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## **President's Message**

**Bob Buchanan**



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

Kathie and I are back in the Hills and trying to get back into a routine. Many thanks to Rick and Lauree for keeping things rolling for the last six weeks. Even though it's still April it looks like summer days might be here at least this weekend! The Woodworking Show will be here soon, so I hope you have all your projects ready to show.

Our next General Meeting is Monday evening April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will be finalizing plans for the April 26 Woodworking Show. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

## OFFICERS – 2025

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                     Chief Assistant – Jerry Hood 605 578-2638

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***See you on Monday evening April 14th, 2025 at 7 pm!***



**DUES FOR 2025 - \$25** – If you haven't taken care of your dues for 2025, please bring them to the next 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 2025.

Table 1 - Schedule of Monthly Events For 2025

*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 2025 (2nd Monday of each Month\*)

(\*Except for Jan-Feb -Mar 2025)

Date	Presentation Topic	Presenter(s)
11 Jan 2025*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Feb 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Mar 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 April 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
12 May 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
9 June 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 July 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
-- Aug 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Sept 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 Oct 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
10 Nov 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 Dec 2025	Christmas Family Luncheon	All Members



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**Table 3. Events for 2025 – Tentative Dates**

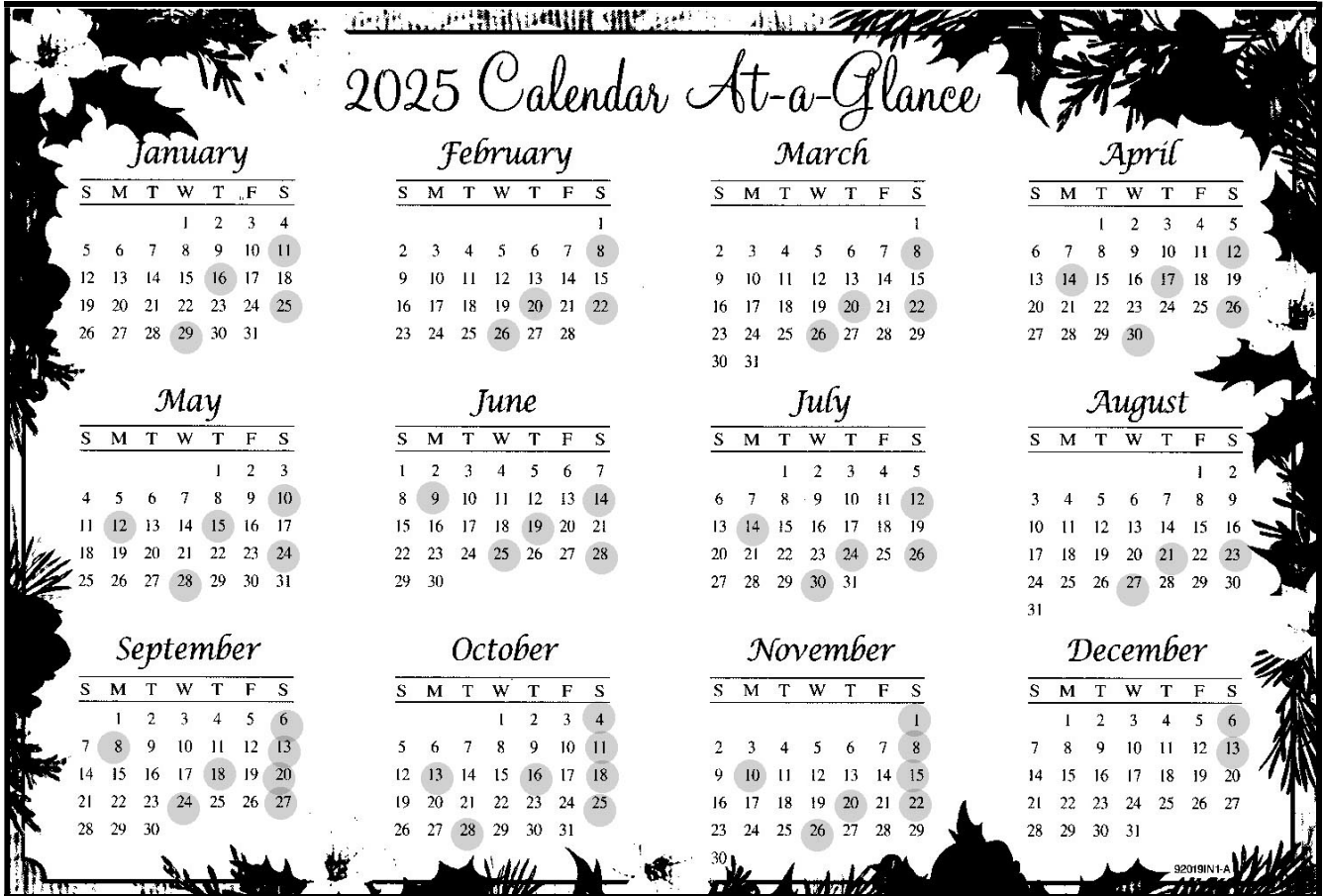
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
January thru August	Toy Workshops – bi-weekly	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
January 11 thru Nov 16 – every available day	Toymaking	Club Members Shops
March 14 and 15	Assist with Pinewood derby build	First Assembly of God
April 26, 2025 9 am to 4 pm	WW SHOW	Knecht Home Center
June 14 ?	Tool SALE	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
June 21, 2025 - 10 am to 2 pm	Vendor's Show	Knecht Home Center
July 7-11 , 2025	Assist with Club for Boys Pinewood Derby - Tanner Tucker	Club for Boys SHOP
Sept 13 - ?	5K Walk Little Black Hills Battles - Community Event	Old Story Book Island Park
85th Rally: Aug 1st – 10th, 2025	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	<i>Minimal Meetings</i>
August 16, 2025 – 9 am to 3 pm; 57th Annual Black Hills Steam and Gas Threshing Bee	Sturgis Threshing Bee – Toy Wooden Tractor Giveaways / Racing Tractors	13380 Alkali Rd, Sturgis
Every Saturday from Sept 6 thru Nov 22, 2025 - 9 am to noon	Toymaking <i>Marathon - weekly</i>	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 6, 2025 8:00 to 12 noon	Toy Packing/Distribution Day	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 13, 2025 11:30 am	Christmas Family Potluck - Nemo	Nemo Community Hall Nemo, SD
	Shop Tours	Periodically, as announced

**Table 4. WT SIG Schedule March 2025 – March 2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 26, 2025	Planning Meeting	Brown's Shop
April 30, 2025	Bottle Openers	Brown's Shop
May 28, 2025	Chucking Techniques	West Hills Shop
June 25, 2025	Pens - AI Demo	Brown's Shop
July 30, 2025	Finishing / Sharpening	Brown's Shop
Sept 24, 2025	Ornaments	Brown's Shop
Oct 29, 2025	Demo TBD	Brown's Shop
Nov 19, 2025	TBD	Thanksgiving
December 2025	No meeting	Merry Christmas
Jan 28, 2026	Bowls	Brown's Shop
Feb 25, 2026	Platters	Brown's Shop
Mar 25, 2026	Planning Meeting	Brown's Dining Room

## 2025 Calendar - RCWA Events are Circled

(Refer to Tables 1 thru 4 for Key to Circled Dates.)



## This Month's Meeting Agenda

Program Chair

Our April 2025 General Meeting will be held on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The General Meeting will start at 7 pm upstairs from the Wood Shop in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will finalize the plans for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodworking Show set for April 26, 2025. 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 General Meeting – Monday May 12, 2025 at 910 Wood Ave – 7 pm
  - a. Refreshments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**General Meeting:** MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025 7 PM TO 9 PM

**Toymaking Workshops:** 2nd Saturday (APR 12, 2025) from 9 to noon at the WOOD SHOP in the basement of the Annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD.

**SS SIG:** Thursday APRIL 17th (1 pm to 3 pm) at Rick's

**Woodworking Show:** Held at Knecht Home Center APRIL 26, 2025 from 9 TO 4 PM

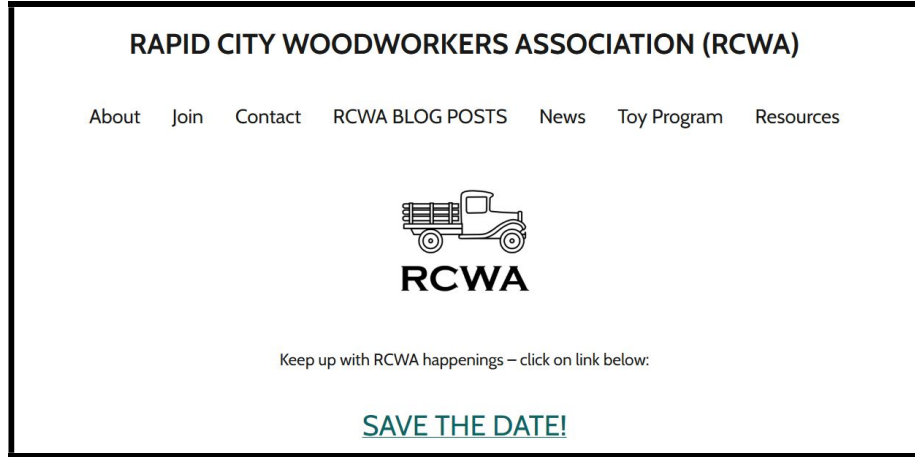
**WT SIG:** Wednesday APRIL 30TH, 2025 (1 pm to 3 pm) at Browns

5. Today's Topics for Discussion
  - a. Woodworking Show – April 26, 2025 – see separate NOTES
  - b. Formation / Planning for a CNC SIG – Stu Kellogg
  - c. Future Events
    - i. July 7-11 – CFB Pinewood Derby Assistance
    - ii. Tool Sale – in June – need a date
    - iii. June 21 – vendor's event at Knecht – 10 am to 2 pm
    - iv. Threshing Bee in Sturgis – August
6. TOY PROGRAM
  - a. Toy Workshop - April 12 at 9 am
  - b. Toy Samples from OCWA
7. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
8. Wood Recovery Projects
9. Future Discussions
10. SHOW and TELL



## Last General Meeting Summary

Our last General Meeting was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. For details on the meeting and minutes, go to the RCWA Blog Post for the March 8, 2025 General Meeting.



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

## 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.rcwasd.org](http://www.rcwasd.org)

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 March 2025 included two Toy Workshops, a SS SIG, a community event assisting the Rangers building pinewood derby cars, 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*

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>.

## Toy Workshops

We held our 5th and 6th Toy Workshop (TWS) for 2025 on Saturday Mar 8 and Mar 22, 2025, from 9 to 12 noon. These were held at the Wood Shop at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City. The shop is in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The next Toy Workshops will be held on Saturdays April 12 and May 10 and 24, 2025. The Woodworking Show will be held on Saturday April 26, 2025.

Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops. Recently, we migrated all 17 years of blogs from our previous website to our new website. They are all now in place on our current website: <https://rcwasd.org/>



## Quick Status of Toy Workshops



We are done tracing toys on our current list for 2025. And we have started cutting toys to shape and sanding. So, we have are now in phases 2, 3, 4 and 5. Our goal for 2025 is to build about 3,500 toys to donate to organizations who work with kids in South Dakota.



## Scroll Saw Special Interest Group (SS SIG): March 20, 2025

The Scrollsaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) met at Rick's shop in Black Hawk today from 1 pm to 3pm. Attending: Rick, Ken, Jerry, and Al. We cut out a few tractors and Rick worked on repairing a scroll saw. No reporters were available for this meeting, so no photos were taken.

## Woodturning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) 3-26-2025

The Wood Turning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) was held on March 26, 2025. All RCWA members and guests are welcome to attend. It is on the calendar for the last Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. It is held in Jim and Maggie's Shop at 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702. Thank you Jim and Maggie for hosting today's Woodturning SIG.

Today's WT SIG was a planning session for the upcoming year. The meeting was conducted by Maggie Brown. The results will be published on the **Monthly Recurring Meetings** page of our website. No reporters were available for this meeting, so no photos were taken.

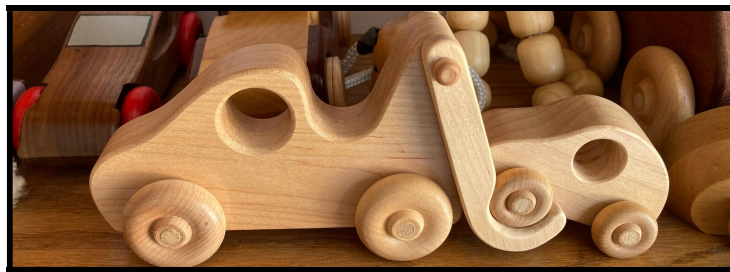
## Visit to Orange County Woodworkers Toy Workshop - Anaheim Hills, CA

I visited the Orange County Woodworkers Association (OCWA) Toymaking Party on March 8, 2025 in Anaheim Hills, CA. My goal was to pick up new toymaking techniques and new ideas for toys. Al Missbrenner from the OCWA invited me to the workshop.

I got to sit in on a session with the "boxmakers" as they worked thru some serious glue-up issues. I picked up some great pointers for this process. This is very timely, as Nick Spano is beginning a new venture into making jewelry boxes. Al Misbrenner was the lead guy on this project today and filled in as Fit Check Inspector as well as final inspector.

I visited the "cradle makers" group as they have modified their small cradle design to eliminate the individual dowels from the side rails and replaced them with a solid piece to capture the bottom of the cradle and provide a nice strong attaching point for the cradle ends. The ladies have also designed a sock doll from special socks from Target.

I visited the "tow truck" group as they assembled a smaller version of our Love Bug to tow behind their 1" tow trucks.



I visited the puzzle guy ROBERT and he gave me several samples of puzzles and mazes to build for the older children. Robert gave me tips on designing toys for kids, that you should try to incorporate touch into each toy,



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such as dump trucks that really dump, or the tail gate moves for example. Always think of adding anything to make kids think and use their imaginations.

I talked with Ross Gilroy – hadn't seen him for a few years. We talked about his trip to visit Will and Rachael – Woodturners in Rapid City – many years ago on April 13, 2012, as well as his latest creations on the Powermatic. *Go to the website for detailed information about Will Bellucci and Rachel Scheffel. Click here for ([Trip Report](#)).*

Ross loves to help in any way he can with the toy program. Ross is the most creative person ever on the lathe. He integrates so many aspects of woodworking into his wood turning. He made the original Rattles more than 20 years ago. Last month, Ken asked him to make 100 rattles for the Toy Program this year, so he has already made 100 rattles for the toy program this month.

I spoke with Greg Smet and his dad Ed Smet (box maker) to get caught up on the latest with their families.

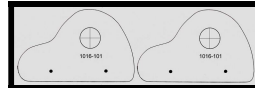
I visited with Len Musgrave who is still spraying all the toys with a spray gun and lacquer (outside). He explained to me how to make the small car trains for the vertical racetracks, using the table saw and a router. He said he started with this OCWA is about 1984. Over the years, they have met at Ganahl Lumber, the Goodwill Store on Harbor Blvd, as well as at Bill Rogers and Tom P's houses for many years. The current location is Ken Crandall's house in Anaheim Hills, CA.



For lots of great photos, go to the article/blog entry on our website: [rcwasd.org](http://rcwasd.org)

## 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 or Roy E. We keep hearing good stories/feedback from this project. "Love Bugs" are ending up all around the world. If you have more questions, talk to Roy Erickson. He is tracking the status of this project.



## 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

Type this into your browser to get to our new website: [www.rcwasd.org](http://www.rcwasd.org)

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## Social Media Notes

Cori Weisbeck

Cori Weisbeck is our Social Media Manager. 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

Cori is also 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. Make sure 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.

Until Sept 1, 2025, 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 6, 2025. 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

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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 are Available

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).

Another seasonal item that will be available soon: Beanies



### Grassroots CNC Special Interest Group

We will be discussing the possible formation of a Special Interest Group dedicated to computer numerically controlled devices. There are at least 9 members currently learning about these devices. Come to the meeting on Monday to learn more about this.

### Photos from Toy Workshops





Poster about the Woodworking Show

You are invited to the FREE

**17th Annual  
Rapid City Woodworkers Association (RCWA)**



# WOODWORKING SHOW

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Knecht Home Center  
320 West Blvd, Rapid City**



**Theme: “Patriotic/Military”**

**See Displays of Woodworking Projects, Old Tools  
plus, Games for Kids**

**Watch Demonstrations of Woodturning, CNC,  
Scroll Sawing, and Toy Making**



**Door Prizes and Raffle plus Silent Auction of Handcrafted  
Wooden Items**



**Will benefit Toy Making Program for kids**



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Monthly Newsletter of the  
Rapid City Woodworkers  
Association

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Meeting.

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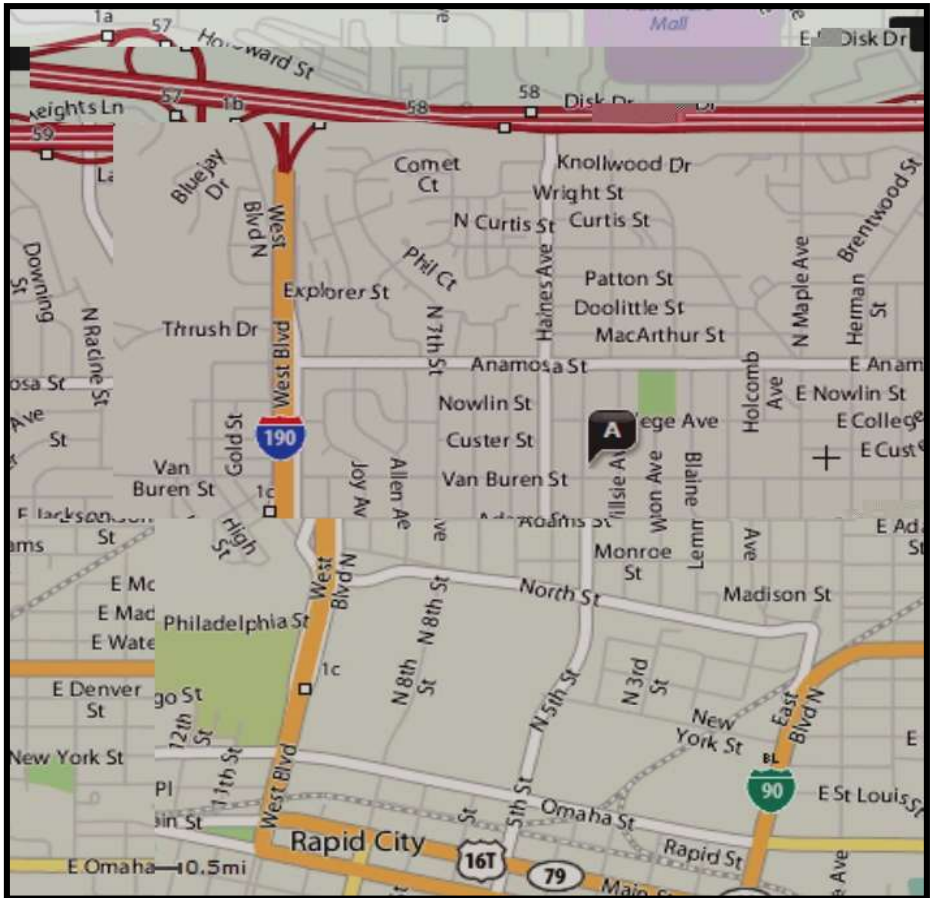
Editor – Bob Buchanan

### WHERE?

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

### WHEN?

***GENERAL MEETING***  
Monday April 14, 2025  
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