



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

- [February 17](#)
- [March 17](#)

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually First Monday

- [February 3](#)
- [March 3](#)

Future Activities

- [February 12](#)
– [Glenbard East H.S. visit](#)
- [March 1](#)
– [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#)

Programs

- [February 17](#)
– [Microjig products](#) – [John Zurales](#)
- [March 17](#)
– Scroll Sawing – [Dave Wesolowicz](#)
- [April 21](#)
– Pattern Routing – [Bruce Metzdorf](#)



President's Message - February 2025



This weather sure can be fickle. So cold that some glue I forgot about in my tool bucket I bring to **Habitat for Humanity** projects froze and was unusable. Then earlier today it felt like spring. I hope you are able to compensate for the weather and get some woodworking done in your shop, wherever that might be.

Each Christmas we give a small cash gift of appreciation to the staff and clergy at St. James. They are the ones who facilitate us being able to utilize St. James for our meetings. I received very nice thank-you notes from the church secretary, **Rubi Garfias**, and Coordinator of Parish Life, **Lisa Gilligan**. It is a pleasure to work with such dedicated individuals. They help make sure our meetings are able to happen and treat us very well.

I hope you enjoyed my presentation last meeting on [making splined boxes](#) and learned something that will be helpful to you. I always learn from the audience as well.

At our upcoming meeting on Monday, February 17 we have member, **John Zurales**, presenting about using [Micro-Jig products](#) to produce material holding jigs. Always fun to see how others figure out different ways to overcome a challenge.

Rick Ogren was very gracious to open his shop for a tour on Saturday, January 18. Rick has a very nice shop. He explained and demonstrated how he uses a scroll saw to make name signs. We are all very jealous of his storage system; out dated library catalog card cabinets.

Vaibhav Konanur has lined up another great activity on Wednesday, February 12. We will be touring the [Glenbard East High School](#) wood and metal shops. [Please sign up here](#). There is a 20 person limit on attendance and this will be on a first sign-up basis.

Special thanks to newer member, **John Wiedemann**, for volunteering to take on the production of our newsletter. He and **Jim Harvey** will be working together on the next few newsletters during this transition. Also, thanks to **Whit Anderson** for working with John on this transition. Two Mac aficionados working together!

We can still use some help in the kitchen before and after meetings. Coffee needs to be started along with cookies set out and the clean up after the meeting. Please see myself or any board member to see how you can help.

Hope to see you on [President's Day in February!](#)

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



DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting — February 3, 2025



George Rodgers opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00pm.

Present were Gordon Brand, Jim Harvey, Bill Hoffman, Mike Kalscheur, Bruce Kinney, Jeff Kramer, Tom Kubica, Bruce Metzdorf, Lee

Nye, Dave Wesolowicz, John Wiedemann, Steve Young.

** Introductions were given to welcome John Wiedemann to our group. John will be taking on the newsletter responsibilities.

Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval – It was proposed to continue discussions concerning the holiday party as part of Old Business. The Board approved the January 6 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: (Dave Wesolowicz) – The DPWW cash balance at the end of January stands at \$9,588. The Treasurer has filed the necessary state and federal returns for the year. Three non-board member volunteers completed a successful annual audit of our books.

Communications:

Secretary – No report

President – No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership (Mike Kalscheur) – We currently have 221 members of which three new came in during January. There are approximately 30 members that have yet to renew their membership for 2025. It was noted that we are beginning to pick up a few younger members.

Library (Tom Kubica) – We are continuing to receive some book / magazine donations from our members. Several donations are expected by our meeting.

Publicity (Mark Wieting) – No report

Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – February's 1st place prize will be a Craftsman Drill / Driver set with a set of bits. 2nd place will be a 7 piece Forstner bit set and an LED shop light. A rebate on the purchase of the prizes will be coming from Menards and converted to cash for the benefit of the club.

Toys (George Rodgers) – The first toy workshop for 2025 will be on Saturday, April 26th, at [Woodcraft in Downers Grove](#).

Newsletter (Jim Harvey/John Wiedemann) – Articles

are due by Friday, February 7. There will be an article included on the upcoming Glenbard school shop visit. The newsletter will include 15 to 16 FOW projects. John Wiedemann is learning about the newsletter process and learning the associated software. He will begin to take over the newsletter publishing.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – Clamps have been secured as random presenter prizes for the February meeting. Each clamp is two feet and there are a total of four clamps.

Activities (Vaibhav Konanur) – The Glenbard school shop visit will be on February 12 at 7pm. This is a Wednesday evening. Arrangements to visit a cabinet maker's shop is planned for the March activity.

Programs (Bruce Metzdorf) – The February program will feature **John Zuales** on [micro jig](#) projects. March will feature **Dave Wesolowicz** on scroll sawing. April will feature **Bruce Metzdorf** on pattern routing.

A/V (Howard Peterson) – No report

Web (Bill Hoffman) – Two people have started to assist with web development and maintenance. We are beginning to look at the new web site plans. It was suggested, and agreed to, that a deadline be set for submission of FOW projects so that we can ensure they are ready for general member meetings. All submissions will need to be entered by no later than 6pm on the Sunday prior to the general member meetings. It was also suggested and agreed to purchase a DPWW copy of the publisher software that allows for conversion of the online FOW submissions to a PowerPoint format. The cost is \$100 per year.

Tools (Gordon Brand) – Several tools have been donated to the DPWW and will soon appear in the classifieds. This Saturday Gordon is visiting a tool shop that will soon be liquidated. More information will be available after that visit.

Clothing (Carl Shaffer) - No report

Old Business:

a. **Holiday Party – George Rogers** – The question was raised whether we should look at alternatives to the annual Holiday Party that may attract more participation. Cost was cited a factor in the lower participation. Several alternate locations were suggested as possibilities that will be explored. Another alternative is to have something at the



church in which members bring a dish of some sort and the club orders pizza. This is similar to the Fox Valley Club and the Windy City Turners. The question was also raised as to whether two events per year are necessary (i.e. the Summer Picnic and the Holiday Party). Discussions will continue at future meetings.

New Business:

a. Proposed 2025 DPWW Budget – Dave Wesolowicz –
The 2025 budget was sent out a short time ago for review. A few questions about removing some unnecessary zero balance accounts were discussed along with some questions

on cash flow over the past few years. The board approved the 2025 budget.

b. Authorization to remove Mark Wieting and add Jeff Kramer to the list of Old Second authorized signatories
– A motion was made, and seconded, to remove *Mark Wieting* from the Old Second bank account and to replace him with our new Vice President, *Jeffrey Kramer*. This motion was approved.

Adjournment – 8:01pm

– **Steve Young**

Sawdust In Your Coffee



Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 13 participants at the February 1 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

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| 1 Upcoming shop tour at Glenbard East High School | 6 Correcting warped wooden table tops |
| 2 Experiences with making toy wheels | 7 Pre-visit professional woodworking shop for future shop tour |
| 3 Torsion box surface correction methods | 8 Wall hanging ideas for shop organizing |
| 4 Support for wall hanging book shelf | 9 Built in child's bed suggestions |
| 5 3D printed drum sander repair part | 10 Painters pyramid contact point problem |

There will be another SIYC meeting at **9:00AM on Saturday, March 1**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual Email Zoom invitation. – **Ron Colliander**

Toys 2025



DPWW and [Woodcraft \(504 Ogden Ave. in Downers Grove\)](#) will be hosting a toy making workshop on **Saturday, April 26** 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 [DuPage Woodworkers website](#).



– **George Rodgers**



Inspirational Projects of the Month.

We posted about the Hawaii Woodworking show in the past. The 2024 show has taken place and here is a link to their web page. Links to woodshow exhibits 2021 - 2024 are on the right.

<https://woodshow.hawaiiiforest.org/>

So you make Doll Furniture?



Membership News



Three new members were added to the DPWW membership roster within the last month. Total membership count is now at 221.

Please welcome new member ***Vince Pappalardo*** from

Naperville. Vince received his membership as a gift from his daughter. Vince enjoys turning bowls and ornaments, and also building toys.

Also please welcome ***Doug Novak*** from Glen Ellyn. Doug learned of DPWW from another member. He mentioned Victorian furniture restoration, walking sticks and anything cedar as his woodworking interests. I'm sure many members would like to see some of his projects.

Also please welcome ***Kyle Handlen*** from Lombard. Kyle was referred to DPWW by a friend and fellow member. His woodworking interests are building furniture, and like many other members, Kyle is a DIY type of member.

Membership Renewal Dues for 2025 Now Overdue

Members who haven't yet [renewed their membership](#) by submitting a dues payment should have received an emailed reminder in early January. There's a 2-month grace period until March 1st, after which members who haven't submitted annual dues (\$30) will have their name removed from the membership roster and email distribution list. Over 80% of the total current households have already renewed their membership for 2025. Please contact me first if you don't recall whether or not you've submitted annual dues. That's preferred rather than paying dues more than once. Members who do not plan to renew for 2025 at this time are certainly welcome to re-join at a future date.

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



January 18 Shop Visit – Rick Ogren

Seventeen people visited Rick's well equipped basement workshop. He has many commercial machines plus several he made himself. Rick showed us his hand plane collection, a vacuum lathe chuck arrangement (also used for bag press) and demonstrated his method for making scroll sawn name plates.



February 2025 DPWW Activity

We're thrilled to invite you to a special event this February! While we often get to tour woodshops, this event offers something truly unique: a chance to explore both a woodshop and a machine shop at **Glenbard East High School**.

Details of the Event:

- Date: **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: **Glenbard East High School: 1014 S Main St, Lombard, IL 60148**

– South parking lot off of Main St., Door 16
During the tour, you'll get an inside look at the tools, equipment, and techniques used in these two impressive spaces. It's a wonderful opportunity to broaden your knowledge, see how two educational shops operate, and engage with fellow woodworking enthusiasts. If you have any questions, please contact Vaibhav at vkonanur@gmail.com.

RSVP Now:

Please use this link to sign up for the event. Space is limited to 20 people, so be sure to register early!

[Sign up here!](#)

Warm regards,

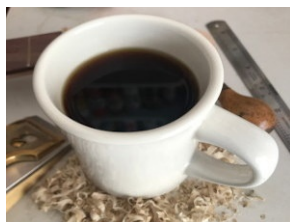
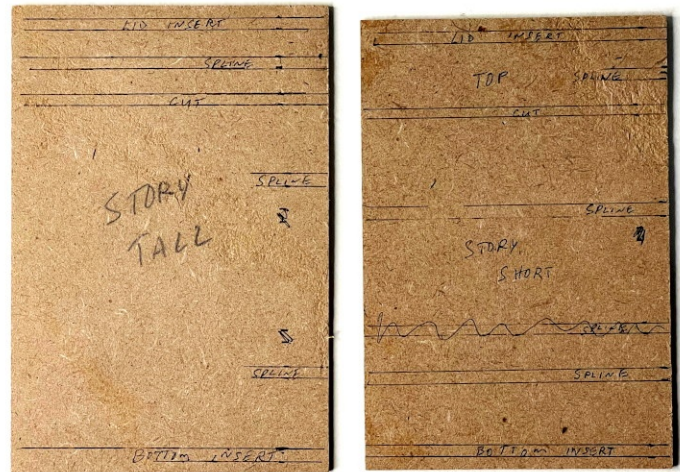
Vaibhav Konanur — Activities Chair



January 2025 Meeting Recap

Our DPWW President **George Rodgers** presented his jigs and methods for building small boxes with splined corners. He recommends buying 6/4 stock and resawing to suit. He will cut the sides to length first, then miter the edges on a crosscut sled. George's favorite finish is Shellac. It dries quick and smells better than oil. Slots for inserting splines are made on a special jig.

George builds the whole box intact, then cuts off the lid. One tip is to not cut all the way through when freeing the lid. Leave a thin sliver of wood to support the lid then finish later with a knife. He makes heavy use of a story board (below) to locate the various cuts.



Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the DPWW meetings! Thanks to everyone who pitched in at the January meeting. Anyone is welcome to make coffee. Just arrive a little after 6:00 and join the fun with others.

DPWW is currently looking for a volunteer to oversee the kitchen operation.

February 2025 Meeting – Microjig

Featuring DPWW member **John Zuales**. John will talk about a project that he made using **Microjig products** to make jigs for component parts.

– **Bruce Metzdorf, Program Director**

Internet Link of the Month

DVDs are out of fashion these days and often the subject of close out sales. Like these woodworking issues from Woodworkers Guild of America.

https://www.wwgoa.com/products/dvds/?utm_source=WWGOA



Borrow DPWW Tools



One benefit of being a member of the DuPage Woodworkers is that we have tools you can borrow. We recently acquired a biscuit joiner and a dial indicator suitable for aligning table saws. Our **Work Sharp has a knife and scissor sharpening attachment**. Also DPWW has a 12" planer, an HVLP sprayer, and a small bandsaw. The biscuit joiner, dial indicator, scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, Work Sharp, planer, sprayer, bandsaw, and Drill Doctor are available to members by contacting **Gordon Brand (630) 661-0476 Gbrandm58@gmail.com**



Overheard at the Rick Ogren Shop Visit:

"A bit of putty, dab of paint
Makes a carpenter
What he ain't"
No offense, Rick.

DPWW Logo Clothing



Welcome to all new DPWW Club members. Stop by my table to introduce yourselves and learn what the club has available in clothing with the DPWW embroidered logo. I just placed an order with our supplier for shirts for those who gave me orders. It should be available for

the February meeting.

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

From Our Workshop - January 2025

Prize Drawing Winners

**Ron Colliander, Tom Olson
Dave Wesolowicz, Tony Leto**

February Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- Craftsman Drill / Driver set with a set of bits
- 7 piece Forstner bit set and an LED shop light.



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

– **Bruce Kinney**



January 2025 Door Prize winners

Ron Colliander, Rick Ranieri



From Our Workshop January 2025 - 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 January 20 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 be featured during the next in person and Zoom monthly meeting "From Our Workshop" session. The deadline for submissions is 6:00PM on the Sunday before the meeting.



Ron Colliander - Bench
Spalted Maple - Lacquer



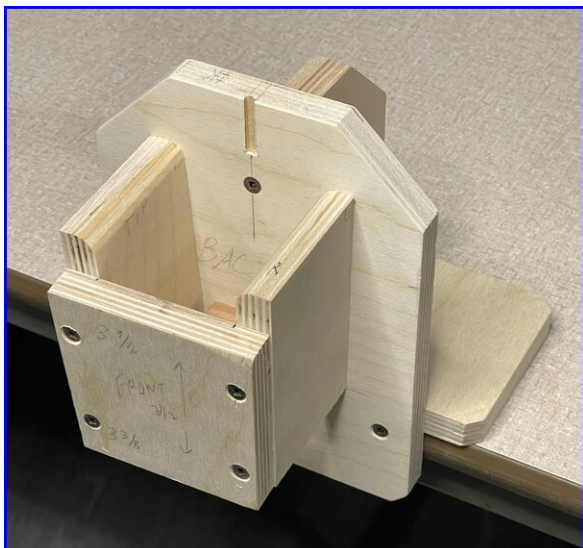
Ron Colliander - Spline Box
Maple, Walnut - Lacquer



Rick Ogren - Name
Butternut - Lacquer



Paul Pycik - Bolt Action Pens
Deer Antler



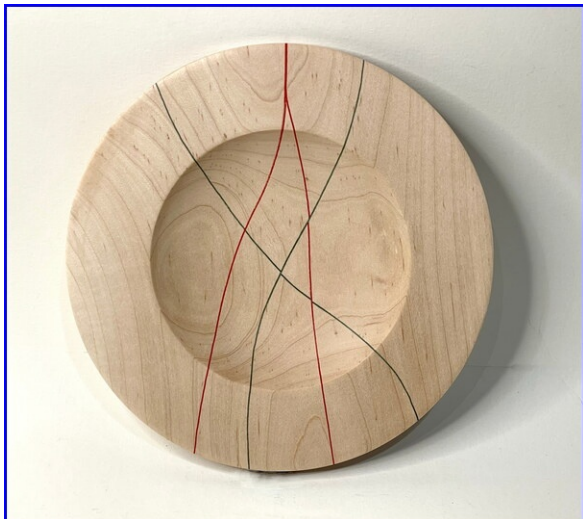
George Rodgers - Domino Tool Holder
Baltic Birch - None



Bill Ward - Tea Box
White Oak - Stain, Oil Top Coat



Tom Olson - Coffee Scoops
Ash - CA Glue



Bruce Metzdorf - Bowl
Maple, Veneer - Walrus Oil



Gordon Brand - Music Box
Maple - Oil & Wax



Rick Ranieri - Notre Dame Pencil Set
Oak - Caranuba Wax



David Wesolowicz - Scroll Saw – Sailing
Baltic Birch - Shellac



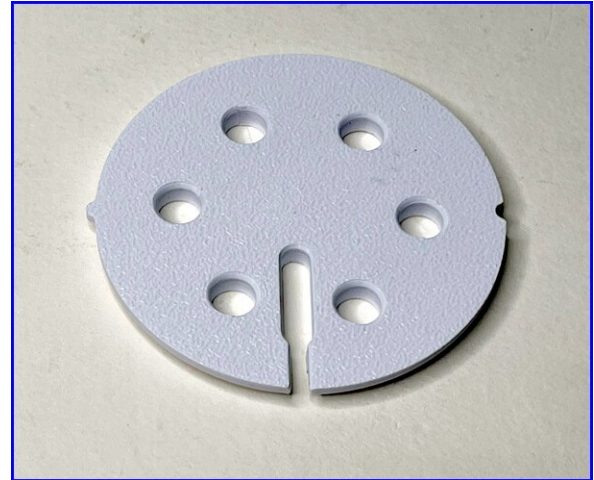
Gordon Brand - Music Box
Maple - Oil & Wax



Ron Colliander - Toy Loader
Oak - None



Bert LeLoup - Walking Sticks



**Tony Leto - Bandsaw Plate
3D Printed**



**Tony Leto - Pegasus
3D Printed**



**Tony Leto - Corner Brace
3D Printed**



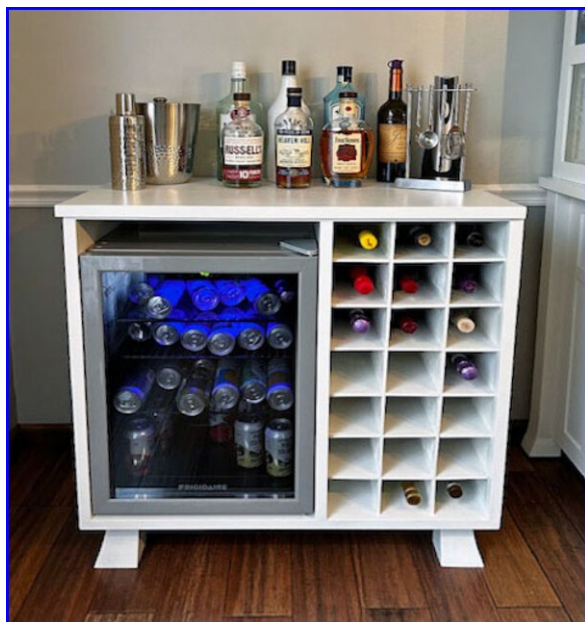
**Tony Leto - Glue Bottle Aids
3D Printed**



Bill Hoffman - Dining Table
Quarter Sawn White Oak, Maple, Walnut
Ammonia Fumed, OSMO Oil



Jeff Kramer - "Toodles" in Veneer
Veneer, Oak, Oak Plywood - Clear Shellac



Lee Nye - Wine Cabinet
Poplar, Plywood - Winter White Paint



Lee Nye - Trophy Shelf
Walnut - Spray Poly Satin