



DUPAGE

WOODWORKERS

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## Calendar

### DPWW Regular Meetings

Usually Third Monday  
7:00PM at [St. James in Glen Ellyn](#)

**Will be in person also via Zoom until further notice**

- [August 19](#)
- [September 16](#)

### DPWW Board Meetings

Usually First Monday

- [September 4 \(Wednesday\)](#)
- [October 7](#)

### Future Activities

- [September 7](#)  
– [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#)
- [September 28](#)  
– [Toy Workshop at Woodcraft in Downers Grove](#)
- [October 5](#)  
– [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#)

### Programs

- [August 19](#)  
– [3D Printing For Woodworkers](#)
- [September 16](#)  
– [Your Shop Tips and Jigs](#)



## President's Message - August 2024

I want to thank [Jeff Kramer](#) for organizing the picnic at [our July meeting](#). [Harry Trainor](#) and [Bruce Metzdorf](#) cooked the hamburgers and hotdogs to perfection. I had a good time talking with fellow woodworkers that I often don't interact with during our usual meetings. I heard from others that they also

enjoy the camaraderie. I also liked the extended From Our Workshop program.

I look forward to hearing from our presenters [at the August meeting](#). They will be talking about the use of 3D printing in woodworking. Perhaps you have a 3D printer but are not using it very much. It is amazing what plans are available for free download to use on a 3D printer. Or, you could be like me and see accessories that are being 3D printed and for sale. I recently purchased a 3D printed miter saw accessory to obtain better sawdust collection on it. I know some public libraries have 3D printers available for public use.

I want to thank those that contributed items for the [St. James Golf Outing auction](#) held the beginning of August. They were very appreciative of the fine items that were donated. I hope we have more contributors for the annual fall auction held later this year. More details about when items are needed will be provided once I have more information.

Please remember it is never too early to make toys for our holiday give-away. I will be collecting the toys at our November meeting.

[Woodworking In America](#), a 2 day woodworking symposium to be held Oct 11&12 in Des Moines, looks like a very interesting event. Please see more information about it later in this newsletter, including a discount code for our members.

We always encourage feedback and thoughts about how to improve our organization. Please reach out to me or one of the other board members.

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

## DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting **August 5, 2024**

[George Rodgers](#) opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00pm. Present were Gordon Brand, Jim Harvey, Michael Kalscheur, Bruce Kinney, Jeff Kramer, Bruce Metzdorf, Lee Nye, Dave Wesolowicz, Mark Wieting, Steve Young.

**Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval** – The Board unanimously voted to approve the past meeting minutes.





**Treasurer’s Report: (Dave Wesolowicz)** – The DPWW has \$5,837 cash on hand. Previously, financial information was set out which included the net cost of the picnic to the club. Payment for the club’s insurance policy will be made in the near future.

**Communications**

**Secretary** – No report

**President** – No report

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Membership (Mike Kalscheur)** (via George Rodgers) – Three (3) new members joined in July bringing our total membership to 207.

**Library (Tom Kubica)** – No report

**Publicity (Mark Wieting)** – No report

**Prizes (Bruce Kinney)** – August prizes will include a Milwaukee Drill / Driver for 1st Place and a set of 4 wood chisel and a \$15 Woodcraft gift card for second place.

**Toys (George Rodgers)** – No report

**Newsletter (Jim Harvey)** – Articles for the next newsletter are due by Friday, August 9th. There will be an article on the July picnic and the “Toy of the Month” will be the Tanker Truck. There will be an article on the contributions made to the St. James Golf Outing. George Rodgers indicated that funding has been secured for a second food pantry build. Finally, there will be an article on the Garfield Farm Antique Tool Show.

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – Prizes for the August FOW giveaway have not yet been acquired.

**Activities (Jeff Kramer)** – There were 3 DPWW participants at the Garfield Farm Antique Tool Show. September will be the 2nd toy workshop (last Saturday of the month). Plans for the remainder of the year are still open.

**Programs (Bruce Metzdorf)** – The “show and tell” at the club picnic went well. The August program will consist of 2 individuals from the Fox Valley Woodworkers Club speaking about the use of 3D printing. September will be for members who wish to share / demonstrate the use of various jigs and tips from their respective shops.

**A/V (Howard Peterson)** – No report

**Web (Bill Hoffman)** – No report

**Tools (Gordon Brand)** – No report

**Old Business:**

**a. July Picnic Recap – Jeff Kramer** – The picnic seemed to be successful with 35 in attendance. Jeff thanks all of the volunteers for helping out.

**New Business:**

**a. St. James Plant Stands - Dave Wesolowicz** visited St. James to assess the plant stands that they wish to have refinished. In total, there are 25 stands, made of various materials and finishes. The new altar’s coloration does not go well with the current stand colors. After assessing the situation, Dave recommended that the stands simply be replaced. He estimated a cost of \$500 for this project. Alternatively, it would be possible to simply paint over the existing stands. It was decided by the church to let their maintenance person have a chance to refinish the stands before any action by the DPWW.

**b. Woodworking in America – Jeff Kramer** received an email from Woodsmith Magazine offering a 15% discount to our members who wish to attend their conference. More information will be sent to club members.

Adjournment – 7:37pm

— **Steve Young**

**August 19 DPWW Meeting**

For August we will have **Dave Dockstader** and **Eric Springer** from the **Fox Valley Club** talking about 3D printers. One of these can help with making jigs, with shop organization, and even making tools. If you own a 3D printer or are thinking about buying one, be sure to attend.

– **Bruce Metzdorf**





## MWTCA Garfield Farm Recap



Only three DPWW members made the August 4th activity at Garfield Farm in Campton Hills. This is the only Midwest Tool Collectors event in our area that is open to the public. Tools shown for sale range from the 1700's to modern models.



## Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the DPWW meetings! Thanks to everyone who pitched in at the 2024 meetings.

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.



**Woodworking in America** returns this fall with a lineup of top-notch presenters. The October 11 & 12, 2024 event is hosted by Woodsmith, Fine Woodworking, and Popular Woodworking magazines. Woodworking in America 2024 will be held in Des Moines, IA — the home base for Woodsmith and Popular Woodworking.

From 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, you'll have the chance to attend an open house tour of the shop and studios for Woodsmith, ShopNotes, and the Woodsmith Shop TV show. Meet the staff and get a behind-the-scenes look at upcoming projects and issues. This is the tour several of us were able to participate in when we had a DuPage Woodworker activity in October of 2023.

Here is a link to more information about this event:

[Woodworking In America 2024 | Woodsmith](#)

If you use the code: **DPWW** when registering you will get 15% off the registration fee.

## Sawdust In Your Coffee

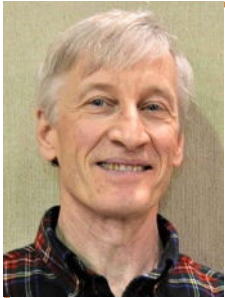
**Sawdust in Your Coffee** is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 9 participants at the August 3 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:



1. Placement of shop air cleaner
2. Recap of July club picnic.
3. When to discard a partially completed project and start over.
4. "Alaskan" chainsaw mill.
5. Methods of resawing short logs.
6. When is good, good enough for our projects.
7. Upcoming antique tool show.
8. Milescraft glue bottle review.
9. Mulberry as lumber?
10. Finding neighbors in DPWW roster.

There will be another SIYC meeting at **9:00 on Saturday, September 7**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual Email Zoom invitation. — **Ron Colliander**





## Membership News

Three new members joined DPWW within the last month. Total membership count is now at 207. Introduce yourself at the next club activity or meeting.

Please welcome *Vaibhav*

*Konanur* from Downers Grove. Vaibhav learned about DPWW from the brochure at Owl Hardwoods store and listed furniture building as a woodworking interest.

Also please welcome *James Larsen* from Sleepy Hollow. James learned about the club from the website and listed his woodworking interests as furniture, turning and hand tools.

Also please welcome *Rick Ranieri* from Naperville. Rick learned about the club from the website and is interested in woodturning and related skills.

## **Audio/Video Assistance Required at Meetings**

DPWW club meetings depend on the use of modern audio/video equipment. These tools give all members a better experience during the meetings. There are a few members who are familiar with setting up and operating this equipment, but more help is needed throughout the year. Because of member's vacation, or scheduling conflicts, A/V substitutes and assistants are sometimes necessary.

If you're technically inclined or willing to learn, your fellow members will greatly appreciate any time and effort devoted to the A/V committee. This is not a full-time commitment at every meeting. A/V operation training is provided for members only.

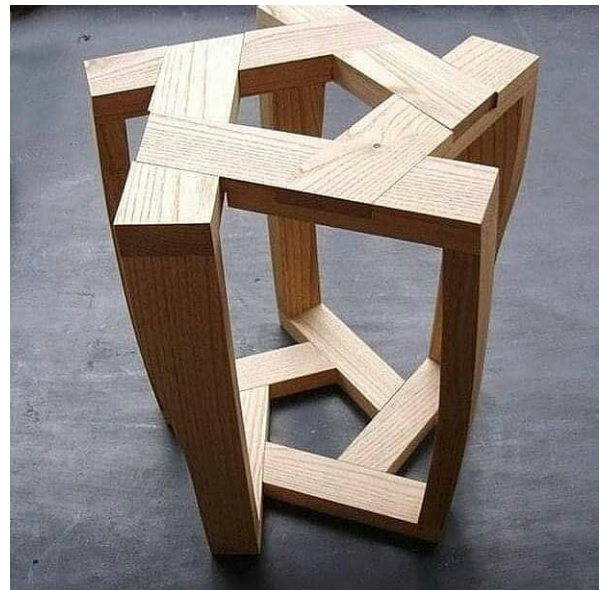
If any questions about this A/V involvement or any other volunteer task within DPWW, don't hesitate to ask. It's the membership involvement which keeps this club alive and interesting.

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

## Inspirational Projects of the Month.



From Wooden Ideas facebook page



**Pentagon Table** - Itamar Burstein



**Rocking Chair Library** - Obsessed Woodworking





## July Meeting Recap

Hot Diggity Dog! Our July meeting featured grilled treats. Thanks to *Jeff Kramer, Dave Wesolowicz, Bruce Metzdorf* and especially *Gail Madden and Pat McGrath*.



To: *George Rodgers* <[president@dupagewoodworkers.org](mailto:president@dupagewoodworkers.org)>

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 10:42:14 PM CDT

Subject: Thank You for the Picnic

Thank you to all the board members and others who helped plan and execute the picnic at the July meeting. I was a little wary of the idea; picturing lines, mosquitos, and heat. Instead it was exactly as advertised, a chance to sit and socialize a bit with other members of the DuPage Woodworkers.

The food was perfectly cooked and delicious. There was a double line to get food so for all intents and purposes there was no waiting. The food was brought inside after it was prepared so there were no mosquitos and none of the recent Illinois heat and humidity. It was great to have a bit of dessert at the end of the meal.

I'll be happy to attend next year if you decide to do this again. Don't make it more complicated. You nailed it the first time.

With thanks, *Whit Anderson*

p.s.

Did I mention how tasty the food was?



## Toy of the Month Tanker Truck

Another *Stan Anderson* design, this plan makes a tanker truck. Use your creativity to make the truck a flat bed with a box or perhaps a tow truck. A short piece of Stair Rail makes an excellent model tank but any rounded wood could be used. Wheels are specified a bit larger than those used for car toys to better fit with the Truck image.

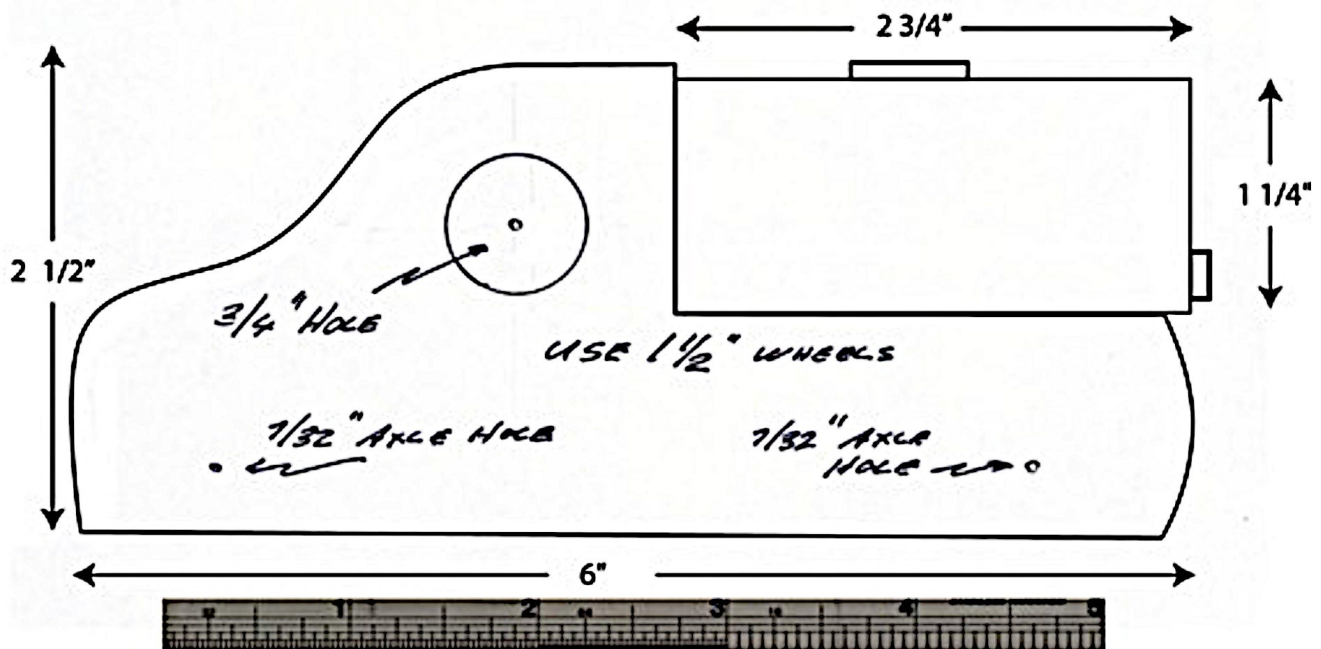
Material: Poplar, close grain pine, or equivalent.

Equipment Required: Band saw, drill press, router, and sandpaper.

Finish: None, bare wood.

Other Material: Commercial 1½" wheels and 7/32" axles with hub, 4 per truck. For the tank, you will need a 2¾" section of handrail, a 5/8" dowel, and a ¼" dowel.

For more details, real photos, and a Sketch Up file, see the Tanker Truck entry on the [Dupage Woodworkers web page](#).



**If this ruler isn't 5", this plan didn't print to size.**

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## Favorite Shop Tips and Jigs – September 2024 Meeting

**Bruce Metzdorf, Program Director**

The September 16th meeting presentation topic will be **you**, the members, showing your favorite shop tip(s) and jig(s) that you use on a regular basis. You can have up to five minutes to present your favorite(s).

Tips can be small or large things that you use in your own shop. They do not have to be your own original idea, as long as you give credit to the originator.

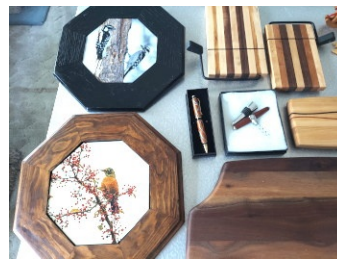
Do you have a jig to do a specific cut or operation and you use it on a regular basis? Maybe for your table saw or band saw or for your drill press? You can show photos of your tip or jig in use. If it is too big to bring in, take a few photos of it in use. Send the photos to **brucethewoodworker@gmail.com** and I will create a PowerPoint presentation to show for that evening.

You can show tips like the one I presented in 2023 from **Alex Snodgrass** that puts a small magnet on a pencil using heat shrink tubing. Alex puts these all around his shop, sticking to all his metal stationary tools. Or things such as circle-cutting jigs for the band saw or maybe a table saw sled.

SEND ANY PHOTO'S OR POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS TO ME AT **brucethewoodworker@gmail.com** BY SEPTEMBER 8th TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FOR OUR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16th.

## Saint James Golf Outing

These items were donated for auction at the outing. There will be another benefit auction this fall. Saint James is very good to the Dupage Woodworkers, This is one way we can reciprocate. – **George Rodgers**



## Toy Makers Workshop

DPWW and **Woodcraft** will be hosting a toy making workshop on **Saturday, Sept 28 from 9am to 3pm.**

NOTE: Woodcraft will have a new location by the time of this toy workshop. They are moving to **504 Ogden, Downers Grove** (one block west of Fairview) the end of August. We are hoping to have people contribute their time to help bandsaw, drill, rout, sand and assemble toys for our annual Christmas Holiday give-a-way. 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 any DPWW general meeting. 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.

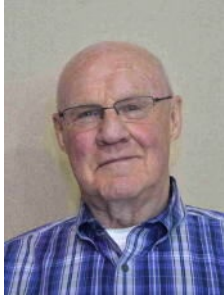
For those without equipment to make toys remember that the club has a drill press and scroll saw to borrow.

Last year we made over 3000 toys! Let's keep it up!

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



## 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, an HVLP sprayer, and a small bandsaw. The scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, Work Sharp, Performax planer, sprayer, bandsaw, and **Drill Doctor** are available to members by contacting **Wayne Maier 630-303-1341**



## From Our Workshop

Prize Drawing - July 2024  
*Jim Harvey, Emilian Geczi, Don Carkuff*

## Personal Newsletter Note

I would like to thank *Ron Colliander* and *Mark Wieting* for helping me at the July meeting.  
– *Jim Harvey*

## DPWW Logo Clothing



Welcome to all DPWW members from our DPWW clothing store. Stop by my display location during the monthly Monday meeting for introductions. All those who have given me an order for shirts please contact me to confirm your order. It has been months since I received some of these orders.  
Thanks, – **Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106**



## July Door Prize winners

*Dennis Kucia and Tony Leto*



## August Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- Milwaukee Drill Driver.
- 4 Piece Chisel Set plus \$15 Wood Craft Gift Card.



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

– **Bruce Kinney**





## From Our Workshop July 2024 - 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 15 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.



**Jim Harvey - Roubo Phone Stands**  
Pine - Watco Natural, Wax



**Mark Wieting - Picture Frames**  
Pine (2x4) - Paint



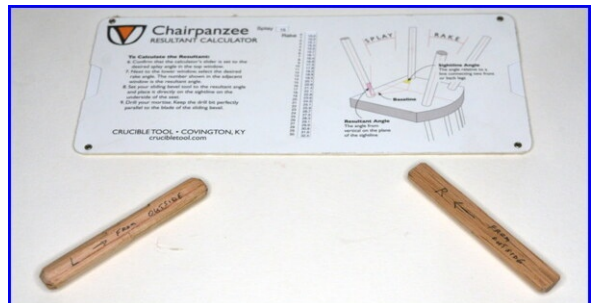
**Mark Wieting - Knob Handle**  
Oak, Pine - None



**Emilian Geczi - Pasta Board**  
Maple - None



**Rick Ogren - Scroll Saw Arm Holder  
Steel Bar - Paint**



**George Rodgers - Amana Colony Bench  
Maple, Cherry - Waterlox  
Tools for Setting Tapered Legs**







**Kevin Guynn - Stack Lamp**  
Mahogany, Maple, Ash, Cherry - Mineral Oil, Shellac



**Nathan, Bruce, Toivo Wick - Years in the Making**  
Unknown - Oil



**Bruce Metzdorf - Bowls**  
Maple - Drs. Woodshop Oil, Wax



**Al Cheeks - End Grain Cutting Board**  
Ash, Walnut, Cherry - Danish Oil



**Tony Leto - Puzzles**  
Pine



**Lee Nye - Sofa Table**  
 Red Oak - Walnut Stain, Arm-R-Seal, Wax



**Bob Bakshis - Gedinimas' Tower**  
 Plywood, Pine - Textured Paint

## About From Our Workshop

FOW is an important part of our DPWW meetings and we love to see what other members have made. Please continue to submit photos 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, for project info, then allows uploading up to three image files. Your photos, on screen at the meeting and on Zoom give everyone a better view of projects. 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](mailto:woodworkerlee828@gmail.com).