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President's Message

Bob Buchanan



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

There are only a few toys left to finish, so it's time to make new TOY PICK Lists. Soon we will be packing and distributing the toys for Christmas giving. Toy Distribution Day is Dec 7, 2024. Mark your calendars.

Our next General Meeting is Monday evening at 7 pm upstairs in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. Happy Veteran's Day! We will prepare for the Toy Packing Day on Dec 7th and finalize plans for the Christmas Family Potluck Luncheon on Dec 14th in Nemo. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

See you on Monday evening Nov 11th, 2024

starting at 7 pm!



DUES FOR 2025 - \$25 - Please bring your dues to the meeting in January 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 2025.

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

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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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OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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Table 3. Historical Events - 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 (WT SIG)Schedule

Date	Topic	Location
May 29, 2024	Live Edge Bowls	Michael Howard West Hills – 255 Texas St.
June 26, 2024	Bowls	Brown's Shop
July 31, 2024	Open Segment set-up and alignment	Steve York Shop, 23696 Mulligan Mile, RC
Sept 25, 2024	Threading bowls	Stu Kellogg's Shop
Oct 30, 2024	Christmas Ornaments	Ken Ketel – West Hills – 255 Texas St.
November 27, 2024	Day before Thanksgiving	Brown's Shop
Dec 25, 2024	Christmas, no meeting.	
Jan 23, 2025	TBD	Brown's Shop
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 (11-11-2024)

Program Chair

Our November 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 Nov 11, 2024. We will prepare for the Toy Packing Day on Dec 7th and finalize plans for the Christmas Family Potluck Luncheon on Dec 14th in Nemo. Then we can 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: Nov 11th, 2024 at 7 pm (Rick)
 - b. Toy Packing Day: Dec 7th, 2024
 - c. Christmas Potluck: Dec 14th at 11:30 am - Nemo Community Center – sign up sheet
 - d. Events/Extracurricular Activities – Al Oines - none
 - e. Special Interest Groups
 - i. SS SIG - date is: Nov 21, 2024 at 1 pm at Rick's
 - ii. WT SIG - date is: Nov 27, 2024 at 1 pm at Brown's
5. Next General Meeting – Jan 11, 2024 (Saturday) at 910 Wood Ave – 11 am, after TWS
 - a. Refreshments: _____
6. Other Topics for Discussion
7. TOY PROGRAM – Toymaking Marathon
 - a. Toy Workshops – every weekend thru Nov 23/30, 2024
 - b. Last workshop is Nov 23rd or Nov 30th (Will notify you by Email)
 - c. All Toy Recipients have responded.
 - d. Current Toy Count: Total toys in inventory: 3051 – with less than 300 to finish.
 - e. Traced toys: 3,335 toys
 - f. Toy Distribution Day: Dec 7, 2024
 - g. First Toy Workshop for 2025 is Jan 11 at 9 am with meeting to follow at 11 am.
8. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
9. Wood Recovery Projects
10. Future Discussions
11. SHOW and TELL

Last General Meeting Summary - Oct 14, 2024

Our last General Meeting was held on Oct 14, 2024 at the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. For details on the meeting and minutes, go to the Blog for the Oct 14, 2024 General Meeting.

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 September 2024 included 4 Toy Workshops, a SS SIG, and a WT SIG.

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 is Nearly Complete

We are continuing our Toymaking Workshops every Saturday from 9 to noon. We will continue to hold workshops every weekend until we are finished in late November. We need to finish toys for Christmas giving before Dec 7, 2024.

The workshops are held 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 Traced for 2024: **3,335**

Total Toys in Inventory as of 11-9-2024: **3,051**

Status of the Toymaking Marathon

Toymaking Marathon. We will continue to hold workshops every weekend until we are finished in late November. The goal of the TOYMAKING MARATHON is to finish 3,335 toys for Christmas giving on Dec 7, 2024. Thank you for your support!

Since our last newsletter release, four workshops were held (Oct 17 and 19, and Nov 2 and 9). See page 12 for photos from these workshops.



Turtle Banks are in the house...

SS SIG: Oct 17, 2024

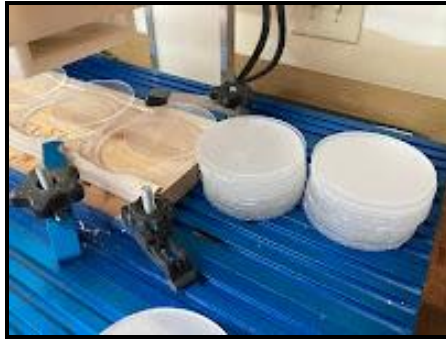
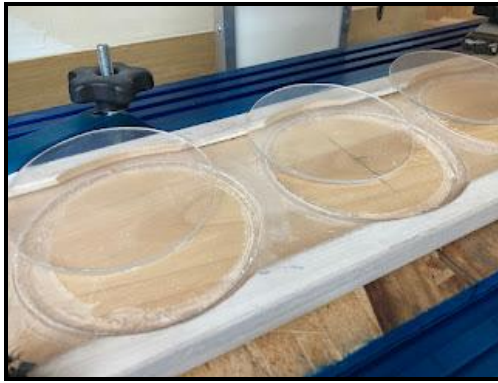
The Scrollsaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) was held today from 1 pm to 3 pm at Rick's shop in Black Hawk. Attending: Ken, Bob, Kathie, and Rick

Today's discussion centered on how to build a small working router table for making 1/8" roundover passes. This is important in finishing off many smaller toy parts. The smaller bit allows you to get into tight spots on the toy.



Show and Tell: Rick explained the techniques he uses to make the plexiglass windows used on the Turtle Banks. It is a combination of CNC router for cutting the plexiglass, and then a jig he uses to hold the plexiglass, so he can safely drill the holes for the brass pins used to hold the plexiglass to the turtle bank bodies.

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WT SIG: Oct 30, 2024

Ken Ketel and Michael Howard hosted today's Woodturning SIG at the West Hills Shop on Oct 30 @ 1:00 PM. The West Hills kitchen provided tasty rice crispy treats and coffee. Ken demonstrated how to setup for inside outside turned ornaments and simple cube turnings. If you have any questions on today's presentation, call Ken.

Attending (14): Michael Howard, Ken K, Bob, Lon, Rick, Dave, Nathaniel, Darwin, Nick, Harley, Adam, Jerry, Maggie, and Grant

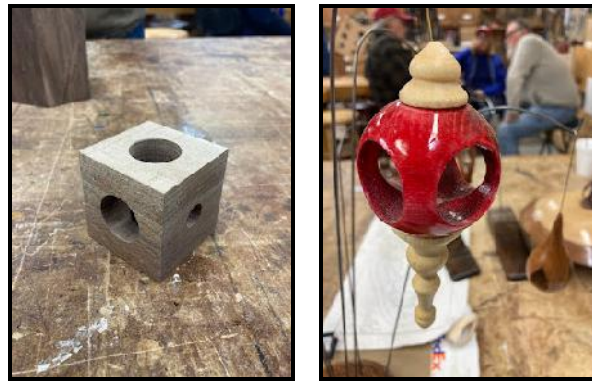


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Two types of turnings work well as Christmas tree ornaments: A simple cube with finials added, and an inside out turning based on the pattern below. The steps used for “inside out turnings” are illustrated in the first photo.

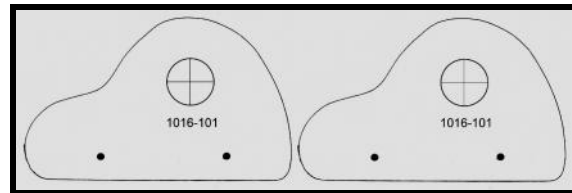


A simple cube is the starter for the red ornament.



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

Type this into your browser to get to our new website: www.rcwasd.org

To check on current happenings - click on “SAVE THE DATES” from the main menu.

Another helpful hint to using the website: “Hit the truck” when you want to go Home.

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.

HATS - it's a 2-fer sale

RCWA Hats are back in stock – Tony has them: \$ 15 gets you a new hat bearing our new website address (and a free secondary hat with the old website, while supplies last).



Paul Douglas painting pegs ----- The correct way to pack BB Games in a box.

Toy Workshop Photos



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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.

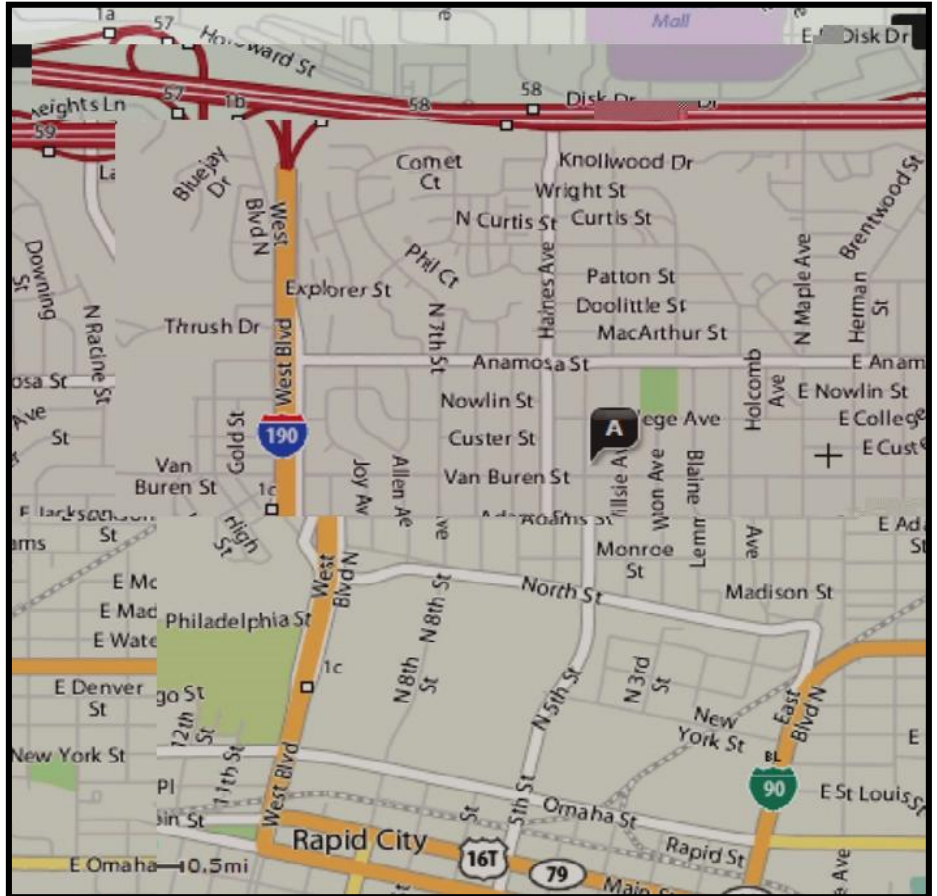
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WHERE?

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

WHEN?

GENERAL MEETING
Monday, November 11, 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