

Calendar

DPWW Regular Meetings

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

Will be in person and via Zoom

- May 19
- June 15

DPWW Board Meeting

Usually First Monday

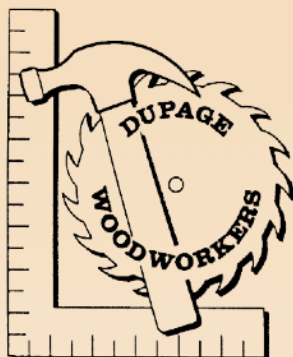
- May 5
- June 2

Future Activities

- June 21
 - George Rodgers will be hosting a veneering class limited to 5 students

Programs

- May 19
 - Representatives from WenTools will present on their tool offerings



President's Message May 2025



George Rodgers

I write this letter just after finishing up helping clean out Jack Harkin's shop. We had a very good 3 day sale over the weekend. I took the remaining items (a pickup full of items) to the Habitat for Humanity Restore in Naperville today. Jack's wife, Anna, is very thankful for everything that was done. A big shout out to John Dillon of the Windy City Woodturners for all his efforts in organizing and leading the charge on this clean out/sale.

By the time you read this newsletter I will have visited [Nicholson Logging and Lumber](#) in Yorkville. I am sure it will be interesting to see and hear about his operation and see what is for sale. I also look forward to sharing lunch with other woodworkers afterwards. Thanks, Vaibhav Konanur, for organizing this activity. I hope to work with Vaibhav to offer a parquetry hands-on workshop in June. Please be on the lookout for further details in the near future.

Bruce Metzdorf provided us with another very good program this past month. [Dave Griffith, from the IL Dept. of Natural Resources](#), gave us a very informative and, to some extent, disturbing assessment of our forests. It was fascinating to hear about all the underground communication that occurs among the trees and other plants. I hope Dave is able to continue to preserve/grow white oak and hickory trees in our forests.

Our next meeting will have Ben Jones from [Wen](#) talk about their products, particularly as they relate to woodworking. Please be sure to bring your questions for him.

I look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting on Monday, May 19 at 7pm.

George Rodgers

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George Rogers

Toys 2025

The DPWW toy committee held a toy making workshop on Saturday, April 26 at the [Woodcraft Store in](#)

[Downers Grove](#). We routed and assembled 100 doll beds. We also drilled, sanded, routed and glued wheels and axles to 600 vehicles and animal cut outs. Thanks to the 22 members that participated on Saturday. Special thanks to Rick Ogren, Ron Colliander, Bruce Metzdorf, Dave Wesolowicz, John Grzanich, John Cunningham and Jim Mikkelsen for helping prepare the pieces to various stages of completion for use at the workshop. Rick Ogren helped me set up the night before. Extra thanks to Mark Wieting, Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney and Ron Colliander for providing some of their equipment to use. It would not have been a successful workshop without everyone's commitment. We can feel proud about the toys we will be able to provide to underprivileged children this Holiday season. Please remember we will be collecting toys at the November general meeting on Monday, November 17. They will be distributed that evening to organizations that provide them to needy children. Thanks again to all those that helped.

George Rodgers
[Toy Making Instructions](#)





April 2025 Meeting Recap

The April 21 monthly DPWW meeting was well attended. Dave Griffith, from the [Illinois Department of Natural Resources](#), spoke about our forests and some of the things threatening them.



Bruce Metzdorf

Bug infestations and diseases are an issue due to underlying stresses that weaken trees. For example, Oaks need full sun. A long history of firefighting has left twice as many trees in the canopy than is optimal. Due to this, Oaks are on the way out, being replaced by hackberries.

Dave told us about the Ectomycorrhizal Fungi under the forest floor. This fungus. The fungi connects to the tree roots so trees may share sugar, micronutrients, and other resources, forming a symbiotic relationship. Seeds germinating in a forest with a healthy Ectomycorrhizal Fungi grow much faster. Some research has been done, but is not being integrated into forestry programs to date.

The presentation covered some pests and other threats, but also highlighted some positive news. Herbicide drift from crop dusting is a serious problem. Some farmers now use drones to perform the cropdusting while flying a few feet above the crops greatly reducing drift. The addition of LIDAR allows the drone to identify plants while in flight to only target given pest plants reducing costs.

– **Bruce Metzdorf, Program Director**

Tool Sale

The Jack Harkins Estate Sale was held May 2 - 4. There was a large supply of turning tools as well as general woodworking items.





April 2025 Activity

Nicholson Sawmill in Yorkville, IL.

Nicholson Sawmill is a small, family-run operation with deep roots in the local woodworking community. During the tour, we saw live milling demonstrations, learned about the sawmill's custom-cut lumber process, and got an up-close look at their equipment—including some of the machinery maintenance that keeps the operation running smoothly. It's was a great opportunity to see what goes into turning logs into lumber and ask questions about sourcing and processing local wood.

Vaibhav Konanur, Activities Chair, DuPage





Sawdust in Your Coffee



Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. There were 7 participants at the May 3 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

1. Upcoming Sawmill tour at Nicholson's sawmill.
2. Estate tool sale review.
3. Re-sawing or planning Douglass Fir stair tread.
4. Tips for utilizing a plunge cut at a router table.
5. Single post speaker support column design suggestions.
6. Black Locust and Honey Locust turning experiences.
7. Segmented bowl turning made from staves with birds mouth router bit.

There will be another SIYC meeting at **9:00AM on Saturday, June 7**. Bring your questions, your progress, and/or your coffee. Expect the usual Email Zoom invitation.— **Ron Colliander**

April FOW Prize Drawing Winners

Michel Fross, Tom Olson, Mark Wieting, John Wiedemann, Tom Benson

April 2025 Door Prize winners

Tracy Schroeder and Bert LeLoup



Coffee Makers

Gotta have coffee at the DPWW meetings! Thanks to everyone who pitched in at the March meeting. Anyone is welcome to make coffee. Just arrive a little after 6:00 and join the fun with others.

DPWW is currently looking for a volunteer to oversee the kitchen operation.



Link of the month



[10 Shop Tours](#)

May Door Prizes

Door prizes this month will be:

- 20 volt Milwaukee Drill Driver
- Digital Caliper and \$10.00 Woodcraft Gift Card

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



Bruce Kinney



Mike Kalscheur

Membership News

Total membership count is holding steady at 195. If you don't see your name on the roster or you're not getting emails about DPWW happenings, please let me know if you want to join or renew your membership.

DPWW members are eligible to receive discounts on purchases at various woodworking-related vendors. Check out the vendors list on this web page. <<https://www.dupagewoodworkers.org/discounts.html>>

The annual membership renewal statement, which is mailed to all current members in early October, contains an option about being included on a contact list given to vendors who offer a discount. The contact list would include your name, address, email address and phone number. The only vendor who currently requests that list is Klingspor Woodworking Shop. <https://www.woodworkingshop.com/> Klingspor will use that contact list to apply a 10% discount to most products they carry.

Members who place an online order with Klingspor should see a 10% discount on most products in their cart. Please verify that you're receiving the discount before submitting the order. If no discount seen, call Klingspor customer service at 800-228-0000 for assistance. If you're a new DPWW member within the past year, or were recently added to the vendor contact list, you may be asked to verify your DPWW membership before receiving the discount. Please let me know if you wish to be added or removed from the contact list that is shared with vendors.

Don't forget to scan the "Classifieds" section on the DPWW website for other tool sales at very reasonable prices. All members usually receive an email notice when a new item has been added to the Classifieds.



From Our Workshop March 2025 [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 April 21 meeting, or were shown in person at the 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 be featured during the next in person and Zoom monthly meeting "From Our Workshop" session.



Michael Fross – Dovetail Saw, Bow Box
Rosewood – Tru-Oil, Maple & Rosewood



Bert LeLoup – End Grain Cutting Board,
Vacuum Chuck, Bottle Stopper & Offset Turning



John Wiedemann – End Grain Cutting Board
Spalted River Birch – Mineral Oil



Paul Pyrcik – Turned Desk Set
Black & White Ebony – Oil & Wax



Mark Halla – Christmas Ornaments
Birch Plywood – None



Tom Benson – Miniature Baseball Bat
Pine



Mark Wieting – Salad Bowl
Maple – MinWax S.B. Finish



Rick Ogren – Transition Planes
Beech – Linseed Oil & Paste Wax



Tom Olson – Band Saw Box
Baltic Birch, Maple, Padauk – CA



Tony Leto – 3D Printing



Steve Young

DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting — May 7, 2025

George Rodger opened the Zoom meeting at 7:00pm. Present were Gordon Brand, Jim Harvey, Michael Kalscheur, Bruce Kinney, Vaibhav Konanur, Tom Kubica, Lee Nye, Howard Peterson,

George Rodgers, Dave Wesolowicz, Mark Wieting, and Steve Young.

Agenda Additions, Changes and Approval –

No changes were made to the agenda and the board approved the past meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: (Dave Wesolowicz) – As of the end of April, the club has a cash balance of \$9,333. Since opening the new account, we have earned \$24 in interest. Account balances and a copy of the DPWW Treasurer's spreadsheet was also provided.

Communications:

Secretary – No report

President – No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership (Mike Kalscheur) – There were no new members in April. Our current membership stands at 195.

Library (Tom Kubica) – Jim Harvey has contributed more books to the library. A few will be brought to each general meeting to be given away.

Publicity (Mark Wieting) – Information was sent to several news outlets regarding the April toy workshop. No coverage resulted. Mark Wieting wrote an article on the toy workshop and submitted to the Daily Herald. The article was published.

Prizes (Bruce Kinney) – 1st prize for May will be a Milwaukee drill / driver set. 2nd prize will be

a digital caliper and a \$10 Woodcraft gift card.

Toys (George Rodgers) – The April toy workshop went well. Approximately 100 doll beds were produced and around 600 wheeled toys were produced. Looking for ideas for other wheeled toys or animal designs.

Newsletter (John Wiedemann/Jim Harvey) – Articles for the newsletter are needed by this Friday, May 9.

From Our Workshop (Lee Nye) – Two RZ masks are available for prizes along with a clamp and a flush cut saw.

Activities (Vaibhav Konanur) – We have the sawmill tour this Saturday from 10am to noon. At this point there are 13 signed up. st. This will be limited to 5 participants per session. A possible bucket making demo may be scheduled for August. This would take place in Monee at the Crozehead Cooperage.

Programs (Bruce Metzdorf) – Ben Jones will be our speaker in May. Ben represents Wen. Bob Behnke of Titebond will present at the June meeting.

A/V (Howard Peterson) – No report.

Web (Bill Hoffman) – No report.

Tools (Gordon Brand) – Gordon sent out a note to members regarding a few giveaways. There are also a few left overs from the Kim Sowa sale that will soon be posted.

Clothing (Carl Shaffer) No report

Old Business:

- **Awards committee report – Jeff and George** – Jeff is filling the committee with a member at large and two existing life members.

New Business:



A. **Publishing of board meeting minutes vs. committee reports – Steve Young** – The question was raised as to the necessity of publishing the minutes of the board meeting in the newsletter given most items are also discussed by committee member articles. It was decided that the minutes would be moved to the

end of the newsletter.

B. True Trac company discount – George – True Trac would like to offer the DPWW members a discount for being mentioned in our newsletter.

Adjournment – 7:56 pm

— **Steve Young**