



Calendar

Next Meeting: January 25

January 16, 7 pm
Period Furniture SIG
see page 8 for details

Bosch National Training Facility
901 S. Rohlwing Rd., Addison, IL

January 25, 7 pm
DPWW Regular Meeting
usually the fourth Wednesday of the month
St. James Church
John Ressler, Guitar Making

February 4, 8 am
DPWW Breakfast
usually the second Wednesday of the month
Panera Bread Restaurant
Glen Ellyn

February 6, 7 pm
Board Meeting
St. James Church

February 8, 8 am
DPWW Breakfast
usually the first Saturday of the month
Panera Bread Restaurant
Glen Ellyn

February 15, 7 pm
DPWW Regular Meeting
note change of date
St. James Church

February 18 and 19, 10–4
Winter Wood Wonders
Kane County Fair Grounds
525 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles

March 28, 7 pm
DPWW Regular Meeting
usually the fourth Wednesday of the month
St. James Church
Dremel Tools, Tom Sharpe

Programs



Keith Rosche

One of the most graceful forms of woodworking is the creation of musical instruments. Out-going Program Director Wayne Maier has arranged for John Ressler who builds (and teaches how to build) custom guitars, dulcimers, and other folk instruments to be our January presenter.

John is also the author of [*Pickin' Stick: Building a Stringed Instrument*](#). If you haven't seen a pickin' stick, come to the January meeting and take a look.

John will also be bringing some parts of guitars in various stages of construction and some that are finished. During the course of his presentation you will find out if building a pickin' stick, or even a guitar, sounds like a project you'd like to try.



When he builds custom guitars, John like his customers to be involved in the process as John makes a guitar especially suited to their playing style and type of music. Frequently his customers come by the workshop and discuss the type of wood to be used and the the amount and type of inlay.

Most of the teaching that John does is through the [Marc Adams School of Woodworking](#) where he has been teaching for 6 years.

Those of you who were at the Designed Stairs tour in 2011 met John during the tour since that is John's "day job." If you'd like to find out more about John before our next meeting, take a look at [his website](#).



Activities



Al Cheeks

New Turners; If you are a new turner and want to progress beyond pens and stoppers, learn to turn pepper mills. We are seeking your interest in setting up group sessions with Rich Rossio in pepper mill turning.

The cost of the session will be \$25, mostly to cover materials. The dates and times of the sessions will be determined based upon responses. If you are interested, email me, alcheeks@comcast.net, or see me at our next meeting.

Several members attended an all day class on airbrushing by Josh Guge. In addition to instruction on the use of an airbrush, time was spent practicing painting freehand or using various stencils and patterns.

Guests and New Members

Bruce Kinney – Membership Chairman

Five woodworkers joined our club in December. We welcome the following folks to the *DuPage Woodworkers* club—Tom Mole from Glendale Heights, Bill Ward from Glen Ellyn, Eric Dustin from Gilberts, and Rick Freund from Bolingbrook.

We are especially grateful to have these new members come on board. The *DuPage Woodworkers* club welcomes you. Our members will seek you out at upcoming meetings so we can get to know you.

Parking

Bruce Kinney

Who woulda thunk it? Parking has become a problem for many of our members. We used to set up 60 chairs for our meetings and many would go empty. Now we set up about 100 and they all fill up. That is wonderful, but all those chair fillers need a place to park.

Keep in mind that there is another lot on

the south side of the church. I know it's a hike from there to get to our regular entrance, especially for our less mobile members. For that reason alone, lets save the Handicap Restricted parking for them.

I will find a way to open the south door so south lot parkers have a shorter walk in bad weather. I'll need help here in the form of volunteers to watch the south door and admit members if the door is locked. You can volunteer for this by giving me a call at (630) 369-3387.

Door Prizes

Len Swanson

The door prizes for the January meeting will be:

- Rockler Quick Release Vise
- Pair of clamps along with a router mat
- Table saw feather board

At the February meeting we will also have tickets for the March special door prizes of 3 Dremel tools; the Trio, the 300, and Multimax. Tom Sharpe will give a presentation about Dremel tools at the March meeting.



From Our Library



Ken Everett

Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide to Bandsaws

Published 2010, this modern addition to our library offers everything you might want to know about bandsaws.

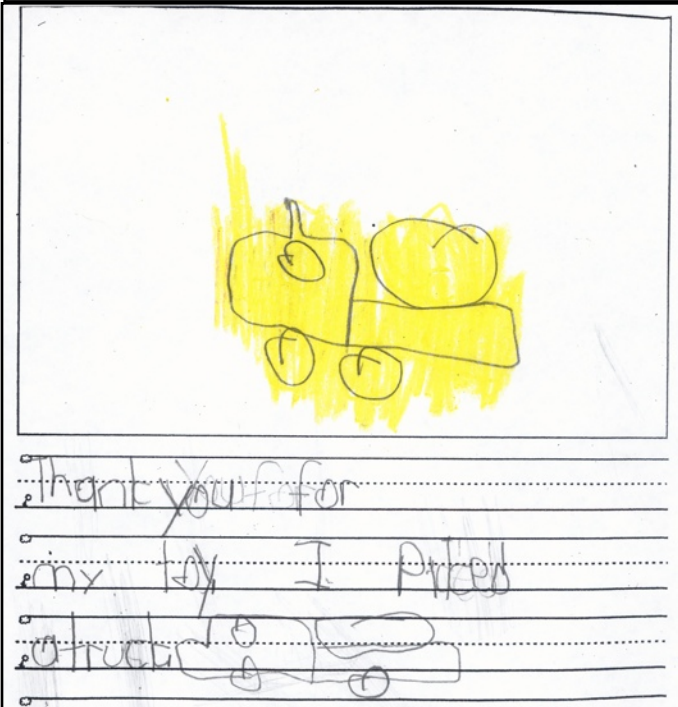
Illustrations are numerous, digital photographic close-ups supported by text. Contents; in an illustrated format, are in 8 sections describing versatility of the tool through advanced cutting techniques.



Thank You Notes

Whit Anderson

We received many thank you notes for the Christmas toys we made. I've included a couple of them below.



The President's Corner



Dale Gustafson

Thanks to the leadership of President Bill Hochmuth and the efforts of an energetic board of directors, 2011 was a banner year for the *DuPage Woodworkers*. Membership swelled to a record 186 individuals. Due to the persistent efforts of our toy making chairman, Stan

Anderson, the club produced a record 2,586 toys that were distributed to underprivileged and special needs children to whom these simple gifts may have not only become treasured possessions; but the memory of which, will hopefully, prompt some of these youngsters to become woodworkers in the coming years.

During 2011, there were more hands-on sessions offered to aid interested members to learn the basics or improve skills in wood turning, band and scroll saw use, tool sharpening, the care/maintenance/use of hand tools, demonstrations of power tools and hand-made treadle-powered scroll saws and lathes, and classes for picture framing and the use of sketchup. A new feature on the programs for 2011 was the addition of a weekend seminar by Marc Adams, a renowned woodworker.

At their January meeting, the board of *DuPage Woodworkers* set a lofty goal of making 2,790 toys in 2012. To meet this goal, we are asking every member to please consider making at least 15 toys during the course of the next 10 months. To facilitate the process, our toy czar, Stan Anderson and his new assistant, Rick Ogren, will continue to offer toy-of-the-month plans, templates and some of the materials needed to make the toys. All members are asked to share ideas for new toys, especially those more suitable for girls, with either Stan or Rick.

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President's Corner continued

For those who have yet not participated in the toy making project, it is noteworthy that the process is simplified by the fact that no finishes are used. In addition to the individual efforts, there will be occasional group toy making sessions planned throughout the course of this year. These sessions in 2011 not only proved to be quite productive from the standpoint of toy making, but also offered volunteers an opportunity to spend a few hours for getting acquainted and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow woodworkers.

In January the board also decided to hold a bird house challenge. This project will allow members to exercise their creativity, in the making of a birdhouse that will then be donated and installed at facilities such as hospitals, rest homes and rehabilitation centers for the enjoyment of both patients and staff. See the following article for details.

While the charitable and community outreach programs are an important and vital part of our club activities, the main focus of your leadership will continue to be on expanding and sharing of our knowledge and skills of woodworking with fellow members. To that end, the 2012 Program chairman, Keith Rosche and Activities chairman, Al Cheeks, are already busy planning new programs and events for this year. In an effort to expand your knowledge of woodworking, we ask that you share your ideas and suggestions for new programs and activities with any of our board members or committee chairs at our monthly meetings. These individuals can be easily identified by the blue lettering on their name tags. If you are unable to attend the meeting please share your suggestions or comments by email or phone. The email addresses and phone numbers are shown on the last page of the monthly newsletter.

One of the greatest assets of membership in *DuPage Woodworkers* is the opportunity to be able to find other people who have extensive experience, knowledge and interest in virtually every aspect of woodworking and that these talented individuals are also willing to share their knowledge with others. It is the reason for our club motto—learning by sharing. For those who would like to explore any aspect of woodworking in greater detail than can be accomplished by a program or demonstration, the Board will assist those individuals in forming or joining a Special Interest Group for that specific area of interest.

Woodworkers of all experience levels are encouraged to continue to take advantage of the portion of each monthly meeting that is set aside for the purpose of seeking the advice for or solutions to any problems you may be experiencing in your shop or with a project. All members are also encouraged to bring in completed projects to the *From Our Workshop* portion of our monthly programs. The diversity of projects and quality of workmanship is always amazing and greatly appreciated. The board also invites you to bring any friends, neighbors or coworkers who have an interest in woodworking to our meetings.

On behalf the 2012 leadership team, I look forward to the challenge of promoting the growth of our organization and further enhancing the knowledge and skills of woodworking for all members. I hope to see all of you at the January 25th meeting.

Bird House Challenge

Bill Hochmuth

The *DuPage Woodworkers* board approved the formation of a committee to distribute information and coordinate a challenge for members to build functional birdhouses. At the March general meeting judging will

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Bird House Challenge continued

determine the first (\$25), second (\$15) and third (\$10) prize winners. The caveat is that all birdhouses entered in the competition will be donated to various rehabilitation centers, senior citizens homes and other venues that can enjoy the fruits of our labors. The committee is made up of Len Swanson (birder extraordinaire), Nick Page and Bill Hochmuth, all three of whom will assume the responsibility for judging the entries. Some rules and guidelines follow:

The judging of the challenge will be separate from *From Our Workshop* which will continue as normal. Entries will be placed anonymously on tables separate from the *From Our Workshop* items.

All birdhouses entries **must be functional and must be donated**. Some guidelines are that houses should be made of wood, preferably ½ to ¾ thick. Roofs should not be metal (cooks the birds inside). Perches should not be used, they facilitate attacks by predators. Drain holes about 1/4" are recommended along with ventilation holes near the top. Entry holes are usually 1" to 1 1/2" diameter for houses built for small birds. Birdhouses may be painted or stained.

There should be a convenient way to access the interior for cleaning preferably before the spring nesting season begins; using screws to attach the roof or bottom panel to the house makes this convenient. Cleaning with one part bleach to nine parts water will effectively disinfect the interior and help prevent disease.

The committee will mount, hang or stand on a post the birdhouses following the March general meeting. Please consider how your birdhouses will be mounted and provide either a screw eye or a back that extends above the roof.

If you make a birdhouse so exquisite that you can't bear make it a donation, you can

bring it to the *From Our Workshop* portion of our meeting for all to admire, but it will not be part of the bird house challenge.

Bill Hochmuth has much more information available about interior sizes, hole sizes and mounting for specific species of birds, please feel free to call or write him.

There are many website that have information about building a birdhouse:

<http://www.50birds.com/d50bh.htm>

http://www.spruce.net/birds/design_v2.htm

We hope to have many entries in this challenge which will help your club's community outreach efforts and provide much enjoyment for some who need it.

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Bill Hochmuth

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January Toy of the Month

Help make toys to be distributed at Christmas! It will take some doing to beat the number of toys (2,586) we gave away last year. After meeting with the board, Stan has announced that the goal for 2012 will be



2,790 toys. That would be the number of toys we can make if each of our 186 members makes 15 toys.

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January Toy of the Month continued

The January toy of the month is a car. It is a fairly simple toy, so get busy in the shop. Stan Anderson has directions, or download the directions and get started right away. You can get wheels, axels, and a template from Stan.

Remember, no finishes on toys.

The directions are available online at: www.whitanderson.com/wood/dpww/tom

Holiday Party

Whit Anderson

The holiday party got underway with Christmas music by the St. James Liturgical Choir (and the more musically talented members of the audience). Thanks to Rich Rossio who donated pen kits, and to Nick Page who turned them, so that we had pens to give members of the choir.

Despite a last minute change in catering arrangements, the food was great and abundant. Desserts brought by members



Great desserts!

tempted me off my diet. Bill Hochmuth made most of the arrangements and acted as master of ceremonies. In addition to everything else he did, I'm thankful for paper plates and plasticware that were industrial strength and strong enough to use to eat all that good food.

We held the traditional gift swap, and there were plenty of gifts, thanks to those who brought more than one gift. There were a lot of wonderful gifts. It was great to see so much talent and generosity.



A sampling of the holiday gifts

Cathy Godfrey won the prize in the drawing of people who had presented their work in the *From Our Workshop* portion of our meetings in 2011.



Volunteer worker at the food pantry

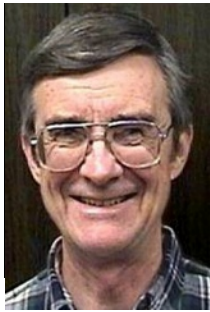
The following day, Keith Rosche took the leftover food to the Hesed House in Aurora where there was enough food for at least 50 meals.

Photo: Rosche



Secretary's Report

Board Meeting Minutes of January 2nd, 2012.



Jerry Johnson

Dale Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Bruce Kinney, Whit Anderson, Al Cheeks, Jack Pine, Lee Nye, Ken Everett, Wally Zaleski, Tom Perry, Stan Anderson, Keith

Rosche, and Bill Hochmuth. Reminder: Any club member is invited to attend board meetings.

The minutes of the December meeting and the December treasurer's report were approved.

We now have 186 members; of those, 48 have not renewed for next year; dunning letters will be mailed shortly.

Wayne has arranged a guitar maker for the January program; Keith other programs in the planning stages.

Thank you notes and cards were received from Development Learning Program/ Eisenhower Cooperative and the Midlothian School District 143 Preschool for All At-Risk 2011. An e-card was sent by the Humanitarian Services group thanking the DuPage Woodworkers for our donation of many hundreds of toys.

There is an airbrush course arranged for January 7th, 2012 at the Guge Institute in Gilberts Illinois. Al Cheeks will be discussing another round of woodturning instruction mentored by Rich Rossio with the possible subject being spindle turning.

Ken Everett, our new librarian, has a goal to reduce the volume of the library by weeding out volumes that haven't been checked out in quite some time. He'd also like to better label our library cart making it easier to find the desired material.

We are in excellent shape for prizes for the

first several months of 2012. Beyond that Keith Rosche presented a Dremel trio of tools as possible future prizes and will continue to have a dialogue with Tom Sharpe of Bosch that is the parent company of Dremel.

Jack Pine, Publicity, presented an aggressive installation schedule for the traveling library displays supported by Wally Zaleski. We continue to benefit from Jack's postings in the *TribLocal* and other publications. A suggestion was raised that other venues (bank lobbies, senior homes, retailers like Woodcraft, Rockler, Home Depots, Owl, etc.) could be good placements for the clubs display case.

A goal of 2,790 toys has been set for our annual toy drive for 2012. Rick and Stan will be discussing ways to achieve this lofty goal. A toy of the month will be published in the January newsletter.

A birdhouse challenge for the March general meeting is being planned by Bill Hochmuth, committee chair. A budget of \$50 was approved for prize money and an outline of the challenge will be provided in the January newsletter.

The amount of detail in the financial record keeping and reporting was again discussed with the conclusion that our system isn't broken so don't try to fix it.

Dale will appoint a committee to audit our books for 2011. Our constitution requires three folks at a minimum.

Dale will discuss with Jack and Len drafting a response to the governmental committee considering table saw safety.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jerry Johnson (report based on minutes taken by Bill Hochmuth)



Period Furniture SIG Topic Constructing Gooseneck or Scroll Molding

Lee Nye, Period Furniture Special Interest Group Chair

Have you ever considered building an 18th century Queen Anne style high-boy, tall clock, or secretary but have been put off by the daunting challenge of constructing the curvaceous gooseneck or scroll molding? It is, after all, one of the first things you notice looking up at the pediment of these pieces; it has to be done right. Many of the books and articles on construction of Queen Anne pieces have elaborate detail on shaping the cabriole legs or casework joinery, but resort to custom cutters on a molding shaper machine to profile the scroll molding. Usually there is an ominous note included about how dangerous such machines are (and this is true). Other plans depend on the use of unspecified custom router bits to do the job – not a good option if this is a one-off project.



I managed to get the job done without resorting to a shaper or custom router bits. My presentation will cover the router template-based approach I used to do my high boy scroll molding. Since then, I came upon several articles about doing this task with a profile-following router carriage which look very promising. We will look at this technique, too.

Hopefully, my presentation will

demonstrate that you could do this too. Or, if you already have opinions about the best way to shape a scroll molding, bring them with you to the meeting and we'll all benefit from the discussion. I hope to see you there. Call me if you have questions – 630-369-4908.

Monday, January 16, at 7 pm
 Bosch National Training Facility,
 901 South Rohlwing Road
 Addison, IL.

Members of the *Fox Valley* and the *DuPage Woodworker's* clubs are welcome to attend.

Wood For Sale

Whit Anderson

I had an interesting conversation with Norbert Laubach this month. I've never dealt with him, but Norbert says he has collected enough wood to last him 200 years and now he thinks he had better sell some. He says he has

"some special woods like ribbon maples, wavy cherry, and quarter sawn sycamore that looks like snake skin-cherry that looks like puppy tracks on it. Some wide pieces of walnut, cherry 12 to 16 inches wide. Some burly pieces of walnut and cherry. Lots of odd pieces that you have to see to appreciate. Most is kiln dried and 7/8" thickness."

While Norbert is about 190 miles from here, he visits his daughter in Elgin from time to time and if you give him a call at (309) 374-2572 and tell him what interests you, you can probably work something out. If you would rather take a road trip, give him a call and head down to 1001 S. 10th St., Keithsburg, IL 61442.



From Our Workshop, December 2011

A lot of projects that might have otherwise been on the “Show” table were on the gift table so the *From Our Workshop* section is fairly small this month.



Lee Nye, Tea Caddy



Will Richards, Dog Puzzle



Keith Rosche, Squirrel/Elephant Feeder

Larger photographs of some projects are available at our [online gallery](#).

Borrow Some Tools

Don't forget that one benefit of being a member of the DuPage Woodworkers is that we have some tools that you can borrow. The Work Sharp, scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, and Drill Doctor are available to members by contacting Wayne Maier at (630) 303-1341.

Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the meetings! Thanks to those who pitched in at the December meeting.

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

Logo Clothing

See Carl Shaffer at the January meeting if you want a hat or shirt. Caps are \$15 and polo shirts are \$20. No more long sleeve Ts.

Woodworking TV on Your Computer

If you follow the *DuPage Woodworkers* Yahoo users group you may have read the post by Jim Harvey about episodes of [The Woodwright's Shop](#) and [American Woodworker](#) that are available online.

You can sign up online to join the *DuPage Woodworkers* Yahoo User's Group. Please see Jim Harvey (wb8nbs@prodigy.net or 630-579-1291, leave voicemail) or Scott Williamson for more information.



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Treasurer's Report

Income YTD \$11,850.39
 Expenses YTD \$9,787.25
 Balance 12/31/11 \$6,340.24
 Paid Members: 186

New Members

The *DuPage Woodworkers* welcomes members from all over the region. Our members consist of all skill levels; from beginners to professionals. Meetings and field trips provide an opportunity to gain and share knowledge about woodworking. Our regular meetings are once a month for about 2 1/2 hours. Meetings (usually the fourth Wednesday of the month) consist of some announcements about activities, a short discussion of any woodworking problems that members want to ask about, a drawing for woodworking prizes, and a presentation on some aspect of woodworking.

If you are interested in joining the *DuPage Woodworkers*, you are invited to attend a meeting. If you become a member, dues are twenty-five dollars per year. Membership entitles you to attend meetings, to go on field trips (shop visits, woodworking businesses, etc.), and a discount at several [local woodworking supply companies](#).

If you have questions about joining the *DuPage Woodworkers*, please contact Bruce Kinney (brkinney@gmail.com).

Meeting Location

