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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 also via
Zoom until further notice

- **September 18**
- **October 16**

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually First Monday via
Zoom

- **October 2**
- **November 6**

Future Activities

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

Programs

- **September 18**
[Band Saw Boxes](#)
- **October 16**
Pepper Mills

President's Message - September 2023



I thought **Karl Scogin** from [Woodcraft in Woodridge](#) did a very good job in the time allotted to discuss the different types of handplanes, their setup and sharpening. I also thought he was very fair in his discussion of the different plane manufacturers.

This month our own member, **Tom Olson**, will be presenting on the making of bandsawn boxes. Tom has taken several classes at the [Chicago School of Woodworking](#) and has made several boxes. I am sure he will pass on the how to and provide tips on creating a successful bandsawn box.

I recently attended the [2 day Handworks show](#) at the [Amana Colonies in Iowa](#). A lot of eye candy! I also met The Wood Whisperer, **Marc Spagnuolo**, at the Millstream Brewing Co. in Amana. He was very nice. The keynote speaker at the event, **Roy Underhill** of [The Woodwright's Shop show](#) that ran on PBS for over 30 years, was hilarious. There is a Timber and Tool woodshop next door to the Amana Furniture and Clock Shop. Amana Forestry Service & Lumber: Amana, IA | Iowa City, Coralville & Cedar Rapids This is run by the [Amana Forestry Service](#) and supplies all the wood that the Amana Furniture Shop uses. Anyone who has been to the Amana Furniture Shop has seen the beautiful spalted maple wood used in many of their pieces. The Amana Forestry Service creates this spalted maple along with spalting other species such as Hackberry. The Amana location woodshop is open on Fridays and Saturdays and other days by appointment. Anyone going on the Iowa trip in early October can stop by the Timber and Tool store on Saturday on their way home for good prices on many types of lumber including a large selection of live edge slabs. I plan on driving to Iowa in my pickup truck and am willing to transport lumber home for anyone on our field trip.

Speaking of our [Iowa field trip](#) we will be visiting the Kreg factory the afternoon of Thursday, October 5. We will be visiting Wood Magazine's

and Woodsmith Magazine's headquarters on Friday. West Des Moines, where we have hotel reservations, has a very large farmer's market on Saturday morning. Then on our return home some of us may visit Timber and Tool in the Amana Colonies. It is essentially on the way home. Please see more about this great organization activity that **Jeff Kramer** has arranged later in our newsletter.

On Saturday, September 30 from 9am to 3pm we will be creating and assembling toys at the [Woodcraft Store in Woodridge](#). It is a great time to learn to use equipment if you are newer to woodworking, a great opportunity to socialize and meet other woodworkers and a great way to help those that aren't as fortunate as us.

The items DPWW donated to the St. James annual golf outing were greatly appreciated. They generated funds for St. James and created much talk about the quality of the products we produce. Thanks to those that donated!

Save The Date. **December 11** will be our annual Holiday party. More details will follow in the coming months. Hope to see you at our [September meeting on Monday, September 18 at 7pm](#).

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DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting

September 5, 2023

George Rodgers opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00 Present were Jim Harvey, Bill Hoffman, Michael Kalscheur, Bruce Kinney, Tom Kubica, Howard Peterson, Mark

Wieting, Steve Young.

Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval –

- George noted that *Jeff Kramer* was at the Marc Adams school but would like to bring up the possibility of multiple shop tours.
- Lee Nye* and *Bruce Metzdorf* at Fox Valley Wood Workers meeting.
- Mark added Beads of Courage to agenda.

Treasurer's Report: (*Dave Wesolowicz*) – George stated that Dave had sent out the Treasurer's report last week. No questions were raised.

Secretary's Communication (*Steve Young*) – A sympathy card was sent to *Al Cheeks* on behalf of DPWW on the passing of his wife Helen.

President's Communication (*George Rodgers*) – George delivered 21 bowls some pens, bottle stoppers, etc. to the **Lincoln Park Zoo** that members had made from the downed tree on their facility.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership (*Mike Kalscheur*) – Mike stated that we picked up a couple of new members in the past month bringing our total to 206. He is preparing the membership renewal letter for mailing. He asked if there were any general questions for the membership to include in the mailing.

Library (*Tom Kubica*) – Tom indicated nothing new with the library other than now having another person with full administrative access.

Prizes (*Bruce Kinney*) – There were \$220 in ticket sales in August. We have a net profit of \$731.92 year-to-date. Prizes are set for the September and October meetings. No prizes for November and December.

Publicity – Absent.

Toys (*George Rodgers*) – The 2nd toy workshop will be [September 30 at Woodcraft](#).

Newsletter (*Jim Harvey*) – Jim needs news;etter input

by Friday, September 8. There is currently no feature article. He will include information on the upcoming Iowa trip. George will supply pictures of some of the items given to the Lincoln Park Zoo. Jim would like to take picture of club equipment and start featuring one of the tools each newsletter.

From Our Workshop (*Lee Nye*) – Prizes for the FOW will be a hand brace, instant glue and three files.

Activities (*Jeff Kramer*) –

- September 30 is the 2nd toy workshop at Woodcraft.
- October 5 – 7, [Iowa trip to Kreg, Wood Magazine and Woodsmith Magazine](#).
- George will speak with Jeff about possibility of wood purchase at Amana Colonies.

Programs (*Jeff Kramer*) – [September will be Tom Olson on band saw boxes](#). October will be *Mark Dreyer* on pepper mills.

A/V (*Howard Peterson*) – Howard suggested a camera to view the workbench when people are presenting. He was looking at a Canon EOS T100. Some concern as to whether it included the lens. Camera must have HDMI to be compatible. Howard will continue to look for options.

Web (*Bill Hoffman*) – Bill reported that he is all caught up on website updates with the exception of some classifieds for which he is awaiting further information.

Old Business:

New Camera – See above (Audio / Visual)

New Business:

General Meeting Audio – Feedback regarding audio at last general meeting was that audio was better. It was understandable. Suggestion to possibly elevate the speaker boxes.

Beads of Courage – We are still not getting a response from Advocate Children's Hospital. We have approximately 50 boxes donated by members. We will reach out one more time to determine if Advocate, or another children's hospital is interested in the boxes. Alternatively, it was suggested that we could consider the possibility of revising the boxes to be suitable for donation elsewhere, such as one of the church auctions.

– **Steve Young**



August Meeting Recap

Karl Scogin from [Woodcraft in Woodridge](#) gave an informative presentation on hand plane tuning and usage. He brought several of his own tools. Karl showed how to sharpen a plane blade with a slight curvature which helps to correct an off square board edge. He demonstrated correcting a twisted board to the point where it could safely be fed through a powered planer.



September 18 DPWW Meeting



On Sept 18, 2023, **Tom Olson** will be have a PowerPoint presentation on how to make band saw boxes.

A simple box will be illustrated step by step. An artistic band saw box will also be illustrated step by step. Finally a simple heart shaped puzzle box with a heart shaped key will be demonstrated if time permits.

- **Jeff Kramer**





Membership News

Two members were added to the membership roster within the last month. That increase boosted the total membership to 206. New members usually find DPWW from the website or from a member or

woodworking friend.

Please welcome **Jeff Steinberg** from Glen Ellyn. Jeff learned about DPWW from another member (Rick Ogren) and signed up at the August meeting. Cabinet building is one of his woodworking interests.

Also please welcome **Matthew Jameson** from Downers Grove. Matthew's woodworking interests are case work and Shaker-style furniture.

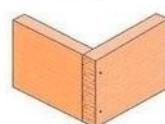
2024 Membership Renewal

October is the time of year when I send out the Membership Renewal letters for the coming year. Current members should receive that letter in early October. There are typically a few questions on the renewal form which help determine how best to choose programs and activities for the upcoming year. Take a few minutes to return that form to me with your answers filled in. Either mail it with your dues payment check or bring it to a future meeting after Oct 1st. An emailed photocopy of the filled-in form is another option for those with that capability.

By the way, annual dues for the next year will increase from \$25 to \$30. If you pay your dues using Paypal, initiated from the DPWW Membership Renewal web page, the \$5 increase will be automatic. Those members who pay by an automated bank initiated check should make certain that process has been updated to send a \$30 check. Paying dues with cash during the regular meetings is OK too.

Mike Kalschur
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Types of Wood Joints



Butt Joint



Box Joint



Dado Joint



Dovetail Joint



Bridle Joint



Dowel Joint



Half-lap



Mortise & Tenon



Mitre Joint



Biscuit Joint



Pocket Joint



Rabbet Joint



Scarf Joint



Tongue & Groove



Half-dovetail

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 events wearing your DPWW shirts and hats.

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





Toy of the Month Keeper Box

Stan Anderson once opined that most of the toys we made are Boy Toys. This is changing however, and we are seeing many young girl or unisex oriented designs. The [Keeper Box](#) is a simple bored out piece of wood with a felt bottom and a lid. They can be made quickly with a large forstner bit and decorated to suit.

Keeper Box — Operation Sheet

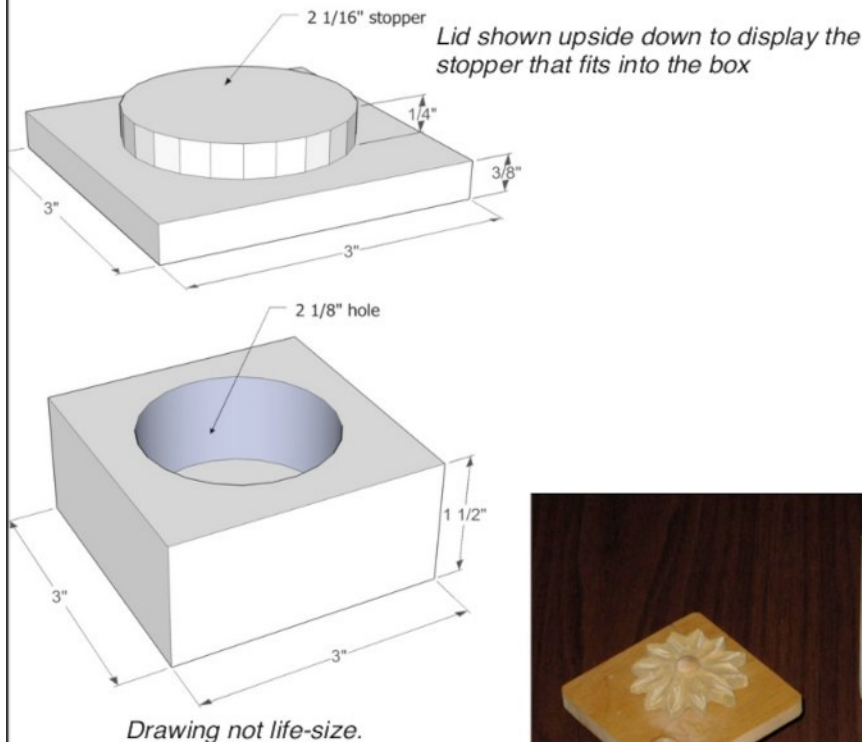
Body Material: 2 x 4 cut to 3" x 3" x 1 1/2"

Top Material: 3/8" pine cut to 3" x 3" x 3/8"

Finish: None, bare wood

Operations:

1. Cut wood to final dimensions
2. Drill 2 1/8" hole to within about 1/4" of bottom.
3. Create lid with 2 1/16" stopper to fit into box.
or, use a wheel axel as a pivot hinge as shown in left keeper box in photograph (no stopper).
4. Use sandpaper to soften/round edges of the box.
5. Create decoration for top (heart, star, apple, mushroom, etc.)



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How To Mass Produce Toys if You Have a Lathe

Has anyone in DPWW tried this?

Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the meetings! Thanks to those who pitched in at the Last meeting.

Anyone is welcome to make coffee. Just arrive a little after 6:00 and join the fun with others preparing coffee, cookies, and cleanup afterwards.



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. In June, an HVLP sprayer was donated to the group. Thank you Bernard Rich. The scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, Work Sharp, planer, sprayer, and Drill Doctor are available to members by contacting:

Wayne Maier 630-303-1341

From Our Workshop

Prize Drawing - August 2023

Winners at the August meeting: *Bert Leloup, Jim Harvey, and Mark Wieting*



August Door Prize Winners

Jim Scudder and Gordon Brand

September Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- Dewalt Drill - Driver set
- Four Piece Chisel set plus \$10 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

Nearly every woodworker acquires a router as one of their first tools. Here is Norm Abram's intro to the router.

<https://www.newyankee.com/episode/router-101/>

And sooner rather than later, the woodworker acquires a table saw. Norm's take on this useful tool:

<https://www.newyankee.com/episode/table-saw-101/>

Then the new woodworker follows the rabbit down the hole and gets a lathe:

<https://www.newyankee.com/episode/lathe-101/>

Lost Art Press offers an old edition for free download:

<https://lostartpress.com/products/the-stick-chair-book>

- Jim Harvey



Toy Makers Workshop

DPWW and [Woodcraft \(75th St. and Woodward Ave. in Woodridge\)](#) will be hosting a toy making workshop on **Saturday, September 30** from 9am to 3pm. We are hoping to have people contribute some of their time to helping bandsaw, drill, rout, sand and assemble toys for the underprivileged children give-a-way program. The plan is to have people show up for the morning (9am to noon) and/or afternoon (noon to 3pm) session. If you can't contribute 3 hours even just an hour or two will help. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning and pizza (always a big hit!) and pop will be served at lunchtime.

For those unable to make the workshop but still wanting to contribute toys we have wheels and axles. We will have these available to pick up at the DPWW general meetings. You can also contact me directly if you need wheels or axles. We also have [patterns and directions](#) for making toys which are available at each general meeting and [on our website](#).

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Sawdust In Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were twelve participants at the September 2 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:



1. Greene and Greene plan review, make less complicated
2. Raising the grain before applying a water based finish.
3. Motivation to restart long dormant projects.
4. Pocket screw as an alternative.
5. Scroll saw and Intarsia work.
6. Shop redesign.
7. Speaker/amplifier box.
8. Upcoming events, toy workshop and Iowa Woodsmith trip.



There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at **9:00AM on Saturday, October 7**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual EMail Zoom invitation. — **Ron Colliander**



Lincoln Park Zoo Bur Oak Tree

Last December George Rodgers began negotiating with the Lincoln Park Zoo to obtain wood from a dying 250 year old tree. The Bur Oak was taken down in early May. Read about it [Here](#) and [Here](#).

Wood from the tree would be converted into items saleable in the Zoo's gift shop who would keep the proceeds. 21 bowls and some other small items were delivered back to the Zoo on August 25. **Bruce Pagura, John Dillon, and Jerry Metzdorf, George Rodgers, Frank Loudon** contributed to the project.



Bur Oak- in Georges truck



Bur Oak bowls



Bur Oak bowls



boxes-pens-bottle stopper

DuPage Woodworker's Iowa Trip - October 5 to 7, 2023

[Click here to sign up for the trip!](#)

Watch your EMail for the complete itinerary

Thursday, October 5, 2023

2:00 pm Tour **Kreg** – We will be visiting [both Kreg facilities](#) in the order listed below. The complete visit will take 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

At **Kreg** will visit the 3D print lab, the metal fab lab, and the **Kreg** in-house woodshop. At the Huxley facility, we will see where the injection molding, CNC, and heavier manufacturing take place.

Friday, October 6, 2023

9:00 am Tour corporate offices and project workshop of **“WOOD” magazine**, a division of Dotdash Meredith. (Also, publisher of Better Homes and Gardens, etc.).

Guide: Lucas Peters, Editor-in-Chief

1:15 PM Tour corporate offices, project workshop, and studio of **“Woodsmith/Shop Notes” magazine**.

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From Our Workshop August 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 August 21 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.



**Bob Bakshis - 1928 Graham-Paige
Oak - Poly**



**Don Burgeson - Pizza Cutters
Box Burl - CA Finish**



**Mike Kalscheur - Bookmatched Bowl
Walnut - Mineral Oil, Poly**



**Mike Kalscheur - Bookmatched Board
Cherry - Mineral Oil**



**Gordon Brand - Segmented Bowl
Maple, Walnut, Palm - Oil, Wax**



**Jim Harvey - Pentagon Boxes
Poplar - Watco, Wax**



**Bert LeLoup - Two Bowls
Walnut - No Finish**



**Bert LeLoup - Leather Drum
Segmented Wood**



**Roy Galbreath - Bird & Clock
Oak, Cherry - Spray Poly**



Bert LeLoup - Carved Cigar Box

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

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



Wayne Maier - Jewelry Box
Limba - Oil



Mark Wieting - Bowl
Walnut - Mineral Oil, Poly



Mark Wieting - Picture Frame
Pine - Paint



Rick Ogren - Tile Frame
White Oak - Acrylic



John Zurales - Charcuterie Boards
Maple - No Finish



Bert LeLoup - Fly Swatters
Leather - Wood



Tom Benson - Ring Box
Cherry - CA Glue



George Rodgers - Quilt Rack
Rustic Oak - Waterlox



Tony Leto - Walking Stick
Chinese Elm