



Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

Will be in person and via Zoom

- **December 15**
- **January 19**

DPWW Board Meeting

Usually First Monday

- **January 5**
- **February 2**

Activities

- None until new year

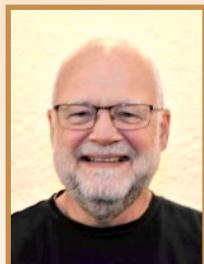
Programs

- **December 15**

- Holiday Party

Links

- [Directory for Board Minutes](#)



George Rogers

President's Message December 2025

Well, the weather has finally let us know we live in Chicago and winter can impact our plans. Fortunately, we still had good weather for our recent progressive shop tour. Thanks to Vaibhav for organizing it and to Michael Fross, Jim Beaurain, Lee Nye and John Zurales for opening their shops and answering our questions. All very different and interesting shops. The talent in our organization is amazing.

I really liked hearing from individuals affiliated with our toy recipient organizations. They all had wonderful stories depicting the impact these toys have on the children they work with. Lizbeth Rios, with Mutual Ground in Aurora, talked about how these toys help children talk about their feelings. The toys give them something that is their own and they have power over. Really touched me to hear those words. Thanks to everyone who contributed toys and helped with the distribution of them. We had another very successful year. All of the toys have been distributed to nine great organizations. Children will have a better holiday season because of our efforts.

This month's general meeting will be our holiday party. We are meeting at St. James, our usual monthly meeting location.

Doors will open at 6pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm

Pizza and salad from Giordano's along with desserts from Costco will be served. We will also be serving coffee, water and soft drinks.

Cost is \$15/person. Payment may be made prior to the meeting or payment will be taken at the door. You can send your payments to our treasurer, Dave Wesolowicz.

Audiologist Sue Zurales will be providing a brief program for your edification.

Questions: contact George Rodgers, g1rogers@comcast.net or 708-623-9038

RSVP to Dave Wesolowicz by Thursday, December 11 so we have an accurate head count.

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I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it for our holiday party. Should be a good time to socialize. I will also have a surprise for you that should bring some joy and conversation to our event.

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TOYS

We had a tremendous collection of toys again this year. I estimate around 3,000 toys were collected and will have been distributed by the time you read this newsletter. Thanks to those that contributed! A huge effort and the resulting joy that children experience will be profound.



Lizbeth Rios
Mutual Ground in Aurora.

The following organizations received toys:

Off the Street Club in the West Garfield Park neighborhood of Chicago, New Moms in the Austin neighbor of Chicago, Refugee One in Chicago, Mutual Ground in Aurora, Developmental Learning Program in Midlothian, Humanitarian Service Project in Carol Stream, the Austin Child Care Provider Network (serving the Garfield Park and Austin neighborhoods along with the south side of Chicago), a sister church to St. James located in Kankakee and, new this year,

[WGN TV Coverage Link](#)



CASE- Glenbard Parents as Teachers in Glendale Hts.

We again received excellent



Doris Barrera and her husband with St. James.

publicity in the Hinsdale Magazine Groups' monthly news magazine that is distributed in Hinsdale,



Joanne Keilman
Developmental Learning Program in Midlothian

Elmhurst, Downers Grove and Oak Brook.

I look forward to another great toy distribution next year. Thanks again for helping others.

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Membership News



Mike Kalscheur

Two more members were added to the DPWW membership roster within the last month. Total membership count is now at 214.

Please welcome member **David Sluder** from Hinsdale. David learned about DPWW from another member and joined at the

November meeting. He listed his woodworking interest as Greene & Greene style furniture.

Also please welcome member **Rich Sheppard** from Downers Grove. Rich learned about DPWW from an article in a local paper.

DPWW Board/Committee Chair Election

The annual DPWW election was held at November meeting, where the 2026 Board member nominee slate passed unanimously. More details will be coming in January on the 2026 Board members. Some Board member positions can always use substitutes to occasionally assist throughout the year.

There are many behind-the-scenes tasks performed by the Board and Committee members to keep this club interesting for all. Ask a Board member if you want more details on what's involved with their position. Or skim/read through the latest version of the DPWW Constitution and Bylaws documents accessible from the Members Only - Board & Governance webpage.

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 which 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.

REMINDER: Membership Dues Renewal

The membership renewal dues payments have been coming in strong with about 50% of households paid up for 2026.

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. Additional donations are also welcomed when paying with cash or personal check. The benefits you reap from DuPage WoodWorkers can be used as your guide for giving.

For those renewing members who wish to receive a current Membership Identification card after submitting a dues payment, just ask at any future meeting. A list of members who have renewed their membership with a dues payment is recorded. New members will always receive their Membership ID card in the year they have joined. If your member profile (home address, email address, preferred phone number) has changed within the last year, please let me know.

Mike Kalscheur

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Building a Router Sled

I have built a few rougher sleds to support making tables out of wood slabs. My current setup does not take up much room, is quick to assemble, and works well. Few of us have room in our shop for a sled setup and end up using the garage. Having a sled table that is quick to set up and break down to get the car back in the garage.



The picture above has all the components placed on or against the garage wall leaving space for a car. There are 6 sawhorses, 12 12x48x3/4 plywood supports, a large Melamine sheet, 2 bottom track sections, one sled assembly, and scrap plywood for spacers.



Set up the sawhorses. The setup can be done on uneven ground as ample shims are used to level the support.

Put the cross supports in place,



using bubble levels and shims to make all cross supports level.



Add the melamine sheet on top and then clamp the tracks assemblies to the melamine.

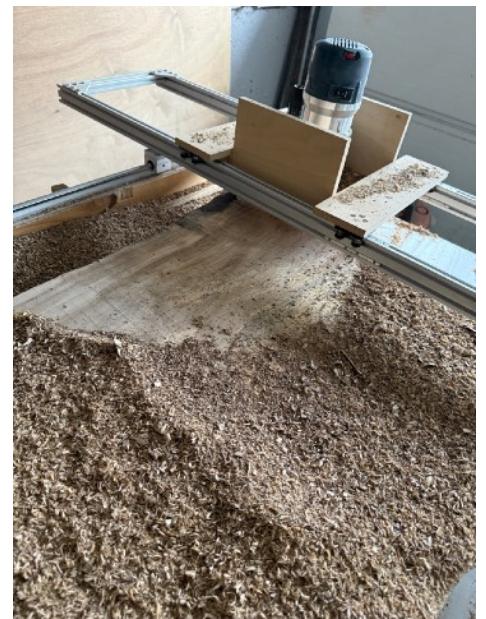


Attach the router sled assembly to the tracks. The sled construction is not covered in this article. It is constructed out of [2020 extruded aluminum](#), [linear rails](#), bearings and related fittings.

Align the tracks so they are parallel. If the slab being flattened fits under the router



blade, you are ready to start cutting. If not, add spacers under the bottom tracks to raise the cutting head above the workpiece.



Make cuts of an eighth of an inch based on the bit used, and the power of the router. Adjust to ensure the router is not working too hard and bogging down. My router has a variable speed and I like the results with a slower speed. Let me know if you want some help in making yours.

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Ron Colliander

Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. James Arthurs moderated the December 6 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

1. A follow-up noting successful use of a heat gun to loosen hide-glue joints during antique chair repair.
2. Discussion on Greene and Greene style furniture and the interior web frame construction.
3. Methods for addressing insect burrowing, including epoxy fills and the option of adding fine sawdust.
4. A multi-generation project involving the construction of a wooden foosball table.
5. Glue behavior and selection among Titebond formulas, including features of extended-open-time versions, water solubility, and the use of UV light to detect residual glue.
6. Considerations on maintaining glue-dispensing bottles versus using original containers.
7. Methods for adding maple edging to quartz slabs for a credenza project, including the use of epoxy adhesive, cutting the slab with a supporting bevel, and the challenges of drilling into quartz due to its hardness.
8. Project ideas for repurposing kitchen quartz cutouts into furniture tops, including small outdoor tables, contemporary stands, and the use of Pinterest for design inspiration.

There will be another SIYC meeting at 9:00AM on Saturday, January 3. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual Email Zoom invitation.

Ron Colliander

Restarting in January

- From Our Workshop, including prizes
- Door Prizes
- Library
- Clothing Sales
- Programs
- Activities