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

**NOVEMBER 2025**

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### President's Message

Bob Buchanan

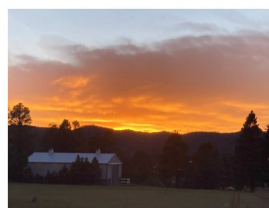


Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

We are nearing the end of our Toymaking Marathon, as we prepare for Christmas giving. We will continue to hold a Toymaking Workshop every Saturday thru the end of November as needed until we finish making the toys to give away on Toy Packing /Distribution Day on Dec 6, 2025. Hope you can join us!

Our next General Meeting is Monday evening November 10th at 7 pm in the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will be discussing the activities for the last two workshops of the year, planning the Toy Packing/ Distribution Day activities for Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, and looking ahead to the Christmas Potluck Dinner. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

***See you on Monday evening Nov 10th, 2025 at 7 pm!***



**DUES FOR 2025 - \$25** – Its almost time to pay your dues for 2026, so please bring them to the January 2026 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 during the second half of 2026 will be pro-rated.

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, 2025 - 7 am to 3 pm	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 7-9 , 2025 – 9 am to noon, daily	Assist with Club for Boys Pinewood Derby - Tanner Tucker	Club for Boys SHOP
85th Rally: Aug 1st – 10th, 2025	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	<i>Minimal Meetings</i>
Aug 10, 2025 – 11 am to 2 pm	Kids Carnival	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
August 16, 2025 – Setup at 8:30 am event starts at 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
Sept 13 2025 – 8:30 am to noon	5K Walk Little Black Hills Battles - Community Event with Giraffes	Old Story Book Island Park
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 9:00 to 12 noon	Toy Packing/Distribution Day	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 13, 2025 11:30 am	Christmas Family Potluck - Doty	Doty Volunteer Fire Department
	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 the Key to Circled Dates.)

2025 Calendar At-a-Glance																											
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## This Month's Meeting Agenda

## Program Chair

Our next General Meeting is Monday evening NOV 10TH at 7 pm in the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will be discussing the activities for the last two workshops of the year, planning the Toy Packing/ Distribution Day activities for Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, and looking ahead to the Christmas Potluck Dinner. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. The General Meeting will start at 7 pm upstairs from the Wood Shop in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. 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 – Saturday Jan 8, 2026 at 910 Wood Ave – 11am
  - a. Refreshments: \_\_\_\_\_
5. SIG Dates for November
  - a. CNC SIG – Stu Kellogg – Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at STU's Shop at 12:15 pm
  - b. SS SIG –at Rick's Shop – Nov 20th at 1 pm
  - c. WT SIG – at Brown's Shop – Nov 19th at 1 pm
6. SIG Dates for December 2025 – no SIGs in Dec 2025
7. SIG Dates for January 2026
  - a. CNC SIG – Stu Kellogg – Jan 1 at STU's Shop at 10 am
  - b. SS SIG –at Rick's Shop – Jan 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm
  - c. WT SIG – at Brown's Shop – Jan 28 at 1 pm
8. Future Community Events:  
None this month.
9. TOY PROGRAM
  - a. Toy Workshops remaining for 2025: Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - b. Toy Workshops – starting in January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday mornings – 9 am to noon
  - c. 2025 Toy Recipients Response/Update
  - d. 2025 Toy Packing/Distribution Day – Dec 6, 2025 at 9 am
  - e. Christmas Family Potluck Dinner – Dec 13, 2025 at Doty Fire Station at 11:30 am
    - i. Sign up Sheet
10. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
11. Wood Recovery Projects
12. Future Discussions
13. SHOW and TELL

## Last General Meeting Summary

Our last General Meeting was held on OCT 13, 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 OCT 13, 2025 General Meeting at [www.rcwasd.org](http://www.rcwasd.org).

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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 OCTOBER 2025 included three Toy Workshops, a SS SIG, a WT SIG, and a CNC SIG.

1. [PREP FOR NEXT TWS](#)
2. [TWS \(TWS2025-21\) 11-01-2025](#)
3. [WT SIG 10-29-2025](#)
4. [PREP FOR NEXT TWS](#)
5. [TWS \(tws2025-20\) 10-25-2025](#)
6. [PREP FOR NEXT TWS](#)
7. [TWS \(TWS2025-19\) 10-18-2025](#)
8. [scrollsawing sig 10-16-25](#)
9. [PREP FOR NEXT TWS](#)
10. [GENERAL MEETING 10-13-2025](#)

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Toy Workshops (TWS) for 2025 during September and October 2025, from 9 to 12 noon. These 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 each Saturday during October and November from 9 to noon. We are midway through our Toymaking Marathon, as we prepare for Christmas giving.

Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops on our website: <https://rcwasd.org/>



## Status of Toy Program



We are done tracing toys on our current list for 2025 and are now 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. As of today, there are 2,726 toys in inventory on our way to 3,500.





## Scroll Saw Special Interest Group (SS SIG): Oct 16, 2025

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

Attending today: Rick, Al, Marty, Jerry and Ken

Today's discussions included general scroll sawing discussions and overall Christmas Ornaments. Rick presented a trunk show of ornaments, shared some patterns, and detailed explanations related to the ornaments.

## Woodturning Special Interest Group (WT SIG)

9-24-2025

The Wood Turning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) was held today from 1 pm to 3 pm. 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 , preparing demos, and making your shop ready for today's Woodturning SIG.

Attending: Jim, Maggie, Al, Rick, Ken M, Steve, Lon, Stu, and Marty





## CNC Special Interest Group (CNC SIG)

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

## Toy Workshops Oct.18,25, and Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 025

For detailed descriptions of the activities that take place at each workshop, go to our blog on our website: [rcwasd.org](http://rcwasd.org)

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## BEHIND THE SCENES - BETWEEN WORKSHOPS

This section highlights some activities which take place between workshops that greatly contributes to smoother and more efficient workshops.



1. Preparation for each TWS workshop
  - 1.1. Equipment maintenance – during and after each TWS
  - 1.2. Supplies/consumables
  - 1.3. Refreshments
  - 1.4. Wood preparation / recovery
  - 1.5. Wheels/pegs sprayed / painted
  - 1.6. Toys sealed
  - 1.7. Toys sprayed

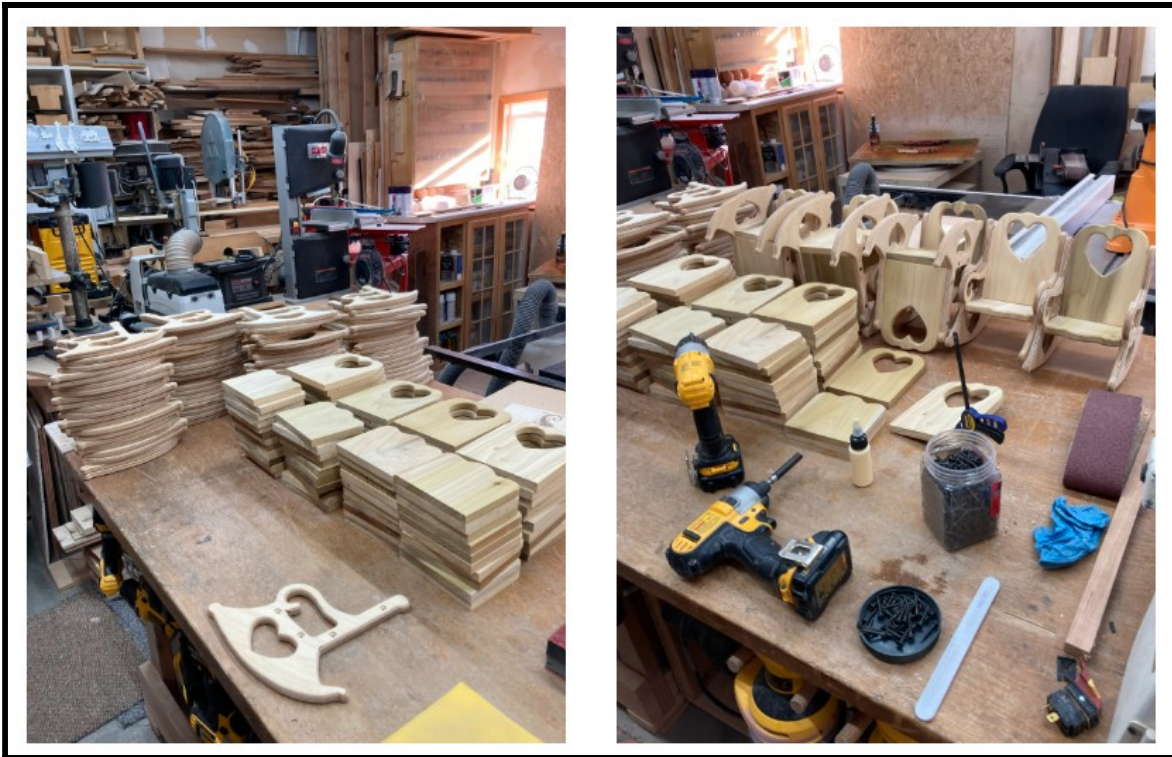




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- 1.8. Cookies Baked
2. Parts fabrication
3. Toys cut/sanded/routed at home
4. Ball/strings for toys
5. Wood turners - toy parts
6. Research and development department activities
7. Digital tools (CNC, laser cutters)
8. Cloth Bags/Cradle Quilts Sewn

The list above is a summary of what normally happens behind the scenes each week before and after each workshop. For more details, go to the BLOG and look for Blog Posts entitled “Prep for Next TWS”. Many thanks to each and everyone of you who contributes both at the workshop and at home before and after each workshop! Many hands make light work. Thank you for your contributions!





### TIP OF THE MONTH: BURN MARKS WHEN ROUNDING OVER

Question: I get burn marks when rounding over the ends of glued-up cutting boards. I thought I was moving the trim router fast enough, and the bit is sharp and clean, so why does the wood scorch? -Curtis Severson, North Platte, Neb.

Answer: Curtis, some wood species, such as cherry and maple, tend to burn easier than others, so your situation is not uncommon. And your idea to use a quicker feed rate usually helps.

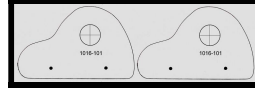
If you've ruled out feed rate as the problem, and you have a sharp bit, consider the router as the culprit. If it has a single speed-usually around 25,000 rpm or faster-that high speed could be causing the burns. In that case, rout the profile in two passes, removing most of the wood the first time through, and then following up with a quicker, shaving-thin pass. If your router has variable speed, dial it back to about 18,000 rpm or so. That should alleviate the friction burns.





## 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 Rick W or Roy Erickson as 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)

Facebook page name: @rcwasd

Instagram Link: [instagram.com/rcwasd](https://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](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 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 and Beanies are Available

RCWA Hats are back in stock – Get them from Tony or Bob: \$ 15 gets a new hat bearing our new website address (and a free second hat with old website, while supplies last).

We also have Beanies: Beanies (\$20). (Winter's on its way!)



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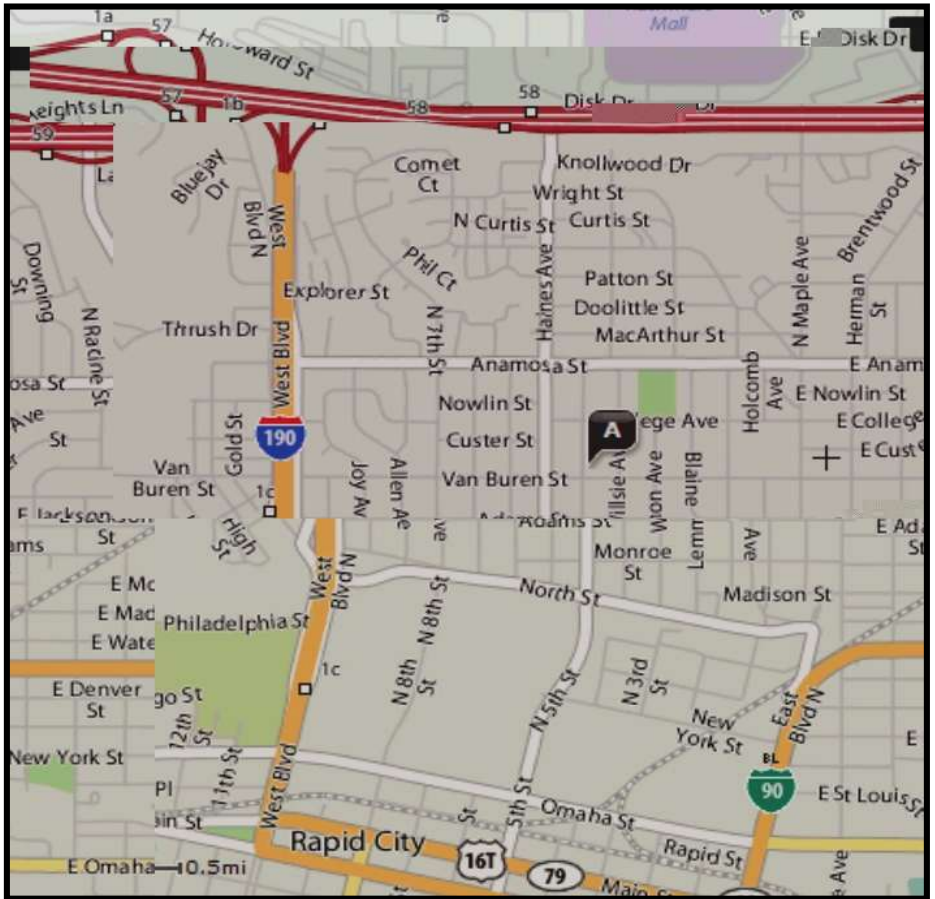
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The newsletter is posted on the website  
shortly before the RCWA General  
Meeting.

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 November 10, 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