with  
Drawer  
Cherry  
Odies Oil





**Bill Hoffman**

**Dresser**

**Pin Oak**

**Shellac**



**Tony Leto - Carving  
Cottonwood**



**Bruce Metzdorf - Square Plate  
Walnut - Odies Oil**



**Bert LeLoup - Crosses  
Walnut, Pine**



**George Rodgers/Ed Buhot  
Segmented Bowl  
Maple/Walnut - Deft**



**Tom Olson - Bowl  
Walnut - CA**



**Bruce Metzdorf - Bowl  
Texas Cedar Elm - Walrus Oil**



**Bob Bakshis - 1931 Cadillac**  
Oak - Poly



**Paul Pyrcik - Pens and Openers**  
Wood, Acrylic - CA



**Nathan Wick - Carving**  
Basswood

## From Our Workshop Prize Drawing

Winners at the March meeting:  
*Bruce Metzdorf, Paul Pyrcik*  
and *Bob Bakshis*



**Tom Kubica - Cat Barn**  
Plywood - House Paint

## About From Our Workshop

FOW is an important part of our DPWW meetings and we love to see what other members have made and hear about details of their work. Even though our meetings are both in-person at St. James, and broadcast via Zoom, please continue to send project photos.

The DPWW board asks that 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 web site. The Google form asks for your name and for project info like in the above pictures, then allows for uploading up to three image files. Photos on screen at the meeting and on Zoom give everyone a better view of projects that our video cameras can see. Whether in-person or on Zoom, you can 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 April meeting for FOW prizes to those who attend in-person. If you need assistance submitting project photos, contact:

— **Lee Nye** [woodworkerlee828@gmail.com](mailto:woodworkerlee828@gmail.com).