



## 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**

- [September 16](#)
- [October 21](#)

### DPWW Board Meetings

Usually First Monday

- [October 7](#)
- [November 4](#)

### Future Activities

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

### Programs

- [September 16](#)  
 – [Your Shop Tips and Jigs](#)



## President's Message - September 2024

I am really looking forward to [this months meeting](#). **Bruce Metzdorf** is arranging to have our organization members give 5 minute presentations on a jig, tip, advice, etc. with respect to woodworking. These types of meeting in the past have resulted in many good ideas. I know each time I take something away that I will use in my own shop. If you have an idea you would like to share please contact Bruce, [Brucethewoodworker@gmail.com](mailto:Brucethewoodworker@gmail.com)

**Eric Springer** and **Dave Dockstader** from the [Fox Valley Woodworkers](#) did a very nice [presentation on 3D printers](#) at our last meeting. If you have a 3D printer hopefully this helped inspire you to make more things that you can use in your shop. If you don't have one perhaps you might now buy one or use one at a local library or some other place. Amazing what someone can make and how many plans are available for free.

St. James will be having their annual school auction on **Friday, November 8**. We have donated handmade wooden items in the past for this auction. Please consider donating a wooden item you have made for this worthy cause. I will be collecting these donations at the October general meeting. We do not pay for rental of our meeting space at St. James. This is one way we can give back to them for their hospitality.

This is the time of year when we start looking for filling our [board member seats for 2025](#) and seeking the help of our members on our various committees. We are in need of someone to help set up coffee and cookies prior to our meetings. **Jim Harvey** can provide you guidance. We also will be needing someone to head up our activities committee and can use help on the web and AV committees.

Finally, **September 28** is the date for our [fall toy workshop](#). Please see the article in this newsletter for more details. I will be checking with Woodcraft to make sure where we will be setting up.

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

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

## DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting **September 4, 2024**

**George Rodgers** opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00pm. Present were Gordon Brand, Jim Harvey, Bill Hoffman, Michael Kalschur, Bruce Kinney, Jeff Kramer, Tom Kubica, Bruce Metzdorf, Lee Nye, Howard Peterson, Dave Wesolowicz, Steve Young.

**Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval** – The Board voted to approve the past meeting minutes. **Jim Harvey** asked to include a discussion on kitchen duties.

**Treasurer's Report: (Dave Wesolowicz)** – The club has approximately \$5400 in our





accounts. This is after paying \$1200 for insurance and receiving \$800 from the sale of wood donated by **Roger Olson**.

## Communications:

**Secretary** – No report

**President** – There will be a St. James school auction on November 8. Members wishing to donate items for the auction should bring them to the October general meeting. The school has not provided guidance as to the type of items.

## Standing Committee Reports:

**Membership (Mike Kalscheur)** – One new member joined last month, and one expired member renewed. Total membership stands at 209.

**Library (Tom Kubica)** – Various new books and patterns have been donated and for the most part, been available to members free of charge at the meetings. A new wheel is needed on the bookcase. Tom is making plans to replace a set of wheels in the next few weeks.

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

**Prizes (Bruce Kinney)** – First place prize for the September meeting will be a Dewalt sander. Second place will be a Bosch router that is used, but in pristine condition. The router comes with a set of attachments.

**Toys (George Rodgers)** – The toy workshop is scheduled for September 28, at the Woodcraft store. Woodcraft is in the process of preparing for their move to a different location. George is monitoring the move to ensure space is available for the workshop.

**Newsletter (Jim Harvey)** – Given the board meeting was pushed back a few days (due to Labor Day) articles will be due by Saturday, September 7. The Rocking Horse will be the Toy of the Month featured in the newsletter. There are 12 FOW projects to be featured in the newsletter. An article on the wood sale put together by Tom and Mike will also be included.

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – There will be three Woodpeckers Six Inch Edge Rules to be given as prizes for the FOW presentations this month.

**Activities (Jeff Kramer)** – The toy workshop is the September activity. Plans are still in the works for October and November.

**Programs (Bruce Metzdorf)** – 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)** – A question was posed about the status of the Microsoft Suite of products. Due to limitations on the administrative function (only one administrator allowed), it appears we will not be using Microsoft, but rather continue with Libre Office.

**Web (Bill Hoffman)** – Updates continue to be made to the web. There is one new classified to be added.

**Tools (Gordon Brand)** – Some potential tool sales are in the works. One potential sale will have mainly older tools, and these are planned to be listed in the DPWW classified ads.

## Old Business:

**a. Roger Olson Wood Sale – Gordon Brand and Mike Kalscheur – Roger Olson** donated four (4) pickup loads of wood to the club which were made available to members at very low prices. Roger was very appreciative of the assistance he received from Gordon and other club members in clearing out his woodworking shop. Over the two-day sale, the club took in \$800.

## New Business:

**a. Clothing Sale** – having inventory on hand – The club must purchase a minimum of 6 items at a time from our supplier. This creates significant wait times for orders placed by members. One idea discussed was to purchase a small amount of inventory so that members could receive the purchased items quicker. There is also an issue of the cost that members pay. The objective is to get members wearing the clothing to assist in advertising the club. Other options were discussed.

**b. Kitchen Duties – Jim Harvey** – Jim suggested the possibility of having a board position / committee responsible for manning the kitchen during general meetings. Jim will put together a job description that can be circulated to members. This evolved into a discussion about upcoming board positions. Mike indicated that anyone not interested in continuing in their role should let him know so that we can begin finding replacements. A suggestion was made to approach new members that may be reluctant to volunteer but may be receptive to helping if asked.

Adjournment – 7:37pm

— **Steve Young**



## 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 12th TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FOR OUR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16th.

**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 12 participants at the September 7 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:



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| 1. Jointer Rehab - How to Remove Bearings and Blades | 5. Accessing Classifieds on DPWW Site   |
| 2. Jointer - Helical Head                            | 6. Miter Saw - Dust Collection          |
| 3. Jointer - Table Mounting                          | 7. 2x Cutoffs Available at Sept Meeting |
| 4. Planer Snipe - In and Out Feed Height             | 8. Yellow Pine for Workbench            |

There will be another SIYC meeting at **9:00 on Saturday, October 5**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual Email Zoom invitation.

— **Ron Colliander**





## Wood Sale Generates Cash for Toys

Organized by **Mike Kalscheur**, **Gordon Brand** and **Nanette Kalscheur**, the Aug. 23-24 “flash sale” of wood donated to the DuPage Woodworkers drew 25-30 member buyers. On a perfect weather weekend, the Walnut, Cherry, Cedar, Redwood and other varieties laid out on the Kalscheur driveway went fast, in part because the prices were so low. Twelve feet long 12/4 and 10/4 cherry boards went for \$30—per board, not board foot.

Donated by retiring woodworker **Roger Olson**, the wood included some unusual varieties like Ipe and Catalpa. Even a couple Sassafras boards were sold. The sale ran Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. By late morning on Saturday, most of the wood had been selected and carted away.

DPWW secretary, **Steve Young**, commented that he enjoyed the event and liked seeing club members picking out boards for future projects, some planned and some yet to be planned. One buyer said, “I really don’t need more wood, but these prices are amazing.”

Mike also provided cutting services for longer boards that wouldn’t otherwise fit in the buyer’s car or truck. After the sale, Mike said, “It was great to see some long-time members and newer ones, like **Rick Ranieri** and **Vaibhav Konanur**, who both joined within the past month.”

Overall, the sale generated about \$800 for the DPWW treasury.

– **Mark Wieting**



## Internet Links of the Month

### **Obsessed Woodworking**

Yet another web site that showcases projects. This one is a bit different, instead of showing their own work, this site offers reviews of other builder's projects. I think it's a good thing. If you're looking for ideas, there are 33 pages of them here.

<https://www.obsessedwoodworking.com/>

This site was mentioned at the last Board meeting. Lots of things for sale and under review.

<https://www.731woodworks.com/>

## Library

**Mark McCleary** donated 8 books and a handful of plans. The plans were given away on the free table at the last meeting. The books will be added to the library or sold at upcoming meetings.

– **Tom Kubica**







## Membership News

One new and one former member were added to the roster within the last month. Total membership count is now at 209.

Please welcome new member ***Jonathon Gidey*** from Winfield.

Jonathon learned about DPWW from a friend and the club's website. Furniture building is a woodworking interest.

## ***Upcoming Board Member Elections***

This is the time of year when DPWW starts recruiting members to fill vacancies in Board member positions for the coming year. Elections for the 2025 Board members will take place at the November general meeting. There are currently openings for Newsletter Editor and Activities Chair. More members are also needed to assist in the A/V, Webmaster and Prizes Committees. Any member can sign up as a candidate for any of the 15 electable positions on the Board. Most positions are uncontested at the election. Filling open electable Board positions is often more difficult. There are also committee members under each Board chairperson, and co-chair positions are optional for members who wish to share some of the responsibility in a committee. The DPWW Bylaws document lists most of the tasks for each of these Board member positions. Refer to the DPWW Board and Governance information for more details, which is accessible to members from the [webpage under the Membership tab](#).

This is your chance to participate in the behind-the-scenes planning. Please consider giving your time and experience to this club. It's membership involvement that keeps DPWW active and interesting. Training and guidance will be provided for new Board members. I will be calling over the next six weeks to hopefully persuade more members to join the Board. Better still, join the Election committee and help recruit new Board members.

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

## Inspirational Projects of the Month.



**Peter Demetz, Italian Carver**



**Random Facebook Post**



**Elephants**



## August Meeting Recap

*Eric Springer* and *Dave Dockstader* from the Fox Valley Woodworkers gave a well-received presentation on 3D Printing and its potential applications in a woodworking shop. There are industrial applications that print in metal and even concrete. Hobby 3D printing is an additive process where objects are built up from a series of extruded hot plastic threads. Machines are available for as little as \$350.

Eric talked about the different types of plastic filament that can be used, applications and printing options. Objects can be printed quickly as a test then slowly for the final version. It can take a long time to print a large object, an entire day is not uncommon.



## 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!

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## Toy of the Month Rocking Horse

Material: 3/4" poplar, close grain pine, or equivalent

Equipment Required: Bandsaw or Scroll saw, sandpaper & glue

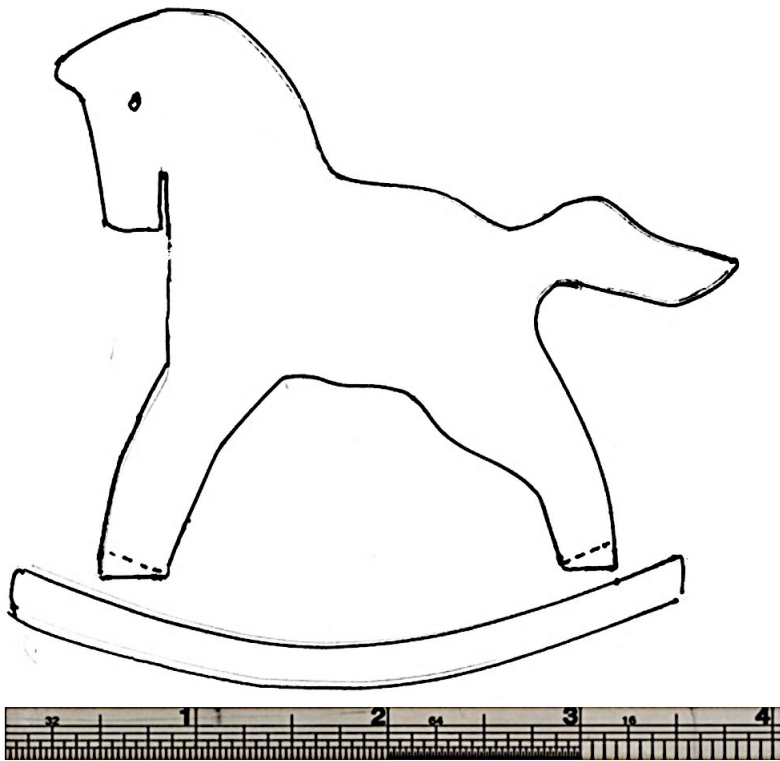
Finish: None required, leave as bare

Notation: This is a two (2) piece assembly. One piece is the horse and the other is a rocker.

### Operations:

1. Trace horse pattern to wood. Also rocker when made separately. Orient wood grain vertically for strength.
2. Cut out horse and rocker pieces
3. Sand all sharp edges.
4. As this is a two piece assembly you will have to trim the legs of the horse to match the arc of the rocker.
5. Glue rocker to horse and clamp.
6. Test rocking capability. You may have to do some final sanding to insure the horse rocks smoothly.

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

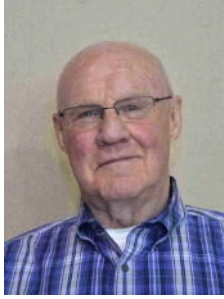


I've made dozens of these, they are perfect for Christmas tree ornaments. To save grief (my bandsaw breaking blades) I did not cut out the rockers as shown. Instead, I cut strips of wood 4" long and 1/8" thick. I boiled these for a few minutes in an electric tea pot, then clamped the strips around the side of a coffee can. After the strips had cooled about 15 minutes, they were removed and clamped end to end to dry with their coffee can curvature. The strips cut by table saw required far less sanding than if they had been made on a bandsaw.

– **Jim Harvey**



## 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 - August 2024

Prize Drawing Winners  
**Don Carkuff, Bob Bakshis, Paul Pyrcik**

## From Our Workshop - September 2024

Prizes will be:  
**Three Woodpeckers rulers**

## DPWW Logo Clothing

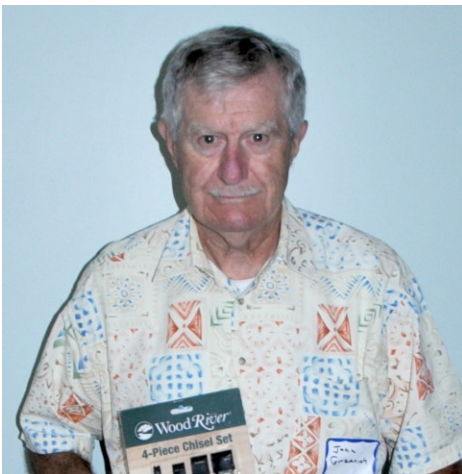


Welcome to all DPWW members from our DPWW clothing store. Stop by my display location during the monthly Monday meeting for introductions. All those who have given me an order for shirts please contact me to confirm your order. It has been months since I received some of these orders.  
Thanks, – **Carl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



## August Door Prize winners

**John Grzanich (Franz Kissel also won but had left)**



## September Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- DeWalt Battery powered Random Orbit Sander.
- Bosch ½ inch Plunge Router Kit and Edge Guide. A donated item, in pristine, like new condition, reported to have been used only once or twice.



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

– **Bruce Kinney**





## From Our Workshop August 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 August 19 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.



**Tony Leto - Puzzle  
Pine**



**Gordon Brand - Bowl  
Spalted Maple, Resin - Oil, Wax**



**Gordon Brand - Bowl  
Ambrosia Maple - Oil, Wax**



**Rick Ogren - Charcuterie Board  
Butternut -- Mineral Oil**



**Don Carkhuff - Jig**



**Bob Bakshis - Plaque for Gavel  
Oak - Poly**



**Bob Bakshis - Boxes  
Oak - Poly**



**Dave Wesolowicz - Mountain Landscape  
Baltic Birch - Spray Lacquer**



**Bruce Metzdorf - Bowl, Bowl Natural Edge  
Cherry, Kentucky Coffee - Odie's Oil**



**Paul Pycik - Bottle Stoppers  
SpectraPly - Deft Lacquer/Gunstock Oil**





**Jack & Bill Ward - Wall Shelf**  
Maple, Padauk - Water Based Spray



**Vaibhav Konanur General Purpose Shelf**  
Elm & Beech - Lacquer