

THE CUTTING EDGE

The Official Newsletter of the Rapid City Woodworkers Association (RCWA)

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President's Message

Bob Buchanan

Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills and Congratulations and Thanks to all who helped make our 4th annual Woodworking show such an amazing success!

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday May 14th, 2012 at 910 Wood Ave at 7 pm. This will be fireside at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD. See the back page of the newsletter for a map.

The main topic for this meeting will be planning for the summer meetings and wrap-up and discussion of the May 5th Woodworking Show held at Knecht's. This will be followed by Show and Tell of current projects.

See you on May 14th - Monday at 7 pm!

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DUES FOR 2012 - \$18 – are now due for 2012. If you haven't already done so, please bring your dues to the meeting or mail them to Roger Bares at 834 Farlow in Rapid City, 57701. Dues will be prorated for new members.

Events Planned for 2012

Here are the monthly events planned for the remainder of 2012.

Event	Location	Dates
General Meetings – see separate list inside for presentation details	910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	Second Monday of the Month, 7 pm to 9 pm
Scroll Saw Special Interest Group at Roger Bares' shop	834 Farlow in Rapid City, 57701	Third TUESDAY of the Month, 7 pm to 9 pm
Toy Making Workshop – Parts Milling	Individual Shops	2 nd Saturday of the month (tentative)
Toy Making Workshop – Toy Assembly	RCWA Shop, 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	4 th Saturday of the month (tentative)
Extra Curricular Activities	Various Locations - See separate list inside	See separate list inside

Last Month's Meeting Summary

The last general meeting was held at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on April 9, 2012.

Last month we spent most of the meeting going over the final plans for the Woodworking Show held at Knecht's on May 5th. Then we took time for Show and Tell to share current projects with other members.

Minutes. The minutes taken at the general meetings are posted on the RCWA website at:
<http://sdguild.rcwa.googlepages.com/meetingminutes>.

Scroll Sawing Special Interest Group (SIG)

Roger Bares

The last special interest group (SIG) focusing on Scroll Sawing was held on Monday April 16th at Roger Bares' Shop.



The next SS SIG is planned for TUESDAY May 22nd, 2012, so plan to come to Roger Bares' Shop at 834 Farlow St. from 7 to 9 pm. Roger will continue his discussions on any and all aspects of projects for the Scroll Saw.

Roger is still offering "One-on-One" mentoring sessions for anyone who is interested. Just call Roger at 1-605 484-3498 to set up an appointment.

NOTE: Please note the "day of the week change" for the SS SIGs from Monday evenings to TUESDAY evenings - The next SS SIG meeting will be held at Roger Bares' Shop on TUESDAY May 22nd at 7 pm.

Presentations and Extracurricular Activities for 2012

Monthly General Meetings of the RCWA for 2012 will be held on the second Monday of the month as follows:

Date	Presentation Topic	Presenter(s)
May 14 th	General Meeting	RCWA Board
June 11 th	General Meeting	RCWA Board
July 9 th	General Meeting	RCWA Board
August 13 th	General Meeting	RCWA Board
September 10 th	General Meeting	RCWA Board
October 8 th	General Meeting	RCWA Board
November 12 th	General Meeting	RCWA Board
December 10 th	Christmas Potluck	All Members

Extracurricular Activities suggested for 2012 are in the planning stages.

Date	Presentation Topic	Presenter
June 9th	Shop Tour	Roger Bares
July 14th	Shop Tour	John English
August 11th	Recess for Rally	---
September 8th	Summer Family Picnic	Buchanan's
October 13th	Toymaking	RCWA Shop
November 10th	Toymaking	RCWA Shop
December 8th	Toy Packing/Delivery	All at RCWA Shop

Shop Tour - Will and Rachel - Woods of Wisdom

April 13, 2012

Our April shop tour was held on April 13th, 2012 at 11 am at Will and Rachel's Studio at 14802 Holy Cow Ranch Road in Rapid City, SD. Will and Rachel invited us to their Rapid Valley studio to give us an overview of their technique for turning bowls from SD trees and trees from around the world, to demonstrate their carving techniques, and to view special artwork in their gallery. This is Will and Rachel's working shop where they are always preparing items for shows and displays. Last year was a year for publicity and moments in the spotlight. Will and Rachel were featured in three magazines and one woodturning symposium brochure. Will and Rachel were featured in the Spring 2011 issue of the ART of the HILLS magazine where they describe their adventures with woods indigenous to South Dakota including Russian Olive, Cottonwood, Elm, Walnut, Black Hills Spruce, and Box Elder. Then in August 2011, our local author and historian from Belle Fourche, SD, John English wrote a superb article for the American Woodturner magazine called "Embracing the Flaws – The Work of Will Bellucci and Rachel Scheffel. The next published work was in the FINE WOODWORKING magazine – it was considered to be the apex of Will's career by his father, who has read every FINE WOODWORKING Magazine since the first issue was published in 1975. In the September/October 2010 issue of the FINE WOODWORKING magazine, in the Reader's Gallery, Will's tupelo vessel is featured, with Rachel given credit for

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the photography. In a brochure for a woodturning symposium in Minnesota, Rachel was featured on the cover amid a huge pile of rough bowls, and for this story, Will was given credit not as a woodturner, but as the Photographer! Finally, as of this publication, Will and Rachel are now featured in THE CUTTING EDGE! To view Will Bellucci and Rachel Scheffel's website gallery, visit www.woodsofwisdom.net.

They will soon be packing up their studio and moving it (with OLIVE) to Virginia, so if you haven't yet visited with them and toured their studio, plan to do so soon.



Will Bellucci led off the demo with humorous, philosophical, and witty discussions related to getting started with a woodturning hobby.



Rachel Scheffel showed us a few bowls that have been turned to rough size and have been curing for the last six months.



Rachel was the featured bowl turner for the day.



It looked really easy – and its something Will says anyone can do.



A very enjoyable time was had by all in attendance as Will shared his heart and soul about his woodturning passions.

Will took some time off from turning last year to restore an old truck he calls "OLIVE".

Thanks Will and Rachel for sharing your day with us!

Show and Tell

Members

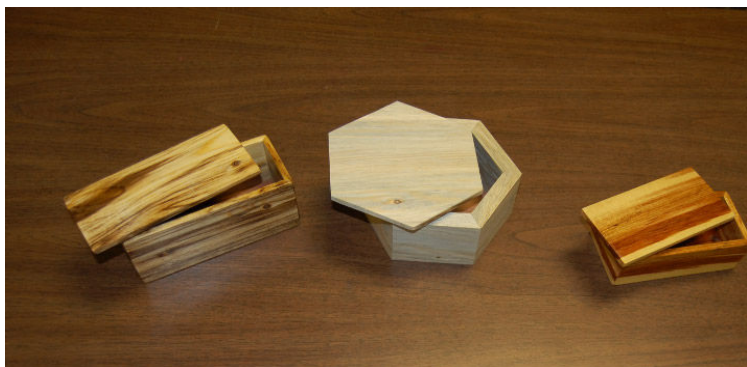
Here are photos of projects brought in for Show and Tell:



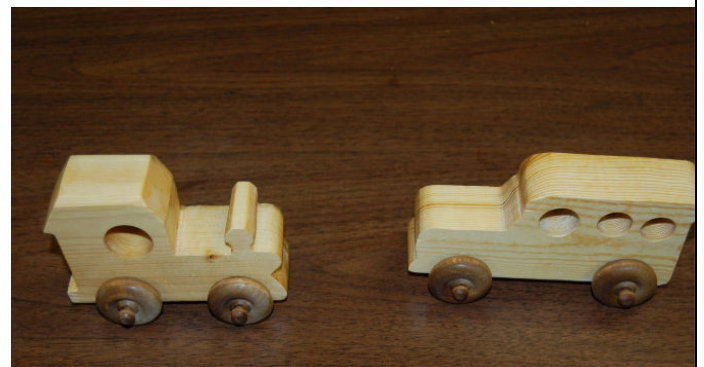
Wolf Fretwork on end grain slab by Roger Bares



Which came first? Chicken or Egg?



Pine/Cedar Jewelry Boxes by Julian Wigen



Prototype wheeled vehicles developed by Bel Felix

Photos taken last month will be posted on the website: <http://sdguild-rcwa.blogspot.com/>. If you have a completed project, bring it or photos of it if it's too big to carry, to the next meeting for SHOW and TELL.

4TH ANNUAL WOODWORKING SHOW - SPECIAL REPORT**Bob Buchanan**

The Fourth annual Woodworking Show by the RCWA was held on May 5, 2012 from 9 am until 4 pm. The event was held at Knecht's Home Center. Rick Weisbeck, our in-store coordinator, assembled our second RCWA display case last week and moved it to the lobby of the store. On Friday evening, May 4, members arrived to help Rick set up the central area of the store for the show. Knecht's provided chairs and tables, and members arranged tables and covered them with cloth, in preparation for the arrival of member's woodworking items to be displayed. Equipment to be used for the scroll sawing, woodturning, and toy making demonstrations was unloaded and put in place.



Early Saturday morning, signs made by Gary Graves were placed by Gary Kohama at strategic locations around Knecht's to direct people to the show.

By show time at 9:00 am on Saturday, the stage was set and the Show began. Members spent many enjoyable hours during the previous year, cutting, building, and finishing the projects that were brought together to share at the show.

For a full report – see separate document “Supplement to MAY 2012 -THE CUTTING EDGE.PDF.

Library

Wes Murphy

Wes Murphy, our librarian, has lists of available DVDs, and books that you can review. Additionally, you may send an email to Wes Murphy to request info on any subject and he will research it for you and send you a response. So send your emails to Wes Murphy at hwm@rushmore.com to make your request.

Website Notes

Webmaster

We have three ways to get to our website: www.sdrcwa.org or www.sdwoodworker.org or <http://sites.google.com/site/sdguilddrcwa2/> or just follow the link in the email you receive each month announcing the next meeting and invitation to read the monthly newsletter. If you have photos you want displayed on the “Member’s Photo Gallery”, please send them to the webmaster. If you have items to sell or trade, send them to the webmaster as well.

Tip of the Month

By Unknown

Look for a tip next month – there’s no room this time.

Toy Workshop - Toy Program

Toy Makers

Because the weather was so un-seasonably nice, we held two Toy Workshops in April to try and get a jump on the season. We met on Saturday morning April 14th and April 28th from 9 am til noon at the RCWA Shop at 910 Wood Avenue in Rapid City, SD.

Activities at the April 28th workshop were performed by twelve members and friends who worked at drilling holes/windows in wheeled vehicles, tracing turtle banks, cutting traced parts down from larger pieces into individual pieces, and initial sanding on cars, busses, banks and crayon vans. Others continued to trace a plethora of animal cutouts. Roger ordered our year’s supply of wheels, axles and wooden balls, so work has begun to prepare them before they can be assembled to the wheeled vehicles. Many members took home boxes of wood to finish in their workshops/garages. This include operations such as initial rough sanding, the roundover routing, second phase of sanding using Mouse sanders, the sealing of the toy, and some piece part fabrication. Participating members included Gary, Denise, Harley, Frank, Grant, Julian, Larry, Steve, Bel, Kathie, Darwin and Bob.



The crew was pretty serious, at least until cookie break time!



Julian Wigen began the storage closet inventory counting.



Char and Bel traced lots of wheeled vehicles.

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<p>Grant Coffin reduced the vehicles traced on two foot 2.x 4s to a usable size and stacked them in boxes for the next operation.</p>	<p>New member Larry Borg drilled holes for axles and windows.</p>	<p>Harley Schmadeke, Denise Kohama, and Bel Felix traced, while Gary Kohama and Larry Borg fired up the drills.</p>
		
<p>Harley Schmadeke, Denise Kohama, and Bel Felix tracing vehicles and banks.</p>	<p>This is sort of the mascot – it's a 200% blowup of the standard school bus.</p>	<p>Grant Coffin and Julian Wigen working on the setup for drilling holes for axles in partially completed vehicles.</p>
		
<p>Denise and Gary Kohama helping with drilling and tracing.</p>		<p>Larry Borg drilling and sorting traced vehicle blanks into boxes by category.</p>

Next Toy Workshop. The next formal Toy Workshop is tentatively scheduled for June 9th from 9 am to noon at the RCWA Shop.

Check out our website for numerous photos documenting this special program: <http://sdguild-rcwa.blogspot.com/>.

This Month's Meeting Agenda

Program Chair

This month, we'll be meeting fireside at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City on Monday May 14th starting at 7 pm.

Topics for Discussion. Wrap up/Discussion of the May 5th Woodshow/Planning for the Summer Meetings.

Presentation. The discussion will be followed by show and tell of member projects.

Purpose of the RCWA

The RCWA exists for two main reasons: (1) To exchange information that will enhance the enjoyment and skills of woodworking; and (2) To promote woodworking as a hobby, as a profession, or anywhere in between. The focus of the RCWA is woodworking in general. We discuss everything from the phenomenon of seasonal wood movement, to finishing techniques, to table-saw tuning, to shop safety. Members include a mixture of hand-tool (Galoot) and power tool (Normite) enthusiasts.

The RCWA meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our normal meeting place is fireside at the OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH at 910 WOOD Avenue in Rapid City. Each general meeting has a theme with one main topic, which is presented and discussed. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow woodworkers, share ideas, seek advice, and get out of the sawdust for a while. We cordially invite men and women of all ages who have any interest in woodworking, both hobby and professional, to attend our meetings.

SD Woodworkers Guild (SDWG)

John English

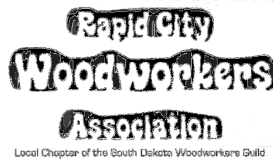
The SDWG provides a common web site <http://www.sdwoodworker.org/> that is shared by local chapters throughout South Dakota.

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Association

Visit us on the Web at:

www.sdrcwa.org



The newsletter is sent out on the Saturday before the RCWA meeting ... at the latest.

Any articles you wish to submit must be in my hands no later than the Tuesday before that date.

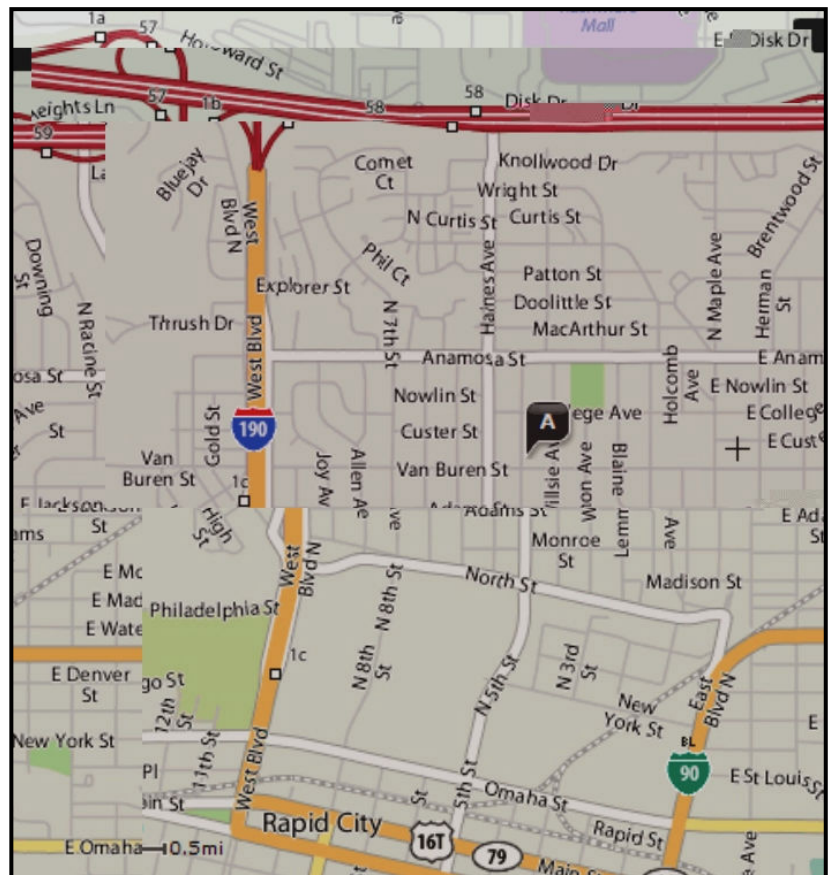
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WHERE?

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
910 Wood Avenue
Rapid City, SD 57701

WHEN?

GENERAL MEETING
Monday MAY 14, 2012
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm



Friends of the RCWA

J&D Woodworking	Numerous South Dakota Residents
Magnum Enterprises, LLC	Nick Pithauroulis
Dakota Kraft	Rushmore Forest Products
Wendy's	Wilkinson Custom Cabinets