



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

- **March 18**
- **April 15**

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually First Monday via
Zoom

- **April 1**
- **May 6**

Future Activities

- **March 16**
– [Raw Heartwood - West Chicago](#)
- **April 6**
– [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#)
- **April 27**
– [Toy Workshop](#)

Programs

- **March 18**
– [Milescraft Woodworking Tools - Aaron Raders](#)
- **April 15**
– [Chainsaw Carving - Bud Hainzinger](#)



President's Message - March 2024

I continue to enjoy the unseasonably warm weather we have been experiencing. I hope you are able to take advantage of the weather and as a result get more woodworking done.

Bruce Metzdorf has arranged for a representative of **Milescraft** to present to us this month. If you aren't familiar with **Milescraft** they have through the years provided many innovative products to help make woodworking easier and more enjoyable. It will be interesting to hear about their new products and be able to ask them questions.

Jeff Kramer has arranged for a field trip to [Raw Heartwood Lumber](#) retailer and woodshop in West Chicago for Saturday, March 16. Please see [more information in the newsletter](#) about this.

Our next toy making workshop will be held on **Saturday, April 27**. Please see the [article in this newsletter](#) for more information. It is a great opportunity to mix and mingle with other woodworkers, perhaps learn some new techniques or just come to enjoy some donuts and pizza. Always a good time being with others and helping those less fortunate.

As of March 1 if you have not renewed for 2024 you have been dropped from our roster. Please renew as quickly as possible so you can continue to receive this newsletter, updates on activities and organization discounts at local and some online retailers.

We always encourage feedback and thoughts about how to improve our organization. Please reach out to me or one of the other board members.

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

DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting March 4, 2024



George Rodgers opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00 Present were Gordon Brand, Jim Harvey, Bill Hoffman, Michael Kalscheur, Jeff Kramer, Tom Kubica, Bruce Metzdorf, Lee Nye, Harry Trainor, Dave Wesolowicz, Mark Wieting, Steve Young.

Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval – No additions or changes. February minutes were approved.



Treasurer's Report: (*Dave Wesolowicz*) – A detailed spreadsheet of finances had been distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of February 29, the club has \$6604 in its accounts. Dave stated that he had filed the IRS tax forms and had also completed the Illinois annual filing.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership (*Mike Kalscheur*) – As of March 1, about 30 past members had not renewed their annual dues and have been removed from the roster. There have been three (3) new members join in February which brings the total membership to 197. Most of the non-renewals had joined within the last 2 to 3 years. It was requested that the list of non-renewals be circulated to the Board.

Library (*Tom Kubica*) – There has been another donation of books from *Mark McLeary*. Additionally, *George Rodgers* will bring in three boxes of books to the March meeting.

Prizes (*Harry Trainor*) – March prizes will be a Dremel Kit for the top prize and a multi bit drill set plus a \$15 gift card for second prize.

Publicity (*Mark Wieting*) – No report.

Toys (*George Rodgers*) – The first toy workshop will be on April 27th at Woodcraft.

Newsletter (*Jim Harvey*) – Articles are needed for the March edition by no later than Friday, March 8. Those that went to the Milwaukee woodworking show, comments would be appreciated. George will send photos of projects that have been done for the church.

From Our Workshop (*Lee Nye*) – Lee indicated that he would miss the next two meetings. He did pick up prizes at the Menard's Bag Sale. George, or another member, will take Lee's spot at the next to meetings.

Activities (*Jeff Kramer*) – On March 16, there will be a trip to **Raw Heartwood in West Chicago**. Jeff will arrange for an optional breakfast location for those interested. April's activity will be the toy workshop and May will be a progressive shop visit focused on the Glen Ellyn / Wheaton area.

Programs (*Bruce Metzdorf*) – The March program will be put on by *Milescraft*. They will demonstrate and talk about some of their products. April's program will be on chainsaw carving by *Bud Hainzinger*. This will be a discussion, not a demonstration.

A/V (*George Rodgers*) – The new camera (for the zoom in shots) was used at the February meeting but the mounting system did not work out. Some adjustments will need to be made.

Web (*Bill Hoffman*) – We need to purchase a Microsoft subscription as our subscription is no longer available. We are keeping up with the classifieds that are sent in. A write-up of this month's activity is needed so it can be included on the website. Bill gave the Board a preliminary peek at the new website look. While it is in the very early stages, the Board seemed happy with the initial appearance.

Tools (*Gordon Brand*) – Gordon will distribute web page classified notices to the membership.

Old Business:

a. **July Picnic** – *Jeff Kramer* – Currently, the picnic is planned from 6 to 7pm on July 15th. This will be immediately before our monthly general meeting. There was discussion about who should be invited, cost, rain issues, etc. The church may need a liability letter if the event is held inside. The question was raised as to general interest. Jeff will do a quick polling to determine if there is sufficient interest to move forward.

b. **Explore More Day event at Winfield school.** – *George Rodgers* – Several concerns were discussed from liability, to time to complete a project, to ability levels, etc. Overall, the Board thought it best to not participate in this event.

New Business:

a. **AV help** – *George Rodgers* – Need two people to run AV efficiently during meetings – We need a second person that can assist in operating the equipment. Several issues occurred with the Zoom participants in last month's meeting.

b. **Jason Marosi stabilizing resin donations** – *George Rodgers* – In addition to a donation of both types of resin spoken about at the wood stabilization program, Jason Marosi also donated a vacuum system to the club. It was decided to offer the donations to the members at a discounted price. An email notification will be sent out.

Adjournment – 7:53pm
– *Steve Young*



Sawdust In Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were twelve participants at the March 2 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:



1. Material for drawer sides and bottoms in workshop cabinets with or without slides
2. Dust collection for miter saw and lathe
3. Kids' school project outreach with elementary school in Winfield,
4. Upcoming field trip to Raw Heartwood wood supplier in West Chicago
5. How to control dye leakage when filling voids with colored epoxy

There will be another SIYC meeting at **9:00 on Saturday, April 6**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual EMail Zoom invitation. — **Ron Colliander**

February Meeting Recap

Jason Marosi, VP and Lead Engineer from **BVV in Naperville** presented some of their products. BVV makes equipment for industrial scale processing of chemicals by pressure or by vacuum. Some of their lines fit well with hobby woodworking. He showed several pressure vessels and chemical resins with which wood can be impregnated by applying air pressure in a sealed chamber.

Jason kindly donated a three gallon vacuum chamber and two half gallon containers of resin to the DPWW (see below). These will be offered for sale to members, watch for an EMail announcement.



March 18 DPWW Meeting

Milescraft

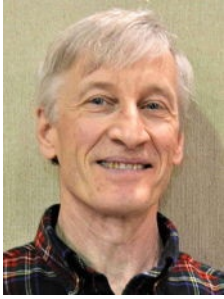
Milescraft representatives will talk about and show some of the newest woodworking products that they make. Maybe even show us some in the pipeline. **Milescraft** is headquartered in Elgin.

— **Bruce Metzdorf**





Membership News



Three (3) new members were added to the membership roster within the last month. Please welcome these members listed below at future meetings and activities.

- **Bob Righetti** from Lemont
- **Frank Lawson** from Darien
- **Dennis Kucia** from Chicago

The DPWW total member count was adjusted down on March 1st by roughly 30 members (~14%) because of non-renewing members. Reasons for member's not renewing (paying annual dues) are many. This membership decrease level at this time of year is typical of previous years. Members wishing to improve this organization need only volunteer their time and expertise to assist with "running this club". Audio/Visual equipment expertise is especially needed during meetings. Your commitment can provide a better learning experience for all members.

If you don't recall whether or not you've renewed for 2024, just ask before sending a dues payment. FYI: Past members cannot renew their membership at the half-year dues level (\$15) during the July through September period.

Mike Kalscheur
membership@dupagewoodworkers.org

March Activity



DPWW Visit to **RAW Heartwood**, at 10:00AM on Saturday, March 16, 2024

Our March activity will be a visit to RAW Heartwood which is located at:
 1130 Carolina Drive, Unit C
 West Chicago, IL 60185

RAW Heartwood is a sustainably sourced lumber retail and woodworking shop that was established by Garret Magnusson in West Chicago in June of 2019. Garret utilizes his Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies and years of experience as a Park Foreman to perfect the process of vacuum kiln drying lumber in order to create the most durable custom builds, perfect live edge slabs, and stunning epoxy river tables and charcuterie boards.

Join us for breakfast at the **Egg Yolk Cafe** before our visit.

We will be meeting at the Egg Yolk Cafe at 8:45/9:00 AM prior to going to RAW Heartwood (NOTE: the restaurant is about 2.5 miles from RAW Heartwood)

Egg Yolk Cafe
 100 S Neltnor Blvd
 West Chicago, IL 60185

Please use [this link to sign up for this event](#) and/or breakfast

Please respond by Thursday, March 14 – Thank you

Questions? Contact **Jeff Kramer** at kramer123@hotmail.com.

— **Jeff Kramer**

Internet Link of the Month

Have you ever wondered what's "boiled" about BLO? (hint: it doesn't mean the oil is Boiled) Maybe you're just wondering what BLO is. **Steve Voigt** is writing a book about traditional wood finishes for Lost Art Press. The following links to an excerpt from the book discussing Boiled Linseed Oil in great detail.

<https://blog.lostartpress.com/2024/03/03/the-lowdown-on-blo/>





Community Involvement

Fr. Keith at St. James requested an “Alleluia” sign for use in a church service where the sign will be “buried” and resurrected on Easter. He wanted the letters to be about 5” high with the overall width around 10”. This necessitated that the sign be about 36” long to accommodate the width of the letters. *Doug Carroll* made the letters out of 3/4” poplar with his Shaper Origin router. *George Rodgers* made the background from 1/2” plywood and the frame from modified chair rail. The plywood background was stained dark and finished with shellac. The letters and frame were spray painted gold. The overall size is about 12” tall by 43” long. The two pictures depict the cut out letters along with the finished sign.



More Community Involvement

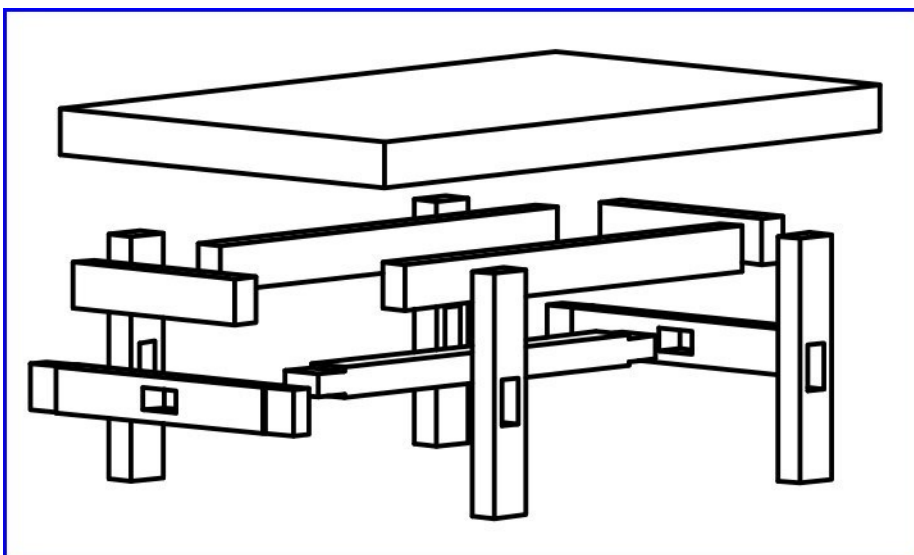
Attached are two pics of the walnut cross I built to mount a Jesus figure on. Father Keith gave me the dimensions and requested that it be able to be hung. I cut a keyhole slot in the back and gave him a wall anchor with a #8 screw to fit in the keyhole.

– *George Rodgers*



Toy of the Month **Barbie Doll Sized Table**

This is another doll furniture design by Wally Schmidt. The top of the table is 3/4" stock. All the rest of the pieces are 3/4" x 1/2" stock. Click the photo for a detailed PDF drawing with dimensions from the [Dupage Woodworkers Web Site](#).



Library Update

Member **Mark McLeary** donated 20 books. Included in this was a 13 volume Time

Life set covering tools and projects. Come check it out at the March meeting.

There will also be some free books available as well.

— **Tom Kubica**



Milwaukee Woodworking Show Recap

On February 17, 10 DPWW members attended the Milwaukee Woodworkers Show. There were about 50 exhibitors, some of whom offered discounted products. There were also 12 seminars most of which were free. The two sessions I attended were very interesting.

It all provided for an interesting time but compared to prior years this show seemed lackluster.

While there were a good number of exhibitors, the displays seemed lacking. Hopefully, there will be improvements implemented for next year. I did happen to notice that the Tampa, Kansas City, and Nashville shows scheduled after Milwaukee have been canceled. Photos below by *Dave Wesolowicz*.

— **Jeff Kramer**



More Inspiration

Why make a boring bird house?



Borrow DPWW Tools



One benefit of being a member of the DuPage Woodworkers is that we have tools you can borrow. Our Work Sharp has been upgraded with a knife and scissor sharpening attachment. Also DPWW now has a Performax 12" planer, an HVLP sprayer, and a small bandsaw. The scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, Work Sharp, planer, sprayer, bandsaw, and Drill Doctor are available to DPWW members by contacting



Wayne Maier 630-303-1341

Logo Clothing



Welcome to all DPWW members from our DPWW clothing store. Stop by at my display location during the Monday meeting for introductions. We started with the green polo shirts and tan hats with the embroidered DPWW logo. We added the long sleeve T shirts with the embroidered DPWW logo. Our clothing supplier offers LS and SS faded Blue Denim. Let me know if this or any other item would be of interest. Enjoy the Spring, and attend events wearing your DPWW shirts and hats.



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

From Our Workshop

Prize Drawing - February 2024

Winners at the February meeting: **Brian Wilkerson, Dave Wesolowicz, Tony Leto**



**February Door Prize winners
Jim Scudder and Jim Beurain**



March Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- Dremel Rotary Tool Kit
- 110 Piece Drill Bit Set Plus \$15 Gift Card



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

- **Harry Trainor**



Inspirational Projects of the Month

Bent Leg Tables

There are a number of these on Etsy. I'll bet these will test your skills with the dado stack.



Toy Makers Workshop



DPWW and [Woodcraft \(75th St. and Woodward Ave. in Woodridge\)](#) will be hosting a toy making workshop on **Saturday, April 27** from 9am to 3pm. We are hoping to have people contribute some of their time to helping bandsaw, drill, route, sand and assemble toys for our annual Christmas Holiday give-a-way program. The plan is to have people come 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. We will be making toy doll beds and vehicles.

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 [March DPWW general meeting](#). We also have patterns and directions for making toys which are available at each general meeting. If you only have some equipment such as just a drill press, etc. we can always use help completing part of the project or help with assembly. Pick what you feel comfortable doing. Any help is appreciated.

For those without equipment at home to make toys remember that the club has a drill press and scroll saw to borrow.

Last year we made over 3000 toys! Let's keep it up!

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From Our Workshop February - 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 February 19 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 also be featured during the next in person and Zoom monthly meeting "From Our Workshop" session.



Ed Buhot - Box
Pecan, Peruvian Walnut - Poly



Tim McAuley - Headboard
Oak - Poly



Tony Leto - Phone Stylus



Mark McCleary - Treasure Box
Cherry - Deft Lacquer



Brian Ferguson - Infill Plane
Cherry - Shellac



Tom Olson - Turned Bowl
Acacia, Padauk - CA Glue



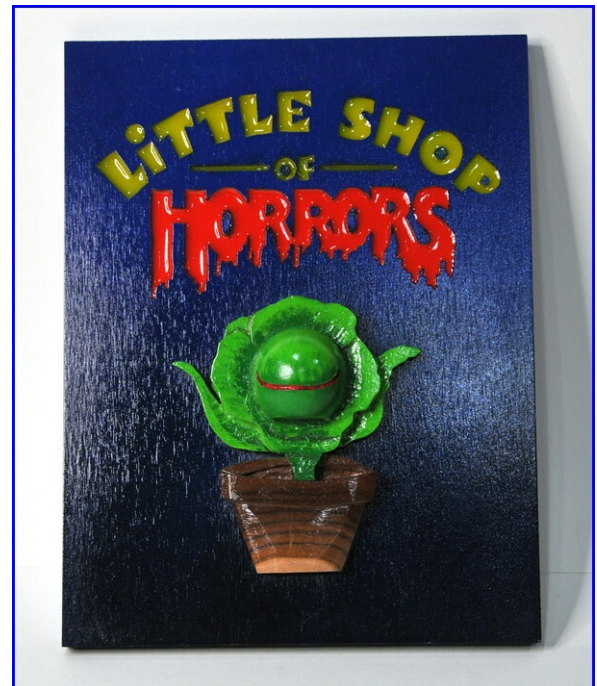
Jeff Kramer - Amp Box
Red Oak - BLO



Paul Pycik - Spin tops
Maple - Deft/Oil



Dave Wesolowicz - Fretwork
Baltic Birch - Shellac



Rick Ogren - Wooden Plaque
Walnut, Plywood - Spray Paint, Epoxy



Whit Anderson - Coffee Scoop/Clip
Cherry, Birch - Oil



Jim Beaurain - Music Stand
Oak - Gel Stain, Oil

About From Our Workshop

FOW is an important part of our DPWW meetings and we love to see what other members have made and hear about details of their work. Though our meetings are both in-person at St. James, and broadcast via Zoom, please submit photos online, even if you plan to bring your project to the in person meeting. You can find [the online form](#) under the [members only tab](#) on our web site. The Google form asks for your name, for project info like in this section, then allows for uploading up to three image files. Your photos, on screen at the meeting and on Zoom give everyone a better view of projects than our video cameras can see. Whether in-person or on Zoom, you can speak about your project when called upon.

Please continue to bring your projects to the in-person meetings so we can see them. There will be a drawing at the March meeting for FOW prizes to those who attend in-person. If you need assistance submitting project photos, contact:

— **Lee Nye** woodworkerlee828@gmail.com.