

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

Will be in person also via Zoom until further notice

- [April 15](#)
- [May 20](#)

DPWW Board Meetings

Usually First Monday

- [May 6](#)
- [June 3](#)

Future Activities

- [May 4](#)
– [Sawdust in Your Coffee](#)
- [April 27](#)
– [Toy Workshop](#)
- [May TBA](#)
– Small Shop Visits - Glen Ellyn area

Programs

- [April 15](#)
– [Chainsaw Carving - Bud Hainzinger](#)
- [May 20](#)
– [Vacuum Veneering - Mark Osgood](#)

President's Message - April 2024



Just when I thought we would have an early spring, the cooler temps have prevailed. Hopefully, the weather gets warmer and everyone can enjoy spending time in their shops.

I think everyone who attended our last meeting with the [Milescraft](#) representatives really enjoyed their presentation. I know I did. They showed a lot of innovative products and some familiar products at a lower cost. It was very nice for three of their people, including their CEO show up. Helps that they are based in Elgin.

This month's program will be a discussion about chain saw carving. I am always amazed by what chain saw carvers can create. I am sure I won't be disappointed by [Bud Hainzinger](#).

I also enjoyed our field trip to [Raw Heartwood](#) in West Chicago. Their selection of locally sourced as well as product from Hawaii is very good. I enjoyed seeing their large CNC machine in action. If I ever deal with a large project that I need to have surfaced or sanded I will definitely consider having it done there. I also enjoyed following up with an epoxy class with [Shallan Garrett](#). I can't wait to see the final charcuterie board project she helped me create. Shallan works for Raw Heartwood and also started her own company, [Wood Glitter](#).

Our activity for April is the toy making workshop to be held at [Woodcraft in Woodridge](#) on Saturday, April 27 from 9am to 3pm. Please see the [article in this newsletter](#) for more details.

We always encourage feedback and thoughts about how to improve our organization. Please reach out to me or one of the other board members.

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

DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting April 1, 2024



[George Rodgers](#) opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00 Present were Gordon Brand, Jim Harvey, Bill Hoffman, Michael Kalscheur, Jeff Kramer, Tom Kubica, Bruce Metzdorf, Lee Nye, Howard Peterson, Harry Trainor, Dave Wesolowicz, Mark Wieting, Steve Young.

Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval – No additions or changes. March minutes were approved.



Treasurer's Report: (*Dave Wesolowicz*) – Current cash on hand stands at \$7,077. The financial spreadsheet was sent to the Board last week.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership (*Mike Kalscheur*) – Current membership stands at 199. We had a couple of new members join in March. We occasionally have prospects sign up but fail to pay the dues.

Library (*Tom Kubica*) – The idea was raised of possibly selling some of our existing book / magazine inventory for a small fee or donation. An article will be posted in the newsletter regarding this.

Prizes (*Harry Trainor*) – April raffle prizes include a Dewalt Sander and a fire extinguisher.

Publicity (*Mark Wieting*) – No report.

Toys (*George Rodgers*) – The first toy workshop will be on April 27th at [Woodcraft in Woodridge](#).

Newsletter (*Jim Harvey*) – Articles for the April newsletter are needed by Friday, April 5th. The “Toy of the Month” will be the City Car shown on our website. Last month’s “From Our Workshop” included 17 projects and covers three pages.

From Our Workshop (*Lee Nye*) – Lee will miss the April 15th meeting. *George Rodgers* will step in.

Activities (*Jeff Kramer*) – April’s program is the toy workshop at Woodcraft and May will be the progressive shop tour. Thus far, two locations have been agreed to. Looking for one more shop to add to the agenda. Jeff commented on the proposed member picnic. We will start out small. Jeff will create a survey to send to the members to help evaluate interest. Many questions / comments were raised as to the location,

the food, and our liability.

Programs (*Bruce Metzdorf*) – April’s program will be on chainsaw carving by *Bud Hainzinger*. This will be a discussion, not a demonstration. May’s program will be on using vacuum pumps in veneering. *Mark Osgood* will be the presenter.

A/V (*Howard Peterson*) – he was nothing new to report in this area, however, the comment was made that the Zoom sound quality at the last meeting was very good.

Web (*Bill Hoffman*) – here was nothing new to report. Work on the website is continuing as planned.

Tools (*Gordon Brand*) – There was nothing new to report.

Old Business:

a. **July Picnic** – *Jeff Kramer* – Discussed in the activities.

New Business:

a. **Micro Food Pantry** – *George Rodgers* – A request for a micro food pantry via the University of Illinois Extension Service for Humanitarian Service (Carol Stream) was given to *George Rodgers*. There are a number of unanswered questions such as how many would we make, who furnishes the materials or reimburses the costs, where and when would we do this? Each pantry is estimated to cost around \$500, which is not in the club’s budget. George is scheduled to have a follow-up discussion on Thursday that may answer some questions. George also volunteered his workshop should we decide to proceed.

Adjournment – 7:47pm

— **Steve Young**

Sawdust In Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were xx participants at the April 6 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:



1. Review upcoming toy workshop
2. In progress Ukulele construction from local salvaged wood.
3. Doodle Bug workshop bird feeders
4. Electronic clock
5. Amana Colony inspired bench with splayed legs
6. Multiunit watch box.
7. Label blank castings
8. Looking for places that accept surplus woodworking projects?

There will be another SIYC meeting at **9:00 on Saturday, May 4**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual Email Zoom invitation. — **Ron Colliander**



March Meeting Recap

Milescraft

59 members saw an interesting presentation by representatives from Milescraft. This Elgin based company makes a number of gadgets useful to woodworkers. They showed their Drill Guide, doweling jigs, pocket hole jigs, dovetail fixture, tracksaw, several router accessories and their cabinet hinge jigs.

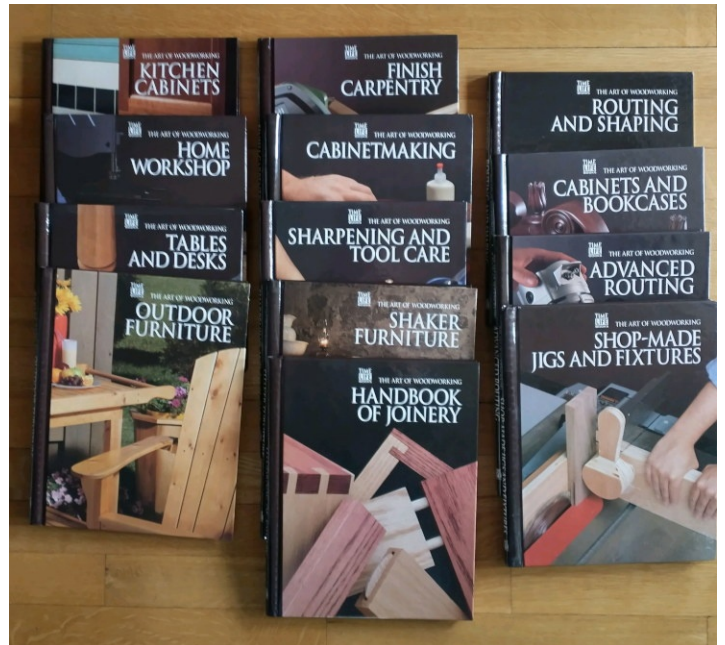


Library Update

Time/Life Book Set For Sale



We have a 13 volume set of Time/Life books on many aspects of Woodworking. See the photos for titles. Hard external spine with an internal spiral spine to allow them to lay flat. \$20 for all. Sold as a complete set only. If interested you can contact me at: tkub54@comcast.net



Also available at the April meeting will be other books on wood working available for \$1.00 each. Proceeds from all sales go to the club.

Some new additions to the library are books on making boxes. Category Red 3. These will be out on the new addition table and are ready for check out.

You can also browse books or DVD's by accessing the library [through the DPWW website](#), or at the [LibIb site](#). You can search by topic or author. Once you have found something that you would like, you can place a hold on it by clicking on the book's title page then clicking on "Add hold." We will have it pulled for you to finish the check out.

— Tom Kubica

April 15 DPWW Meeting

Chainsaw Carving



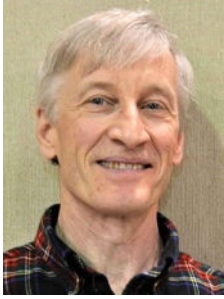
Bud Hainzinger (woodenmattercarving.com) will talk about his chainsaw carvings. His carvings can be viewed at Starved Rock State Park and Lewis University, among other locations.

— Bruce Metzdorf





Membership News



Three (2) new members were added to the membership roster within the last month. Please welcome these members listed below at future meetings and activities. Total membership count is now at 199.

- **Daniel Cook** from Downers Grove
- **Jim Korreck** from Schaumburg

DPWW has a list of members who have offered to be woodworking mentors to other members. This list is available from the Members-Only page on the website.

<https://dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/membersonly.html>

If you're recently new to the woodworking hobby or need to contact another member with more experience in some aspect of woodworking, please don't hesitate to contact someone on this mentor list.

If that mentor cannot help, they may know someone else who can assist. Please contact me if you've misplaced the Username/Password for accessing this mentor list, or want to add your name to this list. Help support our club motto, "Learning by Sharing".

— **Mike Kalscheur**
membership@dupagewoodworkers.org

New Hardwood and Turning Stock Retail Store Open in Batavia, IL

A new retail hardwood store has recently opened in Batavia, IL. The inventory includes hardwood lumber for furniture makers; turning stock for woodturners and a small wood gallery of finished products.

The store is located at 330 McKee St, Batavia, IL. 60510. The store hours are Saturday's from 9 am until 3 pm and by appointment.

Please join us for our Grand Opening celebration on May 4, 2024 from 9am until 3pm.

Phone: 630-761-5907

Email: bataviahardwoods@gmail.com

Website: www.BataviaHardwoods.com

In Other news: There are strong rumours that the [Woodcraft store in Woodridge](#) will be moving to a new location in Downers Grove near Ogden and Fairview this summer.

April Activity



Our group activity for the month of April will be the Toy Workshop at [Woodcraft of Woodridge](#). See the [Toys writeup](#) on Page 8.

kramer123@hotmail.com
 — **Jeff Kramer**

Internet Links of the Month

SawStop technology may be everywhere soon.

<https://www.npr.org/2024/04/02/1241148577/table-saw-injuries-safety-sawstop-cpsc?ft=nprml&f=191676894>

Stumpy Nubs' comments on the Saw Stop technology hearings:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxKkuDduYLk>

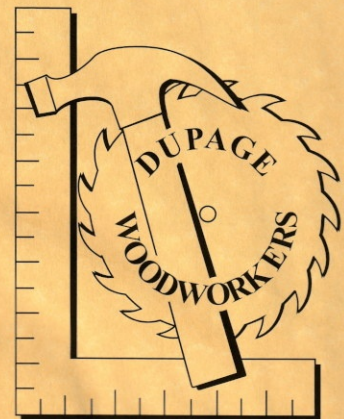
Plastic nails? Really??

<https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/events-contests/wood-pro-expo-illinois/wood-pro-expo-il-video-preview-raptor-polymer-fasteners>

Clifton Bench Planes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdH43wiB0IA>

Learning By Sharing

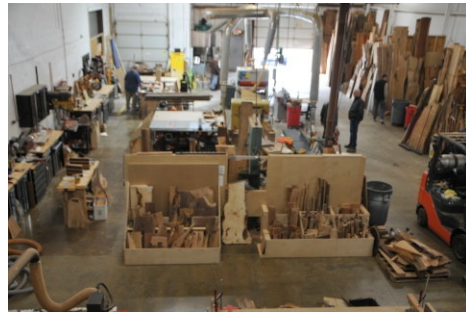




March Activity Recap Raw Heartwood Lumber

A fully equipped woodworking business established by Garret Magnusson in West Chicago in June of 2019. They offer classes in epoxy, and also wide belt sanding, jointing, CNC routing services.

Garret also stocks and sells a variety of tropical woods.



Alex Snodgrass

The latest [Woodcraft \(Woodridge\)](#) flyer shows [Alex Snodgrass](#) presenting "The Art of the Bandsaw" on April 24th. DPWW had Alex at our regular [February 2021 meeting](#) in a well received COVID lockdown ZOOM session.

Potential Community Involvement

DPWW has been asked to construct or help construct a "Micro Pantry" for U of IL Extension SNAP Education. This is a portion of the Email received from [Cindy Galvin](#) in March:

"Hello, [Kristin Senne](#) from the **Humanitarian Service Project** gave me your name. I work with the University of Illinois Extension SNAP Education program. I provide resources for HSP to include in their birthday letters and Christmas boxes about physical activity and nutrition. Providing access to food is another focus of my job, so I have been working on placing a micro pantry at sites in DuPage County. A micro pantry is similar to those small book houses you might see in people's yards but is for shelf-stable food. Kristin is interested in having one installed at HSP."



University of Illinois has provided fairly detailed drawings. [George Rodgers](#) has offered to host construction at his home in Western Springs. If you are interested in participating, contact George.



Toy of the Month City Car

One of my neighbors has a [Smart Car](#). This cute toy model is a dead ringer. Too bad the brand has been orphaned in the US. This page should print as a full size pattern, you can get wheels and axles at any DPWW meeting, and get a better PDF of the toy on the [DPWW web site](#).

City Car Operation sheet

Material- Poplar, close grain pine or equivalent.

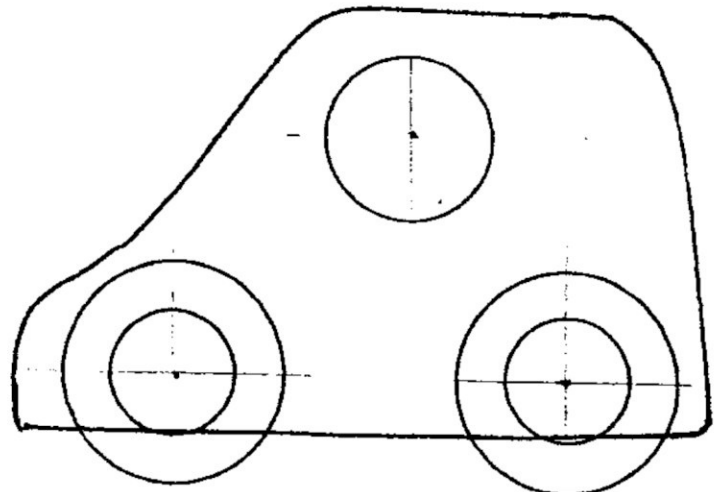
Equipment required. Band saw, Drill press, Router & sandpaper.

Finish-None required-Leave as bare wood.

Other material.-Commercial 1" wheels & axles.

Operations:

1. Cut wood to size 3 1/2:"L x 2" H x 1 1/2" W. Using template trace outline of car on work piece.
2. Drill axle holes through. Drill size 7/32"
3. Drill window hole through . Drill size 3/4".
4. Cut out profile of the car.
5. Sand all sharp edges or round over with a 1/8" router bit.
6. Assemble axle and wheels. If wood is 1 1/2" or narrower you may have to shorten two axles. Check before the glue assembly
7. Stand back and admire your craftsmanship.





Borrow DPWW 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, an HVLP sprayer, and a small bandsaw. The scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, **Work Sharp**, planer, sprayer, bandsaw, and Drill Doctor are available to DPWW members by contacting:

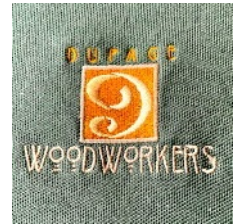


Wayne Maier 630-303-1341

Logo Clothing



Welcome to all DPWW members from our DPWW clothing store. Stop by at my display location during the Monday meeting for introductions. We started with the green polo shirts and tan hats with the embroidered DPWW logo. We added the long sleeve T shirts with the embroidered DPWW logo. Our clothing supplier offers LS and SS faded Blue Denim. Let me know if this or any other item would be of interest. Enjoy the Spring, and attend events wearing your DPWW shirts and hats.



Thanks, - **Carl Shaffer 630-251-3106**

From Our Workshop

Prize Drawing - March 2024

Winners at the March meeting

Bruce Metzdorf, Paul Pyrcik, Tony Leto

March Door Prize winners

Michael Welburn and Steve Young



April Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- DeWALT 20 volt Sander
- Home2Pro Fire Extinguisher



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

- **Harry Trainor**



Inspirational Project of the Month

A really nice basket that unfolds into a low step stool. Would be useful for tools, magazines or kitchen debris.



Toy Makers Workshop

It is happening this month!



DPWW and [Woodcraft \(75th St. and Woodward Ave. in Woodridge\)](#) will be hosting a toy making workshop on **Saturday, April 27** from 9am to 3pm. We are hoping to have people contribute some of their time to helping bandsaw, drill, route, sand and assemble toys for our annual Christmas Holiday give-a-way program. The plan is to have people come 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. We will be making toy doll beds and vehicles.

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 [April DPWW general meeting](#). We also have [patterns and directions](#) for making toys which are available at each general meeting. If you only have some equipment such as just a drill press, etc. we can always use help completing part of the project or help with assembly. Pick what you feel comfortable doing. Any help is appreciated.

For those without equipment at home to make toys remember that the club has a drill press and scroll saw to borrow.

Last year we made over 3000 toys! Let's keep it up!

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



From Our Workshop March 2024 - 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 18 meeting, or were shown in person at the meeting. With our meetings held via Zoom and inperson, 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" session.



Gordon Brand - Bowl
Osage Orange - Resin - Oil, Wax



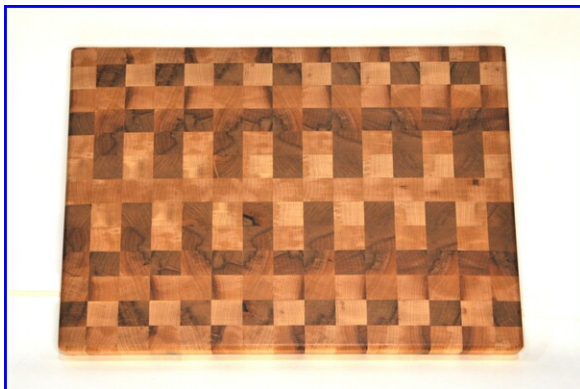
Gordon Brand - Bowl
Osage Orange - Oil, Wax



Tony Leto - Bandsaw Cut Foam



Tony Leto - Chair Leg Extensions
PVC



Bruce Metzdorf - Cutting Board
Maple - Walrus Oil, Wax



Bruce Metzdorf - Bowl with Painted Rim
Ash - Paint, Poly, Lacquer



Roy Galbreath - Rabbits
Maple, Walnut - Spray Poly



Tom Olson - Warrior and Gatsby Pens
Padauk, Olive - CA



Tom Olson - Chip Carved Cross
Bass Wood - Stain, Shellac



Lee Nye - Desk
Poplar, Ply, Oak - BM Paint



Rick Ogren - Plaque
Pine - Paint



**Emilian Geczi - Headboard
Walnut Plywood - Shellac**



**Paul Pyrcik - Turned Bowl
Box Elder -- Deft/Oil/Wax**



**George Rodgers - Cheese Knife Set
Walnut - Poly**

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 submit photos 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, for project info like in the following pictures, then allows for uploading up to three image files. Your 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 April meeting for FOW prizes to those who attend in-person. If you need assistance submitting project photos, contact:

— **Lee Nye** woodworkerlee828@gmail.com.



Bob Bakshis - Viking Sword
Pine - Poly



Bill Ward - Japanese Lamp
Mahogany, Poplar - Spray Poly



Ron Colliander - Step Stool
Walnut - Rubio Monocoat

