



Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

Usually the Third Monday at [St. James in Glen Ellyn](#)

- **September 21** Online via Zoom
- **October 19** via Zoom
- **November 16** via Zoom

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually the First Monday at [St. James in Glen Ellyn](#)

- **October 5** Online via Zoom
- **November 2** via Zoom

Future Activities

- **September 19**
Sawdust in Your Coffee
Online - See Page 4
- **November 10** (tentative)
Toy Collection at St. James

All other activities have been
Cancelled

Programs

- **September 21**
Clam Shell Box by [Lee Nye](#)

Expanded **From Our Workshop**
- **October 19**
Saturn Bowl by [Jason Clark](#)



President's Message

September 2020

As we turn towards fall I hope you are staying safe and able to spend some time in your shop. I have been in contact with organizations that have in the past accepted our toys for distribution to needy children. They will be able to accept toys this year and are really looking forward to being able to provide something to

these children at this time of uncertainty. I have been working with St. James to try and coordinate a time to be able to collect toys from you. I have tentatively secured the evening of Tuesday, November 10. Our current plan is to email the club members shortly before collecting the toys to find out what you will be bringing and scheduling a time slot for when you can drop off your toy donation. Several members will then repackage the toys into appropriate allocations for each organization. This will limit contact between members and also ensure safety in the delivery of the toys.

I'm looking forward to member **Lee Nye** presenting how he creates his carved clam shell box during our next general meeting via Zoom on Monday, September 21. I always learn something I can take back to the shop and do myself when our members present. In addition, I look forward to a From Our Workshop presentation during this meeting. I like seeing what others are doing and being stimulated to do more in my shop.

In the near future board members will be reaching out to you to find out how you are doing, what we can be doing to improve your club experience and gain ideas on how we can improve the club. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, concerns, etc. you may have for our club.

We are currently looking for a new program chair person for 2021. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping select programs for 2021 please let me know.

May all your mistakes turn into design modifications.

George Rodgers 708-623-9038
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Secretary's Report DPWW Board Meeting – Sept 8, 2020

George Rodgers opened the ZOOM meeting at 7:04 p.m. Present were Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Whit Anderson, Mike Perry, Bill Hoffman, Mike Kalschuer, Lee Nye, Mark Wieting, Tony Evansky, Tom Olson, Tim McAuley, OBrian Parks, and Jerry Johnson

The minutes and treasurer's report were approved.



Standing Committee Reports

Membership (Mike Kalscheur) – With the addition of three new members the roster total is 181.

Library (Tom Olson, Tim McAuley) -- Nothing to report.

Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – Since there have been no meetings and none scheduled for the remainder of the year, he has enough prizes on hand for 2021.

Publicity (Keith Rosche) – No report.

Toys (OBrian Parks) – George has contacted each of the 2019 recipient organizations and all but one has asked for toys this year. The preferred procedure for receiving and disbursing the toys in November is to have each member bring them to the church and remain in the car while a small group of volunteers takes them into the church. They will arrange them on tables much as we have done in the past but, instead of representatives of the receiving organizations selecting the toys, the volunteers will make a selection for each organization. The date is open and the indoor use of the church is also open. There are a number of other issues to be resolved and OBrian and George will work to have a comprehensive proposal for the October board meeting.

Newsletter (Jim Harvey) – The deadline for copy to be submitted for the newsletter is Saturday although he would prefer Friday evening, September 11.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – Since we have expanded From Our Workshop (FOW) to take the place of a speaker in some of our meetings the person showing an item will have more time to explain points of interest about the item and its creation. It was also decided that we will resume awarding prizes to those who show an item and present it during the FOW session. Six prizes will be awarded by random drawing. The prizes may include donated used tools.

Activities (Jeff Kramer) – No report.

Programs (Peter D’Attomo) – Programs are committed for September and October..

A/V (Mike Perry) – Mike is heavily involved in preparing material from our members to be incorporated into the next FOW session.

Web (Whit Anderson) – We had about 39 people at the **Mary May** Zoom meeting in August. A dozen came to our first Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting last month. The next Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting will be at

10:00 am on Saturday the 19th of September.

Old Business

- The viability of the Forum was tabled until the November meeting. In the interim Whit will update the software.

New Business

- A discussion of expenses and dues in light of Covid-19 resulted in no changes. The dues (\$25.) are the same since the founding of the club 25 years ago and keeping them at that level will enable the club to engage high class woodworking speakers for some of our meetings.

- To continue to offer a variety of programs and be sure those programs match the interest of our members we will call each member. Mark W will prepare questions/talking points and divide the member list among the board members for calling.

- Before naming a Nominating Committee for next year’s board member election, George asked the attendees which ones will be able to continue next year. All agreed that it would be good to keep the same officers and chairs and all will continue. Not in attendance were **Jeff Kramer** and **Keith Rosche** who will be contacted and **Peter D’Attomo** who has already said he will be unable to continue. That leaves Program Chair as the only known opening. As one of the most difficult positions to fill, every board member should think about potential candidates and let George know of ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Jerry Johnson

Borrow Tools



Don’t forget that 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.

The scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, Work Sharp, and Drill Doctor are available to members by contacting Wayne Maier at 630-303-1341.



August Meeting Recap

Mary May

Mary is a nationally known artist in wood carving, with Books, television shows, and a [popular YouTube channel](#) to her credit. Our DPWW presentation was an introduction to carving. She talked about her own quest for knowledge in the craft over the past 30

years and had photos of Greek and Russian Orthodox carvings that inspired her work.

Favorite woods, work holding, and tools were covered. Mary prefers Basswood or Walnut, they are soft enough to work with hand pressure only. Wood must be tightly secured in a vise or with double sided tape. Mary has hundreds of long handled carving chisels, doesn't like the palm tools. She talked about the classification of gouge shapes, and showed how to sharpen on a diamond plate.

Mary then proceeded to carve, in only about a half hour, a nice three dimensional flower into a solid block of Basswood.



Logo Clothing

Shirts and hats with embroidered club logo are available for purchase by contacting Carl Shaffer. Show your colors! Identify your membership when at an event, tour or outside activity. We can mail shirts or

hats to you for an additional \$7.50 in Illinois. Contact Carl for other options.

Hats available now. \$17.00 each

Short sleeve Polo and long sleeve T shirts are available when club orders 6. \$23.00

A limited quantity of Polo and T shirts are available while supply lasts in sizes M, 2XL and 3XL for \$20.00

Carl Shaffer <harleypop99@att.net>

Online September DPWW Meeting

Our [online meetings](#) are held using Zoom software. Each member receives an email link that allows 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 on September 21st!

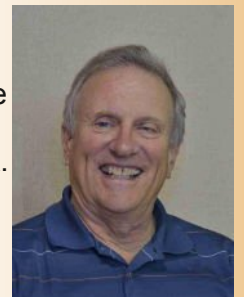


September 21 DPWW Zoom Meeting

Lee Nye

Lee is an active member of the DPWW and Fox Valley groups. He promised us to show how he made this scalloped bandsaw box.

There will also be an expanded **From Our Workshop** covering projects submitted during June, July, and August. If you have submitted a project, please attend the September Zoom meeting to talk about it..





Membership News

Three (3) new members have joined the Club this past month.

Please welcome **Adam Villarreal** from Aurora. Adam has an interest in building furniture and likes using hand tools.

Also please welcome **Craig Bixler** from Elmhurst. Craig is interested in many types of woodworking and likes to share ideas he's learned over the many past years.

Also please welcome **Chris Clouthier** from Bloomingdale.

All 3 new members learned about the Club through an on-line search.

Membership Perks to know:

An on-line connection to other club members is available through the use of the club's Online Forum, accessed from the website under the "[Members Only](#)" page. Any questions related to woodworking can be entered on the forum, and there's a good chance you will receive advice and experience gained by other members. All members are encouraged to keep the sharing of woodworking talent alive within the club. If the Forum is not utilized by more members, it may not be available in the future.

From Our Workshop (FOW) Submission:

A couple of the past club Zoom meetings have highlighted some of the member's latest woodworking projects. This is the on-line equivalent of the From Our Workshop (FOW) portion of the pre-pandemic meetings. If you have a project you're willing to share with other members, please submit that project by following the link found on the "Members Only" page of the website. Click on the "submit projects" link on that page. The "[Members Only](#)" page is located under the Membership tab on the club's Home page (<https://dupagewoodworkers.org/index.html>). Please contact

members Mike Perry or Jim Harvey if you're having problems with submitting projects.

Membership Renewal:

Membership renewal for 2021 begins October 1, 2020. This has been a challenging year for the Club members because of minimal socializing and no in-person club meetings. The Board members are trying hard to keep member's interest in the Club alive until we get back to pre-pandemic norms. Given that Club income is down for the year and some Club expenses are still coming due, the Board has agreed to maintain the same annual membership dues at \$25. Your 2021 membership renewal will be good through February 2022.

Each member can expect to receive a membership renewal letter around October 1st. This letter shows your current contact information and asks a few questions to help the Board plan Club activities and programs for the coming year. This letter is also where you verify your contact details and if not correct, please inform the Membership Chair of any changes. With likely no in-person meetings until early 2021, the preferred payment method for dues should be either a check mailed to the Membership Chair or using Paypal with your credit/debit card. Paypal is the Membership Chair's preferred payment method this year. More details about how to submit renewal membership dues is on the [club website at: https://dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/renew/renew.php](https://dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/renew/renew.php)

Mike Kalscheur

What's on the Forum?

Have you forgotten about the DuPage Woodworkers online forum? In September one of our members posted about his first cigar-box ukulele. To learn a little more about this ukulele check out his post on our forum.

<https://www.dupagewoodworkers.org/bbs/viewtopic.php?f=40&t=108>

Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is an informal Zoom meeting for members of the DuPage Woodworkers. In August we held our first Sawdust in Your Coffee zoom meeting. About a dozen people showed up to talk with each other about woodworking and other things. There were questions from loosening a drill bit from a chuck to the feasibility of turning brass on a wood lathe.

We'll meet again at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 19th. Members will receive the usual email invitation to the Zoom meeting. There is no agenda or program. Bring shop related questions or other woodworking topics to discuss if you have them. Bring coffee if you drink it. Leave the sawdust in your shop.



Toys

December is quick approaching and the DPWW toy drive is on and it needs your help! With covid-19 keeping us all stuck home, what a perfect time to get into the shop and build toys! We have several sizes of wheels with axles available. We also have little wooden people if your design calls for them. Contact **OBrian Parks** for details or to arrange a pickup.

We have been in contact with many of the organizations that have in past accepted our toys for distribution to needy children. They will be able to accept toys this year and are really looking forward to being able to provide something to these children at this time of uncertainty.

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Our goal is to provide the most toys to disadvantaged children in the greater Chicagoland area during this Christmas season and we can't do it without you!

Mentors List

Quite a few DPWW members have mentioned they would like to be able to contact someone in the club when they have a question about some aspect of woodworking. On-line videos and woodworking forums are great ways to learn, though sometimes a knowledgeable person as a mentor works better.

If you cannot wait for a general meeting to ask a question about a problem in your shop, a club Mentor list is available for all members to refer. Many talented club members have already answered the call to share their expertise. As the Club motto says, "Learning by Sharing" is part of being a member.

The Mentor list is available on the club website under the "[Members Only](#)" link.

If you have special expertise, or you've learned these skills the hard way and are willing to ease the path for beginning woodworkers, let me know if you would like to be added to the Mentor list.

Mike Kalscheur

DPWW member **Will Richards** posted a photo of his summer Tambourine project in the June **From Our Workshop**. Recently he followed up on Facebook, and I thought it would be good to share.

"Tambourine update! As many of you know, I spent a lot of time this summer refining my process for making



tambourines. I've personally done every step by hand, designing them, making the shells, hammering the jingles, mounting heads, etc. I'll be leaving for NYC tomorrow and therefore will be taking a little pause from new experimenting, but here's sound samples of what I've made so far!

Jingle types are Edge Hammered (EH), Over Hammered (OH), Press Hammered 1 (PH1), Press Hammered 2 (PH2), and Flat Hammered (FH). They're made out of a mix of 22 and 24 gauge pieces (I also tried 20 gauge but found it generally too thick for this application), and all are German silver with the exception of one 24 gauge flat hammered copper. I've made successful shells out of oak, cherry, and zebrawood. More woods, metals, and other variations to come!

Each of them has a label so you can tell which is which. Started out each with a few spaced out taps and rolls, then had a little fun screwing around with them."

Click on the **photo** to see Will trying one out.



In Our Workshop August 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**.



Bill Hochmuth - Bowling Alley
Maple, Cherry



Mike Perry - Playmobile Slide
Scrap Pine - Spray Paint



Patrick Cahill - Sea Skiff
Marine Ply, Doug Fir, Okume - Spar
Varathane



Bill Hoffman - China Cabinet
White Oak, Maple, Walnut -
Ammonia Fumed and Shellac

From Our Workshop – September 21, 2020

Mike Perry will be presenting photos of your FOW projects at the next meeting via a Zoom slideshow. These will be FOW project photos sent to the club in June, July and August. There will even be a raffle drawing of prizes for those members on the Zoom call presenting their projects, just like our face-to-face meetings of the past. Winners will choose one of the 6 valuable prizes shown on the right here, in the order their names are drawn. We will mail the prizes to their home address.





Bob Bakshis - Bears Logo
Baltic Birch - Tempera/Poly



Mike Kalscheur - Small Bowl
Hawthorn - Maloof Poly/Oil



Bert LeLoup - Celtic Knot Bowl
Maple, Walnut - No Finish



Bert LeLoup - Celtic Knot Vase



Bert LeLoup - Carved Eyeglass Holder



Harry Trainor - Cutting Boards
Walnut, Maple, Purpleheart
Howards Butcher Block
Conditioner



Bert LeLoup - Cigar Box Carving



Jerry Kuffel - DIY Gripper
Plywood - Spray Paint