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## President's Message

Bob Buchanan



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

With a successful Tool Sale in the rear view mirror, we are looking forward to a few summer events and a summer picnic. Yes, it is SUMMER!!!

Our next General Meeting is Monday evening at 7 pm upstairs in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We're in the middle of assisting the CLUB for BOYS in July, with plans for the Threshing Bee and a 5K Run. And sharing any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

**See you on Monday evening July 8th, 2024  
starting at 7 pm!**



**DUES FOR 2024 - \$25** - Please bring your dues to the meeting or mail them to our treasurer Tony Verchio at 143 Rainbow Ridge Ct, Hill City, SD, 57745. Dues cover the entire family. Dues for new members joining after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be pro-rated, during the second half of 2024.

Table 1 - Schedule of Monthly Events For 2024

See calendar on next page.

Event	Location	Dates*
General Meetings – see Table 2 for presentation details	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – in the Annex, 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, 7 pm to 9 pm
Woodturner's Special Interest Group	Brown's Shop 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane Rapid City, SD	Last Wednesday of the Month 1 pm to 3:00 pm
Toy Making Workshop – Parts Milling and Toy Assembly	Wood Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays – dates verified/announced by email.
Scroll Saw Special Interest Group	Rick Weisbeck's Shop 6704 Kimberly Dr, Black Hawk, SD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 1 pm to 3 pm
Extracurricular Activities	Various Locations - See Table 3.	See Table 3.

Table 2. General Meetings for 2024 (2nd Monday of each Month\*)

Date	Presentation Topic	Presenter(s)
20 Jan 2024*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
10 Feb 2024*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
9 Mar 2024*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 April 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 May 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
10 June 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 July 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
-- Aug 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
9 Sept 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 Oct 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
11 Nov 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 Dec 2024	Christmas Family Luncheon	All Members

\*Except for Jan Feb Mar 2024

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2024 Calendar - RCWA Events are Circled

(Refer to Table 1 and Table 3 for Key to Circled Dates.)



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Table 3. Events for 2024

Date	Event	Location
January thru August	Toy Workshops – bi-weekly 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
January 13 thru Nov 16 – every available day	Toymaking	Club Members Shops
April 11 and 12 – talk to Rick for details	Assist with Pinewood Derby – Rangers	First Assembly of God Church
April 20, 2024	Woodworking Show at Knecht Home Center	
TBD - 2024	Tool Sale – Location TBD	
July 8-10, 2024 9 to noon daily	Assist with Club for Boys Pinewood Derby	Club for Boys SHOP
84 <sup>th</sup> Rally: Aug 2 – 11, 2024	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	<i>Minimal Meetings</i>
August 17, 2024 – 9 am to 3 pm; 56th Annual Black Hills Steam and Gas Threshing Bee	Sturgis Threshing Bee – Toy Wooden Tractor Giveaways and Racing Tractors	13380 Alkali Rd, Sturgis
Sept 14, 2024 8:30 am to noon	5K Walk Little Black Hills Battles - Community Event	Old Story Book Island Park
Every Saturday from Sept 9 thru Nov 16, 2024 9 am to noon	Toymaking <i>Marathon - weekly</i>	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 7, 2024 8:00 to 12 noon	Toy Packing/Distribution Day	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 14, 2024 11:30 am	Christmas Family Potluck - Nemo	Nemo Community Hall Nemo, SD



Never too late to learn a new skill! Ask AI!

## This Month's Meeting Agenda (7-8-2024)

Program Chair

Our July 2024 General Meeting will be held from 7 pm to 9 pm upstairs from the Wood Shop in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD on July 8, 2024. We'll summarize the TOOL SALE, discuss assistance at the CLUB for BOYS in July, plan future summer events and then share any SHOW AND TELL items. Items to be discussed:

1. Guests/new members
2. Treasurer's Report - Tool Sale Summary
3. Sign-in / Email / Newsletter Check / Blog
4. Save the Dates for July 2024
  - a. Assist at Club for Boys - July 8th, 9th, 10th (9 am to noon)
  - b. General Meeting: July 8th (7 pm to 9 pm)
  - c. Toy workshops: Saturdays July 13 and July 27th (9 am to Noon)
  - d. SS SIG: Thursday July 18th (1pm to 3 pm)
  - e. WT SIG: Wednesday July 31st (1 pm to 3 pm)
5. Events/Extracurricular Activities
  - a. Community Events
  - b. CFB Pinewood Derby Assistance – July 8-9-10, 2024 - 9 to noon each day (Mon Tues Wed)
    - i. POC: Carrie Redmond and Tanner Tucker
      1. Racers – 100 – in store room
      2. Wheels – 400 2" wheels
      3. Axles – ¼" dowels – CFB will provide, we will cut to length
      4. Helpers: Rick, Ron, Jerry, Bob, Kathie
      5. Need most help on Monday
  - c. Community Event - Sturgis Threshing Bee - Date: August 17, 2024 – 9 am to 3 pm  
56th Annual Black Hills Steam and Gas Threshing Bee, Toy Wooden Tractor Giveaways, 13380 Alkali Rd, Sturgis
    - i. Plan our logistics support for the event
    - ii. Contact person is Leo Heindel 605 484-9787
  - d. Community Event Date: Sept 14, 2024 Black Hills Battles - at Old Story Book Island – time: 8:30 am to noon. Giraffes with race track.
    - i. 5K Run – Old Story Book Island Picnic Area - Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 Am to Noon; Giraffes
  - e. Potential event – at 910 Wood Ave in AUGUST
  - f. Summer Family Potluck - September 14<sup>th</sup> - 4 pm
6. Next General Meeting – Sept 9, 2024 at 910 Wood Ave (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month)
  - a. Refreshments: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Summary of the Tool Sale
8. Ongoing Topics for Discussion
  - a. Present/demo - one or more quick tips per meeting with Show and Tell; volunteer(s)
9. WOOD SHOW for 2025
  - a. Selected theme: \_\_\_\_\_
10. TOY PROGRAM
  - a. Toy Workshops – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekend
  - b. Wood Source Committee
  - c. Checkup on Background tasks: Airplanes, tugboats, chalk boards, cradles, rockers, basketball games, cup and ball games, paddle games
11. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
12. Events since last meeting (Report/Feedback/Discussion)
  - a. Toy Workshops/SS SIG/WT SIG/Shop Tours
13. 2023 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
14. Woodworking Display Cases
  - a. Dakota Star Credit Union (Kelly Wold, CEO)
  - b. AARP office at the Uptown Rapid Mall (Office open)
15. Wood Recovery Projects/Future Discussions/ SHOW and TELL



## Last General Meeting Summary – June 10, 2024

Our last General Meeting was held on June 10, 2024 at the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. For details on the meeting and minutes, go to the Blog.

### Photos from Previous Meeting

Lon Gose/Cori Weisbeck

Photos taken at previous meetings are posted on our social media pages and/or on the BLOG on the website:  
[www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com](http://www.rapidcitywoodworkers.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. Or send photos of it to Cori ([rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com)) and she will post them on our social media pages (Facebook ([facebook.com/rcwasd](https://facebook.com/rcwasd)) or Instagram ([instagram.com/rcwasd](https://instagram.com/rcwasd))).

### RCWA Events since the Last Newsletter Release

Events attended by members since the last General Meeting in June 2024 included a Toy Workshop, a Tool Sale, a SS SIG, and a Shop Tour.

### Haiku by Abby Buchanan

Woodworking is fun  
Woodworking with Grandpa fun –  
I love woodworking!

### Toy Program/Toy Workshops

### Toy Makers



**THE TOY PROGRAM.** The Toy Program effort consists of 5 major phases:

- Phase 1: Tracing*
- Phase 2: Cutting toys to shape*
- Phase 3: Milling - routing, drilling, machine sanding*
- Phase 4: Finish - sealer coat - sanding - spray - sanding*
- Phase 5: Wheel installations*
- Simplified: Draw! Saw! Stack! Play!*

For more information, contact Bob Buchanan at (605) 348-2865 or Rick Weisbeck at (605) 431-4708. Or go to our website at <http://www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com>.

## Next Toy Workshops

We will hold our next workshops at the WOOD SHOP in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on 910 Wood Ave on Saturday morning July 13 and 27, 2024 from 9 am to noon. Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops:

[www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com](http://www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com)

## Quick Status of Toy Workshops



We have completed Phase 1 tracing, so are moving to phases 2, 3, 4 and 5. Our goal for 2024 is to build about 3,500 toys to donate to organizations who work with kids in South Dakota. Toys that are completely finished and moved to inventory: Total: 369



## Photos from Toy Workshops





## SS SIG – June 20, 2024

The ScrollSaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) was held today from 1 pm to 3 pm at Rick's shop in Black Hawk. Attending: Ken, Grant, Jerry, Al, Cleon, Bob A, Rick, Bob and Kathie

Activities today: Rick introduced Bob A and Cleon to the scroll saw. We started off practicing scrolling by cutting boat hulls and Threshing Bee tractors. Discussions were held about 3 D cutting. Then we traced, drilled and cut out tractors (50) for the upcoming August Threshing Bee.



## WT SIG May 29, 2024

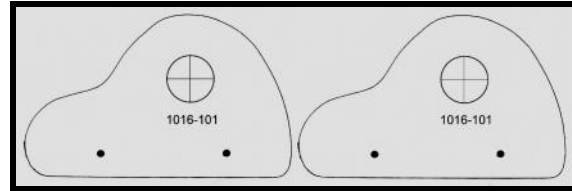
The Wood Turning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) was not held this month due to scheduling conflicts.





## Project Love Bug

Lots of Love Bugs have been made at Toy Workshops and in-home shops; and are available to members. This special toy is allocated for distribution to members for everyday giving to a child deserving or needing a little love. If you need a few “Love Bugs”, ask Rick. We keep hearing good stories/feedback from this project. “Love Bugs” are ending up all around the world.



## Library

Grant Coffin

Grant Coffin, our librarian, has lists of available DVDs, and books that you can review. Additionally, you may send an email to Grant to request info on any subject and he will research it for you and send you a response. So, send your requests to Grant Coffin: [redtopg@hotmail.com](mailto:redtopg@hotmail.com).

## Website Notes

Webmaster

We now have one convenient way to get to our website: [www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com](http://www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com)

*FYI – we are working on developing a new website. It is currently going thru the building process, but it should be ready in the near future. Look for news about it soon.*

## Social Media Notes

Cori Weisbeck

Cori Weisbeck is our Social Media Manager. Cori says that most organizations these days use social media to disseminate information about events around the community. She has set up accounts for the RCWA on Facebook and Instagram. Facebook is for information and pictures, and Instagram is mostly for pictures. You do not need an account to read our Facebook and Instagram information. To see current events and photos, type in the links below. The accounts can be viewed by using these details:

Facebook page link: [facebook.com/rcwasd](https://facebook.com/rcwasd)  
Instagram Link: [instagram.com/rcwasd](https://instagram.com/rcwasd)

Facebook page name: @rcwasd  
Instagram username: rcwasd

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Cori is our central point for posting information and photos on these two sites. You can email your project photos to her at the address below ([rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com)) and she will post them.

Note: Everyone can send project photos to [rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com) – this is Cori’s address – and she will post them on the club’s social media platforms. Please include a few words about each project.

### Meeting Location/Project Shop Location

With the exception of the Winter Months (Jan thru March), we hold general meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month on the main level of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City from 7 pm to 9 pm. In the winter months, we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.

Project Workshops are now being held at the “WOOD” SHOP at 910 WOOD Ave on the second and fourth Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. The WOOD SHOP on WOOD Ave is located in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City. You can enter the WOOD SHOP thru the brown door on the east side of the building. Parking is available on the east and south sides of the building. Wood and supplies are stored at an off-site location.

### 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.

Except for Jan-Mar, the RCWA meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on the main floor of the annex to 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.



Wood Show 2024



## Shop Tour at Kelloggs in Spearfish 6-12-2024

Members carpooled to Spearfish, SD, on Wednesday June 12, 2024 to visit Larry and Druce Kelloggs for a shop tour and wood turning demonstration. Attendees included Al, Nick, Larry, Druce, Kathie and Bob.

Larry and Druce are members of the Northern Hills Woodworking Guild of Spearfish which focusses on woodturning. Larry, a retired logger, has a small portable sawmill, which he has used to cut several walnut logs for us in the past. He is considering putting the sawmill on the market.

Larry put together an interesting demo showing us how to make a small pendant type key holder with a stainless steel ring and a piece of hardwood. He is still using his small precision lathe which he purchased at the BHSC Art Department auction held in 2008. It has been a major workhorse in his shop.

Here's a few photos from the tour.



## Tool Sale Photos 6-15-2024

Today we held our Annual Tool Sale. This was a fundraiser to support the Toy Program.

The day was predicted to be in the low 90's, which would be the hottest day of the year so far, with clear skies in the morning and wind after noon. Members had been bringing in items for the sale for the last month. Friday afternoon at 3 pm we opened the Wood Shop for members to bring items by. We also had some donated items which we sorted and labeled on Friday afternoon. The sale was held in the parking lot at 910 Wood Ave next to the Wood Shop where we build toys for the Toy Program.

Early on Saturday morning, members, led by Rick, moved and set up tables (in the wee early hours) so that items could be put in place on tables at 7:00 am in preparation for the 7:30 am sale start. We used at least 15 tables plus 4 pieces of 2' x 8' plywood and 8 saw horses. Tony handled the cash box and Cori recorded every transaction, allocated to member ID numbers or to the group (#99).

Kathie and Lauree set up coffee, cookies, banana bread, lemon bars, pumpkin scones, and ice tea in the meeting room in the annex. Grant brought in a cooler filled with ice and water. Kathie made lunch for all - pulled pork sandwiches, chips, grapes, apples, and cheesesticks.

Attendees (18): Joseph Allen, Bob Buchanan, Kathie Buchanan, Al Oines, Nick Spano, Harley Schmadeke, Ed Pike, Lon Gose, Bob A, Cori, Josh, Darwin, Lauree, Grant, Mary, Rick, Tony Verchio and Stu Kellogg.

Here are photos from the event:



Traffic started to trickle down about two pm, so we began to clean up. We sorted and organized the remaining items, taking some items to thrift stores, some to Restore and some to recycle. We had all the canopies down, tables moved back, and items allocated by 3 pm. The Tool Sale for 2024 was over. Tony is still counting, but we believe the sale was a success. Thank you to all who helped make this happen!



## THE CUTTING EDGE

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Rapid City Woodworkers  
Association

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The newsletter is posted on the website  
shortly before the RCWA General  
Meeting.

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

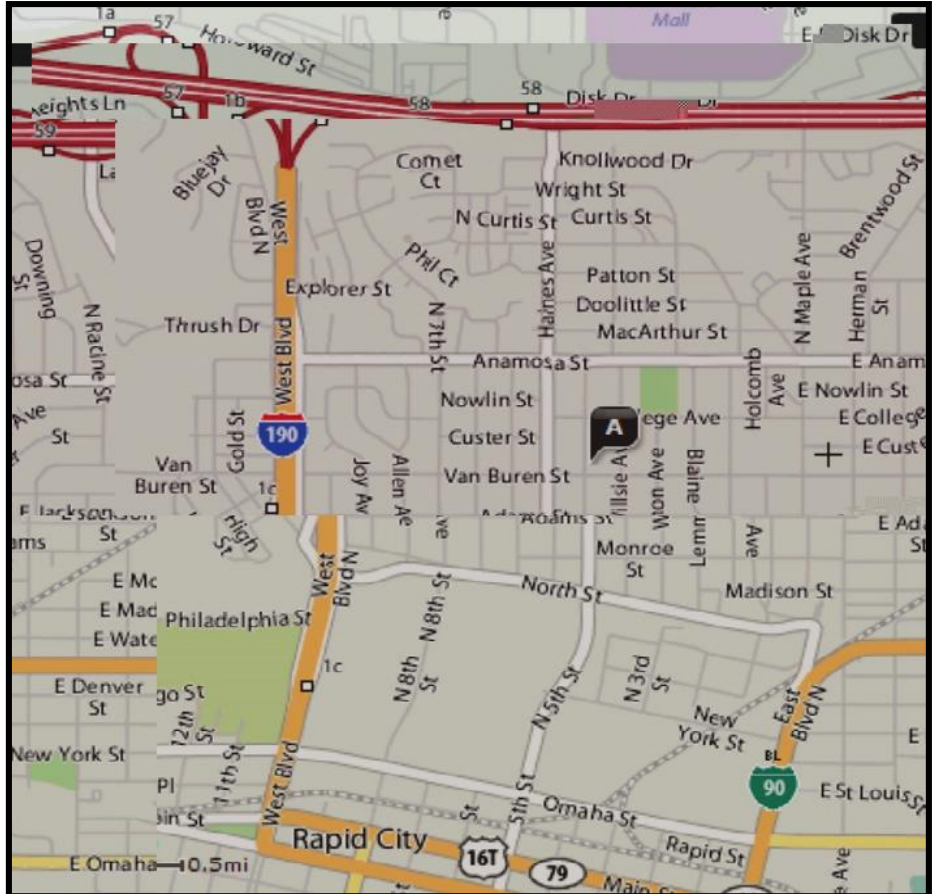
Editor – Bob Buchanan

### WHERE?

In the Annex to:  
***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church***  
910 Wood Avenue  
Rapid City, SD 57701

### WHEN?

***GENERAL MEETING***  
Monday, JULY 8, 2024  
7 pm to 9 pm



### *Friends of the RCWA*

J&D Woodworking	Knecht Home Center
Magnum Enterprises, LLC	Club for Boys
Ray Tree Farm on Nemo Rd	Jim and Marilyn Reaser
Forest Products	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Katherine Hastings	Verl and Kathy Scheibe
Nuts and Bolts Fabric	Solutions Chiropractic