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President's Message

Bob Buchanan



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

Hope you all enjoyed a few days off in August and are ready to begin our Toymaking Marathon. We will hold Toy Workshops every Saturday morning (except Sept 14) until we finish the toys for Christmas giving. We hope to be done before Nov 23rd. Toy Distribution Day is Dec 7, 2024.

Our next General Meeting is Monday evening at 7 pm upstairs in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We'll prepare for the upcoming community event, discuss the status of in-work toys, and then share any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

**See you on Monday evening Sept 9th, 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 1st 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 nd 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 nd and 4 th Saturdays – dates verified/announced by email.
Scroll Saw Special Interest Group	Rick Weisbeck's Shop 6704 Kimberly Dr, Black Hawk, SD	3 rd 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



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 nd and 4 th 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	
June 15 - 2024	Tool Sale	910 Wood Ave
July 8-10, 2024 9 to noon daily	Assist with Club for Boys Pinewood Derby	Club for Boys SHOP
84 th 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 7 thru Nov 23, 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

Woodturning SIG – Tentative Schedule

Date	Topic	Location
May 29, 2024	Live Edge Bowls	Michael Howard West Hills – 255 Texas St.
June 26, 2024	Bowls	Browns Shop
July 31, 2024	Open Segment set-up and alignment	Steve York Shop, 23696 Mulligan Mile, RC
Sept 25, 2024	?	?
Oct 23, 2024	Nutcrackers/smokers	Dave Maude – at Brown’s Shop
November 27, 2024	Thanksgiving, no meeting	
Dec 25, 2024	Christmas, no meeting.	
Jan 23, 2025	?	?
Feb 26, 2025	Lidded Boxes – Maggie	Brown’s Shop
March 26, 2025	Threading Boxes – Michael Howard	Brown’s Shop
April 30, 2025	Planning Meeting	Brown’s Shop

This Month's Meeting Agenda (9-9-2024)

Program Chair

Our September 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 Sept 9, 2024. We'll prepare for the upcoming community event, discuss the status of in-work toys, and then share any SHOW AND TELL items. Items to be discussed:

1. Guests/new members
2. Treasurer's Report- Reminder about Dues - \$25/year
3. Sign-in / Email / Newsletter Check / Blog
4. Next Events:
 - a. This month's meeting: Sept 9, 2024 at 7 pm (Tony)
 - b. Events/Extracurricular Activities – Al Oines
 - i. Community Event Date: Sept 14, 2024 Black Hills Battles - at Old Story Book Island – time: 8:30 am to noon. Giraffes with race track.
 - c. Special Interest Groups
 - i. SS SIG - date is: Sept 19, 2024 at 1 pm at Rick's
 - ii. WT SIG - date is: Sep 25, 2024 at 1 pm at ?
5. Next General Meeting – Oct 14th, 2024 at 910 Wood Ave at 7 pm
 - a. Refreshments: _____
6. Other Topics for Discussion
7. TOY PROGRAM – Toymaking Marathon
 - a. Toy Workshops – every weekend – Sept 7 thru Nov 23, 2024
8. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
9. Wood Recovery Projects
10. Future Discussions
11. SHOW and TELL

Last General Meeting Summary - July 10, 2024

Our last General Meeting was held on July 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

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) and she will post them on our social media pages (Facebook (facebook.com/rcwasd) or Instagram (instagram.com/rcwasd).)

RCWA Events since the Last Newsletter Release

Events attended by members since the last General Meeting in July 2024 included 4 Toy Workshops, CFB Assistance, 2 SS SIGs, 2 WT SIGs, a Threshing Bee Community Event, and plans for another Community Event in September.

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.rcwasd.org>.

Next Toy Workshops – Toymaking Marathon Begins

Just as we have done for the last 16 years, we will begin holding Toymaking Workshops every Saturday from 9 to noon, starting this first weekend of September. We will continue to hold workshops every weekend from now until we are finished in late November. The first workshop will be Sept 7, 2024, as we make our push to finish toys for Christmas giving on Dec 7, 2024.

We will hold the workshops at the WOOD SHOP in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on 910 Wood Ave on Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. Thank you for your support!

Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops. Currently, the blog is still on our previous website:

www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com

Quick Status of Toy Workshops



We have completed Phase 1 tracing, and are working on 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: 1137 (9-6-2024)
New Total: (9-7-2024)



Photos from Toy Workshops

Toymaking Marathon. Just as we have done for the last 16 years, we will begin holding Toymaking Workshops every Saturday from 9 to noon. Our first TWS was Sept 7, 2024. We will continue to hold workshops every weekend from now (except for Sept 14) until we are finished in late November. The goal of the TOYMAKING MARATHON is to finish 3,500 toys for Christmas giving on Dec 7, 2024. Thank you for your support!

Since our last newsletter release, workshops were held on July 13 and 27, Aug 24, and Sept 7, 2024.



THE CUTTING EDGE – SEPTEMBER 2024



SS SIGs: July 18 and Aug 15 2024

The Scrollsaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) met twice since our last General Meeting. Each time, it was held from 1 pm to 3 pm at Rick's shop in Black Hawk.

SS SIG 7.18.2024

Attending: Ken, Jerry, Bob, Kathie, Patsy, Rick, Maggie and Adam. We finished cutting all 55 tractors for the upcoming threshing bee. Rick will router the edges and sand them for the Threshing Bee.

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SS SIG 8.15.2024

Attending: Ken, Jerry, Bob, Kathie, Patsy, Rick, and Bob A. Rick has prepped the John Deere tractors for the kids for Saturday's Threshing Bee by routing the edges and sanding the flat sides, ready now for the Threshing Bee. Today Rick prepped some 3D cutouts. Jerry did a demo cutting a 3 D lamppost. Rick also prepared a great work project from the Scrollsaw Workshop magazine. Then we checked to see if we were ready to support the Aug 17 community event in Sturgis. Rick has the 2" wheels, the vans, and the racetrack. Jerry has 3 tables and 4 chairs. Bob has the rest of the tools, supplies, and the other supporting gear loaded up. We are ready.



WT SIGs: July 31 and Aug 28, 2024

WT SIG 7.31.2024

Today's WT SIG was held at the Brown's Shop. All RCWA members and guests are welcome to attend. It's held on the last Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. It is normally held in Jim and Maggie's Shop at 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane, Rapid City, SD. Attending: Michael Howard, Al, Stu, Maggie, Jim, Ken K, Ken M, Bob, Kathie, Lon, Rick, and Dave Maude.

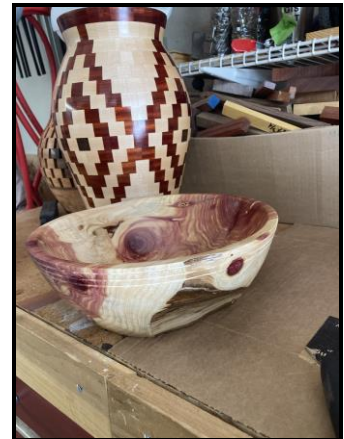
During the SIG, Maggie explained the typical progression for turning a bowl. Dave Maude prepared a piece of Green wood from Murphy's newly cut Canadian Cherry tree. See the blog for all the details.



WT SIG 8-28-2024

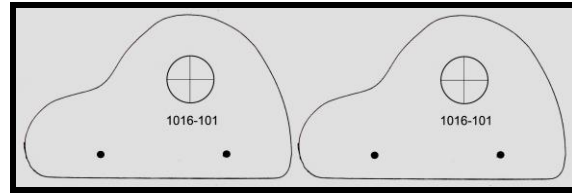
Steve York hosted today's Woodturning SIG at his house, Aug 28 @ 1:00 PM. Steve demonstrated open segment set-up and alignment. Attending: Michael Howard, Al, Ken K, Bob, Kathie, Lon, Bob A, Steve

See the blog for all the details.



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.

Website Notes

Webmaster

We now have one way to get to our new website: www.rcwasd.org

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

Facebook page name: @rcwasd

Instagram Link: instagram.com/rcwasd

Instagram username: rcwasd

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) and she will post them.

Note: Everyone can send project photos to rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com – this is Cori’s address – and she will post them on the club’s social media platforms. It would be very helpful if you 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 2nd Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.

Until Sept 1, 2024, Project Workshops are held at the “WOOD” SHOP at 910 WOOD Ave on the second and fourth Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. In September, we begin meeting every Saturday morning in preparation for Toy Distribution Day on Dec 7, 2024. 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.



Club for Boys Assistance July 8-10, 2024

Members of the RCWA came to the Shop at the Club for Boys (CFB) this week (July 8-9-10, 2024) to provide assistance with the Pinewood Derby race car preparation effort for about 100 members of the Club for Boys.

The race cars were traced and cut from 2x4's by members of the Rapid City Woodworkers in the spring of 2024. Wheels (400 @ 2") were donated to the project this year by the RCWA. Dowels for axles (1/4") were provided by the CFB. The RCWA provided the leadership and production assistance to guide a group of more than 100 boys thru the steps needed to build and finalize cars for the races planned for the following week. Participating members included Rick, Ron, Bob, Kathie, and David B. Points of Contact: Carrie Redmond and Tanner Tucker.

Here's a few photos from the event:



Sturgis Threshing Bee - August 17, 2024

Attending (18): Rick, Wade, Rosie, Kathie, Bob B, Darwin, Lauree, Al, Harley, Lon, Patsy, Jerry, Nick, Stu, Jim Brown, Bob A, and Dee and her husband.

The RCWA toymakers set up in the Memorial Building at the Sturgis Threshing Bee on August 17, 2024, at 8:30 am. The temperature was in the low 60's at the start of the day with gusty winds from the north. It warmed up to 85 degrees by 4 pm.

We brought tractors and vans for kids to color and then build into racing vehicles by adding wheels. We brought tractors cut from redwood, pine, and cedar, pre-drilled for wheels. Additionally, we brought a box of vans. Kids were given a choice of tractors or vans. As it turns out, we gave away $57+3 = 60$ tractors and 38 vans, for a total of 98 toys. Every one of them got tested on our 8' race track! We gave out our last toys a little before 4 pm, before we packed up and traveled home.

Photos from the event:



Upcoming Event: Little Black Hills Battles 5K Fundraiser - Sept 14, 2024

We are planning to support a Fundraiser for the Little Black Hills Battles on the morning of Sept 14, 2024

Location: Old Story Book Island Picnic Area

2911 Canyon Lake Dr, Rapid City, SD

(Setup at 9 am)

Here's some information about the community event:

Little Black Hills Battles is a recognition of Monument Health's Pediatric patients who bravely fight childhood illness and disease every day right here in our community. Donations through Monument Health's Children's Miracle Network (CMN) program are devoted to helping these children. Miracle Network (CMN) program is devoted to helping these children. All funds stay local. During this walk you will get to know six of these brave children and their heroic stories.

The RCWA will support this fundraising event by bringing free blank unfinished wooden toy giraffes and vans for kids to color with crayons. When the kids are finished coloring, we will install wheels on each toy. We'll be bringing blanks, wheels, axles, and glue, wheel presses, jigs and crayons. We will bring a race track for the kids to race their toys after coloring.

The location is the Old Storybook Island at 2911 Canyon Lake Dr, Rapid City, SD. We will setup at 9 am, the event starts at 10 am. (Note: This picnic area is across the creek from Story Book Island.)



THE CUTTING EDGE

Monthly Newsletter of the
Rapid City Woodworkers
Association

Visit us on the Web at:

www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com

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.

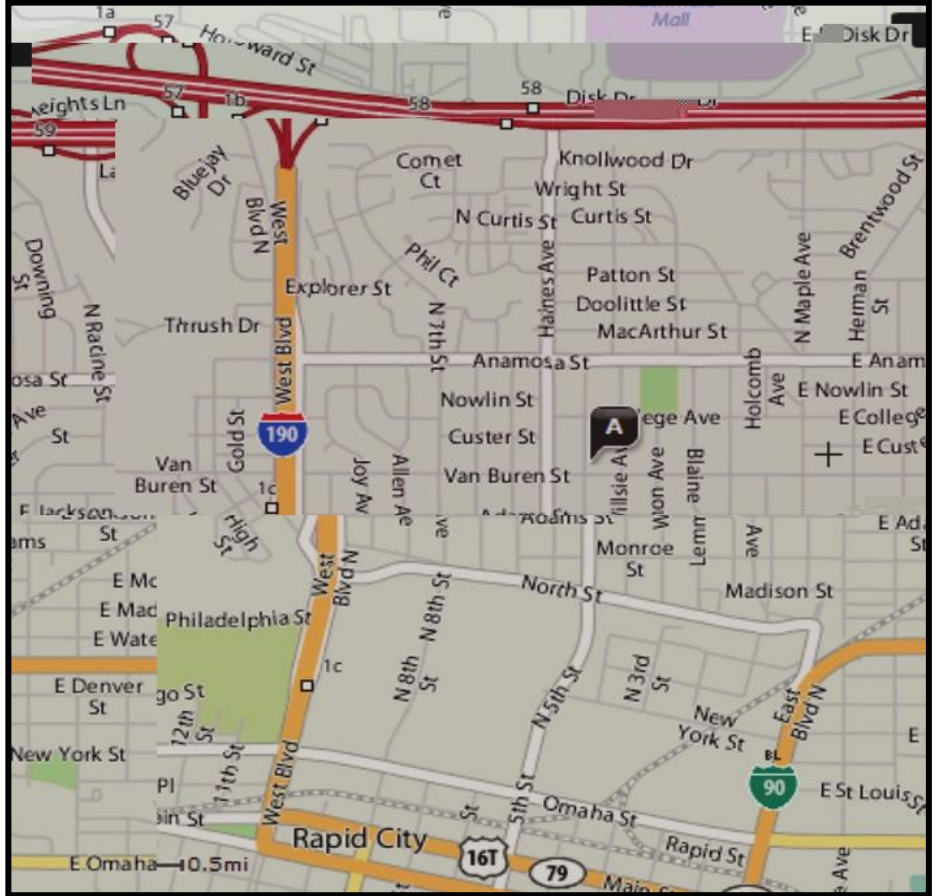
Editor – Bob Buchanan

WHERE?

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

WHEN?

GENERAL MEETING
Monday, September 9, 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