

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

Will be in person and via Zoom

- March 17
- April 21

DPWW Board Meeting

Usually First Monday

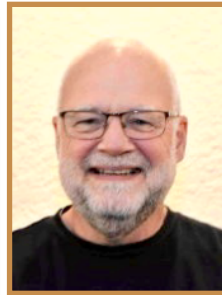
- March 3
- April 7

Future Activities

- MARCH 22
 - [Touring Cabinet Shop](#)
- APRIL 5
 - [Sawdust in your coffee](#)
 - Tool Sale

Programs

- March 17
 - Scroll Sawing – **Dave Wesolowicz**
- April 21
 - Pattern Routing – **Bruce Metzdorf**



President's Message March 2025

It has been nice to have some recent days with very nice temps for this time of year. Lots of projects to work on both indoors and out. Several members of the organization are making toy blanks and doll bed parts that will need assembly during our toy workshop coming up on Saturday, April 26. Others, I am sure, are keeping busy with projects they want to do or others want them to do.

I want to thank **John Zurales** for his thorough discussion of his [use of jigs](#) he created with [Micro-Jig](#) products to make conservation awards for an architectural firm. As probably many of you did, I thought of ways I could use these products as well as other ways I might have tackled this project. As John said, "This was a destiny." I also like that John will be able to offer us engraved DuPage Woodworkers items for our own use. I really like my DPWW engraved leather notepad portfolio. My wife likes her engraved metal tumbler. :)

I am looking forward to organization member, **Dave Wesolowicz**, presenting about basic scroll saw use. If you have seen some of Dave's scrolled sawed items during from our *From Our Workshop* portion of the meeting you, too, will be looking forward to his presentation.

I want to thank **Vaibhav Konanur** for organization the shop tours at [Glenbard East High School](#). Even though bad weather prevented us from meeting on the initial date, we still had a very good turnout. **Steve Bair**, the instructor, did a very good job explaining the different programs that Glenbard East has to offer and the types of students they are encouraging to take these classes. Such a great resource for these students for a number of reasons. Steve will be retiring in one year. Currently, Glenbard East is having a hard time recruiting another industrial arts teacher. Hopefully, they will find one and the programs will be able to continue.

Vaibhav has also arranged for a tour of a [commercial cabinet shop](#) on Saturday, March 22. Please see more information about this in this newsletter.

I will be making parts for toy doll beds in my shop in the next few weeks. I will also be making toy blanks on a bandsaw. These will require axles and wheels to be installed during our toy workshop. Anyone interesting in helping me make these parts please let me know. If you are new to woodworking this is a good opportunity to get to learn and use some different tools in the workshop.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to welcome John Wiedemann as our new newsletter editor. John has been a fast learner and with the help of Jim Harvey and Whit Anderson he seems to be taking to his new role quite well. Thanks to everyone in helping make this transition as smooth as possible.

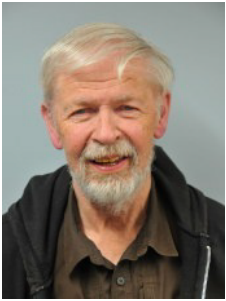
I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, March 17.

George Rodgers

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DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting – March 6, 2025



Dave Wesolowicz opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00pm. Present were Gordon Brand, Jim Harvey, Bill Hoffman, Mike Kalscheur, Jeff Kramer, Tom Kubica, Bruce Metzdorf, Lee Nye, Dave Wesolowicz, Steve Young.

Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval –

No changes were made to the agenda and the board approved the past meeting minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: (Dave Wesolowicz) –

As of the end of February, the DPWW cash balance was \$10,121.

Communications:

Secretary – No report

President – No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership (Mike Kalscheur) – Three new members joined during February bring the total membership to 223. It was noted that 25 households (34 members) have not renewed their dues for 2025 and will be deleted in March if not renewed.

Library (Tom Kubica) – Some new books have continued to be donated. Duplicates of items already in the library will be made available to members on the free table

Publicity (Mark Wieting) – We would like to be listed in local newspapers as part of the community calendar. Mark asked that those members with access to local newspapers let him know if there is a community calendar in the publication. Other possibilities discussed included local patches (online information sources), Facebook, Nextdoor and other social media platforms.

Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – All prizes for the monthly raffle have been purchased for 2025.

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

Newsletter (John Wiedemann/Jim Harvey) – John will be doing this month’s entire newsletter. Articles

need to be received by Friday, March 7th. An article on the Glenbard East shop visit will be included.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – Prizes for the next FOW will include a shop brush and files.

Activities (Vaibhav Konanur) – The Glenbard East shop tour was very successful. The next activity will be on March 22, at [Kevin William Furniture](#). Thus far, 25 have registered. An optional lunch will follow the tour.

Programs (Bruce Metzdorf) – Dave Wesolowicz will be doing a program on the scroll saw at the March meeting. If there are ideas / volunteers for the April meeting, please send to **Bruce Metzdorf**, The possibility of getting a paid speaker was also discussed.

A/V (Howard Peterson) – We are looking at a possible attachment that could make our microphone cordless. A question was raised as to whether we need a new computer. The immediate feedback was that ours is okay for what we need it to do.

Web (Bill Hoffman) – A credit card is needed to pay for our Zoom subscription. **Dave** will look into this. FOW submissions are now directed to our own software which converts them to PowerPoint. Submissions need to be made by no later than 6pm on the Sunday immediately before our monthly meeting. **Lee Nye** volunteered to consolidate the individual PowerPoint presentations into a consolidated presentation.

Tools (Gordon Brand) – Some tools have been sold, and we have received \$165 thus far. Gordon has been working with **Kim Sowa** to arrange for a tools sale to be held on April 5th

Clothing (Carl Shaffer) No report

Old Business:

- **Holiday Party – George Rogers** – No report.

New Business:

- **New Bank Account(s) - Dave Wesolowicz** – Open new bank accounts(s) with Wintrust – A motion was made and unanimously approved to move our DuPage Woodworkers account from Old Second Bank to Wintrust Bank. **Dave Wesolowicz** sited several advantages for the move, including more options to create interest bearing accounts.



• **RZ Mask Gift Card – Tom Kubica** – Tom indicated that he had won a \$200 gift card for the picture submitted to RZ based on the votes received. The gift card will be donated by Tom to

the DPWW and will be used to receive RZ products that will benefit the members via raffle prizes, FOW prizes or speaker gifts.

Adjournment – 7:59pm

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.

For those unable to make the workshop or wishing to contribute more to the toys program, I will be making doll bed parts and cutting out toy blanks for the workshop. You are welcome to join me in my shop to help with this. This would be especially good for someone new to wood working to learn more about the safe and appropriate use of the table saw, miter saw, bandsaw, router table and bench-top sanders. Please contact me if you have interest in helping prepare material for the toy workshop.

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 at: [DuPage Woodworkers website](#)


– **George Rodger**


March 2025 DPWW Activity

Kevin-William Furniture Shop Tour


We are excited about the upcoming tour of **Kevin-William Furniture**, a custom cabinet and furniture shop owned by **Kerry Moran**. This will be a great opportunity to see a professional shop in action, learn about their craftsmanship, and discuss woodworking techniques with Kerry.

Tour Details:

 **Date:** Saturday, March 22

 **Time:** 10:00 AM - noon

 **Location:** 1433 West Fullerton, Suite J, Addison, IL 60101

 **Parking:** Available in front, off Fullerton

This tour is set, so mark your calendars! If you plan to attend, please register at the following link so we can get an accurate headcount. The signups are filled. However to be put on the waitlist, please sign up using the following link: [Sign Up Here..](#)

Additionally, if there's enough interest, we can head over to **Dapper's West Family Restaurant** after the tour for lunch (980 W Lake St, Addison, IL 60101). It's a great spot nearby with a variety of menu options. If you'd like to join, please note it on the registration.

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Looking forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,



February 2025 Meeting Recap

Fifty people braved the cold February 17 to attend the monthly DPWW meeting. Plus another five checking in via Zoom.

MicroJig Presentation



Our presenter for the evening was DPWW member **John Zurales** who last summer completed a commission project for **FGM Architects**. FGM had inquired if someone in DPWW could make a set of wood conservation awards for their employees. John raised his hand to take on the challenge.

John's presentation featured [clamps made by MicroJig](#). These have a dovetail shape at the bottom that lock into dovetails cut into a work surface. John manufactured a dovetailed work surface, and a dovetailed table saw sled to manage repeated cuts of odd angles. Then John engraved the final lettering to the customers specifications with a laser cutter. The process took a couple of months and the client was very pleased with the outcome.



– **Bruce Metzdorf, Program Director**

Contest Winner

Tom Kubica entered a photo contest sponsored by RZ Masks company. Tom submitted a picture of him wearing a RZ mask at the second Toy Making session in September of 2024.

Tom won first place and a \$200 gift certificate for RZ Masks to be donated to the Club to purchase products for FOW or Raffle prizes.

Tom thanks everyone that supported this event.



FOW Prize Drawing Winners

Wayne Maier, Mark Halla

February 2025 Door Prize winners

Bruce Kinney and Mike Colliander





February 2025 Activity

Glenbard East Shop Tour

Vaibhav Konanur arranged a visit to Glenbard East where Steve Bair hosted the DPWW members in the High School's industrial shops. This included the wood, metal, and engineering shops. All three are large to accommodate students at group workstations.

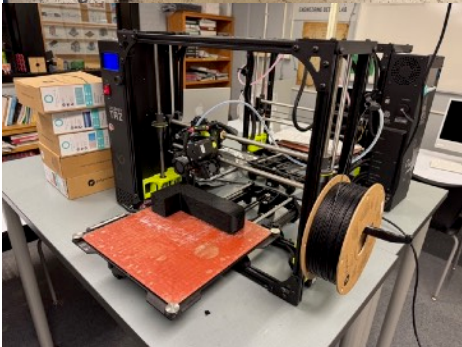
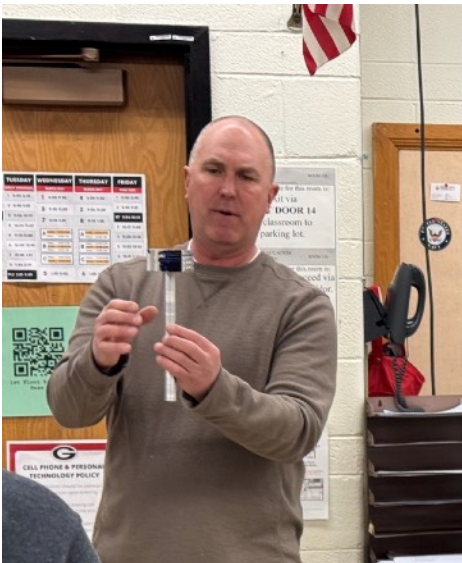
In the woodshop we saw partially assembled cabinets the students are making and a wide variety of industrial grade power and hand tools. Some would be considered antiques, (as would many of our members).

The metal shop had a similar workstations and a large array of metal working machinery. Currently there are a few CAD milling machines with plans for more.

Mr. Bair explained that several metal shop students compete against students in other schools in machining parts.

The engineering shop focused on design, CAD, and 3D printing. The shop was equipped with several 3D printers and construction sets to build conceptual prototypes.

Mr. Bair discussed the curriculum and the instructional process he employs, with the #1 thing covered is safety and respect for the equipment.



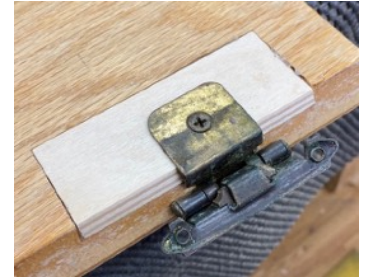


George Rogers

Community Involvement

George Rogers presented a Power Point on a repair project he undertook. He was tasked by St. James Church to repair a cabinet door that had a hinge ripped out.

George walked through the process of removing the damaged area from the particle board door, preparing an area for inserting a new Poplar patch and machining it to accept the original hinge hardware. All turned out well.



Inspirational Projects of the Month

Woodturning Sweet Gum Seed Pods Into Stunning Box

Taken from YouTube video from *Square and Level*. The contributor has several videos where all types of unusual materials are set in epoxy and turned for surprising results.

[YouTube Link](#)



March Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- Bosch Palm Router.
- Fire Extinguisher and a LED Shop Light

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



Link of the month

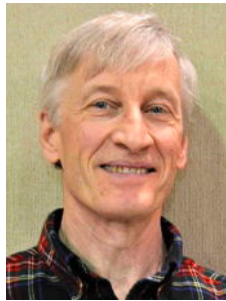
12 in 1 Simple Router Trimmer Hacks

Click on image to follow link



Coffee Makers

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



Mike Kalscheur

Membership News

Three new members were added to the DPWW membership roster within the last month. Total membership count is now at 223.

Please welcome new member **Michael Fross** from Woodridge. Michael learned of DPWW from friends and is also a member of the Fox Valley Woodworkers. He enjoys building a variety of woodworking projects as well as tool making.

Also please welcome **Richard Whitt** from Naperville. Richard mentioned building pet cages, wooden Christmas decorations and other household item requests from the family.

Also please welcome **Michael Mohus** from Winfield. Michael learned of DPWW from the club website. His woodworking interests include scroll-sawing, building bird houses, shadow boxes, planters and other decorative boxes.

Members who have not renewed their 2025 membership by submitting the annual \$30 dues will be removed from the club roster and email distribution in mid-March. If you're uncertain about your membership status, please reach out before paying the annual dues.

DPWW is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with many members volunteering to maintain that charitable status. We are always looking for more members to contribute their time and talents. Please contact any of the Board members if you wish to help or have any comments and suggestions. It's the membership participation that makes this club work better for all members. The Board members for 2025 are shown in the following webpage link.

<https://www.dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/only/board2025.pdf>

Mike Kalscheur

membership@dupagewoodworkers.org

Sawdust in Your Coffee



Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 9 participants at the March 1 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

1. Review recent and upcoming club activities, today's tool sale, High School shop tour, commercial woodworking shop.
2. New member introduction.
3. Kirkland sawmill processing members large log.
4. Guitar making progress.
5. Birch bowl turning example.
6. End grain cutting boards, thickness, flattening techniques, and wood selection.
7. Members workbench progress and possible FOW presentation.

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

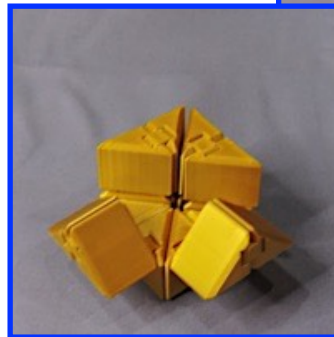


From Our Workshop February 2025 [Click to Enlarge](#)

These projects, projects in progress and many more can be seen on your DPWW Gallery Web Page. These projects were submitted prior to our March 17 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 be featured during the next in person and Zoom monthly meeting "From Our Workshop" session. [Link to Form.](#)



*Bill Hoffman Morris Rocking Chair
Quarter-sawn Oak - Ammonia fuming/Shellac*



*Tony Leto - 3D Print
Plastic*



*Lee Nye 3 drawer table
Baltic birch plywood and poplar - Paint*



*Bruce Metzdorf - Bottle Stoppers
White Oak, Spalted Maple -CA DRS Woodshop*



*Mark Halla - Religious Ed Grotto
Pine Enamel*



*Wayne Maier - Irish Chair
Poplar Milk Paint*



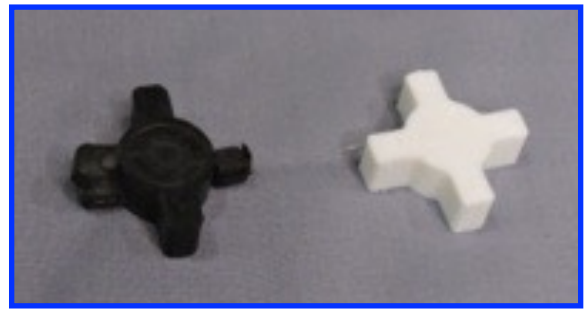
*Gordon Brand Pen
Epoxy & egg shell - Danish Oil*



*Gordon Brand - Segmented Vase
Mahogany, Walnut, Maple - Oil + wax*



*Tom Olson - Honey Dipper
Cocobolo - CA*



*John Wiedemann 3D Print replacement part
Plastic*