

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

- **May 20**
- **June 17**

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually First Monday

- **June 3**
- **July 1**

Future Activities

- **May 18**
– [Small Shop Visits - Glen Ellyn area](#)
- **June 1**
– [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#)
- **July 15**
– Pre Meeting Picnic

Programs

- **May 20**
– [Vacuum Veneering - Mark Osgood](#)
- **June 17**
– Bandsaw vs. Scrollsaw vs. JigSaw - [Bruce Metzdorf](#)



President's Message - May 2024

Those with shops in their garages or other unconditioned outdoor structures are hopefully able to enjoy some time in their shops this spring. Won't be long before it gets too hot! I have been enjoying the weather while constructing a micro food pantry with some volunteer buddies from my Habitat for

Humanity days. Here is a link to a website [about micro pantries](#). I see building more of these as a potential group project of DuPage Woodworkers depending on being able to get funds for the materials or using materials in our own shops. More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

I thought **Bud Hainzinger** did a very nice job talking about his chain saw carving. He answered a lot of questions. I am still amazed how people are able to see what it is they are creating and remove only the material they want without removing too much!

This month's program will be organization member **Mark Osgood** discussing vacuum pumps. Mark uses a vacuum pump and vacuum bag for vacuum pressing veneers. I am not sure if he might also discuss using a vacuum pump for clamping, bent lamination in a vacuum bag or using vacuum chucking for holding objects on a lathe. Mark is a wealth of knowledge. His previous presentations several years ago have always been interesting.

I'm looking forward to our progressive shop visits on **Saturday, May 18**. Thanks to **Jeff Kramer** for organizing this and to **Wayne Maier, Chad Montgomery** and **Dave Wesolowicz** for opening up their shops.

In July we are going to have a picnic for organization members only prior to our July meeting. The July meeting will consist of From Our Workshop entries. If you have a special project that you want others to see this meeting will be a great time to bring it. Please see the [picnic article](#) later in this newsletter for more information.

St. James will be having their annual golf outing and auction on Friday, August 2. We have donated handmade wooden items in the past for this

auction. Please consider donating a wooden item you have made for this worthy cause. I will be collecting these donations at the July general meeting. We do not pay for rental of our meeting space at St. James. This is one way we can give back to them for their hospitality.

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 May 6, 2024



Steve Young.

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

some coverage of the recent toy workshop. He will try again at the next workshop and at the toy distribution in November.

Prizes (Harry Trainor) – May raffle prizes include a 1st Prize 40 router bit set and a 2nd Prize digital caliper.

Toys (George Rodgers) – The first toy workshop had a nice turnout of 24 participants. Approximately 100 beds were produced and about 500 vehicles were made. The second workshop date has yet to be confirmed.

Newsletter (Jim Harvey) – Articles for the May newsletter are needed by Friday, May 10th. The newsletter may be a few days late due to personal conflicts. Thirteen FOW projects will be featured. **Mike Kalscheur** will write an article on his work assisting in the resizing of a bed. **Jeff Kramer** will produce an article on the upcoming picnic.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – Lee stated that he has small aluminum squares that will be used as participant prizes.

Activities (Jeff Kramer) – May’s activity will be the progressive shop tour. Three locations have been agreed to. Currently 11 have signed up for the event. Another notice will be released this week. A June activity has not yet been established. July’s activity will be the club picnic. Jeff has also reached out to Garfield Farms to obtain information on their planned events.

Programs (Bruce Metzdorf) – May’s program will be on using vacuum pumps in veneering. **Mark Osgood** will be the presenter. Bruce will be providing a program in June on Bandsaw vs. Scrollsaw vs. JigSaw. Bruce suggested that we offer a non-paid presenter a gratuity such as an engraved coffee mug. The cost per mug is estimated to be \$25. The funding is available in Bruce’s budget to proceed.

A/V (Howard Peterson) – No Report.

Web (Bill Hoffman) – No Report.

Tools (Gordon Brand) – Franz Kassel(?) has shop equipment that will be offered in the near future. More information to follow. The widow of **Bernard Rich** may also be interested in divesting her late husband’s tools

Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval

– April minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: (Dave Wesolowicz) –

Current cash on hand at Old Second bank is approximately \$3,300. The current PayPal balance is about \$3,900. Dave suggested that DPWW may wish to invest \$3,000 in a 6 month certificate of deposit paying 5% interest. This would earn a small amount of interest that we currently are not receiving. The DPWW Board unanimously approved the purchase of the \$3,000 6 month CD.

Communications

Secretary – No report

President – George Rodgers stated that St. James had contacted him regarding their annual golf outing. DPWW has typically sponsored one hole for a \$100 contribution. This same sponsorship was recommended and approved for this year. Additionally, club members typically donate items to their annual auction. No information on the auction is currently available.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership (Mike Kalscheur) – Membership additions have been a bit slow. Only two new members joined in April. This brings our total membership to 201. The roster is current.

Library (Tom Kubica) – **Mark Wieting** brought to the last meeting two boxes of books that had been donated by **Laura Rossio**. Some of these will be available to the members at our upcoming meeting in May.

Publicity (Mark Wieting) – Mark tried to get



Old Business:

a. July Picnic – Jeff Kramer – 63 surveys were completed. 90% of the responses were in favor of a picnic. 94% of the responses indicated a willingness to contribute \$5 to the picnic. The picnic committee will firm up the menu (hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken breasts?) and begin to organize the event. The DPWW board unanimously approved proceeding with the member's picnic prior to the July monthly meeting.

New Business:

a. Micro Food Pantry – George Rodgers –

Several club members have donated assistance, materials or money to the project. The group meets at George's workshop to construct the pantries. A list of materials used / needed will be circulated to members to see if others may wish to contribute. Home Depot was approached but has used up their current donation allotment.

New Business:

Purchase of CD – Dave Wesolowicz – Discussed in Treasurer's Report above.

Adjournment – 7:47pm

— **Steve Young**

April Meeting Recap

Bud Hainzinger Chain Saw Carving

We had 53 members live or on Zoom at the April 15 DPWW meeting. The speaker was **Bud Hainzinger** who is an accomplished Chain Saw carver. Bud showed several of his smaller works at the meeting but the tree trunk sized carvings had to be brought on a slide deck. Much of his talk centered around his primary tools and some of the adaptations that make his chain saws and grinders suitable for intricate work. Safety is a primary concern. Bud has a [nice web site](#) (check out the Gallery) and does commission work on request.



May 20 DPWW Meeting

Mark Osgood - Vacuum Pumps in Veneering



Mark Osgood is a life-long woodworker. His first major project was building a sailing dingy when he was 13. Growing up around water, he worked in boatyards in Florida, Ohio, and Chicago, doing extensive repairs. He had a long career in the Chicago futures markets and found woodworking to be a helpful stress reliever. He has been building wooden bicycles since 2013. Mark has presented at DPWW before, showing his skill at making [wooden bicycles](#). He lectures at **Marc Adams** on his bicycles and on Veneering. At our May meeting, he will be talking about the tools and application of vacuum press

techniques. — **Bruce Metzdorf**



Membership News



Two (2) new members were added to the membership roster within the last month. Please welcome these members listed below at future meetings and activities. Total membership count is now at 201.

• *Charles & Elizabeth Doren* from West Chicago

— *Mike Kalscheur* – membership@dupagewoodworkers.org

Activities

May 18 – Progressive Shop Visits



Please join us at 10:00 AM on **Saturday, May 18, 2024**, for a progressive tour of three members' wood shops. The participants will be divided into small groups and move between the three shops during the morning.

Click the following link to sign up for this event.
[Progressive Shop Visits May 18](#)

Please register by May 15, 2024. This will provide sufficient time to assign individuals to each of the three groups and send notifications accordingly.

July 15 – Pre-Meeting Picnic

The survey results showed significant support for this event. The committee will be working out the details necessary to hold this event. A picnic registration form will be sent out in the near future.

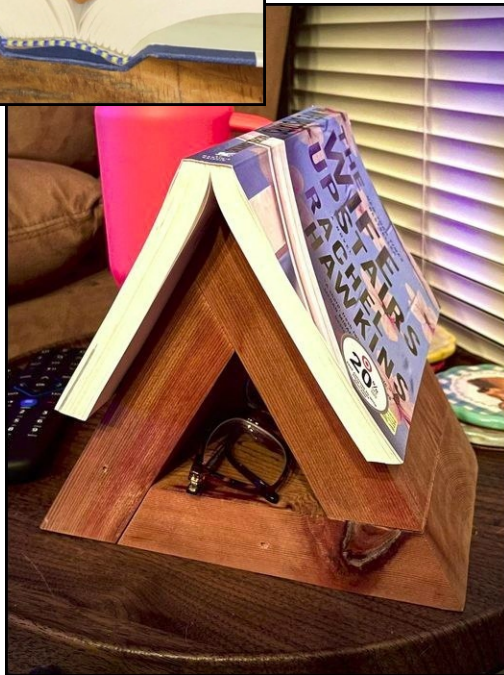
August 4 – MWTCA Antique Tool Show at Garfield Farm Park

— *Jeff Kramer*

Ideas: Book Holder Opener



Ideas: Book Dock



Sawdust In Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 11 participants at the May 4 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:



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| 1. Reminder of the Picnic survey and upcoming shop tour. | 5. Mini food pantry review build. |
| 2. Miter saw bench completion photos and review. | 6. Three phase power discussion. |
| 3. Toy making production methods. | 7. Kitchen island progress review. |
| 4. Repair methods for outdoor table split. | 8. End table top assembly to base to allow for movement. |
| | 9. Electronic clock review. |

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



Toy of the Month Safari and Farm Animals

A *Stan Anderson* unisex design. These use only 1x material and would be good candidates for a jig saw. **Pictures here are half scale.** For the full image download the [PDF from the DPWW web site](#). *Ron Colliander* brought some Animals to the April toy workshop. Ron added wheels, a nice touch but you have to cut the axles down.

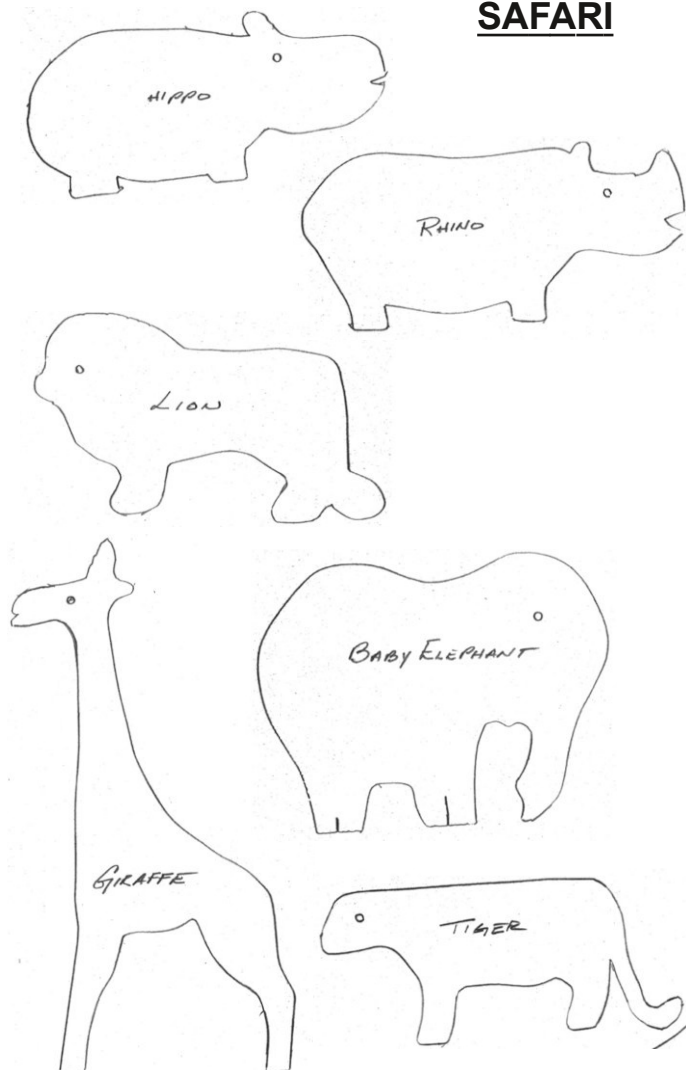
Material: 3/4" poplar or pine

Finish: None, leave wood in natural state

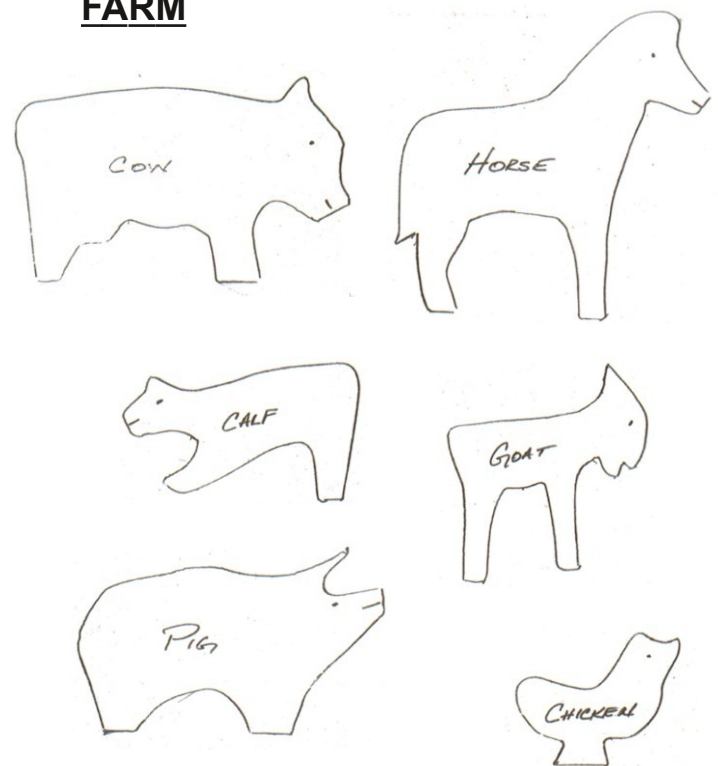
1. Trace pattern to your 3/4" work piece. Keep in mind wood grain direction in small areas.
2. Minimum quantity for each piece is 10. If you do cut more pieces, keep the quantity in balance with each other.
3. Sand all sharp edges.
4. Be sure all animals have appropriate markings (eyes, mouth, and tails).

This animals will be bagged in sets. Completed animals will be collected at the November meeting so they can be packaged for delivery.

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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, **Performax planer**, sprayer, bandsaw, and Drill Doctor are available to 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**



Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the DPWW meetings! Thanks to **Mary Olson** and the others who pitched in at the October and November meetings.

Anyone is welcome to make coffee. Just arrive a little after 6:00 and join the fun with others preparing coffee, cookies, and cleanup afterwards.

From Our Workshop

Prize Drawing - April 2024

Bill Ward Rick Ogren/Whit Anderson, Bob Bakshis

April Door Prize winners

Jim Scudder and Steve Young



May Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- 40 router bits in a wooden case (1/2" shaft).
- Digital Caliper.



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

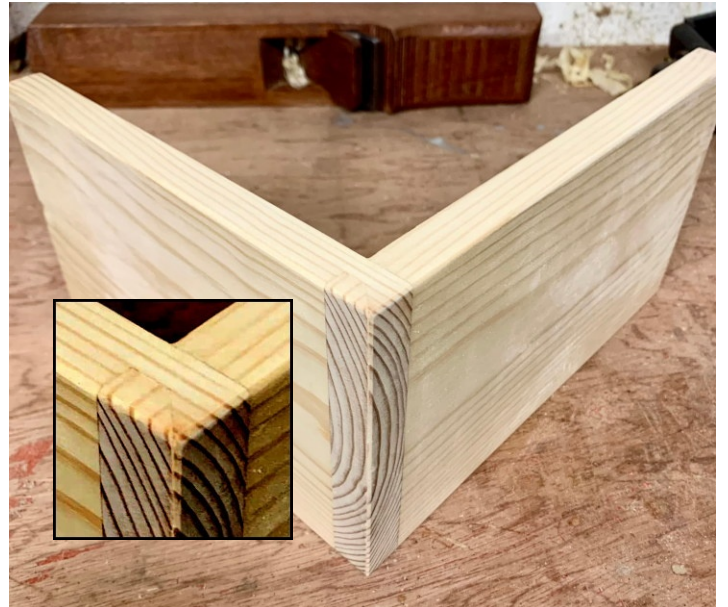
– **Bruce Kinney**



Inspirational Projects of the Month
 An AMAZING table and some Joinery for you to try.

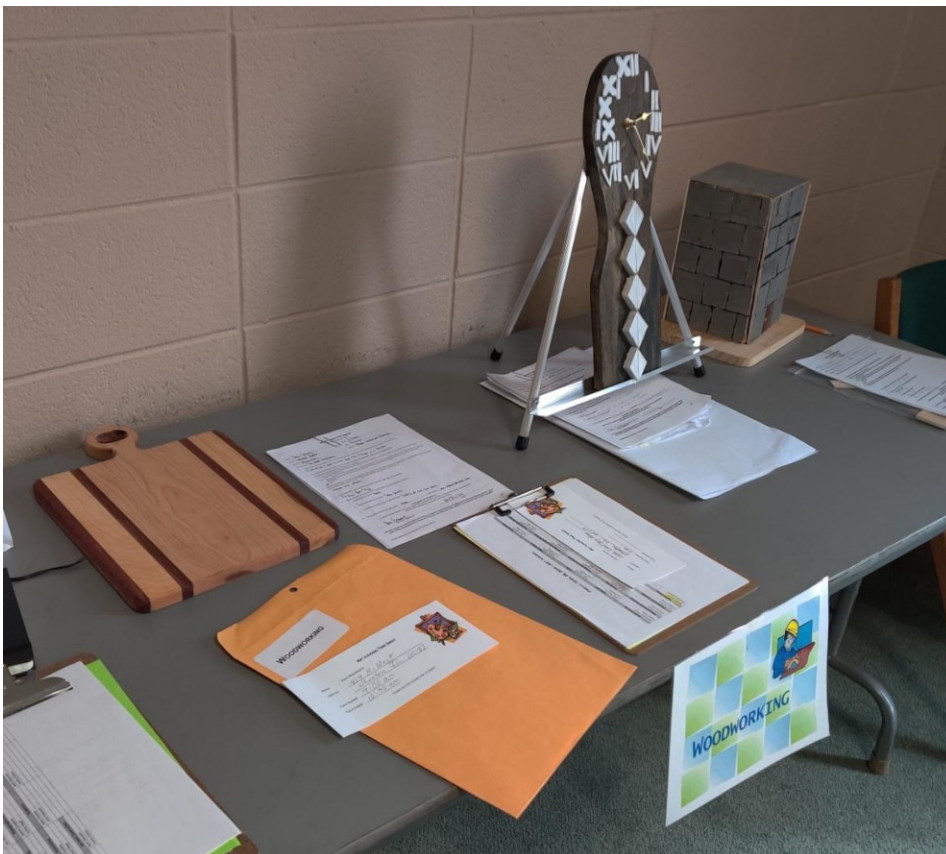


Paul Loeback



George Nakashima
 The Soul of a Tree, page 124

Community Involvement



**Judging at the 2024 IACS
 Junior High Bible, Academic,
 & Fine Arts Tournament
 4/26/24**

DPWW members *Gordon Brand* and *David Wesolowicz* served as judges of the Woodworking entries at this tournament. Entries came from a number of area schools from students in the 7th and 8th grades.

Categories, besides woodworking, included painting, drawing, photography, musical performance, fabric arts, sculpting and others.

Gordon and Dave evaluated 3 woodworking entries, offering detailed written comments to each entry. The three entries were a wooden tower, a clock and a Charcuterie board. There was a clear winner but all 3 were good efforts by 8th graders.



Toy Workshop - April 27, 2024

The DPWW toy committee held a toy making workshop on Saturday, April 27 at the [Woodcraft Store in Woodridge](#). We routed and assembled 100 doll beds. We also drilled, sanded, routed and glued wheels and axles to 500 vehicles and animal cut outs. Thanks to the 24 members that participated on Saturday. Special thanks to **Rick Ogren, Ron Colliander, Dave Wesolowicz, Harry Trainor** and **Bruce Metzdorf** for helping prepare the pieces to various stages of completion for use at the workshop. **Walt Schmidt** and **Harry Trainor** helped set up the night before. Extra thanks to **Mark Wieting, Jim Harvey, Harry Trainor** 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 18**. They will be distributed that evening to organizations that provide them to needy children.

Thanks again to all those that helped.

— **George Rodgers**





From Our Workshop April 2024 - 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 April 15 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.



**Bob Bakshis - Tank
Oak - Poly**



**Jeff Kramer - Pill Manager
Oak - BLO, Odies Oil**



**Mike & Doug Perry - Fire Log Rack
6x6 Treated Posts - None**



Tony Leto - Pens



**Nathan Wick - Label Cast Pens
Epoxy - Polished**



**George Rodgers - Charcuterie Board
Monkey Pod/Epoxy - Odies Oil**



Paul Pycik - Textured Turnings
Walnut, Cherry, Dymondwood - Lacquer, Oil, Wax



Jon Stehlik - Garage Wood Racks
Various - None



Bill Ward - Stumbly
Walnut, Tiger Maple, Sitka Spruce - Lacquer



Mike Perry - Floating Shelves
Pine/Spruce - Clear Poly



Bruce Metzdorf - "Love" Shelf
Plywood & Maple - Emmett's Good Stuff



Rick Ogren & Whit Andersen - 39 Steps Plaque
Baltic Birch Ply - Lacquer



David Wesolowicz - The Bear
Baltic Birch Ply - Stain/Lacquer