

Calendar

• DPWW Regular Meetings

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

• Will be in person and via Zoom

- February 16
- March 16

• DPWW Board Meeting

• Usually First Monday

- March 2
- April 6

• Programs

• February 16

- Mark Dreyer on decorating turned platters

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- Bob Behnke of Franklin Adhesives. The program is "The 5 Steps of Gluing."

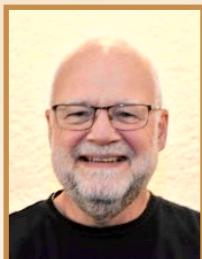
• Activities

• March 25

- Tour and presentation at Jeff Miller's woodworking facility and the Chicago Industrial Design Work Center.

• Links

- [Directory for Board Minutes](#)



George Rogers

President's Message February 2026

I have been in my shop making doll bed parts in between working on other projects for my house and shop. You can never have enough storage space in either place. And, it is never too early to start making toys for our November holiday toy give away. There will also be one or two St. James auctions in the fall that we contribute hand made wooden objects to. You can always start making something for those as well.

I enjoyed 3M's presentation on their Cubitron sandpaper and their Cubitron sanding system. Ceramic particles seem to be the future of sandpaper. They seem to cut faster and last longer than the aluminum oxide particles that are found on most sandpapers.

I look forward to Mark Dreyer's presentation on decorating and embellishing platters. Mark always keeps the audience engaged and offers useful, easy to implement tips. If you ever wanted to turn a pen or improve your pen turning abilities Mark has a series of YouTube videos on the subject under the title "Ten Minutes to Better Pen Making".

Vaibhav is working on coordinating a very interesting activity for March; combination of a visit to a woodworking/metal working school on the north side of Chicago along with a visit to a furniture making studio that is nearby. At the furniture making studio we will receive instruction/demonstration on a relevant topic by a well respected, published woodworker. Details will be available soon.

I hope everyone is enjoying some time in their shop, or at least planning for what is next, if they cannot be in their shop. I know the cold weather affects many of you.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on Monday, February 16 at 7pm.

George Rodgers

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Membership News



Mike Kalscheur

Eleven (11) more members were added to the DPWW membership roster since last month's newsletter (January issue) was published. All these members learned about DPWW from either a friend or the website. Total members count is now at 228.

Please welcome the following new and returning members with their IL city of residence noted in parenthesis.

- Mike & Linda Consolino (Elmhurst)
- Brian Davey (Elmhurst)
- Manzoor Hassan (Plainfield)
- Michael Heiliger (Crystal Lake)
- Jim Mathieson (Warrenville)
- Bill Moucka (Clarendon Hills)
- Kevin Oleniczak (Wheaton)
- Douglas Weaver (Burr Ridge)
- Travis Weaver (North Riverside)
- Dan Williams (Glen Ellyn)

All members are welcome to request specific woodworking topics for programs and activities throughout the year. Participation in helping organize woodworking programs/activities is gladly welcomed. Please let the Board members know if you have ideas for future activities.

REMINDER: Membership Dues Renewal

The membership renewal dues payments

have been coming in strong with about 80% of households paid up for 2026. An email notice has recently been sent out only to members who haven't renewed yet.

If you wish to continue as a valid paid member in 2026, there are three (3) options for submitting your annual dues. These options are described in the following webpage. Non-renewing members are removed from membership roster after March 1st.

<https://dupagewoodworkers.org/membership/renew/renew.php>

When paying via PayPal using either your PayPal account or a credit/debit card, note that additional donations over \$30 are optional. Additional donations are also welcomed when paying with cash or personal check. The benefits you reap from DuPage WoodWorkers can be used as your guide for giving.

For those renewing members who also wish to receive a current Membership Identification card after submitting a dues payment, just ask at any future meeting. A list of members who have renewed their annual membership with a dues payment is recorded. New members will always receive their Membership ID card in the year they have joined. If your member profile (home address, email address, preferred phone number) has changed within the last year, please let me know. Thank you.

Mike Kalscheur

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January Program Recap



Mark Wieting

3M Xtract system

Jack Mohler, representing 3M's Xtract Cubitron II system, explained the concepts behind a new sanding product, both the hand-held random-orbit sanders and the various discs that go with them.

The sander he brought was pneumatic, with a dust collection bag. He said pneumatic tools are common in industrial settings but there are also slightly less powerful electric models. The main virtue of the system is tremendous suction with the disc and sander combination, so that nearly all of the dust is sucked into the bag. A shop vac can be used, but the bag is more efficient—although it is intended to be disposable. (About \$8.00 per bag but they last a long time.) Bags can be reused but he does not recommend doing so. He said the sanders retail for between \$250 and \$300, although I checked prices at Amazon and the pneumatics were about \$200 and the electric upwards of \$350. He said the bag is not HEPA rated but is 1% away from being so rated.

The discs come in various grits and hole patterns, or no holes at all in the mesh versions. They work on any make sander and there are both hook and loop and adhesive versions.



Muller said that the discs have a high cut rate and tend to last longer than



aluminum oxide discs because they do not let sanding debris build up on the disc. The debris goes into the bag or shop vacuum. He said the high cut rate is due to "precision shaped ceramic grain," essentially tiny triangles arranged on the disc with the points pointing down. Aluminum oxide sandpaper has what he called "round granules that tend to collect debris. He said their discs with holes rather than mesh have 48 holes in the 6" discs and 32 holes in the 5" discs.

George Rodgers gave a brief testimonial about the effectiveness of these discs compared to other manufacturers, but warned that a pancake air compressor will not be powerful enough to drive the pneumatic models of these sanders.

[Link to 3M Xtract™ Cubitron™ II Cloth Disc](#)



January Activity



Our recent visit to 1Hardwood Lumber in Des Plaines was nothing short of outstanding and easily one of the most impressive shop tours we've had as a club.

Vaibhav Konanur
From the moment we walked in, it was clear that this is a first-class operation built around serious woodworking at scale. Members were especially struck by the sheer size and capability of the machinery on display. Highlights included a *massive three-phase wide-belt sander* that could flatten and finish material with incredible precision, a *gang straight-line rip saw* that demonstrated both speed and accuracy, and an array of *veneering machines* that offered a fascinating look into

meticulously organized and ready for use. It was inspiring (and a little dangerous for our wallets)



to see so many possibilities under one roof.

A huge thank-you goes to **John Jossund**, the owner, for generously opening his facility to our club, and to **Brian**, our tour guide, who walked us through each stage of the operation with enthusiasm, clarity, and deep knowledge. Brian's explanations made industrial-scale woodworking approachable and engaging, even for those of us more accustomed to one- or two-



how high-quality veneer is applied to sheet stock.

Equally jaw-dropping was the lumber inventory. Owl Hardwood boasts an *enormous stock* with one of the widest varieties of species many of us have ever seen in one place, domestic and exotic, thick slabs to fine boards, all



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car garages.

On behalf of the DuPage Woodworkers Club, thank you again to everyone at Owl Hardwood for your hospitality, time, and passion for the craft. This was an educational, inspiring, and thoroughly enjoyable visit—and one we'll be talking about for a long time.



Owl offers custom sanding for plywood.

The club is attempting to schedule another tour.

Please be aware that Owl offers DPWW members a 10% discount.



Ron Colliander

Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is our Zoom-based monthly discussion of wood related subjects. Seventeen members attended the February 7 Sawdust meeting. Topics discussed included:

- 1. Wood dowel tight fit causes
- 2. Logo branding iron recommendations
- 3. Hand plane metal repair options
- 4. Soft Maple qualities for furniture.
- 5. Mortise construction for outdoor furniture
- 6. Modifying existing exterior door jamb for weather stripping.
- 7. Disposal of scrap wood options.

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

Ron Colliander

Service Awards Presented



Ron Colliander received a Service Award for his outstanding leadership as moderator of our monthly "Sawdust in Your Coffee" activity, his major contributions to our Toys program and his continuing help in providing refreshments at our monthly club meetings.



Mike Kalscheur was made a Life Member of the DuPage Woodworkers in recognition of his active and continuing participation over the years of his membership. Special note is made of his role as Chair of the Membership Committee and his services in managing the annual election process. He also sets an example through his presence at DPWW meetings and programs.



January FOW Prizes

The January FOW prizes were various items from Woodcraft including Silicon glue trays, Tool organizers, and clamps

Winners: Brian Quick, Michael Fross, Paul Pyrcik, and Ron Caliander.

January Door Prizes



Bruce Kinney

The January door prizes:

- **Mike Consolino** won the PorterCable 690 Router with Standard and Plunge Bases plus Edge Guide. (Like New. Very lightly used.)
- Jim Simnick won the 24 piece 1/2" shank router bit set



February Door Prizes

20V DeWalt Drill/Driver, Hammer Drill, 2 Batteries, Battery Charger and 47 Drill Bits. (Like New. Very lightly used.)

RZ Ear muff and RZ filter mask.

Buy your tickets at the meeting:

\$2 for 1

\$5 for 3

\$10 for 7

\$15 for 11

\$20 for 15

Toys - 2026

DPWW and Woodcraft (504 Ogden Ave. in Downers Grove) will be hosting a toy making workshop on Saturday, April 25 from 9am to 3pm.

For those unable to make the workshop or wishing to contribute more to the toys program, I will be making doll bed parts and cutting out toy blanks for the workshop. You are welcome to join me in my shop to help with this. This would be especially good for someone new to wood working to learn more about the safe and appropriate use of the table saw, miter saw, bandsaw, router table and bench-top sanders.

Please contact me if you have interest in helping prepare material for the toy workshop.

For those unable to make the workshop but still wanting to contribute toys, we have wheels and axles. I will have these available to pick up at the DPWW general meetings. You can also contact me directly if you need wheels or axles. We also have patterns and directions for making toys which are available at each general meeting and on our website at: [DuPage Woodworkers](http://www.DuPageWoodworkers.org)

George Rodgers



TURN-ON!
CHICAGO

July 30-August
2, 2026

Over 300
turners in
attendance

[Link: https://www.turnonchicago.com/](https://www.turnonchicago.com/)



February Program

The February program will be done by Mark Dreyer on decorating turned platters. Click on platter on the right to follow the link



There will be a book sale at the February General Meeting. Books will be sold for \$1.00 each. Several new books are being added to the library. Some older and duplicate books may need to be removed to make room.



Rick Ogren is working to build a database to reference the 100+ wood samples in the clubs collection. Rick is hoping to have the data base completed and available for members to see at the February meeting. John Grzanich and Dave Wesolowicz have been working with Rick to complete this project.



March Activity

An activity is being planned for March 25th at Jeff Miller's woodworking facility from 3 to 5pm. This will include a presentation and tour. Later that same day, another tour will meet at 7pm at the Chicago Industrial Design Work Center. Both locations are on the North side of Chicago and are very close to one another. This is an opportunity to visit the workshops of true artisans. Click on images below to visit web sites.



From Our Workshop January 2026 [click to Enlarge](#)

Projects from your workshop can be submitted in person at the monthly meeting or online for viewing via Zoom. Paper forms are provided at meetings to collect information for in-person submissions. If submitting online, please use the [Google Forms](#) to upload pictures and provide details. It's advisable to complete online submissions a few days before the meeting.

All entries will be featured in the "From our workshop" section of the next newsletter and displayed on the DPWW Web page gallery.



Michael Fross — Shaker Handcock Candlestick Table

Cherry — Tru-Oil



Brian Quirk — Record Console

Walnut (core) Walnut Burl veneer (doors) — Shellac & Wax

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Doug Carroll — Barn door
Ash — gel top coat



Martin Dettmer — "No Lathe" Salt and Pepper
Various Hardwoods — Spray on poly



Tom Olson — Chip carved cross & Pocket
Knives
Bass, Bloodwood & Padauk — Shellac



Paul Pyrcik — Turned miniature trees
Various — Deft Lacquer



George Rodgers — Towel Box

Rustic Oak — Dye/Shellac/Polyurethane



Ron Colliander — Card Shuffler Storage Box

Walnut/Maple — Odies Oil



Bruce Metzdorf — Lantern ornaments

Maple, Oak, Cherry — Yorkshire grit - fine



Mark Wieting — Herb Strippers

Maple — None



Jeffrey Kramer — Mobile Smoker Base

Leftover plywood and assorted pieces — Behr Deck Stain and Spar Varnish

