

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

Will be in person and via Zoom

- April 21
- May 19

DPWW Board Meeting

Usually First Monday

- May 5
- June 2

Future Activities

- April 26
 - [Toy Workshop](#)
- May 3
 - [Sawdust in your coffee](#)
- May TBD
 - Visit to [Nicholson's Logging and Lumber](#) (sawmill) in Yorkville

Programs

- April 21
 - Dave Griffith, from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources speaking about our forests.
- May 19
 - Representatives from WenTools will present on their tool offerings



George Rodgers

President's Message April 2025

Mother nature has been teasing us. Just when you think spring is upon us we get some cooler weather that reminds us more of winter. With warmer weather coming there will be more tool sales happening. Jack Harkins' estate will have a sale the weekend of May 2-4 in Downers Grove. Jack was a member of the DuPage Woodworkers and the Windy City Woodturners. He has a lot of turning tools that will be available. Other sales are in the offing but specific dates have not been finalized. Also, the classified ads section of our website has continued to be active. Now is a good time to be getting deals on that tool you still need or wish to add to improve your woodworking.

I want to thank Vaibhav Konanur for another great activity.

Unfortunately, I was out of town and missed the visit to the commercial wood shop of Kevin-William Furniture. I heard good things about the visit. Our April activity is our semi-annual toy workshop at Woodcraft on Saturday, April 26. More info about that is in the toy section of this newsletter. I look forward to our May activity on Saturday, May 10 which is a visit to Nicholson saw mill in Yorkville.

Thanks to Dave Wesolowicz for his very informative program on the use of the scroll saw. Dave provided a lot of valuable information and was able to answer many questions from our members.

At this month's meeting I look forward to hearing from Dave Griffith from the IL Department of Natural Resources. Dave will be talking about the trees in our forests and what is currently happening with them. Should be very interesting to get more information about the status of the wood we use for our projects.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday, April 21 at 7pm.

We have a very good organization and everyone's commitment to continuing our mission is very much appreciated. If anyone has ideas on what we could be doing better please let me or one of the other board members know.

Thanks,

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, April 21.

George Rodgers

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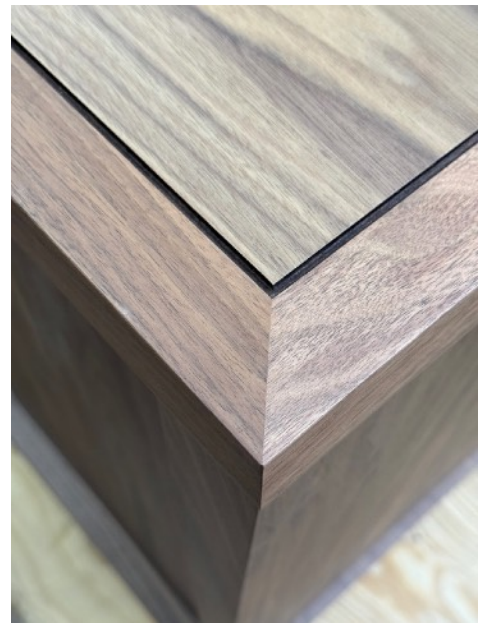
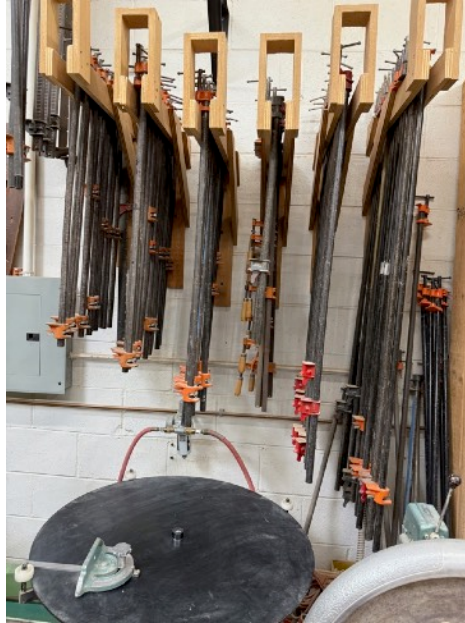
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March 2025 DPWW Activity

Kevin-William Furniture Shop Tour

We enjoyed the tour of [Kevin-William Furniture](#), hosted by owner **Kerry Moran**. Kerry and his brother Sean run the professional custom cabinet and furniture shop. Their love of woodworking dates back over 50 years. We learned about their history, the equipment they use and how they dealt with challenges. We saw beautiful works in progress showing the highest level of craftsmanship.



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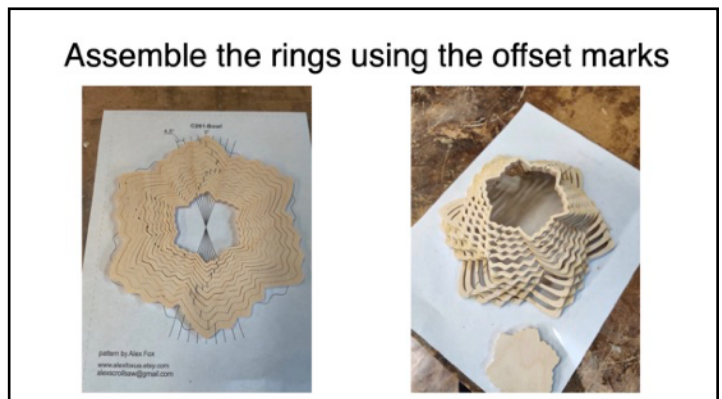
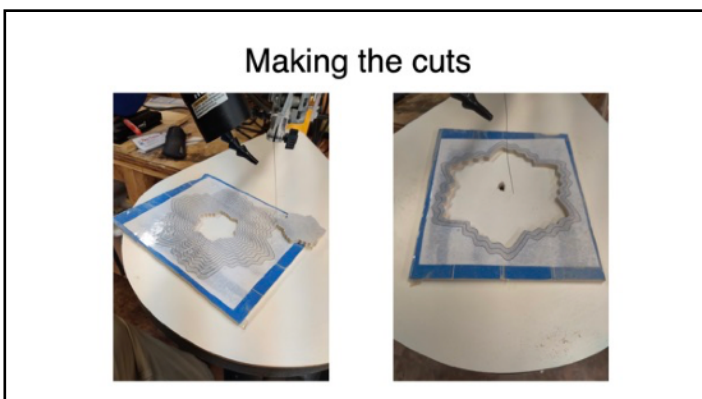
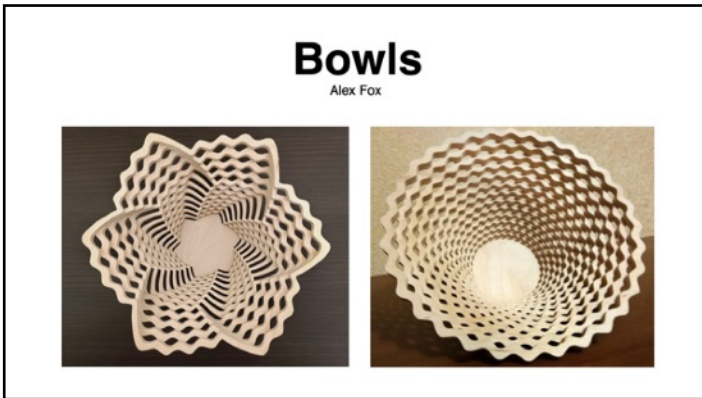
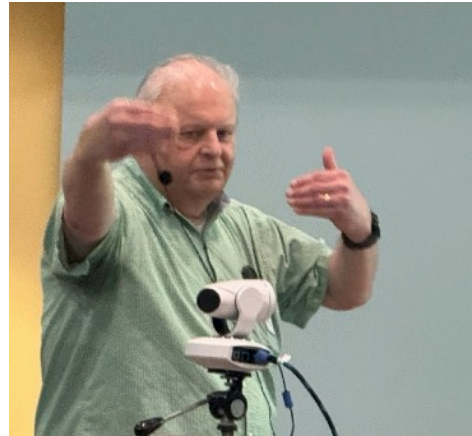
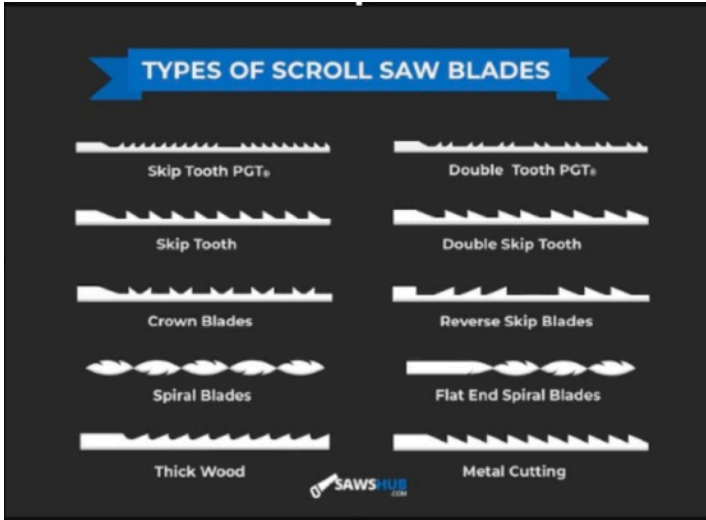
Bruce Metzdorf

March 2025 Meeting Recap

The March 17 monthly DPWW meeting was well attended.

Dave Wesolowicz presented a thorough program on scroll saw equipment, techniques, and advice. The presentation provided a good understanding of the types of blades to use and when to use them to create delicate works of art.

– Bruce Metzdorf, Program Director





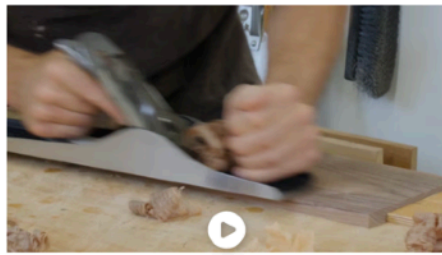
Free Woodworking Videos

The Center for Furniture Craftsmanship has a large collection on free woodworking videos. The Center for Furniture Craftsmanship is an international nonprofit providing education in wood craftsmanship and design. In addition to the instructional videos, there are galleries detailing many amazing works of art and furniture.

Link to [Center for Furniture Craftsmanship](#).



15-How to Make Kerfs and Wedges for Through Tenons



16-How to Prepare Wood for Finishing
[ALL VIDEOS](#), [Surface Preparation](#)



17-How to Machine-cut Double Mortise and Tenons

Toys 2025



George Rogers

DPWW and Woodcraft (504 Ogden Ave. in Downers Grove) will be hosting a toy making workshop on Saturday, April 26 from 9am to 3pm. We are hoping to have people contribute some of their time to helping bandsaw, drill, rout, sand and assemble toys for the underprivileged children give-a-way program. The plan is to have people show up 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. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning and pizza (always a big hit!) and pop will be served at lunchtime.

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 DPWW general meetings. You can also contact me directly if you need wheels or axles. We also have patterns and directions for making toys which are available at each general meeting and on our website at: [DuPage Woodworkers](#)

– George Rodgers

[Toy Making Instructions](#)

Link of the month



[10 Shop Tours](#)

April Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- Palm Carver Set and 3 sharpening Stones.
- 7 Piece Forstner Bits and Japanese style Saw.

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



Bruce Kinney



Membership News



Mike Kalscheur

Three new members were added to the DPWW membership roster within the last month, and about 30 members who have not renewed their 2025 membership were taken off the roster. Total membership count is now at 195. If you don't see your name on the roster or you're not getting emails about DPWW happenings, please let me know if you want to re-join.

Please welcome new member Daniel Montezuma from Naperville. Daniel learned of DPWW from the website. He enjoys anything using hand tools such as simple furniture, small items, carving, etc.

Also please welcome Jeff Satterlee from Naperville. Jeff learned about DPWW from a friend and enjoys building boxes, small chests, etc. He also likes scroll saw projects.

Also please welcome Tracy Schroeder from Brookfield. Tracy learned of DPWW from a member, and likes building boxes. He is in good company with many members who also enjoy making that popular project.

DPWW members are eligible to receive discounts on purchases at various woodworking-related vendors. Please check out the vendors on this web page. <https://www.dupagewoodworkers.org/discounts.html> And don't forget to scan the "Classifieds" section on the DPWW website for other tool sales at very reasonable prices.

DPWW is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with many members volunteering to maintain that charitable status. We are always looking for more members to contribute their time and talents. Please contact any of the Board members if you wish to help or have any comments and suggestions. It's the membership participation that makes this club work better for all members. The Board members for 2025 are shown in the following webpage link.

<https://www.dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/only/board2025.pdf>

Mike Kalscheur

membership@dupagewoodworkers.org

Sawdust in Your Coffee



Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 8 participants at the April 5 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

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| Upcoming events: toy work shop | woodworking shop tour. |
| 1. Spiral bearing router bit experiences. | 5. Tung Oil "seepage" repair suggestions. |
| 2. Routing small parts | 6. Reclaimed oak flooring reuse possibilities |
| 3. Existing stairs wood identification and blotching wood remedies. | 7. Potential wood insect remedies. |
| 4. Review of our recent professional | |

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



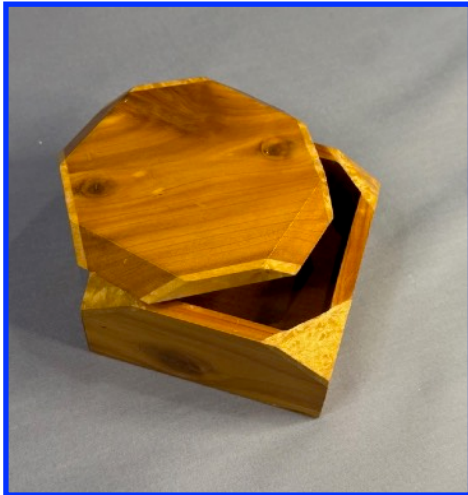
From Our Workshop March 2025 [Click to Enlarge](#)

These projects, projects in progress and many more can be seen on your DPWW Gallery Web Page. These projects were submitted prior to our March 17 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. [Link to Form.](#)

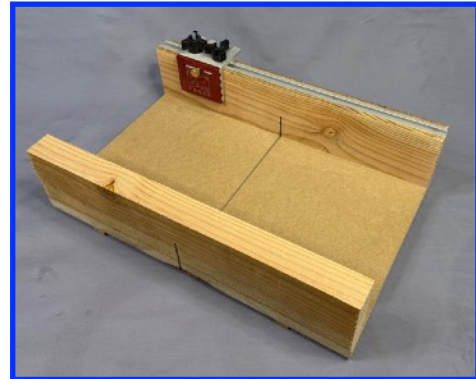


Adam Tornheim – Workbench
Pine – No finish

Al Cheeks – Cutting Boards
Walnut, Maple, Cherry, Purple Heart – Walrus



Don Carkhuff - Box
Cedar, Maple



Jeff Kramer – Mini Cross-cut Sled
MDF, Scrap Katz-Moses Stop Block – None



Paul Pycik – Turned Easter Bunny
Cherry & Maple – Oil



Paul Pycik – Turned Multi-axis Bottle Stoppers
SpectraPly – Deft spray lacquer



Tony Leto – 3D Printing
Plastic



Bill Ward – Portable Table
Plywood – Water/Urethane



Bruce Metzdorf – Cheese Knife
Bloodwood – Wax



Bert LeLoup – Walking Sticks



John Wiedemann – Charcuterie Board
Brazilian Cherry, Maple, Mahogany – Odie's oil



Mark Halla – Notebook & Garden markers
1/8" Birch Ply & cedar – None

Note: Laser cut/etched using Glen Ellyn Library
maker space



Bruce Metzdorf – Center Punch
Oak – Wax



Tim Lieberstein – Epoxy Resin Bowl
Paduk, Curly Maple, Purple Heart – Spar
Urethane



Mike Kalscheur – 2-Step Stool
Walnut – Watco Walnut Stain & Poly



Michael Fross – Segmented Vases
Bubinga & Maple / Jatoba & Yellow Heart –
Tru-Oil



March FOW Prize Drawing Winners

Dan Carkhuff, John Wiedemann, Jeff Kramer
Bruce Metzdorf

March 2025 Door Prize winners

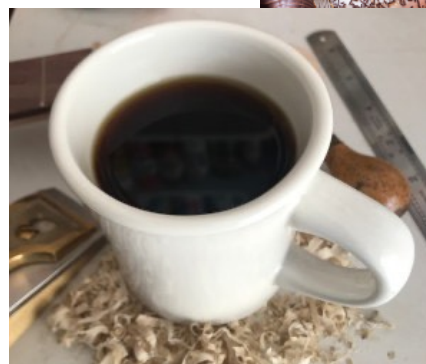
Howard Peterson, Steve Young, John Wiedemann



Coffee Makers

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

DPWW is currently looking for a volunteer to oversee the kitchen operation.



DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting – April 7, 2025



Steve Young

George Rodger opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00pm. Present were Gordon Brand, Jim Harvey, Bill Hoffman, Mike Kalscheur, Bruce Kinney, Vaibhav Konanur, Jeff Kramer, Tom Kubica, Bruce Metzdorf, Lee Nye, Dave Wesolowicz, John Wiedemann,

Mark Wieting, and Steve Young.

Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval –

No changes were made to the agenda and the board approved the past meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: (Dave Wesolowicz) – As of March 31, the club has a cash balance of \$9908. The new Wintrust accounts have been opened as of

March 10, and all funds were transferred from the Old Second and PayPal accounts to Wintrust. The majority of funds are in a savings account earning interest

Communications:

Secretary – No report

President – No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership (Mike Kalscheur) – We had three new members join in March, bring our total membership to 195.

Library (Tom Kubica) – There will be some free books offered at the next general meeting.

Publicity (Mark Wieting) – No report.



Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – First place prizes have been purchased for the rest of the year. We still need to obtain a few second-place prizes. Tom Kubica has received some RZ masks which can be used to supplement prize offerings for the monthly raffle and the FOW prize.

Toys (George Rodgers) – The next toy workshop will be on April 26, at the [Woodcraft store in Downers Grove](#). John Cunningham has been assisting with the cutting of the doll beds.

Newsletter (John Wiedemann/Jim Harvey) – Articles for the newsletter are needed by this Friday, April 11.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – Prizes have been acquired for the randomly selected April FOW presenters. Prizes include a shop brush, files and a saw.

Activities (Vaibhav Konanur) – April activity will be the toy workshop. May’s activity will be a visit to [Nicholson’s Logging and Lumber](#) (sawmill) in Yorkville.

Programs (Bruce Metzdorf) – April’s program will feature Dave Griffith, from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources speaking about our forests. May’s program will feature representatives from [Wen Tools](#).

A/V (Howard Peterson) – No report.

Web (Bill Hoffman) – There has been quite a bit of activity in the classified ad section. The home page has been updated. A contact correction is needed in the member discounts section.

Tools (Gordon Brand) – A tool sale was held at the Kim Sowa residence on Saturday, April 5. There was very light attendance in part due to other tool sales in the area. Approximately \$1400 was taken in.

The remaining tools are still being sold.

Clothing (Carl Shaffer) No report

Old Business:

- **Holiday Party – George Rogers** – Alternate venues were suggested and reviewed, but pricing was in line with that of Reserve 22. A suggestion was made to consider a catered event at the church along with a program that may be of interest to members and spouses. It was also suggested that a potluck event be considered. It was determined that a Holiday Party Committee be formed to further advance the party.
- **Awards committee report – Jeff and George** – Prior to the board meeting, a proposal was distributed to the board for their review and comment. It was determined that the award would continue to be called a “Life Member.” The proposal that had previously been sent out was approve, subject to some minor changes. The committee will continue to move this forward.

New Business:

- **Publishing of board meeting minutes vs. committee reports – Steve Young** – The question was raised as to the necessity of publishing the minutes of the board meeting in the newsletter given most items are also discussed by committee member articles. It was decided that the minutes would be moved to the end of the newsletter.

Adjournment – 8:06 pm

— **Steve Young**