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WOODWORKERS

Learning by Sharing the Art of Woodworking



Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

Usually the Third Monday at [St. James in Glen Ellyn](#) Will be in person and via Zoom until further notice

- **September 19**
- **October 17**
- **November 21**

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually the First Monday
By Zoom until spring

- **October 3**
- **November 7**
- **December 5**

Future Activities

- **October 1, 9:00 AM**
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#)

Programs

- **September 19**
[Marty Dettmer - Peaked Box Lids](#)
- **October 17**
[Chad Montgomery - Making a Ukulele](#)
- **November 21**
Annual Christmas Toy Drive



President's Message - September 2022

In August our very own member, [John Zuales](#), gave a [presentation](#) about his foray into using and purchasing a laser machine. John detailed his journey and exhibited many of his projects over the past couple of years since he first began using a laser. He talked about his successes as well as his learning opportunities. There were a lot of questions for John after his presentation.

This month I look forward to another presentation from member [Marty Dettmer](#). Marty is going to talk about making boxes with complex angles and show us the jig he uses to accomplish this. In October we will have member [Chad Montgomery](#) talk about how he makes a ukulele. He has many jigs he uses and will go over how he uses them.

St. James has two auctions each year, one to raise money for the church itself and the other to raise money for the school. The first one is a golf outing which is occurring on **Friday, October 7**. The DPWW will be sponsoring a hole at the golf outing. In addition, I will be collecting donations of hand made wooden items at our [September general meeting](#). Please be sure to bring items that can be auctioned off. The school fundraiser is going to be **Friday, November 4**. I will be collecting donations of hand made wooden items at our October general meeting for this auction. Please be generous in your support of the church and its school. The church does not charge us rent to use their facilities for both our board meetings as well as our general meetings. The auctions are one way we can show our appreciation of their hospitality.

Don't forget to continue to make toys for our annual toy drive. The toys will be collected at our November meeting. We will also have a toy making workshop on **Saturday, October 8**. [Details later in this newsletter](#) about our toy making workshop.

Here's to making your mistakes into design opportunities!

George Rodgers 708-623-9038 GLRodgers@comcast.net

DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting **September 6, 2022**



[George Rodgers](#) opened the Zoom meeting at 7:05 p.m. Present were Board members Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Mike Kalscheur, Bill Hoffman, Jeff Kramer, Mark Wieting, Howard Peterson, and Jerry Johnson. David Wesolowicz, an organization member, attended



the board meeting as a guest.

The previous minutes were approved. There was no treasurer report.

President's Report

We are receiving a number of requests from other nonprofit organizations for donations to support their fund raising. [St. James asks for donations](#) for their annual golf outing, DPWW will sponsor one hole.

Treasurer's Report - (Treasurer not present)

Standing Committee Reports

Membership (*Mike Kalscheur*) – We're up to 194 members. Board candidates for 2023 are needed. Renewal notices will go out in early October.

Library (*Tim McAuley*) – No report.

Prizes (*Bruce Kinney*) – There will be no door prizes in November or December. After board discussion it was decided to continue door prizes in 2023.

Publicity (*Keith Rosche*) – No report.

Toys (*George Rodgers*) – The next toy workshop is [scheduled for October 8](#). He needs a few volunteers to do some pre-workshop preparation to provide enough partially processed material to get the production line going and make efficient use of Saturday volunteers.

Newsletter (*Jim Harvey*) – Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday, September 9.

From Our Workshop (*Lee Nye*) – No Report.

Activities (*Jeff Kramer*) – Investigating a visit to the Elgin Men's Shed

Programs (*Jeff Kramer, Don Pellegrini*) September will have [Marty Dettmer on making a peaked lid](#), October will be Chad Montgomery on making a Ukulele.

A/V (*Howie Peterson*) – *George Rodgers* and *Wayne Maier* Added a top box to the A/V cabinet for improved storage.

Web (*Bill Hoffman*) – Bill is still investigating the use of Google Work Space for Non-Profit Services. [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#) continues on the first Saturday of the month.

Old Business:

– **By-Laws Document Update:** Marc, Mike, and Jerry will resume work on refining the by-laws.

– **Non-Profit Status:** Waiting for state of IL approval of non-profit status. The IRS has approved the non-profit status for our organization. That enables us to follow up with applying for state approval.

New Business:

– The Board meeting start time will remain 7:00 P.M. It was decided that meetings will be via Zoom until the 2023 board members take over.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Johnson -- Secretary, and Mark Wieting

St. James School Auctions

Donations Needed

St. James does not charge our organization rent for holding our board meetings and general meetings at their facility. One way that we try to return this generous hospitality is to support fund raisers that they have. St. James is having a golf outing on Friday, October 7. We have been requested to donate hand made wooden items that can be auctioned off to support the church and school. In the past cutting boards, serving trays, kitchen utensils, picture frames, "growth boards", clocks, boxes, Christmas ornament, pens, etc. have been donated. Please consider donating a hand made wooden item to support the church. I will be collecting items at our September general meeting on Monday, September 19.

The church school is also having an auction on Friday, November 4. Similar items can be donated to support the church school. I will be collecting those items at our general meeting on October 17. If you have any questions please contact **George Rodgers** at 708-623-9038 or via email at

glrodders@comcast.net

Thanks, **George Rodgers**



September Meeting

This month we have DPWW member *Marty Dettmer* presenting a method for constructing a hexagonal box top that rises up in the center. A flat lid is a two dimensional construction. When you add a peak, it becomes a three dimensional problem that requires more thought and the glue up gets complicated.



Marty is a retired dentist (Wheaton, 45 years). After doing every possible remodel and repair at his home and those of all his family members He volunteered with Habitat For Humanity in 2009 so his tools didn't rust. He chaired the volunteer Construction Committee of the DuPage affiliate from 2012 to 2017. Marty got started in woodworking early as his father was an avid DIYer, and got back into it after retiring in 2014.

Don Pellegrini/Jeff Kramer

Membership News



One new member joined DPWW within the past month. Please welcome *Jeff Schmidt* from Glen Ellyn. Jeff indicated he's a total novice in woodworking, though perhaps his late father-in-law and long-time DPWW member *Ken*

Everett might have thought otherwise.

Member Talent Search Request

Our DPWW organization has survived and evolved over the past 25+ years because of dedicated member involvement. Board members have come and gone during that time and there's always a need for more people who have something to contribute. Committing only a few hours per month would lessen the extra effort required by the current Board members.

Some Board positions may seem too time-consuming for one person, so committees exist for those positions to spread out the workload. Basic verbal/writing skills are all that's required in some cases. As technology has improved over the last 2 decades, computer and Audio/Video skills are always in demand. Toy parts builders and assemblers, whether done in groups or in your own shop, are always needed. Members willing to learn more about the behind-the-scenes operation of the club are encouraged to contact me or anyone else serving in any particular Board/Committee position. You are welcome to attend one of the board meetings to find out more.

Mike Kalscheur

membership@dupagewoodworkers.org

Logo Clothing



New attendees Welcome! For new and existing members, DPWW can order Polo shirts and long sleeve T shirts with an embroidered logo for use at events, tours, and just to impress others. It is necessary to have six items for the embroidery setup and takes a couple of weeks once the order is submitted.

I have a few items in M, 2XL, and 3XL for the special price of \$20. One large Polo shirt is available for \$23. Ordered shirts are a bit higher. Oh yes, I have hats available from stock for \$19. Ask if you want some other item like shop aprons. I am available by phone or email. **Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106, harleypop99@att.net**



October Toy Makers Workshop



DPWW and [Woodcraft \(75th St. and Woodward Ave. in Woodridge\)](#) will host another toy making workshop on **Saturday, October 8** from 9am to 3pm. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September DPWW general meeting. We ask to have members contribute some of their time to help bandsaw, drill, rout, sand, and assemble toys for the November Holiday toy give-a-way program. People can sign up for the morning (9am to noon) and/or afternoon (noon to 3pm) sessions, if you can't contribute 3 hours even just an hour or two will help. You can also call **George Rodgers** at **708-623-9038** to sign up,

or email to glrogers@comcast.net

For those unable to make the workshop but still wanting to contribute toys we have wheels and axles available to pick up at the DPWW general meetings. We also have [patterns and directions for making toys](#) available at each membership meeting and in [the Toys tab](#) of the DPWW web site.

Last year we made over 1200 toys! We hope to do even better this year!!



George Rodgers



Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly informal discussion of wood related subjects. There were 14 participants at the September 3 Sawdust Zoom meeting. Topics discussed included:

- Desk construction review and progress photos.
- Hidden door/bookcase project
- Wet bar project
- Limited access small hinge drilling suggestions.
- Self made wood dowel option
- Moisture test green wood progress.
- Access to 36" wide belt sander sought.
- Re sawing 12" wide board assistance.
- Mandolin rebuild.

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at 9:00 on Saturday, October 1. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual EMail ZOOM invitation.

Ron Colliander

August Meeting Recap

President **George Rodgers** introduced guest **Sarah Starke** who manages [DoodleBug Workshop](#) in Wheaton. DoodleBug provides vocational training for Special Needs people. Sarah is asking for volunteers to help with woodworking projects. If you can spare a few hours, contact the Workshop at doodlebugworkshop@gmail.com.

DPWW member **John Zurales** then did a presentation on his 100 watt [Thunder Laser](#) cutter. It can cut 6mm plywood or by dialing down the power, do engraving. John has taken two laser classes at Mark Adams School of Woodworking and he brought a table full of examples he has done on the machine. The veneer marquetry was amazing.

Much of the presentation focused on using the machine safely. John also talked about setup and the software he uses to drive the machine.





Book Report

The Art of Joinery - Joseph Moxon Annotated - Second Edition - Lost Art Press

Joseph Moxon's documentation of joinery was written in England in the late 1600's. This book is a short read but interesting. There are four main sections:

In the first, Moxon's language from the unedited third section has been brought up to more modern, readable standards. There are 37 short chapters, **Christopher Schwarz** inserts comments in each chapter adding context to modern woodworking tools and methods. The second section reprints the illustrations referenced in the text.

Section three is the unedited original text, hard to read in 2022.

The fourth section is a selection of earlier illustration plates from French writer Andre Felibien from which, it is suspected, Moxon copied part of his effort. the last section is a detailed index.

Moxon also wrote in his "[Mechanick Exercises](#)" series about Blacksmithing, Bricklaying, and Carpentry (as distinguished from joinery which was a separate craft then).

The first section is the part relevant to hand tool users today. It is only 82 pages which includes Schwarz's insightful and entertaining comments. Find "The Art of Joinery" in section 8 of the club library.



The Art Of Joinery

Volunteers Needed

At our August membership meeting **Sarah Starke** asked for woodworkers to assist with [DoodleBug Workshop's](#) vocational training sessions. DoodleBug provides assistance to people who are intellectually disabled. They are located near downtown Wheaton.





Authors Wanted

If you're reading this, it's safe to assume you enjoy woodworking. And talking about woodworking. How about writing about woodworking? We would love to feature member submitted articles in the DPWW monthly newsletter. If there is some corner of our hobby that you feel confident in, let your editor know and we can work up an article. Writing talent not necessary. Spelling talent not necessary. We have editors. The following are topic suggestions gleaned from recent member applications:

- Lathe skills & techniques
- More tool sharpening (especially lathe tools)
- Veneer large curved panels
- Sharpening
- Scroll saw project
- Bowl turning
- Table saw tune-up
- Finishing choices and tips for application on furniture
- Furniture building
- Joint making
- Practical show-us-how programs
- Staining/finishing
- Critical tools everyone should have

Any one of these could be turned into a newsletter article, a meeting program, or both.

Book reports are also welcome. If you have enjoyed something from the DPWW library, write down what you liked about it and send it in.

Jim Harvey - Newsletter Editor email to wb8nbs@prodigy.net

September Door Prizes

DPWW is again having door prize drawings at our In Person meetings. Tickets are \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3, \$10 for 7, \$15 for 11, \$20 for 15. In September the prizes are:

Porter Cable 2 Tool Drill/Driver Kit



10 Pc Forstner Bit Set



Japanese Pull Saw



August Door Prize Winners

Mark McCleary
DeWalt Drill/Driver

Bruce Kinney
Forstner Bits

Wayne Maier
Set of 106 Drill Bits



Local Boy Does Good at State Fair
Rich Escallier



From Our Workshop August 2022 - 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, or at our July 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 also be featured during the next monthly meeting "From Our Workshop".



**Tom Olson - Screwdriver Handle
Maple - CA Glue**



**Tom Olson - Bandsaw Box
Walnut, Oak - Shellac**



**Chad Montgomery - Router Plane
Walnut - Boiled Linseed Oil**



**Bruce Metzdorf - Raised Platter
Ash - Emmet's Good Stuff**



**Bruce Metzdorf - Bowl
Maple - Emmet's Good Stuff**



**Bruce Metzdorf - Plate
Crotch Walnut - Emmet's Good Stuff**



**Tony Leto - Puzzle Fish
Pine - No Finish**



**Bob Bakshis - Lithuanian Plaque
Baltic Birch - Craft Paint**



**Bert LeLoup - War Bird
Scraps - Paint**



Bert LeLoup - Mandolin in Progress
Oak, Curly Maple, Cedar



Bert LeLoup - Leather Rifle Case

August FOW Prize Winners

Burt LeLoup, Bob Bakshis

Each won a \$20 gift certificate to Owl Hardwood.

Internet Woodworking Link of the Month

Stumpy Nubs recently published a video on the history of iconic American brands **Craftsman**, **Delta**, and **Porter Cable**. Since I (and most of you) have examples of those brands in my workshop, I did more research. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAPAqZLOITw>

Rockwell Delta:

<http://www.vintagemachinery.org/mfgindex/detail.aspx?id=1141>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rockwell_International

Porter Cable:

<http://www.vintagemachinery.org/mfgindex/detail.aspx?id=650>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porter-Cable>

Craftsman:

<http://www.vintagemachinery.org/mfgindex/detail.aspx?id=222>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Craftsman_\(tools\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Craftsman_(tools))

Powermatic:

<http://www.vintagemachinery.org/mfgindex/detail.aspx?id=655>
<https://powermatic.com/about>



Borrow 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. It is in the Borrow Tools inventory. The scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, Work Sharp, planer, and Drill Doctor are available to members by contacting **Wayne Maier at 630-303-1341.**

About From Our Workshop

FOW is an important part of our DPWW meetings and we love to see what other members have made and hear about details of their work. Even though our meetings are both in-person at St. James, and broadcast via Zoom, please continue to send project photos.

The DPWW board asks that FOW photos be submitted online, even if you plan to bring your project to the in person meeting. You can find [the online form](#) under the [members only tab](#) on our web site. The Google form asks for your name and for project info like in the above pictures, then allows for uploading up to three image files. Photos on screen at the meeting and on Zoom give everyone a better view of projects that our video cameras can see. Whether in-person or on Zoom, you can speak about your project when called upon.

Please continue to bring your projects to the in-person meetings so we can see them before the meeting and during breaks. There will be a drawing at the September meeting for FOW prizes to those who attend in-person. If you need assistance submitting project photos, contact:

Lee Nye woodworkerlee828@gmail.com.