

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

Will be in person and via Zoom

- September 15
- October 20

DPWW Board Meeting

Usually First Monday

- September 3
- October 6

Activities

- **August 12**
 - Tour of Maple Street Chapel
- **September 6 & 16**
 - [Hand-cut Dovetail Workshop](#)
- **September 27**
 - [Toy Workshop](#)
- **October**
 - TBD
- **November**
 - [Small workshop tours](#)

Programs

- **September 15**
 - [Mike Trezek on woodcarving](#)
- **October**
 - [3M Xtract Sanding Products](#)

Board Minutes

- [Directory for Board Minutes](#)



George Rogers

President's Message September 2025

We had some lively discussion during our board meeting earlier this month. Scholarships, service awards and our holiday program, among other things, were discussed. For more information about these items stay tuned or read through our board meeting minutes which are linked to this newsletter.

Thanks to Mark Dreyer for his presentation last month on turned holiday gift ideas and projects. I enjoyed seeing all the options and hearing Mark give his thoughts on making these items. There were a lot of questions and discussion. So much so, Mark did not have time to do any turning. I promise you next time we have Mark he will demonstrate some turning.

I am looking forward to this month's program on carving presented by Michael Trezek. He is a member of the North Suburban Wood Carvers. He does intricate relief carvings and whimsical figurines. If you have access to Instagram you can look him up under "artinwood".

In the meantime, now is a good time to start or continue making toys for our holiday toy give away.

I want to thank Mike Walsh, John Grzanich and Jim Mikkelsen in helping with prepping bed parts for our workshop on Saturday, September 27. Hope to see you there. See the article in our toy section for more information about the workshop.

We are currently recruiting new board members for our 2026 board. If you really want to make this organization better and have more input, this is a great opportunity to accomplish both. Look forward to hearing from you!

I hope to see you at our September general meeting on Monday, September 15 at 7pm.

GLRodgers@comcast.net

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Toys 2025



George Rogers

DPWW and Woodcraft (504 Ogden Ave. in Downers Grove) will be hosting a toy making workshop on Saturday, September 27 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 at: [DuPage Woodworkers](http://DuPageWoodworkers.org)

George Rodgers

Call for Volunteers - Small Workshop Tours

Progressive Shop Tour This Fall: Vaibhav Konanur, our activities chair, is planning a Progressive Shop Tour for sometime in October or November (depending on availability), and we're looking for a few members to open up their small to medium shops for a visit!

For those unfamiliar, a progressive shop tour is a fun, low-key event where a group of members travels from one woodshop to another. It's a great way to see how fellow woodworkers set up their spaces, get ideas, and connect with others in the club. Because we move from shop to shop, **there's no need for a huge space—no shop is too small!** Every workspace has something worth sharing, and we'd love to include yours.

If you're interested in volunteering your shop (or want to learn more before committing), please contact Vaibhav directly at vkonanur@gmail.com

Thanks in advance for helping make this a great experience for everyone!

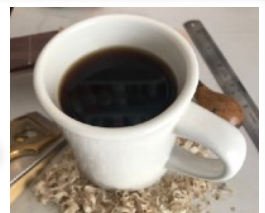
Best regards,

Vaibhav Konanur Activities Chair, DPWW

Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the DPWW meetings!

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





August Presentation Recap



Mark Wieting

Christmas ideas in August

Wood turner Mark Dreyer and about 50 club members braved the elements Aug. 17

(thunderstorms) to learn about the many gift items that one can turn on a small lathe with

parts from various suppliers.

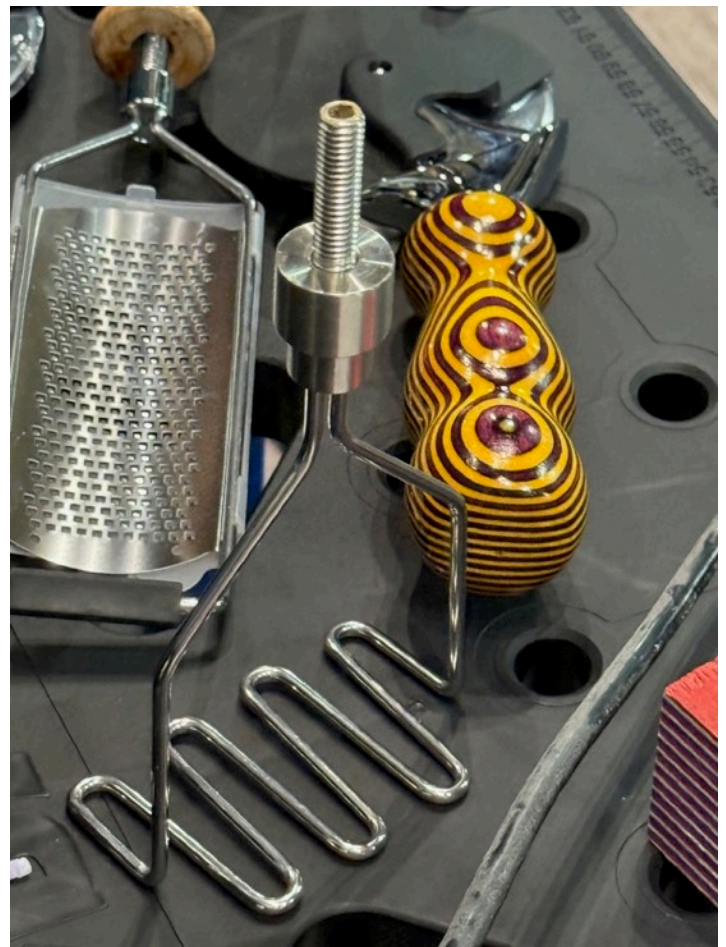
Dreyer showed a wide variety of pens he's turned, from acrylic blanks that included images like a dollar bill, fishing line, a picture of a favorite dog and even a '57 Chevy. The whole point is to make a gift special for the person who receives it—like a CPA, fisherman, dog

image on an Avery label and sticks it to the pen kit's brass tube before immersing it in resin (plug up the openings!).

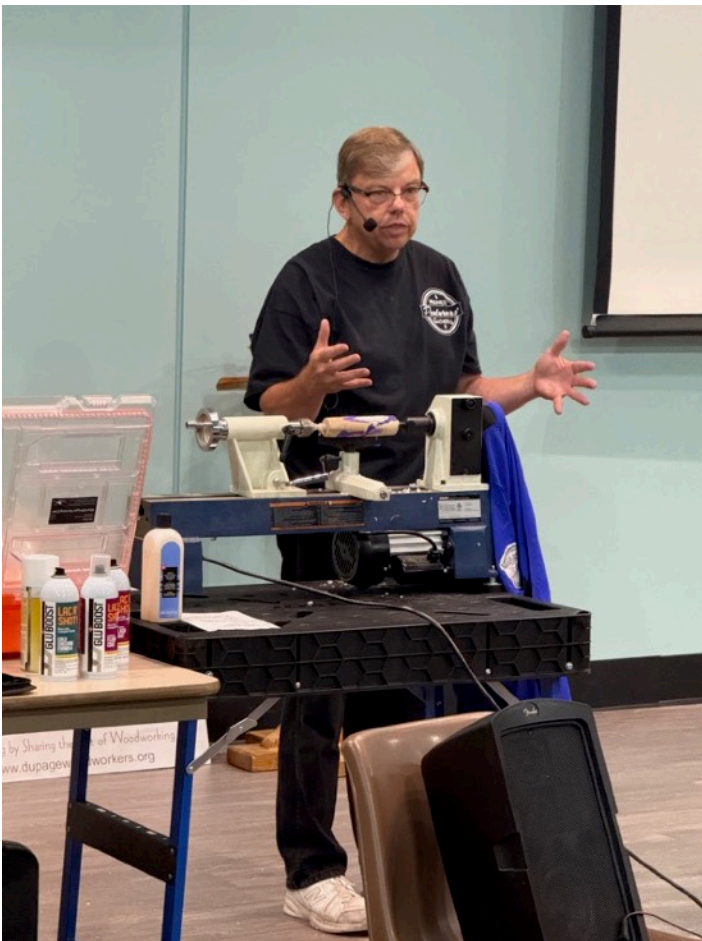
Dreyer recommends combining resin and wood you might throw away because of its deficits. The resin and color dyes (such as TransTint dyes) can make a project pop. He



3/8" threaded insert



showed pepper grinders and various kitchen tools that attach to a common handle he's turned. He turns the handle and epoxies into it a 3/8" threaded insert that connects to gift items like a cheese grater, ice cream scoops, meat tenderizers, pizza cutters, measuring spoons and cup measures.



lover, or car restorer respectively. He prints the



He uses a 5 gal. pressure pot to set the resin but warns that it “smells up your house.” Epoxy, he says, can be used but takes weeks to harden all the way through. For finishes on turned items he uses two coats of gloss shellac, then dries the piece overnight, and puts it back on the lathe the next day to buff with 0000 steel wool, followed by a coat of Gluboot.

He noted that at <https://exoticblanks.com> there are interesting blanks and that by using the



Mark has a YouTube channel if you'd like to learn more. Search YouTube for “mark Dreyer pens.”

Mark provided his card and offered to speak with anyone with a question, just give him a call.

Mark Wieting



coupon code “Mark” you can get 10% off. Other offers might also be available.

Safety: He always turns with a full face shield and an N-95 mask, and often uses black nitrile gloves. For certain exotic woods such as padauk, he uses a respirator.

P.S. Mark and several of DPWW members are involved with:
Windy City Woodturners - St. Timothy Lutheran Church - 1313 N. Mill St. - Naperville
They meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

The next Midwest Pen Turners Gathering will be April 17 and 18, 2026 in Hoffman Estates



August Activity

Hand-cut Dovetail Workshop

We're excited to announce an intimate hands-on workshop led by fellow member **Michael Fross** on the art of **hand-cut dovetails**. This is a great chance to learn a traditional joinery technique that brings beauty and strength to your woodworking projects.

Workshop Options (choose one):

- **Session 1:** Saturday, September 6, 2025 @ 9:00 AM (Last week. See pictures below)
- **Session 2:** Tuesday, September 16, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

Each session is limited to **two participants** to ensure personal attention. Please indicate your session preference when signing up. Due to the personalized nature of the workshop, **the workshop might carry on till the early afternoon**.

Details:

- **Location:** Michael's shop in Woodridge (address provided to confirmed attendees)
- **Cost:** Free (members in good standing only)
- **What to bring:** Two prepared boards (approx. 8–10" long, 4–6" wide), plus any

dovetail tools you normally use (chisels, saw, square, marking gauge, etc.). A full tool and wood list is included in the attached description. Don't worry if you don't have all the tools—Michael will have extras available. Complete and bring the Hold Harmless General Release form.

- **Preparation:** Please watch the linked Rob Cosman video prior to the workshop (link in description).
- **Release Form:** All attendees must bring a signed **Hold Harmless Agreement**.

👉 [\[Click here to sign up\]](#)

Confirmed attendees will receive a welcome email with logistical details from Michael.

We also ask that you or Michael snap a few fun photos during the workshop for inclusion in our DPWW newsletter.

Don't miss this chance to learn a timeless woodworking skill in a small, hands-on setting!

Best regards,

Vaibhav Konanur
Activities Chair, DPWW





Sawdust in Your Coffee



Ron
Colliander

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 12 participants at the September 6 Sawdust meeting.

1. New member introduction
2. Upcoming toy workshop and monthly meeting.
3. Piano bench project
4. Plant stand end tenon cutting methods.
5. Suggestions for exterior wood finish.
6. Planer knives sharpening jig ideas.
7. Red Elm for wooden toys
8. Possibly utilizing 1" wide material for toys discussion.
9. Completing grandfather clock from kit.

There will be another SIYC meeting at 9:00AM on Saturday, October 4. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual Email Zoom invitation.— Ron Colliander

August FOW Winners

Prizes were:

- Microfiber tack cloths Digital protractor

FOW winners were:

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| • George Rodgers | • Gordon Brand | • Tom Olson |
| • Bruce Metzdorf | • Paul Pycik | • Whit Anderson |
| • Rick Ogren | • Adam Tornheim | |

August Door Prize Winners

Mark Wieting Wixey Digital Angle Gauge and a
\$20.00 WoodCraft Gift Card
Jim Beaurain Porter Cable Laminate Trimmer



September Door Prizes

The September door prizes are:

- Gripper and \$50 gift card from Woodcraft.
- 7 pc Forsner bit set and a 230 pc drill bit set.



Bruce Kinney

Tickets are:

- \$2 for 1
- \$5 for 3
- \$10 for 7
- \$15 for 11
- \$20 for 15

There will be no drawing / prizes for the November and December



Membership News



Mike Kalscheur

Four (4) new members were added to the DPWW membership roster within the last month. Total membership count is now at 201.

Please welcome new member Brad Hiben from Glen Ellyn. Brad learned about DPWW from a fellow member and neighbor. He has some experience with building furniture and wants to learn more woodworking techniques from the other members.

Also please welcome Marc Druce-Hoffman and family member Rose Zach from Naperville. Marc learned about DPWW from a Nextdoor posting for Jerry Johnson's shop sale. He is a beginner woodworker and expressed interest in building furniture and carving. Marc would like to eventually mill his own lumber.

DPWW Board/Committee Recruiting

The month of September is when I start to query the membership for potential Board/Committee assistance. The current 2025 Board/Committee members and other club governance documents are found on this webpage <https://www.dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/governance.html>

There are many behind-the-scenes actions performed by the Board and Committee members to keep this club interesting. Take some time to skim/read through the latest version of the DPWW Constitution and Bylaws documents accessible from the Board & Governance webpage. If you've forgotten the username and password for accessing files on this webpage, please reach out to me.

Members who have some special skills and a few hours a week to assist in the club operations would be most welcome. Please let us know if you want to learn about getting more involved with DPWW. Serving on the Board or other committees has additional benefits too.

Mike Kalscheur, membership@dupagewoodworkers.org

September Program - Wood Carving

Mike Trezek will be presenting a woodcarving program to share his skill and love for wood carving.

Mike is a Chicago area woodcarver who makes carvings on commission. His project range from realistic carvings of nature to comical carvings. He has won numerous ribbons at carving shows around the Midwest.

Mike has an Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/artinwood/>

Bruce Metzdorf





Award Nominations

Nominations for the DPWW Awards are due by September 30, 2025. Please use the [form at the end of this newsletter](#).

Life Membership Award:

- This award is to recognize an individual who has provided long-term service to the club over a period of not less than 10 years.
- An appropriate award will be presented.
- Awardees will no longer be required to pay dues.
- The total number of life members (current and proposed) will be recommended by the Awards Committee in consultation with the Treasurer and approved by the Board. This number will be reviewed annually in April (after the conclusion of the membership renewal period).

Service Awards:

- This award is to recognize an individual's specific contribution to the DPWW during the current year.
- An appropriate award will be presented.
- There is no set number of awards to be presented each year. This will be determined by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board.

From the Shelves:



The Library has you covered regarding the September program on woodcarving. Listed under the Catalog Call# 9. Green, you can find books on carving as well as projects and patterns.

We have over 30 books covering techniques and patterns from birds, friendship canes, gargoyles and totem poles to adding enhancements on turned projects.

I will have many of the selections on our TOPICS table and you can browse the shelves for additional resources.

Tom Kubica

DPWW Logo Clothing



Carl Shaffer

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.

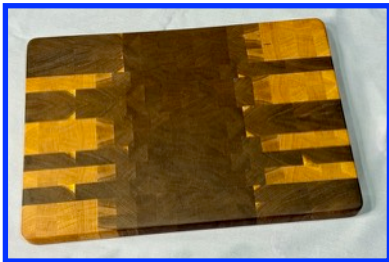
Need several more member orders to place an order with our supplier.
Thanks, - Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106 (harleypop99@att.net)



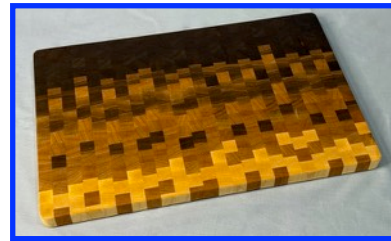


From Our Workshop August 2025 [Click to Enlarge](#)

These projects, projects in progress and many more can be seen on your DPWW Gallery Web Page. These projects were submitted prior to our August 18 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.



Adam Tornheim — Cutting Board
Walnut & Cherry — Wood Honey



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Walnut, Cherry, Maple — Wood Honey & Mineral Oil



Tom Olson — Shaker Box
Walnut — Lacquer



Tom Olson — Bocote Pen
Bocote — CA Glue



George Rodgers — Bread Knife
Maple, African Mahogany — Minwax poly spray



Bob Bakshis — Sundial
Pine — Poly



Paul Pycik/Rich Nye — Turned Egg
Pyrography & Paint — Dry Brush Acrylic Paints



Paul Pycik — Large Wood Bowl
Tulip Poplar — Deft Lacquer



Gordon Brand — Live Edge Bowl, Small Bowl
Walnut — Oil/Wax, Buckthorn Resin



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Walnut — Oil/Wax, Buckthorn Resin



Daniel Moctezuma — Hand Plane Restoration
Cherry — Tung oil varnish blend, shellac, paste wax



Tony Leto — Stool
Pine — Paint



Rick Ogren — Hand Plane Restoration
Steel & Wood — Lacquer



Bruce Metzdorf — Plate, 2 Bowls
Oak, Cherry, Peach, Resin — Walrus Oil & wax,
Beall Buff



Whit Anderson — Side table
African mahogany — Lacquer

DuPage Woodworkers (DPWW)

Awards Nomination Form

Date: _____

Name of Person Submitting the Nomination: _____

Person Being Nominated: _____

Award:

- ☐ Service Award
- ☐ Honorary Life Membership

Please Provide Your Rationale for Nominating This Person

Please Submit the Completed form to dpwwawards@gmail.com by September 30)

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