

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

Will be in person and via Zoom

- **October 20**
- **November 17**

DPWW Board Meeting

Usually First Monday

- **November 3**
- **December 1**

Activities

- **October 25**
 - Workshop on Parquetry
- **November**
 - Small workshop tours

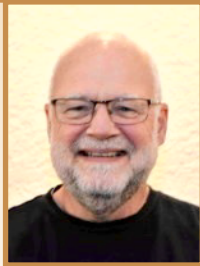
Programs

- **October 20**
James Wright, of Wood by Wright, will be doing a program called "Magic of the Burr and how to freehand sharpen anything"

James is on uTube and lives in Rockford.
- **November 17**
 - Short presentations from the toy recipient organizations about the impact of the toy program

Board Minutes

- [Directory for Board Minutes](#)



George Rogers

President's Message October 2025

The nice weather continues allowing those that have outdoor shops or shops in their garage to be able to enjoy working in them. Hopefully, you are able to make items for your family and friends. Perhaps you are also able to make some toys for our November toy distribution.

I will be collecting items at our upcoming October general meeting for the St. James school auction which will be held in early November. St. James does not charge our organization rent for holding our general meetings at their facility. One way that we try to return this generous hospitality is to support fund raisers that they have. We have been requested to donate hand made wooden items that can be auctioned off to support the church and school. In the past cutting boards, serving trays, kitchen utensils, picture frames, "growth boards", clocks, boxes, Christmas ornament, pens, etc. have been donated. Please consider donating a hand made wooden item to support the church. If you are unable to make the October meeting and still wish to donate an item please contact me to make arrangements for getting your item into their auction.

I thought our September presentation by woodcarver Mike Trezek was very good. I was impressed with the quality of his carvings and the attention to detail that Mike exhibits. It was interesting to learn about his creation of patterns, both frontal and profile perspectives. I also enjoyed hearing how his 40 year career in furniture touch-up/repair helped him salvage some of his carvings. Lots of questions and many great pictures of his work.

This month I look forward to hearing about the 3M Cubitron sanding system which includes their sandpaper, sander and dust extractor. I have been using their ceramic coated Cubitron sand paper and I am very impressed with its efficiency in material removal and the finish it leaves. Hopefully, there might be some samples.

We will not be having a separate Christmas party this year. We will have a program on the third Monday in December, the 15th. Details are still to be determined but the hope is to have a presentation that appeals to woodworkers and non-woodworkers along with food being served. Stayed tuned for further details as the date draws closer.

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! We will be presenting our board nominations at this meeting.

I hope to see you at our October general meeting on Monday, October 20 at 7pm.

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September Presentation Recap



Mark Wieting

Mike Trezek, an award-winning carver, showed us his fantastic work (even a stink bug on a log was fascinating) and shared his background and approaches to the art of carving.

He carves various woods but likes butternut and basswood in particular. The most important first step is creating a workable pattern, usually a front view and a profile view. With the patterns drawn on the block, he cuts away waste on the bandsaw. Then he can start carving.

“Before you put knife to wood, you need the right pattern,” he said. He sometimes makes a clay model but it’s not detailed enough for a good pattern.

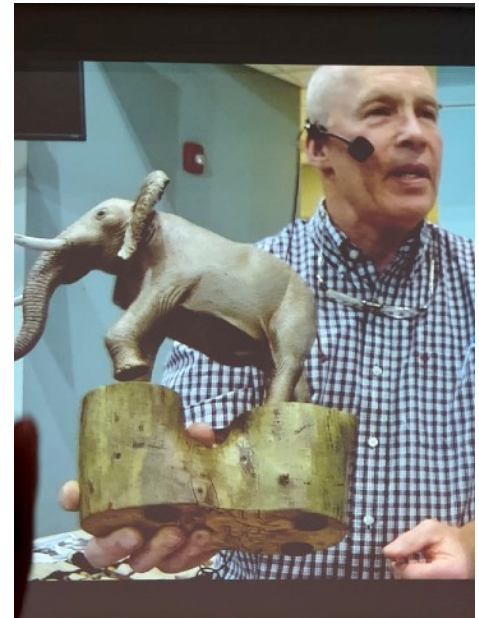


He stressed the need for sharp tools. He says sharpen every 30 minutes or so. “Dull tools slip,” and you’re more likely to cut yourself with a dull tool. Many carvers push away from themselves but he carves toward himself with wrist action. He mostly uses chisels rather than knives but says he still uses a knife his wife gave him in a set or tools 29 years ago. He sharpens with a diamond stone (and no oil) and a leather

strop he made himself. He doesn’t sharpen the tip of the tool, just the sides, with exactly the same number of passes on each side of the blade on the strop.

He said sanding is very important, to 320 grit before sealing with Premiere Heavy Body Sealer. He uses colored pencils and markers and acrylic paints and coats with lacquer for protection. He doesn’t use power tools to carve—he carves at his dining room table! He has a shop where he sands but most of his work is in two-hour sessions in the dining room. He’s not had physical problems like carpal tunnel syndrome but two hours is about his max.

Mike said the first thing to do to get into carving is to sharpen, sharpen, sharpen. The second is to have patience.





“This is not an art you can whip through. If you do, your work will look like you whipped through it.” He never starts a project then sets it aside to return to

it later. When he’s “into” a project, maybe four months in, he can’t set it aside and come back to it and get that same “into” feeling later.

He brought several examples of his work, from a realistic elephant to an angry hippo to a wooden hat that he says fits his head but isn’t comfortable. He was more interested in carving it from a single block than wearing it.

Mark Wieting

October Presentation

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James is on YouTube and is a neighbor living in Rockford.

Web: <https://www.woodbywright.com/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@WoodByWrightHowTo/featured>



Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the DPWW meetings!

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





October Workshop

We're excited to invite you to a **hands-on parquetry workshop** led by our very own **George Rodgers** on **Saturday, October 25th**. Whether you're looking to refine your veneering skills or explore a new decorative woodworking technique, this is a great opportunity to get creative and hands-on.

Date: Saturday, October 25th

Address: 1715 W. 55th St., La Grange Highlands, IL 60525

Times: Two identical sessions offered:

- Morning: **8:30 AM – 11:30 AM**
- Afternoon: **1:00 PM – 4:00 PM** (Each session is limited to 5 participants so George can give everyone individual attention.)

Cost: \$20 per participant – payable to **Dupage Woodworkers** (This helps cover materials; George is kindly donating his time, and any leftover funds will stay with the club.)

Project: Each participant will create a striking parquetry pattern known as “**Louis Cubes**” using three types of veneer, inlaid into a contrasting background veneer. It's a fun, precise, and satisfying project!

What You'll Need to Bring:

- Olfa SVR-2 9mm stainless steel utility knife (available [online](#))
- 10" (or similar) 30-60-90 degree plastic or metal drafting triangle

George will provide:

- Veneer
- Self-healing cutting mats
- Straight edges
- Painter's tape
- Veneering tape

Lunch is **not** provided, but there will be a break between sessions to grab something and for cleanup/reorganizing the workspace.

How to Sign Up:

Please use this [sign up form](#) to reserve your spot, and let us know your preferred session (AM or PM). Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Hope to see you there—with sharp blades and sharper minds!

Best,

Vaibhav Konanur Activities Chair DuPage Woodworkers Club



TOYS

Toys 2025

The DPWW toy committee held a toy making workshop on Saturday, September 27 at the Woodcraft Store in Downers Grove. We routed and assembled 100 doll beds. We also drilled, routed and glued wheels and axles to over 500 vehicles and animal cut outs. (vehicles, giraffes, camels, hippos, lions and others). Thanks to the 25 members that participated on Saturday.



Special thanks to Rick Ogren, Ron Colliander, Bruce Metzdorf, John Grzanich, Mike Walsh, Whit Anderson, and Jim Mikkelsen for helping prepare the pieces to various stages of completion for use at the workshop. Rick and John helped me set up the night before. Extra thanks to Mark Wieting, Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney and Ron Colliander for providing some of their equipment to use. It would not have been a successful workshop without everyone's commitment.



We can feel proud about the toys we will be able to provide to underprivileged children this Holiday season. Please remember we will be collecting toys at the



November general meeting on Monday, November 17. They will be distributed that evening to organizations that provide them to needy children. We will also hear from people associated with these organizations. They will tell us how they utilize the toys and what impact they have on the children they serve.

Thanks again to all those that helped.

George Rodgers





DPWW members repair wall at Maple Street Chapel

Just a few weeks after the Maple Street Chapel in Lombard hosted our club members for a tour, George Rodgers and Mark Wieting repaired an exterior wall on the 155-year-old building on Sept. 22.



“As with many old buildings,” said Rodgers, “water seeps in and does its damage behind what you can see. This wall had major soft spots directly under where a gutter’s downspout had leaked for years.”

A board-and-batten exterior

works well if the seams are tight or well-caulked, but in this part of the west wall of the chapel, over the years seams had opened up and rot had compromised the wall. After removing about 16 square feet of the exterior boards and battens, George and Mark cleaned out the bad wood and replaced it with cellular composite (PVC) siding, pine and cedar battens. Along the way, they found evidence of previous repairs, along with vestiges of the chapel’s original construction,



including tar paper and blacksmith-produced “cut” nails.

MSC facilities manager and president of the MSC Preservation Society, Ken Bohl said, “We really appreciate the woodworkers volunteering to make this repair.

A few years ago George, Mark and two others repaired a railing near the front entrance and also a portion of the same wall. It’s wonderful that people volunteer to help us maintain this amazing building.”

“The battens were a challenge,” said Wieting, “because of their unusual profile.” At the September general meeting of the DuPage Woodworkers, he had passed around a sample of the batten to see if any members had the equipment to duplicate the battens but no one did. “Luckily, we found a custom millworker in Villa Park who could do the work at a reasonable cost.”

The site of an ongoing concert series (see maplestreetchapel.org), public tours and intimate weddings throughout the year, Maple Street Chapel is listed on the U.S. Register of Historic Places and was designated by the American Institute of Architects as one of only 150 “must see” buildings in the entire state of Illinois.





Sawdust in Your Coffee



Ron
Colliander

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 9 participants at the October 4 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

1. Review upcoming events.
2. Matching IPE wood with domestic species and staining alternatives
3. Grading Walnut lumber.
4. Uses for Osage Orange lumber.
5. Apple wood uses, drying and working with spalted areas.
6. Outdoor bench rebuild
7. Sharpening plane irons.
8. Table saw types, uses and reliable units.

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

Ron Colliander

September FOW Winners

FOW winners were:

Bill Hoffman

Mark Wieting

Bruce Metzdorf

Dave Wesolowicz

Bert LeLoup

September Door Prize Winners

Ray Kolak (new member) Titanium drill bit set

Forstner bit set

Jim Beaurain

Microjig Grr-riper



October Door Prizes

The October door prizes are:

- 20V Craftsman Drill/Driver & Bit Set
- Gripper Table Saw Push Block



Bruce Kinney

This will be the last Door Prize event until January 2026.

There will be no Door Prizes for November and December due to the toy distribution in November and the Holiday dinner in December.

Those of us on the Prize Committee (Rick Ogren and Bruce Kinney) and the Club as a whole wish to thank all of our valued Club members and Door Prize participants. Thank you, thank you and thank you.

Bruce and Rick.



Woodworkers build and install micro pantry in Addison

Working with the University of Illinois Extension SNAP-Education program, four DuPage Woodworkers members built and installed a micro pantry at Army Trail Elementary School in Addison. Micro pantries are similar to, though larger than, the free book libraries in people's front yards—and offer free shelf-stable foods to people in need.

According to Cindy Glavin, program coordinator for the SNAP-Education program, “the beauty of the micro pantry is it removes barriers to people getting food as it is open 24/7, and there is no “stigma” about going to a pantry because it is anonymous.” Anyone can donate to the micro pantry and anyone can pick up food they need. Likely donors are parents of children at Lincoln as well as teachers and staff.

“Hunger is a huge concern, even in DuPage County,” said George Rodgers, DuPage Woodworkers president and leader of the group that made the micro pantry. “Our organization bought and donated the materials for the project, as well as the labor and expertise to construct it. The one at Army Trail is our third; our first was for the Humanitarian Service Project in Carol Stream, where we also donate hand-made wooden toys during the holidays. Another one went to Lincoln Elementary School in Addison.”

Along with Rodgers, DPWW members Howard Peterson, Mark Wieting and Kevin Guynn helped in the construction and placement of the micro pantry.

According to Glavin, there are more than 170 micro pantries in Illinois but relatively few in DuPage County. Hamdard Health medical clinic has one in Addison and Glen Oaks Hospital also has one installed outside the emergency room.



George Rodgers and Howard Peterson



Membership News



Mike Kalscheur

Four (4) more members were added to the DPWW membership roster within the last month. Total membership count is now at 204. Most members learn about DPWW from the club's website.

Please welcome back member

Scott Williamson from Wheaton. Scott was a former member and has now rejoined. He also runs the Workshop 88 Makerspace located in Glen Ellyn. More details on this business is available at Workshop88.com

Also please welcome new member **Ray Surti** from Naperville. Ray learned about DPWW from a friend and the website. His woodworking interests are building furniture, trim/millwork and timber framing.

Also please welcome new member **Al Lander** from Downers Grove. He lists woodworking interests as building tables/cabinets/mantles and fireplace surrounds, with future goals of making boxes and spoon carvings.

Also please welcome new member **Raymond Kolak** from Des Plaines. He lists woodworking interests as furniture making, especially Shaker style.

DPWW Board/Committee Member Openings

There are a few openings on the Board for the 2026 year. The Programs Chair could use assistance in planning the programs held during monthly meetings. Bruce Metzdorf has found many interesting presenters in past meetings. If there's an area of woodworking you want to learn more about and know of someone who has that knowledge, please let Bruce know. Members with specific woodworking skills are also welcome to share their knowledge during a meeting. Perhaps you've completed a project that required skills valuable to other members. Please share those learned skills with a presentation at a future meeting. Members with presentation development skills (photography,

Power Point slides, etc.) are also welcome to assist.

The Audio/Visual committee can always use more volunteers to assist with equipment setup/teardown and the operation of that equipment at the general meetings. Your fellow members will greatly appreciate the additional expertise that enhances the meeting experience for all.

For those members with some webpage design knowledge, the Webmaster would welcome more assistance with keeping our club website up-to-date and more informative for all members. Most new members have learned of DPWW from the website.

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.

Membership Renewal Period Begins

October 1st is when current members can start to submit their annual \$30 dues payment for the coming year (2026). The membership dues are per household, so Family members are welcome to participate if they reside at the same address.

An email was recently sent to all current members as of end of September, which explained that the process has changed with membership renewals for 2026. No mailed renewal letters will be sent to the members this year. Renewal notices are sent by email only. Exceptions will be made for members without an email address.

If you wish to continue as a valid paid member



in 2026, there are three (3) options for submitting your annual dues. These options are described in the following webpage. <https://dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/renew/>

[renew.php](#)

When paying via PayPal using either your PayPal account or a credit/debit card, note that additional donations over \$30 are optional.

St. James Auction

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I already delivered a regulation size bean bag/corn hole toss set that I made and primed. They will further paint it and put the St. James logo on it. This has generated interest in previous years.

If you have any questions please contact George Rodgers at 708-623-9038 or via email at glrodgers@comcast.net

Thanks, George Rodgers

From the Shelves:



With Christmas coming up soon you might want to check out some of the Christmas ornament books that we have in the Library.

Mostly scroll saw related but will be adding one on turning ornaments at the November meeting.

Look for these on the 4. Blue shelf.

Tom Kubica

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.

Need several more member orders to place an order with our supplier.

Thanks, - Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106 (harleypop99@att.net)

Carl Shaffer



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

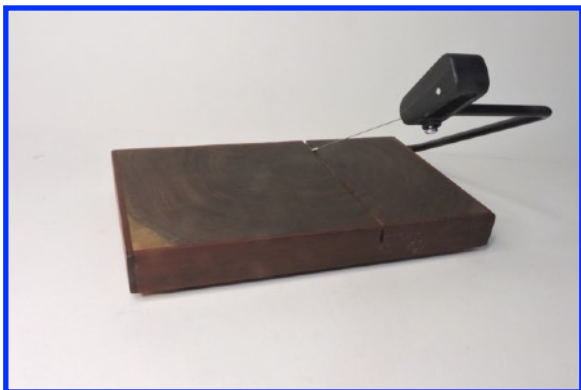
These projects, projects in progress and many more can be seen on your DPWW Gallery Web Page. These projects were submitted prior to our August 18 meeting, or were shown in person at the meeting. With our meetings held via Zoom and in person, if possible, still submit photos of your current projects 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.



Mark Wieting — Salad Bowl
Walnut — Minwax Oil/Wax Finish



Jeff Kramer — Turned Box w/embedded medallion
Cherry — Yorkshire Turning Paste



Bert LeLoup — Cheese Cutter
Walnut — Bread Board Finish



Dave Wesolowicz — Enhanced Bowl
Sapele with Abalone Shell — Tried & True



Bill Hoffman — Jewelry Box
Cherry — Shellac



Bruce Metzdorf — Tree Ornament
Scroll Saw— Lacquer



Greg Waite — Jewelry Box
Cherry — Shellac



Jim Harvey — Sliding Lid Boxes
Church Pew Oak — Various



Bill Hoffman — Tops and Tray
Maple Tops, Walnut Tray — OSMO



Paul Pycik — Turned Rustic Birch Trees
Paper Birch — Deft Lacquer Finish