

THE CUTTING EDGE

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

MAY 2025

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President's Message

Bob Buchanan



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

The Woodworking Show has come and gone and its now time to trim the grass already. Kinda missed the smell of fresh cut grass!

Our next General Meeting is Monday evening May 12th at 7 pm in the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will be planning the summer activities and continuing to work the toys. Looking forward to see what the CNC SIG has planned as well. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

See you on Monday evening May 12th, 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 1st 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 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 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

Table 3. Events for 2025 – Tentative Dates

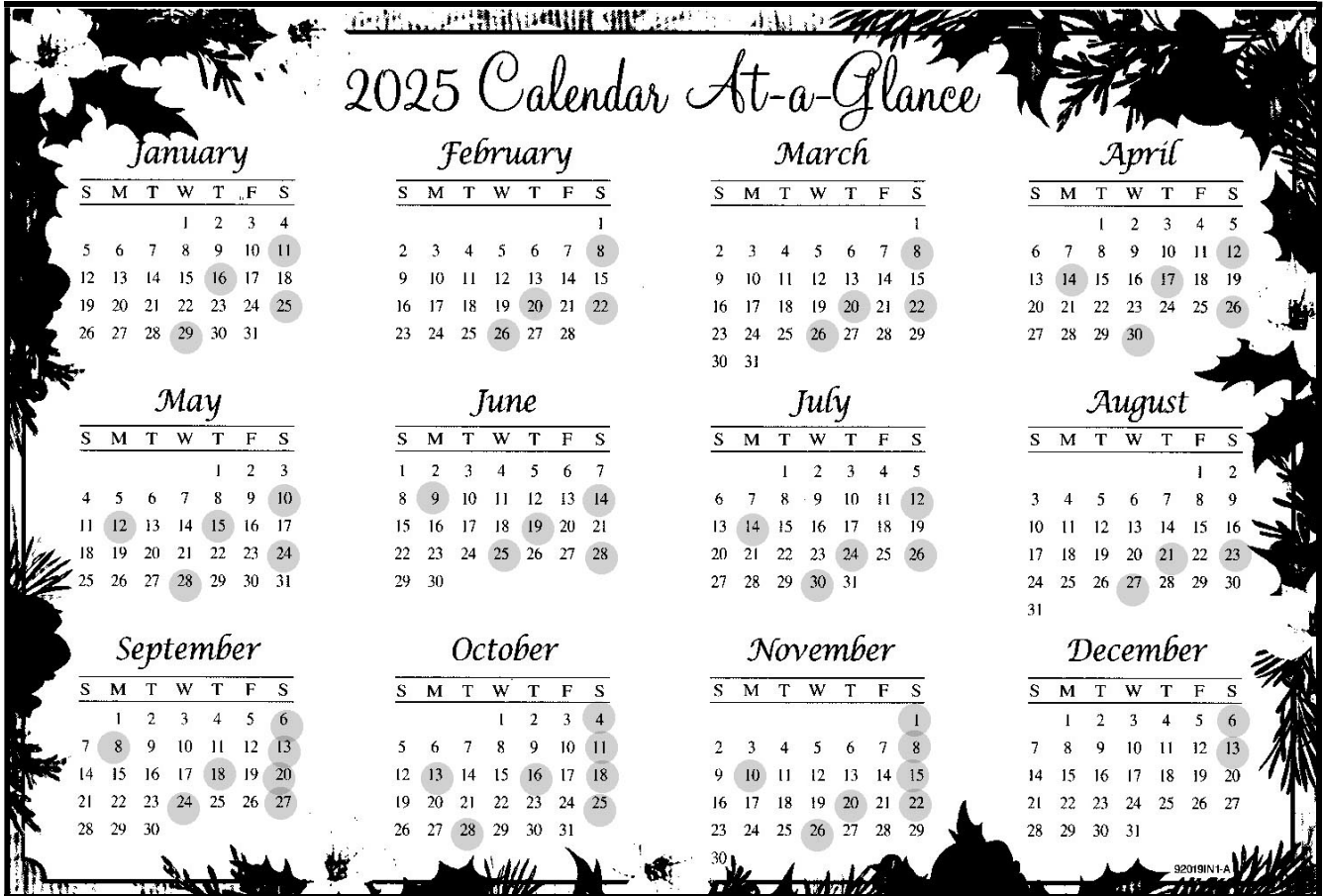
Date	Event	Location
January thru August	Toy Workshops – bi-weekly	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
January 11 thru Nov 16 – every available day	Toymaking	Club Members Shops
March 14 and 15	Assist with Pinewood derby build	First Assembly of God
April 26, 2025 9 am to 4 pm	WW SHOW	Knecht Home Center
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>
Aug 10, 2025	Community Event	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
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

Date	Topic	Location
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 May 2025 General Meeting will be held on Monday May 12th 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 be planning the summer activities and continuing to work the toys. Looking forward to see what the CNC SIG has planned as well. 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 June 9, 2025 at 910 Wood Ave – 7 pm
 - a. Refreshments: _____
5. SIG Dates
 - a. CNC SIG – Stu Kellogg – May 3 / June 7
 - b. SS SIG – Rick W – May 15
 - c. WT SIG – Maggie B – May 28
6. Future Events
 - i. Tool Sale – June 14– need to verify date
 - ii. June 21 –vendor's event at Knecht – 10 am to 2 pm
 - iii. July 7- 9 – CFB Pinewood Derby Assistance
 - iv. Aug 10 - Community Service Event - 910 Wood Ave
 - v. August 16 - Threshing Bee in Sturgis
7. TOY PROGRAM
 - a. Toy Workshop – May 10 and 24
 - b. Toy Samples from OCWA
8. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
9. Wood Recovery Projects
10. Future Discussions
11. SHOW and TELL

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CNC SIG: SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025 FROM 10 PM TO NOON at Stu's – 1116 West Blvd in Rapid City. [MAPS](#)

Toymaking Workshops: 2nd and 4th Saturday (MAY 10, and May 24, 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. [MAPS](#)

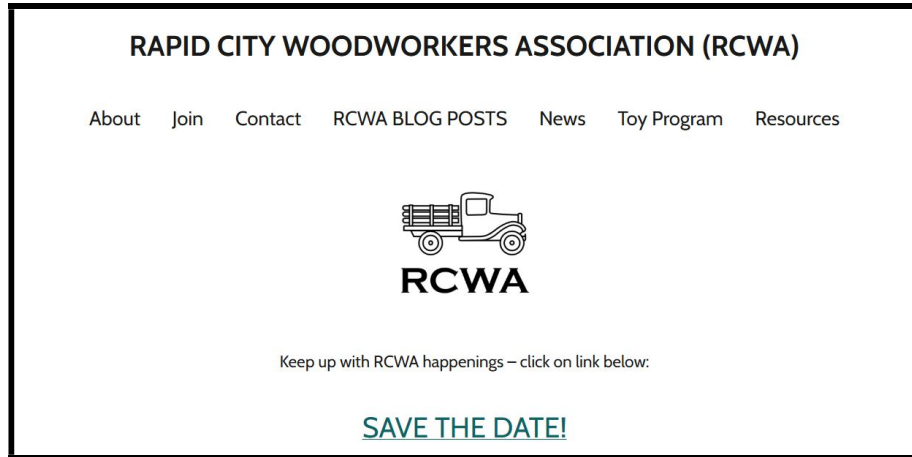
General Meeting: MONDAY MAY 12, 2025 FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM upstairs in the Annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. [MAPS](#)

SS SIG: Thursday MAY 15th (1 pm to 3 pm) at Rick's [MAPS](#)

WT SIG: Wednesday MAY 28TH, 2025 (1 pm to 3 pm) at Browns [MAPS](#)

Last General Meeting Summary

Our last General Meeting was held on April 14th, 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 April 14th, 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

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 April 2025 included a Toy Workshop, a SS SIG, our 17th Annual Woodworking Show, a WT SIG, and a CNC 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 7th Toy Workshop (TWS) for 2025 on Saturday April 12, 2025, from 9 to 12 noon. This was 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 May 10 and 24, 2025.

Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops on our current website:

<https://rcwasd.org/>



Quick Status of Toy Workshops



We are done tracing toys on our current list for 2025. We are currently cutting toys to shape, drilling axle and window holes, and routing and sanding. So, we are 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): April 17, 2025

The Scrollsaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) met at Rick's shop in Black Hawk today from 1 pm to 3pm.

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The attendees at today's SS SIG included Rick, Ken, Bob, Kathie, and Al. Rick showed several examples of scrollwork he is preparing for the Woodworking Show. He showed us what he is planning for the Theme Plaque. He showed us a scrollsaw he is repairing that was donated to him by Don Roberts.

Then we cut out a few tractors. We had four scrollsaws going for about 30 minutes; 32 tractors were cut to shape, bringing the total to 38 tractors.

Photos from the event:



Woodturning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) 4-30-2025

The Wood Turning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) was held on April 30, 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

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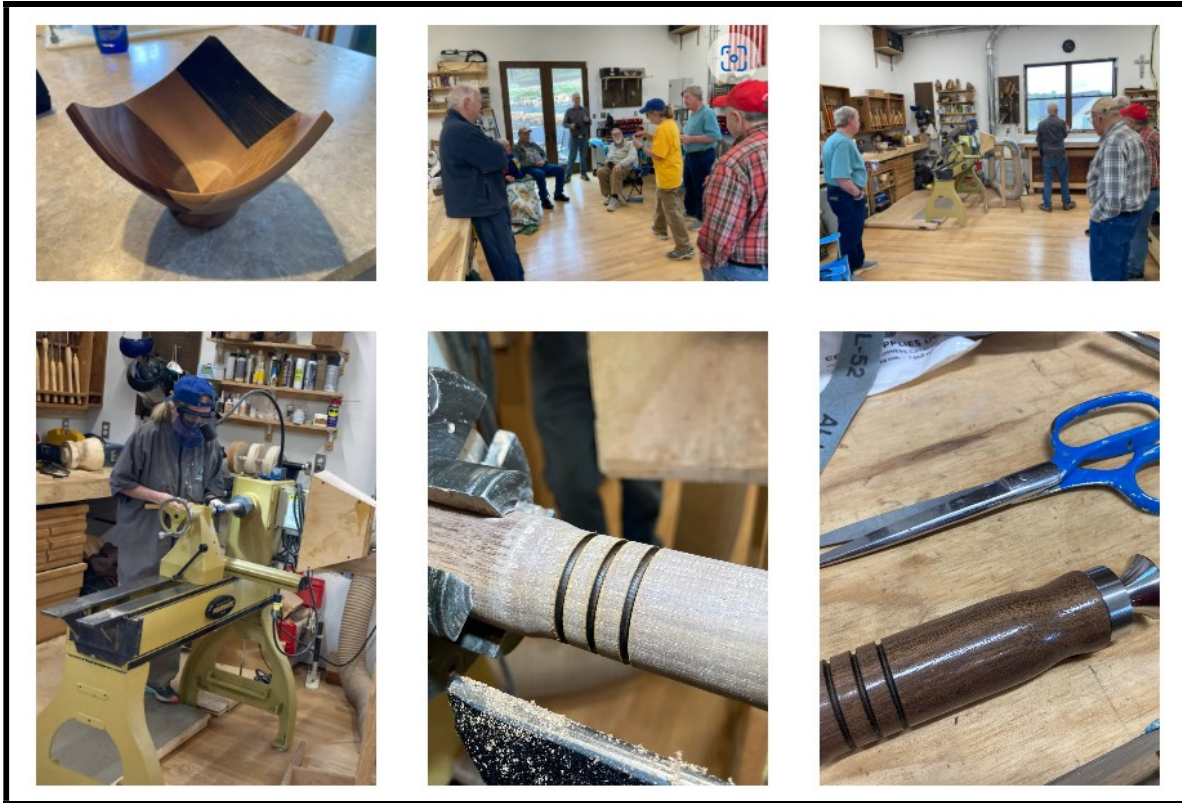
Jim and Maggie's Shop at 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702. Thank you Jim and Maggie for hosting today's Woodturning SIG.

Thank you Jim and Maggie for hosting and preparing your shop for today's Woodturning SIG.

Attending (9): Al, Jim and Maggie Brown, Ken M, Bob and Kathie Buchanan, Steve, Nick, and Stu.

Today's demo was done by Maggie Brown; she showed us how to make a simple bottle opener using a part from Craft Supplies.com. Show and Tell included a large, segmented bowl by Steve York made with walnut and zebra wood, and a three point bowl made by Jeff Albrecht for the Silent Auction.

Photos from the event:



CNC Special Interest Group (CNC SIG) - 5-3-2025

We have formed a Special Interest Group dedicated to computer numerically controlled devices. There are at least 9 members currently learning about these devices. Stu Kellogg will be leading this group.

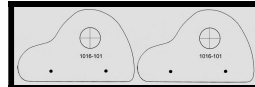
The first CNC SIG meeting was May 3, from 10-12 at Kellogg's, 1116 West Blvd. Members came with ideas for topics to discuss and/or shops to visit. Both machining and laser engraving ideas are welcome. This Saturday, the plan was to work on a sign that has a couple of components. We talked about combining or merging several elements, exploring height base operations, and trying different gap settings for overall height, adding some engraved (or raised) letters, and virtually exploring some letters to get the effect we want.



For more photos, go to the article/blog entry on our website: 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.



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.

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

Facebook page name: @rcwasd

Instagram Link: instagram.com/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) 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. 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 2nd 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.

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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.

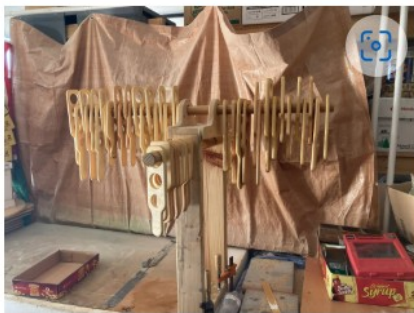
HATS are Available

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



Photos from Toy Workshops



17th Annual Woodworking Show – April 26, 2025

Read all about it on our website: www.rcwasd.org

The Rapid City Woodworkers Association (RCWA) shared their skills and showed finished art products during their 17th annual Woodworking Show. It was held Saturday April 26, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Knecht Home Center at 320 West Boulevard in Rapid City. The event was free to the public, with special emphasis on those who are interested in learning about woodworking and the organization.

If you missed the 17th Annual Woodworking Show, you can go to our blog on our website for an extensive story and photos. www.rcwasd.org



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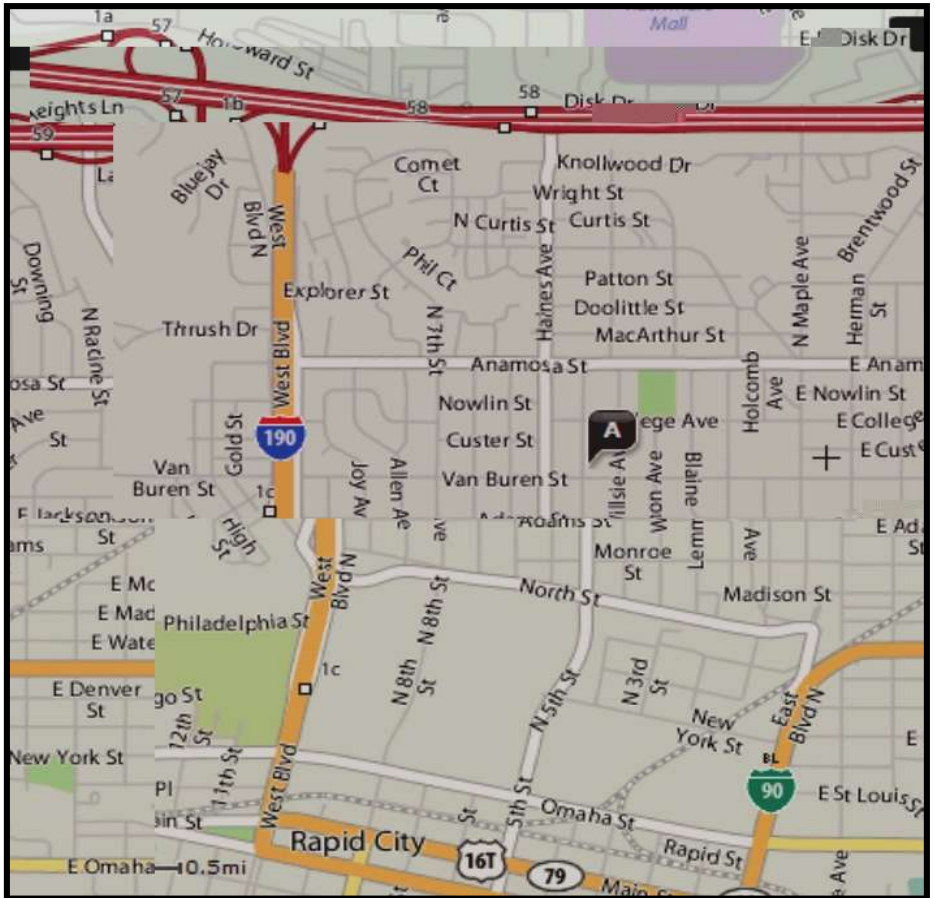
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The newsletter is posted on the website
shortly before the RCWA General
Meeting.

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 May 12, 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