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WOODWORKERS

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## Calendar

### DPWW Regular Meetings

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

- **October 17**
- **November 21**
- **December 12 (Holiday Party)**

### DPWW Board Meetings

Usually the First Monday  
By Zoom until spring

- **November 7**
- **December 5**
- **January 2, 2023**  
(in person at St. James)

### Future Activities

- **October 29, 10:00 AM**  
[Shop Visit Lee Nye](#)
- **November 5, 9:00 AM**  
[Sawdust In Your Coffee](#)
- **November 12, 10:00 AM**  
[Shop Visit Doug Carroll](#)

### Programs

- **October 17**  
[Chad Montgomery - Making a Ukulele](#)
- **November 21**  
Annual Christmas Toy Drive



## President's Message - October 2022

The recent weather has been terrific! Makes it difficult to spend more time in the shop when it is so nice outside. Perhaps those with a garage shop are actually using their shop more with this weather. If so, there are plenty of opportunities to make items to help others. Thanks to those who donated items at our last meeting for St. James annual golf outing auction. Father Keith,

new to this parish, was very appreciative and impressed with the quality of the items that we made. We will be collecting more items to be auctioned for **St. James school auction** which is occurring in early November. Please bring your items to be auctioned to our [Monday, October 17 general meeting](#). Thanks again for your support. By the time you read this newsletter our toy workshop at [Woodcraft](#) will have occurred, but it's not too late to make toys for our holiday toy drive. We will be collecting toys at our [Monday, November 21 general meeting](#). Thanks to **Jeff Kramer** we have a couple of shop tours scheduled in the coming months. Last, but not least, is our annual holiday party dinner to be held on [Monday, December 12 at Reserve 22](#). Please save the date on your calendar. More details to follow as we get closer to that time.

[This month our program](#) will be member **Chad Montgomery** presenting on how he makes ukuleles. I'm really looking forward to seeing his process for making a stringed instrument.

We are in need of a new secretary for our organization. **Jerry Johnson** has done this for over 2 decades but is retiring.

We can also use help in the AV department and publicity. Please help us continue to have a very active and engaged woodworking organization. If you are at all interested please contact me or one of the other board members.

**George Rodgers 708-623-9038 [GLRodgers@comcast.net](mailto:GLRodgers@comcast.net)**

## DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting

**October 3, 2022**



**George Rodgers** opened the Zoom meeting at 7:05 p.m. Present were Board members Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Bill Hoffman, Jeff Kramer, Mark Wieting, Howard Peterson, Lee Nye, Tim McAuley, and Jerry Johnson. Organization members **David Wesolowicz** and **Bruce Metzdorf** also attended the board meeting as guests.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.



## President's Report:

The church golf outing received good support from our organization. The school's fundraising auction will be in November and George will collect items at the October general meeting. George and Wayne evaluated a request from the church to build a platform but felt the project was too large for our group.

## Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of **Lou Meli**, George gave a brief overview of our finances as a Treasurers Report.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Membership (Mike Kalscheur)** – George reported for Mike who is ill. Mike reported that we have two new members, for 196 total. Mike is preparing to send out membership renewal requests around October 8. To save postage new membership cards will be included.

**Nomination Committee** - Mike has made progress in filling the slate for coming election but still needs a secretary and a little more help on AV and Publicity.

**Library (Tim McAuley)** – Tim is seeing increased activity in the library now that the new software is up and running.

**Prizes (Bruce Kinney)** – Door prizes are breaking even. It was affirmed we would continue, although the number and value of items may need to change.

**Publicity (Keith Rosche)** – No report.

**Toys (George Rodgers)** – The fall workshop is Oct. 8 at Woodcraft in Woodridge. **Rick Ogren** and **Ron Colliander** have helped make car bodies and George has been handling the doll beds, but he could use some help. Beds are popular with the groups we donate to but this year we bought wood, about \$600 worth.

**Newsletter (Jim Harvey)** – **Jim Harvey** said Oct. 7 is the deadline for submitting articles. He has 17 items for From Our Workshop.

**From Our Workshop (Lee Nye)** – More gift certificates have been purchased.

**Activities (Jeff Kramer)** – A shop visit to **Doug Carroll's** home is scheduled for November 12.

**Programs (Jeff Kramer, Don Pellegrini)** October has member **Chad Montgomery** on making stringed

instruments, focusing on a ukulele. November will be a short presentation, perhaps Jeff himself on his recent experience at **Marc Adams School's** basics course. The Winter Banquet will be held on Monday, December 12 at Reserve 22.

**A/V (Howie Peterson)** – George and **Wayne Maier** completed constructing an extension for the top of the A/V cabinet so all of our equipment can be contained.

**Web (Bill Hoffman)** – **Bill Hoffman** said **John Zurales** has volunteered to help with the site.

## Old Business:

– **By-Laws Document Update:** **Mark Wieting** has volunteered to assume the leadership of the Constitution and ByLaws committee.

– **Non-Profit Status:** No apparent progress on gaining not-for-profit status from the State of Illinois, but George will inquire about our status.

– **Insurance review:** It would be helpful if a member of DPWW with insurance expertise could review our policy and discuss it with the board.

– **To Zoom or not to Zoom:** It had been suggested that we consider moving some of our board meetings to Zoom, which was the case for this meeting. We decided to keep the first meeting of the year face-to-face so board members could get to know one another and perhaps use Zoom in winter months or when other circumstances make Zoom the best option.

## New Business:

– George reported that he was approached by a company suggesting we run articles they have authored on woodworking subjects. After discussion the board unanimously decided to reject this offer as there is plenty of professionally written material available to our members.

– George and **Mike Kalscheur** have received emails from a local company that needs to recruit paid staff asking if we can help them recruit. Although the board decided not to broadcast to all of our members, we will consider an activity at the company's location next year that might help both our organization's members and the company.

**Jerry Johnson -- Secretary, and Mark Wieting**



## November Meeting

DPWW member **Chad Montgomery** will be the featured presenter at our meeting on October 17. He will talk about constructing a ukulele and will give a presentation on how you can construct one yourself. Chad's presentation will include:

1. An overview of his progression in instrument building. (He started with a kit build, and moved on to designing and building them from scratch while adding more features with each build).
2. A walk through the steps in building a ukulele, including discussions of the jigs for key steps: side bending, fretting, carving the neck, etc.
3. Options for materials and parts.

**Don Pellegrini/Jeff Kramer**



## Membership News

Two new members have joined within the past month. DPWW now has 196 total members.

Please welcome **Craig Gaitan** from Bartlett. Craig indicated he has just started making planter boxes, cutting boards and other small projects. He is welcome to show those projects at a future meeting.

Also please welcome **Gary Rothmund** from Lombard. Gary enjoys making shaker style furniture and wants to learn much more about woodworking.

## **Board and Committee Members Needed for 2023**

DPWW is still looking for more members to assist with running our organization in 2023. As current members have stepped down from Board positions for various reasons, it's time to fill those openings to keep the same high level of benefits for all members.

Some Board positions may seem too time-consuming for one person, so committees exist for those positions to spread out the workload. A few hours per month is all that's required for some tasks. Members with computer and Audio/Video skills are always in demand. Those members will be especially appreciated during monthly meetings. 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 DPWW are encouraged to contact me or anyone else serving in any particular Board/Committee position. Remember it's the extra efforts of the members that help make Dupage Woodworkers better for all. And you can learn a few new tricks at the same time.

**Mike Kalscheur**

**membership@dupagewoodworkers.org**

## Logo Clothing

New members 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, harleyop99@att.net**





## October Toy Makers Workshop

Seventeen members came to the [Woodridge Woodcraft](#) on 10/8 to saw, drill, sand, route, and assemble toys for our November toy drive. With everyone's help, over 100 doll beds and over 500 toy cars were finished.

*George Rodgers*



Four Routers - No Waiting



What We Really Did Most of the Time



Hammer in the Wheels



Doll Bed Assembly Station

## 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 October 1 Sawdust Zoom meeting. Topics discussed included:

- Dust collection for band saws
- Collapsing cart for moving sheet goods
- Reminder about the toy workshop October 8
- [Nancy Hiller passing](#)
- Leather solution for small doll house hinges
- Custom compound angle miter sled for box lids
- Glue blocks to reinforce thin doll house corners
- Miniature yard light house build
- Photos of completed desk previously discussed
- Angle glue up with CA glue/activator and Titebond

There will be another Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting at 9:00 on Saturday, November 5. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual EMAIL ZOOM invitation.

**Ron Colliander**

## September Meeting Recap

DPWW member **Marty Dettmer** presented his method of constructing an angled cap for a hexagonal box. The lid is glued up from six segments cut on compound angles, then a vertical skirt is added to seat the assembly on the box body. Also, **Jim Harvey** presented alternative construction and glue up methods.







Our holiday party is being held on **Monday, December 12** at **Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn**. The doors open at 6pm and a buffet dinner will be provided at 6:30pm. I look forward to seeing many of our members and their significant others there. The food and company will be outstanding. I am also sure many great gifts for our guests will be provided. - **George Rodgers**

## Community Project

In late August DPWW received a request from **Dee Gann** for a woodworker to help construct parts for a large craft project; her previous helper had passed away. **Mike Kalscheur** forwarded the appeal to the group and **Brian Polo** took on the task. These are photos of the Santa components under construction.

Dee is well known for these Santa figures, has her [own web page](#) and also a [page on Facebook](#).



## Saint James School Auction

**St. James** sponsors DPWW at no charge. The church does ask for help with their projects and this fall DPWW has been asked to contribute handmade items for a fundraising auction to benefit [the school](#) on November 4. Please bring any items you can donate to the October 17 meeting. There was a specific request for an Adirondack style chair that could be decorated by the students. **George Rodgers** and **Wayne Maier** have taken on that project. The newsletter received the following from George:

"Attached are before and after pics of the Adirondack chair that Wayne and I built. It is made of western red cedar and old growth pine that I had on hand. To make it completely out of western red cedar was going to be very costly. Being painted and covered with exterior polyurethane it should hold up well for a number of years. I did coat the areas of exposed end grain with epoxy to minimize moisture absorption.

**George Rodgers"**





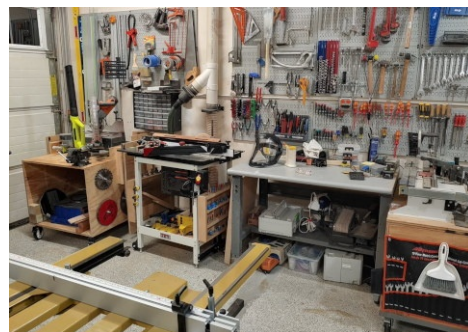


**Lee Nye**

## Upcoming DPWW Activities

### Shop Tours

**October 29, 2022** – *Lee Nye* will be hosting a tour of his shop at 828 Glenmore Ct, Naperville IL. The tour will begin at 10:00 AM. Please use [the DPWW online form](#) to sign up for this event.



**Doug Carroll**

**November 12, 2022** – *Doug Carroll* will be hosting a tour of his shop at 2009 Mackenzie Pl, Wheaton, IL. The tour will begin at 10:00 AM. Please use [the online form](#) to sign up.

### Mark Your Calendar

Visit [Ressler Guitars](#), Custom Stairs & Staircases Chicago | [Designed Stairs](#). *John Ressler* makes guitars and owns both shops. He has invited DPWW to tour both places. Further information will be provided in early 2023.

## October 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. This month at St. James the prizes will be:

**1 - Bosch Random Orbital Sander    2 - 3 Piece Self Centering Bit Set    3 – Wixey Digital Angle Gauge**



### September Door Prize Winners

*Jim Beaurain*  
Forstner Bits

*Tony Evansky*  
Porter Cable Set

*Ken McLaren*  
Japanese Saw

### September FOW Prize Winners

*Mark McLeary*

*Don Pellegrini*

*Tom Benson*

Each won a \$20 gift certificate.



## From Our Workshop September 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 September 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 in-person and Zoom monthly meeting "From Our Workshop".



**Mark Wieting - Coffee Table**  
Walnut & Maple - Waterlox & Stain



**Don Pellegrini - Serving Board**  
Oak, Maple, Walnut, Padauk - Howard's Cutting Board Oil



**Rick Ogren - Cutting Board**  
Maple & Walnut - Mineral Oil



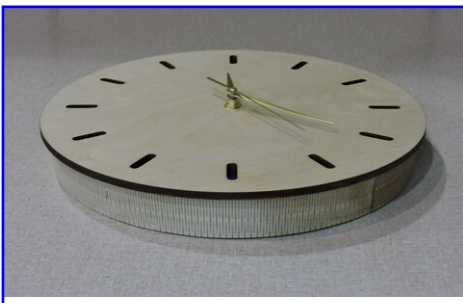
**Tony Leto - Elephants**  
Cherry - No Finish



**Bob Bakshis - 1923 Jordan Playboy**  
Oak - Poly



**Tom Olson - BandSaw Box**  
Cherry, Walnut, Oak - Shellac



**John Zurales - Contemporary Clock**  
Baltic Birch - Satin Poly

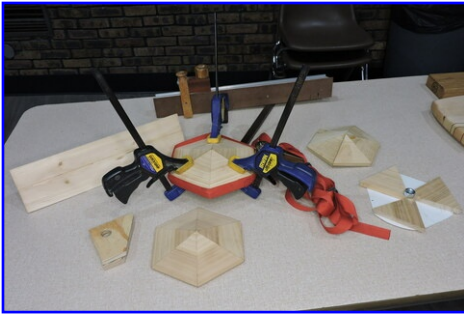


**Tony Benson - Bowl**  
Osage Orange - CA Glue



**Bruce Metzdorf - Toy Vehicles**  
2x4 Pine - No Finish





**Jim Harvey - Box Lid Jigs  
Scraps - No Finish**



**Rick Ogren - Strip Maker  
White Oak - Danish Oil**



**David Wesolowicz - Charcuterie  
Boards  
Hard Maple & Zebrawood**



**Mark McCleary - Music Stand  
Walnut - Lacquer**

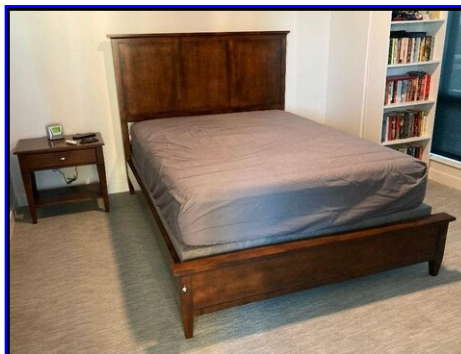


**David Wesolowicz - BandSaw  
Box  
PurpleHeart & Baltic Birch**



**David Wesolowicz - BandSaw  
Box  
Lati & Baltic Birch**

**George  
Rodgers  
Bed  
  
Maple &  
Veneered Ply  
Shellac, Dye  
Stain, Lacquer**



**George  
Rodgers  
Bed  
Foundation  
Baltic Birch  
No Finish**

