

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

Usually the Third Monday at St. James in Glen Ellyn

- July 20 via Zoom
- August 24 via Zoom Note: This is the FOURTH Monday

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually the First Monday at St. James in Glen Ellyn

- July 6 Online via Zoom
- August 3 Online via Zoom

Future Activities

All future activities have been Cancelled

Programs

• July 20

Basic veneering by Scott Grove

- August 24 (<u>Fourth</u> Monday)
 Carving by <u>Mary May</u>
- September 21 Clam Shell Box by Lee Nye
- October 19
 Saturn Bowl by Jason Clark



President's Message July 2020

As we continue to deal with the COVID issue our club has been seeking ways to continue to engage our members and provide you with inspiration and knowledge. We have been able to arrange for world class woodworkers to present to us via Zoom. This coming Monday, July 20 we will have **Scott Grove** present to us about veneering basics. Please see more

information about Scott, his presentation and also his social media links later in this newsletter. He has a lot of great videos and also has written a tremendous book on veneering. Even though the title is "Advanced Veneering" it covers the basics as well. In August we will have world renowned wood carver *Mary May* present. She loves to teach and makes woodcarving seem effortless. She will be presenting on Monday, August 24 (the fourth Monday of the month) at 6:30pm. Both of these presentations will be 90 minutes in length. Therefore, our business meeting portion of the meeting will be very short and we will not have From Our Workshop during these meetings. In September club member *Lee Nye* will present on how to make clam shell boxes. We will also have our From Our Workshop session that evening. In October, woodturning specialist *Jason Clark* will be presenting. I saw Jason present 2 years ago at the Chicagoland Woodturner's Turn On Chicago symposium. He too, loves to teach and is very informative.

I will be delivering Beads of Courage Boxes to Advocate Christ Hospital for Children in Oak Lawn in early August. Please continue to make toys for our annual toy drive. We will need them more than ever with everything that has been happening this year.

Finally, please let me know what ideas you have for our club. We want to do all we can to continue to interact so we can share our knowledge/thoughts and continue our comraderie. Ideas that have been discussed include virtual shop tours, Saturday morning "chat" sessions either with a specific topic or just a general session, special interest break out groups via Zoom (such as finishing, sharpening, hand tools, etc.) Let me know your thoughts about these or any other ideas you might have!! I can be reached at GLRODGERS@comcast.net or via cell phone at 708-623-9038.

Thanks, *George Rodgers*



Secretary's Report Board Meeting Minutes July 6, 2020

Members present: George Rodgers, Mark Jundanian, Whit Anderson, Bill Hoffman, Bruce Kinney, Tony Evansky, Mike Kalscheur, Jim Harvey, Jeff Kramer,



O'Brian Parks, Tim McAuley, Tom Olson, Peter D'Attomo, Lee Nye, Mark Wieting

Treasurer's Report: One new member has joined and that is the only financial activity this month.

Secretary's Report: no report

President's Report: Delivery of the Beads of Courage boxes has not taken place. Communication with the person at Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn has been intermittent. Probably will take place in August.

The August meeting of the club will be on Aug. 24 and begin at 6:30 pm because the speaker is on Eastern Time. *Mary May* will present on carving.

George noted that it's *Mike Perry's* birthday today so his absence is excused.

Membership Report: *Mike Kalscheur* reported that one new member has joined, one who has been a member in the past but forgot to pay his dues. We are now at 176 members.

Library: no report

Prizes: Bruce said lots of new tools were waiting in his workshop for an in-person meeting. Mark Jundanian asked if there could be a virtual raffle of some kind but the consensus was not to do it.

Publicity: no report

Toys: O'Brian said we are low on wheels and two board members suggested places to go to replenish the supply.

Newsletter Report: Jim wants submissions by Saturday morning. There are 9 projects so far for From Our Workshop. Jim will list future speakers based on Peter's recent email. It was noted that people submitting projects for FOW might find their projects in limbo if they used a previous month's email address to submit. George will contact *Mike Perry* to straighten it out.

Activities Report: *Jeff Kramer* reported that everything is still on hold, probably to the end of the year. It was suggested that we consider a virtual shop tour, with a member walking around his or her shop talking about what's there, why and where it came from.

Programs Report: *Peter D'Attomo* had distributed a schedule prior to the meeting. Future speakers are:

JULY Scott Grove Veneering basics

AUGUST Mary May carving
SEPTEMBER Lee nye clam shell box
OCTOBER Jason Clark Saturn bowl
NOVEMBER Scott Grove ??????

There was discussion about the possibility of recording any of these sessions for people who could not make the meeting. Although it is likely that this could be done, we decided that the logistics of doing so are cumbersome and we decided not to.

Peter also said he has had some discussion with *ArborTech*, which makes grinders for carvers, with various cutting wheels. Perhaps they will do a video demo sometime in the future.

Audio-Visual: no report

Website Report: Whit reported that he has changed the home page a bit for more emphasis on programs and there was a comment on how good the home page looks.

New Business:

George said *Jerry Johnson* had raised issues about upcoming toys workshops—who would attend, would it be safe, etc. In theory, we could have semicompleted toys collected in one place and members could pick them up to finish them at home. No decision about this was made.

Tom Olson also raised the question whether the groups that we traditionally give toys to would want them this year. It was noted that the groups could quarantine the toys for as long as they'd like to.

Jim was asked to put a blurb in the newsletter suggesting that if members so desire, we can pick up toys from their shops.

The quilts for the doll beds from last year were a hit. Like DPWW, the groups making them have not been meeting. A key issue is that doll beds should be made to fairly strict standards so the quilts will fit.

In response to a question, George said we would have no info on the availability of the church until the end of August at the earliest.

Mark Wieting suggested we consider a member retention program, since our in-person meetings will not take place for months. Our attendance at the Zoom meetings has not been great, either. Among the comments:

• Try an email blast the day or day before the meeting to remind people



- The quality of the speakers and presentations will help drive attendance and retention
- George will include the issue in his president's message in the newsletter
- Mike K. suggested reaching out and calling members to get their thinking
- Some members do not use computers
- Virtual shop tours would be welcomed Bill reminded us that not every member will be interested in every topic; there are reasons to join/retain membership beyond meetings: camaraderie, the toys project, shop tours, website.

There was discussion about joining with other clubs on certain programs, possible "break out sessions on specific topics" after presentations, or resurrecting the Saturday morning informal gatherings [that used to be at Panera] but by video—a bull session plus.

George suggested we see how the next meeting goes and take it from there.

Mark Jundanian said the American Association of Woodturners is having a virtual conference the weekend of July 10-11-12 and you don't have to be a member to attend. The cost is nominal: \$20.20.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wieting, secretary pro tem

Online July DPWW Meeting

35 people logged in to the June **DuPage Woodworkers** meeting via Zoom. The club will hold another online meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 20th. Our president, *George Rodgers*, will conduct a short formal meeting. followed by a one hour in person video presentation by *Scott Grove* on veneering.

Our online meetings are held using Zoom software. Each member will receive an email link that will allow them to log in from their home computer. The link is different each time we hold a Zoom meeting. The software is free and you do not have to set up an account. Some members have used Zoom before, for others it will be their first experience. If you have a webcam and microphone that's great, but not essential. At minimum you will need speakers or headphones to hear what is said.

If you want to get a head start, go to https://zoom.us/download and install the program on your computer or phone. If you already have Zoom, upgrade to version 5 (they stopped supporting earlier versions at the end of May).

We look forward to seeing you July 20th!

Internet Woodworking Link of the Month

Submitted by George Rodgers:

I wanted to make you and our members aware of a very good woodworking website. It is **Tom McLaughlin's** website:

https://www.epicwoodworking.com

Tom is host of "Classic Woodworking" (formerly Roughcut with Tommy Mac) in conjunction with Fine Woodworking. If you click on the "Experience Woodworking" drop down tab on his website you will find one of the offerings titled "Videos". There is a tremendous amount of excellent free video material presented by Tom. He also sells plans and offers online and in-person classes.

Jim Harvey
What are YOUR favorite links?
mail to wb8nbs@prodigy.net

Toys

Don't let the COVID lockdown dampen your toy making efforts. Contact the Toy chairman and someone will pick up your contribution.

To encourage participation in the DPWW annual toy drive, we would like to try distributing toy manufacturing.

Some club members don't have a lot of machine tools but could assemble parts into a finished product. For instance, one member who owns a band saw could cut out toy cars, pass those to another person who has sanding equipment, then move the finished car bodies on to a third person who applies a finish and glues on the wheels.

This is equivalent to what happens, except for the Pizza, when the club takes over the class room at Woodcraft.

What do you think?

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August 24 DPWW Zoom Meeting Scott Grove - Veneering

More information on the DPWW site



Introduction to Veneer

Scott Grove, internationally-renowned master craftsman, introduces you to the wonderful world of veneer. He covers veneering fundamentals that includes buying, inspecting, matching, cutting, seaming, and pressing. Scott shares lots of tips, tricks, and techniques that will leave you inspired and ready to start your first veneering project. During the live, interactive demonstration, his wife and co-host, Nancy, helps organize Q&A and provides tools and supplier resource links in real time, too.







You can see Scott in action on his educational site ImagineGrove.com: review his personal work at ScottGrove.com: and buy his books and other products from ImagineWoodworking.com. Follow him on social media here.



August 24 DPWW Zoom Meeting Mary May - Carver

Mary May's Web Pages

- Mary May's School of Traditional Woodcarving
- Carving the Acanthus Leaf Book
- Mary on YouTube
- Mary on Facebook

Mary May on the Woodwright's Shop

- Mary May, Woodcarver
- Carving the Camellia Woodcarver
- Carving Away WIth Mary May
- Stamp Out Cookie Carving!



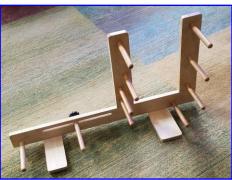
In Our Workshop June 2020 - Click to Enlarge

Many of these projects in progress and more can be seen on the club's Web Page.

If you're not connected to the Forum at dupagewoodworkers.org, you can submit photos of your current projects via Google Forms for inclusion in next month's newsletter and our online From Our Workshop.



Jim Harvey - Pencil Boxes Salvaged Jatoba - Watco Natural



Bill Hochmuth - Inkle Loom Maple and Cherry



Mike Kalscheur - Cutting Board Jatoba & Maple - Watco Butcher Block Oil



Will Richards - Tambourines Oak, Nickel Silver - Danish Oil



Mark Jundanian - Sedona Cocobolo - No Finish



Bob Bakshis - Patriotic HandSaw Oak - Poly



Lee Nye - Phone or Tablet Stands White and Red Oak - Tried & True





Mike Perry - Compost Bins Cedar, Chicken Wire



Jerry Kuffel - Hybrid Bowl From a Board Walnut, Maple - Lacquer



Mike Kalscheur - Refuse Container Garage Cedar, Pressure Treated Pine -Water Seal



Al Cheeks - Router Bit Holders



Tim McAuley - Folding Table Red Oak - Poly



Mark Wieting - Bowls Maple, Guanacaste - Poly



Mark Wieting - Bowls
Box Elder, Tulip - GF Salad Bowl



Mike Kalscheur - Cutting Board Holder Walnut, Cherry - Poly