

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

- **August 21**
- **September 18**
- **October 16**

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually First Monday via Zoom

- **September 5** (Tuesday)
- **October 2**

Future Activities

- **September 2, 9:00 AM**
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#) Zoom
- **September 30, 9:00 - 3:00**
[Toy Makers Workshop](#)
- **October 5-7**
Three Day Iowa Trip

Programs

- **August 23**
[Hand Plane Basics](#)

President's Message - August 2023



I want to thank **Bill Hoffman** for a yeoman's effort last meeting. Bill set up the AV system and ran it when he wasn't giving his presentation on the creation and use of router templates. Quite a busy evening for Bill. This is in addition to his duties maintaining our website. Thanks, Bill!

I also want to thank **James Arthurs** for stepping in and running the AV while Bill was presenting.

We can use more people stepping forward to help with our organization's AV system. This is a critical part of our activities and with an organization our size we should certainly have more who can help. I look forward to you telling me at our next meeting that you are willing to do so.

Dave Dockstader, president of the [Fox Valley Woodworkers](#), collected and transported hand crafted wood items to the IL State Fair earlier this month. This included several items submitted by members of our organization. The IL State Fair runs August 10-20. The woodworking judging takes place on August 8. I will make arrangements with Dave to get back to you any items you may have submitted before the end of August.

Our Monday, August 21 meeting will have **Karl Scogin**, manager of the [Woodcraft store in Woodridge](#), IL, present about hand planes. He is going to cover the different types, their uses, setting them up and how to sharpen the blades. Everyone will learn something and those interested in hand tools and upping their overall woodworking skills will really benefit.

I will be delivering handmade wooden items that people in our organization made for the golf outing raffle to the church on Monday, August 14. Thanks to those that contributed items. It helps support St. James. They certainly support us by allowing us to use their facilities at no cost.

Be sure to save the dates, Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6. **Jeff Kramer** has organized a trip to Des Moines, IA to visit the [Kreg](#) manufacturing plant and both the [Wood](#) and [Woodsmith](#) magazine companies. I have been on two of these trips in the past and thoroughly enjoyed both of them. More information to follow shortly.

Finally, please continue your toy making. We will have a [workshop on September 30](#) and will collect the toys at our November meeting.

George Rodgers 708-623-9038
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St. James Golf Donations



DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting **August 7, 2023**

George Rodgers opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00 Present were Jim Harvey, Bill Hoffman, Michael Kalschur, Bruce

Kinney, Jeff Kramer, Tom Kubicka, Bruce Metzdorf, Lee Nye, Tom Olson, Howie Peterson, Harry Trainor, Dave Wesolowicz, Mark Wieting, Steve Young, John Zurales.

Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval -

George noted that discussion of audio would also be included in the meeting per Jim Harvey's request. July 5 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Dave Wesolowicz) - As of July 31, our bank balance is \$4,979. Members appreciated the spreadsheet that Dave had sent out prior to the meeting.

Secretary's Communication (Steve Young)— A thank you card was sent to **Donna Davison** on behalf of DPWW for the donation of her late husband's tools. A sympathy card was sent to **Dolores Rich** (Bernie's wife) on the passing of her husband on 7/24/23.

President's Communication (George Rodgers) – Donna seemed pleased with the tool donation results. A picture was sent to her of an individual wearing her late husband's shop apron. The table saw and radial arm saw remain.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership (Mike Kalschur) – Membership increased by 4 last month to 204. We did lose **Bernie Rich**. Mike is preparing the notification of the 2024 renewal of dues.

Library (Tim McAuley) – **Tom Kubica** indicated that he had walked through the library process and has all the supplies. He has two sets of keys to the library cabinet. One set will be given to George at the next meeting. Tom has access to the program and can see any online requests. **Tom Olson** has indicated that he is willing to assist.

Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – At the July meetings, \$205 worth of tickets were sold. This brings the year-to-date

profit to \$625. Prizes are on hand through the September meeting.

Publicity – Absent.

Toys (George Rodgers) – Second workshop planned for September 30. Several people volunteered to assist in preparing for the workshop. **Harry Trainor** is donating 200 dolls for the program.

Newsletter (Jim Harvey) – Materials for the next newsletter are needed by Friday, August 11. Content will include the 12 FOW projects submitted, pictures from the Garfield Farm antique tool show, a directory of sawmills and lumber suppliers in Illinois, an article on the dues increase, Beads of Courage boxes and program for August.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – Three \$20 gift cards were purchased from [Woodcraft](#) for presenters. We should maybe approach **Mark Hubl**, who works at [Rockler](#). He has already donated several items to the DPWW.

Activities (Jeff Kramer) – The August activity was the [Garfield Farm antique tool show](#). September's activity will be the toy workshop at Woodcraft. October's activity (10/5 – 10/7/23) will be the trip to Des Moines, IA including visits to [Kreg Tools](#), [Wood Magazine](#) and [Woodsmith Magazine](#). Arrangements are being finalized.

Programs (Jeff Kramer) – A [program on hand planes](#) is occurring in August. The November program on chair building may be moved to September due to the November meeting being used for the toy program.

A/V (Howard Peterson) – A number of issues were raised with the audio quality from the last meeting. Jim stated he could not understand many of the FOW presenters. Additionally, people on the Zoom call indicated that there was an echo. A number of ideas and suggestions were discussed including more active directions given to the presenters in staying close to the microphone, getting a taller microphone stand, use of a second headset, clip on microphones, etc. The echo problem may be improved by muting all Zoom participants. If they have questions or comments, they could "raise their hand" to be unmuted or could send in a chat message.

Web (Bill Hoffman) – There has been increased use



of the classified ads recently. **John Zurales** had several suggested changes to the website including updating a section on the lifetime members, a section on the 501(c)(3) status of the organization and a better definition of the DPWW (a Charitable Organization . . .), and some additional information on the toys program that includes more pictures and a link to a past local news broadcast. John will finalize the edits and send to George for final approval.

Old Business:

Adding non-profit info to the website – See above **Web** item.

New Camera? – Howie is not sure we need a new camera. Some suggestions / ideas surfaced and will be discussed offline.

Liability insurance – George indicated that we will have a new, more responsive representative, **Don Sinnott**, beginning September 1. All insurance will remain with the same carrier (West Bend Mutual Insurance).

New Business:

Calvo Woodcarving School Promotion – George was – **Steve Young**

contacted by Calvo Woodcarving. They are offering our members a \$50 discount on their courses if we promote their organization via our website and social media. The consensus was not to engage in this. Perhaps a section could be set up on the website for ongoing member benefits that this may fall into.

Bull Valley Maker's Fair – George indicated that this group has offering a 10'x10' area at their event for a fee of \$25. The space could be used for the selling of crafts made by our members and to promote the DPWW. The event will be in Woodstock on September 16. The general consensus was that George should work with members interested in participating, but not to do anything as an official DPWW event.

Beads of Courage – Mark has tried to contact the representative at Advocate Hospital but that person has not responded. It has now been over a month. We currently have around 50 boxes. George will attempt to contact the national Beads of Courage organization for assistance.

SketchUp Zoom Class.

On July 19, we held a Zoom SketchUp introductory class. **John Martin** led the session of six participants. as he discussed and demonstrated the basic functions of the SketchUp software. The participants had SketchUp on their own systems and were able to follow him while working on each procedure. The topics covered were selecting the template, toolbars, basic rectangle, precise rectangle with a hole, making a component, and viewing the project.

The participants commented that they found the program to be interesting and useful and would be interested in future sessions. There are two more basic sessions that will be held on August 14 and 28. When these are completed, we will determine what the next steps will be. - **Jeff Kramer**

August 21 DPWW Meeting



Our August program will feature **Karl Scogin** from the [Woodridge Woodcraft store](#) presenting on “Hand Plane Basics.” He will cover basic plane types, their uses, setting them up, and how to sharpen the blades. This will be quite an interesting program for everyone as he has [presented at DPWW before](#) and in other venues he has received many favorable comments.

- **Jeff Kramer**



Membership News

Four members were added to the membership roster within the last month. That increase boosted the total membership to 204. New members usually find DPWW from the website or from a member or another

woodworking friend.

Please welcome **John Grzanich** from Aurora. John learned about DPWW from a friend and signed up at the July meeting.

Also please welcome **Steve Schmidt** from Indian Head Park. Steve also attended the July meeting and has interests in wood turning, toys and carving.

Also please welcome **Michael Welburn** from Glen Ellyn. Michael found the website and has mostly done low complexity carving (whittling -- just picked up spoon carving). He just moved here after 15 years in city apartments, and is excited to get some working space for scroll saw, turning, and hopefully some furniture down the road.

Also please welcome back **Steven Weiser** as a past member in 2014. Steven recently moved back to Glen Ellyn and wants to get back into woodworking.

Membership Involvement

DPWW is always looking for members to share their woodworking experiences, good or not-so-good, which might help other members become better woodworkers. Please contact one of our Board members if you would like to become more involved with DPWW in sharing your woodworking knowledge or experiences. There are also a few Board/Committee member openings, so let us know if that is of interest to you. Members with Audio/Video and web page design experience are high on the list of skill needs.

Mike Kalscheur
membership@dupagewoodworkers.org



Dues for 2024

The DPWW Board of Directors has agreed to increase annual dues from \$25 to \$30 per year for the upcoming year. The DPWW club tries to keep costs to a minimum while pursuing our charitable and educational goals. Here are some of the reasons behind our decision:

- Increased cost of toy making due to rising lumber prices. The cost of toy lumber and supplies doubled from 2021 to 2022. Costs for 2023 are expected to exceed 2022's totals.
- Our liability insurance policy did NOT previously include Directors and Officers coverage. We added this standard and customary coverage to our policy as of June, 2023, which will increase our insurance premium by \$450 per year going forward.
- In 2022, the club invested substantially to upgrade the club's audio/visual equipment. This upgrade improved our live presentations and enabled members to access meetings via Zoom.
- The club's cash balance has decreased by over 40% since the end of 2020.
- Annual dues have remained at \$25/year since our 1994 inception, while most of our costs have increased over this time.

The dues increase is expected to increase revenues by about \$1,000 per year and will help us better match revenues with expenses going forward.

Dave Wesolowicz - DPWW Treasurer

Logo Clothing

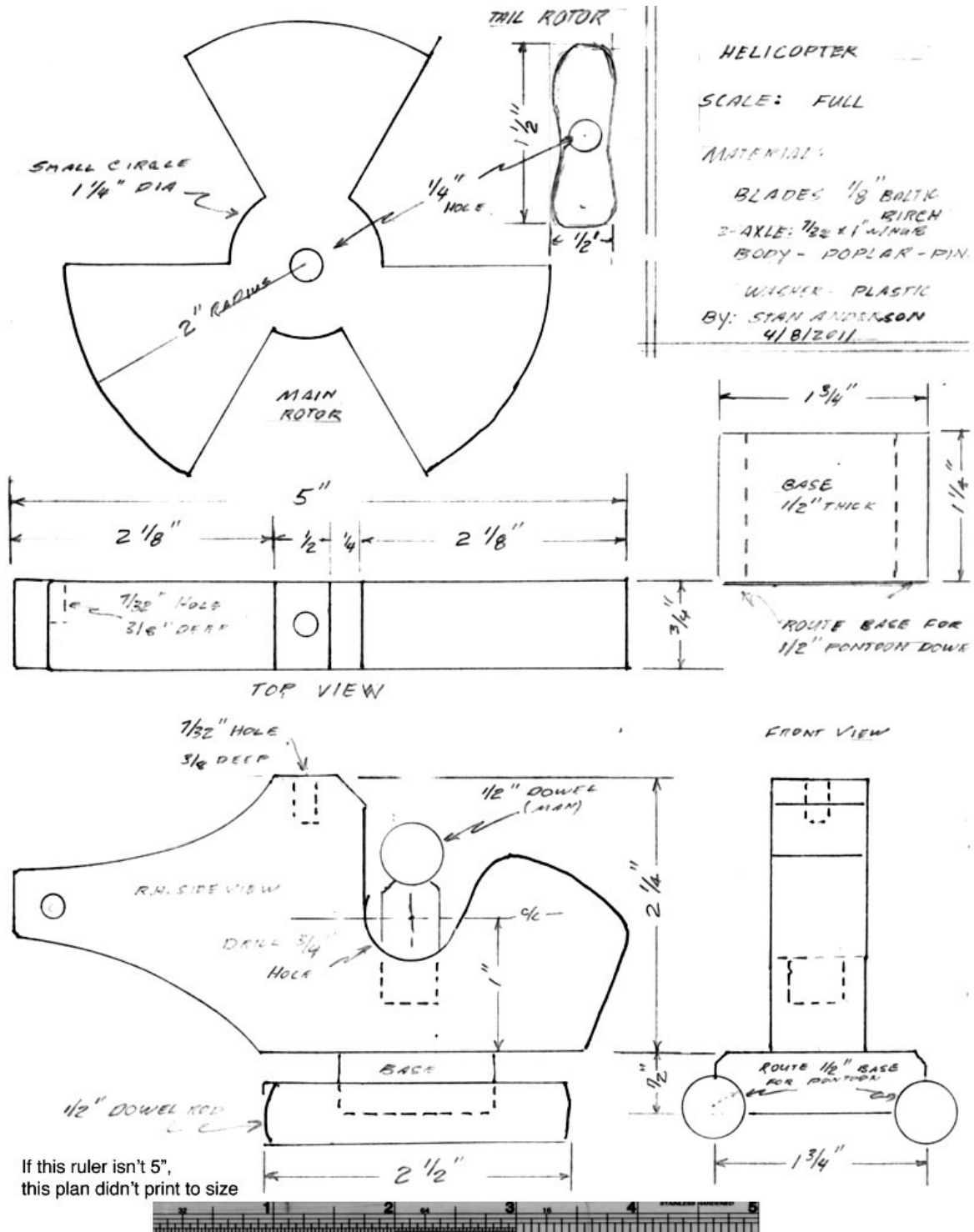
Welcome to all DPWW members from our DPWW clothing store. Stop by at my display location during the Monday meeting for introductions. We started with the green polo shirts and tan hats with the embroidered DPWW logo. We added the long sleeve T shirts with the embroidered DPWW logo. It has been suggested that we offer a fleece jacket with front zipper. Let me know if this or any other item would be of interest. Enjoy Summer and DPWW events wearing your shirts and hats.

Thanks, - **Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106**



Toy of the Month Helicopter

From the [Toys tab of the DupageWoodworkers web site](#). A Stan Anderson design from 2011, it does not require any two inch thick material. The image here is scaled to 75 percent size. If you need a full sized print either scale this up to 133% or download [the original PDF](#) from 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, September 30th from 9am to 3pm. We are hoping to have people contribute some of their time to helping bandsaw, drill, route, sand and assemble toys for the Toys for Tots

Holiday give-a-way program. The plan is to have people come 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. We will be making toy doll beds and vehicles.

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. We also have [patterns and directions](#) for making toys which are available at each general meeting. 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. Any help is appreciated.

Last year we made 2800 toys! Let's keep it up!

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From Our Workshop

Prize Drawing - July 2023

Winners at the July meeting: *Roy Galbreath, Mark Jundanian, and Mark Wieting*



July Door Prize Winners

Harry Trainor and Steve Young

August Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- Bosch Random Orbit Sander
- Brass Setup Bars Plus \$25 Rockler Gift Certificate



Bruce Kinney



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



Internet Links of the Month

Last month's link was to a video touring a factory making wooden tools.
This month we have tours of a factory making Iron tools.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQA-sn8uRN0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liIiwKwRQtY>

The Lie Nielsen site has many useful videos on hand tool care and usage.

<https://www.lie-nielsen.com/pages/downloads>

Also many DVDs available from well known woodworkers.

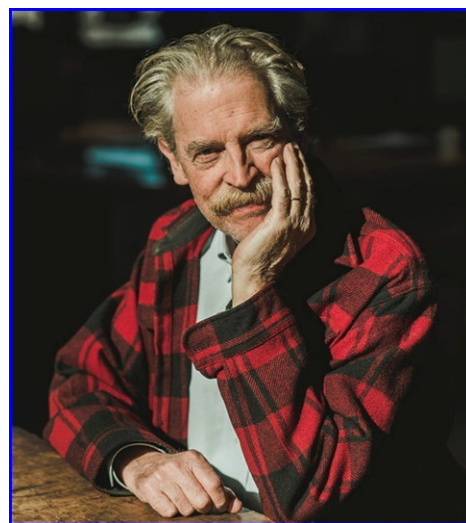
<https://www.lie-nielsen.com/nodes/4226/videos>

Nice article on Roy Underhill - hero to all hand tool users.

<https://blog.lostartpress.com/2023/07/26/roy-underhills-impactful-woodworking-journey/>

Have you had a project crack after it was assembled?

<https://www.woodmagazine.com/woodworking-how-to/wood-preparation/dealing-with-wood-movement>



Thomas Lie-Nielsen

- **Jim Harvey**

Sawdust In Your Coffee



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

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| 1. Mass Production finish on toys. | 5. Straightening and gluing warped wood. |
| 2. Antique tool show tomorrow. | 6. Replacement knob for old Brace. |
| 3. How long can unused finish last? | 7. Hand sharpening of back saws. |
| 4. Bowl blank drying. | |

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at **9:00AM on Saturday, September 2**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual EMail Zoom invitation. — **Ron Colliander**

Wood Resources in Illinois

The useful lists on the next page were compiled by **Leslie Neal** AKA "The Wood Fairy", and posted in the files section of the Facebook "Woodworking in Illinois" group. Leslie is soliciting updates and additions, if you know of any lumber businesses not on these lists, please forward the information to Leslie at the E-Mail address below. The state of Illinois also maintains a [list of operating sawmills](#).

Add your lumber source to the list or update the description by e-mailing info@thewoodfairy.com.



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Sawmills in Illinois

Sawmill Name	Description
CU Woodshop	(217) 355-1244 in Champaign, IL. Website: https://www.CUWoodshop.com .
Dendro Unlimited	Custom milling, hardwood lumber, live edge slabs. Website: www.DendroUnlimited.com .
DMZ's Trees	(309) 224-9113 in Canton, IL. Custom sawmill service with a Woodmizer LX150. Boards in stock. Website: https://www.facebook.com/DMZsTrees .
GC Sawmill	(815) 337-0630 in Woodstock, IL.
Horigan Urban Forest Products	(847) 421-6314 in North Chicago, IL. Website: https://HoriganUFP.com .
JS Industrial Corp	(309) 251-0878 in Minier, IL. 70" bandsaw, wide slabs, custom milling.
Kirkland Sawmill	(815) 522-6150 in Kirkland, IL. Website: https://www.KirklandSawmill.com .
Mulvain Woodworks	(815) 248-2305 in Durand, IL. https://www.MulvainWoodworks.com .
Nicholson Logging & Lumber	(630) 553-7612 in Yorkville, IL. Website: https://NicholsonLandL.com .
Old School Timberworks Co.	(847) 977-3767 in Libertyville, IL. Website: https://OldSchoolTimberworks.com .
Raw Heartwood	(312) 330-4289 in West Chicago, IL. Custom milling, kiln drying, custom furniture. Live-edge slabs. Website: https://RawHeartwood.com .
Stella Sawmill	(309) 740-0198 in Milan, IL. Custom sawmill services, kiln drying, slab flattening, log transport. Slab sales. Website: https://StellaSawmill.com .
Wood Urban Design	(815) 403-8351 in Crystal Lake, IL. Mobile milling service.

Lumber Sources in Illinois

Lumber Source	Contact Info
Barrington Hardwood	(779) 994-4160 in Crystal Lake, IL. Website: https://BarringtonHardwoods.com .
Bull Valley Hardwoods	(815) 701-9400 in Woodstock, IL. Website: https://BullValleyHardwood.com .
Great Spirit Hardwoods	(224) 801-1969 in East Dundee, IL. Kiln-dried hardwood lumber and live-edge slabs. Website: https://www.GreatSpiritHardwoods.com .
Horigan Urban Forest Products	(847) 421-6314 in North Chicago, IL. Website: https://HoriganUFP.com .
Johnson Creek Hardwoods	(815) 684-5411 in Mount Carrol, IL. Custom sawmill services and lumber sales. Website: https://www.JohnsonCreekHardwoods.com .
Langhoff Log & Lumber	(319) 377-2053 in Marion, IL. Quality domestic hardwoods.
Metro Hardwoods Chicago	(800) 664-9322 in Glendale Heights, IL. Website: https://www.MetroHardwoods.com .
Meyers Lumber	(630) 308-2955 in Batavia, IL. Website: https://www.MeyersLumber.com .
Midwest Slabs	(618) 946-1413 in Dow, IL. Website: https://www.MidwestSlabs.com .
Mixer Lumber	(217) 894-6412 in Clayton, IL. Website: http://MixerLumberCompany.com .
Owl Lumber	(847) 824-5025 in Des Plaines, IL. Website: https://www.OwlHardwood.com .
Owl Lumber	(708) 422-1300 in Oak Lawn, IL. Website: https://www.OwlHardwood.com .
Owl Lumber	(630) 627-5060 in Lombard, IL. Website: https://www.OwlHardwood.com .
Schroeder hardwoods	(708) 997-1219 in Harvey, IL. Kiln dried live edge slabs and hardwoods. Website: https://www.facebook.com/SchroederHardwoods .
Sound Foundation Woodworking Academy	(309) 351-3213 in Milan, IL. 34 domestic and imported varieties of lumber. Classes, milling services, etc. Website: https://SFWAQC.com .
The Hardwood Connection	(815) 895-8733 in Sycamore, IL. Website: http://TheHardwoodConnection.com . (Close-out sale now, will close permanently on Aug 31).



Activity Recap **MWTCA/E.A.I.A. Tool Show** **Garfield Farm 8/6/2023**

At least three members of DPWW attended this years tool show, plus we saw one member that was selling antique tools. The show was lightly attended but predicted rain did not materialize. We saw lots of money and tools changing hands and NO, I did not bid on the Stanley #1 (left photo).

- Jim Harvey



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 August meeting for FOW prizes to those who attend in-person. If you need assistance submitting project photos, contact:

— **Lee Nye** woodworkerlee828@gmail.com.



From Our Workshop July 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 July 17 meeting, or were shown in person at the meeting. With our meetings held via Zoom and inperson, 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 inperson and Zoom monthly meeting "From Our Workshop" session.



Don Burgeson - College Bench
Poplar, Knotty Pine - Paint, Old Master



Don Burgeson - Bowl
Gum Tree



Roy Galbreath - Woolly Mammoth Puzzle
Holly, Lacewood - Spray Poly



Bob Bakshis - Curio Shelves
Plywood - Poly



Mark Halla - Keepsake Box
Red Oak - Cherry, Walnut Stain, Poly



Mark Wieting - Bowls
Walnut, Cherry - Danish Oil, Poly



Dan DiBiao - BOC Boxes
Birch Ply



Mark Jundanian - Sculptural Bowl
Maple



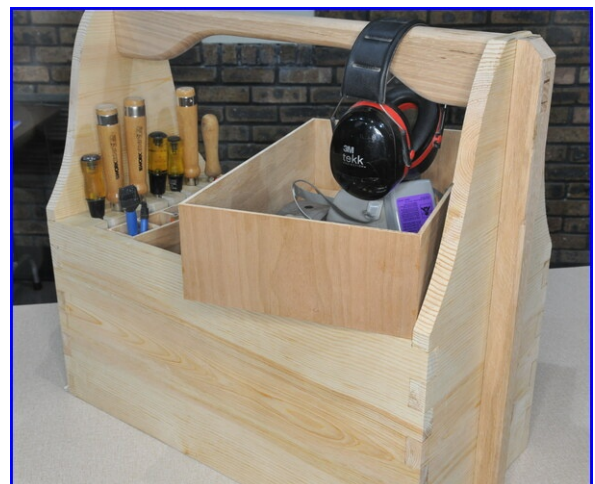
Tom Olson - Shaker Basket
Cherry - Shellac



John Moodie - Opera House Marquetry
Various - Poly



Tony Leto - Ice Cream Paddle



Bill Hoffman - Tool Tote
Pine - None