

GEMS OF THE ROGUE

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General Meeting. NO DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY! The party is postponed until later notice due to COVID restrictions. Thank you for your understanding. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT INFO IS UP TO DATE.** Contact Michelle Wheeler, membership, to update.

Board Meeting: Dec. 9th, 1:30pm at the Clubhouse

Thursday Night Classes: 5-8pm at the Clubhouse. Dec. 10th. **Peyote stitch ring by Marie Davis. Bring tools and Seed beads and needle. You MUST sign up for the class with Marie 510-378-1092.**

GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

• The purpose of the Rogue Gem & Geology Club is to foster healthful fellowship among its members while pursuing the activities and knowledge of the earth sciences, and to serve the community by introducing its young people and adults to the wonders of the mineral world. • Regular meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale Dr., Grants Pass, Or. Meetings begin at 7:00, and Guests are always welcome. Potluck meals are scheduled for March & June, September Picnic, December, Christmas Party. • Members are entitled to use the equipment and join in the classes that are available at the clubhouse located at 1003 Isham, Grants Pass. There are shop fees applied to use of equipment and materials. Some classes may have a small fee for materials. • One day field trips are held several times through the year on Saturdays or Sundays following the club meeting. A once a year extended field trip is usually held each June. • New Membership dues of \$26.00 per (immediate) family. This includes one plastic badge and the Newsletter, "Gems of the Rogue". Additional member badges \$6.00 each. Club year runs September 1st through August 31st. Renewal dues are then \$ 20.00 per year and payable September 1st. •Every member is asked to volunteer a minimum of 16 hours per year, as stated in the club By-laws. •We exchange Newsletters with other clubs at no charge. • Deadline to submit articles in the Newsletter is the 2nd Friday of the month. • Permission to reprint material from the Newsletter is granted provided due credit is given. Members are allowed to take one rock from the club each week for free. Additional rocks may be purchased for 10cents /lb. for members, when the club is open. Members may also purchase slabs from the shop during open club hours.

Volunteers needed: Our club is operated by volunteers. There are no paid positions..

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November 4, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Susan Szabo at 7:00PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by Sargent of Arms, Gary Ruehling. Minutes approve as printed. Susan welcomed everyone to our first meeting in such a long time and her first as President.

Treasurer: Nancy Rogers absent but reported the Operating account has \$20,738.44, Building account has \$ 34, 115.23. Square account has \$476.15.

Shop: Mike Hepburn recommends you call for an appointment to work on the 4 Genies.

Claims: Bill Shepard states claims have been filed. Not permitted to cross Roseburg Lumber due to fire clean up. There is a signup sheet in the back for volunteers to work on claims corner posts identification.

Beginning Faceting: Bill Boeh will continue his class until mid-December. He has an Ultra Tec that is not in use if anyone is interested.

Bylaws: Trish Hepburn discussed the change in the bylaws stating that anyone wishing to run for a board position must have been an active member of our club at least 12 months. Copies were available to members. The change was approved.

Michelle: Recommended we make reservations for the meetings so we can meet the recommendations for gatherings at the Fruitdale Grange for meetings.

Bowman's rocks: silent auction brought in \$86.

Pie Auction: There were plenty good pies for eating and some left for auction. Club made \$76.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Trish Hepburn

Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2020

President, Susan Szabo, called the meeting to order at 1:30. **Minutes accepted as written.**

Treasurer, Nancy Rogers absent but reported the Operating account has \$19,695.43, Building account \$34,105.23, Square account \$476.15.

Shop: Mike Hepburn reported the October shop income was \$121.25. Slab sales \$53.00.

Claims: Jim Hawkins reported we have not been able to access the Harry Winters Claim due to the fire lockout. We need to replace our claim posts and signage on this claim. Jim provided copies of the Road Use Permit the club will need to sign and follow if we are to cross Roseburg Forest Products land to access our claim. He requested approval to take the permit to the club lawyer and to check with our insurance company on insurance requirements under the permit. Jill Dugan made a motion that Jim go to the lawyer and the insurance company and can spend up to \$200. Gary Ruehling seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jim also suggested that the club start charging members for rocks taken from the club claims. He suggested a per pound fee. Tabled for further discussion.

Membership: Michelle Wheeler handed out new rosters. December newsletter will be the last one for members who have not paid and your name will not be on the roster in January.

Clubhouse repairs: Mike Hepburn has received a bid for repairs and painting. Superior Coatings LLC submitted a bid for \$4550. Jill Dugan made a motion that we accept the bid and that the work starts ASAP. Gary Ruehling seconded the bid. Motion passed.

Newsletter: Alice Gutshall resigned as Newsletter Editor and Trish Hepburn will publish one until a new editor is found. **The club needs a newsletter editor ASAP.**

Michelle Wheeler suggested we start using paper badges instead of the plastic because so many people order them and don't pick them up. She has a large container of them. She also suggested we raise the cost to new members. Tabled the issue for the present.

Christmas Party: canceled due to COVID. Looking ahead we might try to have our Christmas in June or whenever things open up.

Should we plan a Gem Show in April? Tabled for a month or two to see if things improve.

Susan Szabo suggested that the club a small auction, either silent or oral, at each meeting to try and increase our treasury. There has been almost no income since March and our bank balance is shrinking.

Jim Hawkins asked for permission to buy heaters for the shop. Approved. Bylaws were voted on and approved at the general November Meeting. One item needs to be corrected and voted on later.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Arnold

From the President:

Susan Szabo; I know we will all miss the December Party, but we have to work with the current situation, follow our governor's orders, which could change daily. Having to prepare for our annual, fun Christmas Party only to cancel at the last minute. It is very disappointing, so the board decided to postpone it for now.

We are still having field trips and classes scheduled. Please check the calendar for details. Contact the instructors or coordinators directly. Michelle Wheeler is the calendar coordinator and you can call her also@ 541-955- 0173 for sign-ups and details.

COVID will determine if we have a meeting January 6th. It is planned, but we will try to contact by email if we have to cancel. We are planning lots of fun events in the coming year, regular auctions at our meetings and monthly or bi-monthly events/activities as well.

Your board members, chair persons, and coordinators are working hard in the background to keep our club going. The shop is getting very much needed repair and painting this month. Please come by and check it out.

Entering into our Winter Season, I wish you all a Blessed Holiday Season whatever you celebrate. I hope it will bring you Peace and Joy.....and a Prosperous, Healthy, Fun, and a Happy New Year!

From the Editor:

Alice Gutshall; former editor:

After three enjoyable years of creating and sending the newsletters each month, I have decided to resign from my position as the Club Editor. It was a difficult decision for me. I know how important this communication is for everyone each month. My health and well-being come first and I found I was not doing the best job I could for everyone these past couple of months.

I know how important it is to have a newsletter each month, especially now when we are not seeing everyone as often. I hope someone will step up soon and take over for me. It is not a difficult job to do and whoever you are, I am here to help you in any way I can.

Thank you everyone for hanging in there with me as I did the best I could to get the word out. I will still be active in the club, just a bit slower.

Alice

Membership:

Michelle Wheeler;

The club mailing address is:

P. O. Box 1224, Grants Pass Oregon 97526

Reminder:

Club Membership Reminder: It is recommended you volunteer 16 hours a year as stated in the by-laws. Possible jobs are; field trips, teach a class, yard work at the clubhouse, clean the garage, volunteer at the show or fair, give a presentation of rock related subject at a general meeting, help maintain claims, clean up after meetings.

Advertisements:

Do you have something you would like to sell that may be of interest to our members? You can place an ad in the Newsletter for \$3.00, up to 3 lines. Each additional line is \$1.00 per line.

Annual business advertisements in the Newsletter are \$20.00 per year. We will be happy to share your business card each month with all members.

OPEN POSITIONS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The club has a few open positions for the full enrichment of all members. All positions take a minimal amount of time and would count as your volunteer commitment. We need someone to head up:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR. This position is responsible for sending out the monthly club Newsletter. Each month you will format and enter information to the newsletter as it is sent to you. You will also send the completed final newsletter and address labels to the printer no later than the deadline, Sunday evening, for pick up Tuesday afternoon. You will also maintain a copy of the club roster and address labels as updates are sent to you. The Newsletter is prepared for mailing the 3rd Wednesday morning of the month at the clubhouse and then mailed at the post office. A WORD program is necessary for this position.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR. This position is responsible for making speakers available at occasional club meetings. Subjects should be related to club interests. The club has a few names to get you started and people are always offering their expertise.

CLUB GEOLOGIST. Do you have a degree in geology or do you have superior knowledge of geology, rocks, gems and minerals? The club is looking for you. Perhaps you know someone who may be interested who is not yet a member. Your knowledge will be put to use at meetings, shows and the fair.

As you can see, these positions take very little effort and time. Please consider giving some of your time to help us out.

Temporary positions are:

WORK GROUP COORDINATOR gather a group of volunteers to help mark the boundaries of our claims, and cut trail to the jade mine. With question, please contact Jim Hawkins, Bill Boeh, or Bill Shepherd of Club Claims

VOLUNTEER TO GET ESTIMATES to cut the trail to the jade mine, we are also **LOOKING FOR ESTIMATES** to contract the job. Perhaps someone local to the claim. Must be licensed and bonded. Contact Jim Hawkins, Bill Boeh, or Bill Shepherd of Club Claims

Member Announcements

Field Trips:

Carol Williams;

Do you have a favorite place to go or have you been wanting to go someplace different? Call Carol at 541.582.1036 and she will see about it.

All Field Trips will meet at the Rite Aid on Williams Hwy and Union Ave in Grants Pass at 9am. Sharp

All trips are subject to air quality, fires and any severe weather. Social distancing and masks where required.

December 12: We will be going to Chrissy Field again. Meet as above. Call Carole at the number above if you plan to go.

Donations:

Trish Hepburn; Aaron & Cara Gore donated \$30 to the club. Marie Davis donated a box of assorted beads and a bag of candy. Rick Knaggs donated cabs for the silver classes. If you have donated items to the club, please let me know. We greatly appreciate your donations!

Thursday night Classes:

Patty Allen & Trish Hepburn;

We are happy to announce the popular Thursday night classes are starting up again. Due to Covid 19, masks and social distancing and a limited number of participants will be in effect. You should sign up prior to the class. Sign up in the Clubhouse or contact Patty or Trish to sign up

December 10th. 5-8: Peyote Stitch Ring with Marie Davis. It is important you sign up with her 510-378-1092

Introductory Cabbing Class:

These are one session “introduction to cabbing” classes. The classes will be held on the 2nd. And 4th. Thursday of each month. There is one spot still open for 12/10 class. Classes are 5-8 pm and are at the same time other activities are planned at the clubhouse. Check the calendar each month. Come prepared for a fast paced hands-on experience, in which, you will leave with a step-by-step cabbing handout and a polished 30x40 mm contoured oval shaped cabochon. The stone material is provided.

Because of the small space and limited equipment. The class is limited to 4 members. All must wear COVID protection. Additionally, a water-resistant apron would be handy but not required. Classes will continue as long as there is interest.

Because the noise level in the shop makes instruction difficult, the **shop is closed to general use** during The Thursday night classes. Sorry for the inconvenience. Hope to have the shop available for general use early 2021. **If you schedule a class, please show up or call if you can't make it.**

If interested, contact Jim Hawkins at 541-441-8336 or email at chawk1001@gmail.com to sign-up. If you are calling, **please leave a voice message.** I will get back to you with available dates.

Shop Talk:

Mike Hepburn;

Don't forget to call in on the days you would like to work in the shop. You can get all the names and phone numbers from the club newsletter. Remember, the shop is not open Thursday evenings due to cabbing classes. Thank you for your understanding.

THE SHOP IS OPEN

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

CALL IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE

UPDATED THE CLUB SHOP RESERVATION PROCEDURE

From Nick Rose and Jim Hawkins to all RGGC members who use the shop facilities.

This shop schedule is still in effect.

Nick Rose for the 2nd Saturday on each month, 9-2pm. Time slots- 9-10:30, 10:30-12pm, and 12- 2pm.

Call: 541-295-4466- (leave a voice message please) or Email: nickarose1964@gmail.com

Jim Hawkins for open Wednesdays, 9-12pm. Time slots- 9-10:30 and 10:30-12pm.

As of October 1st, the shop will NOT be open for equipment use on Thursday evenings. Classes are scheduled for this time slot.

Call: 541-441-8336- (leave a voice message please) or Email: cjhawk1001@gmail.com

Workshop

RESEVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE PRIOR TO USING THE WORKSHOP. Because of limited space and times, shop reservations are available for **90 minutes** per person on either the cutters or polishers

Please call Nick: 541.295.4466, Saturday reservations or information or Jim: Wednesday reservations or information 541.441.8336.

Reservation Extensions: If you are in the workshop on the day of your reservation and there are time slots that remain open, you can extend you time on the machines.

Tardy and No shows: Reservations will be held for 15 minutes past scheduled time. More than 15 minutes, the reservation is cancelled.

For the time being, NO additional persons can be in the workshop beyond workshop stewards and scheduled members. **For everyone's safety allow for social distancing, and please avoid congregating in common areas. Masks are required in the workshop. Equipment will be sanitized between users.**

ALAA: American Lands Access Association Liaison- Rick Knaggs

Our Club has paid their dues in October. I contacted them to let them know I was the club liaison and have not heard back yet. United States Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM): I contacted Umpqua National Forest Service and Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest Service personnel in regards to lands open and closed to the public. In general, lands not burned by wildfires are open to the public.

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Beg. Silver W/ Carl 1-5pm	2 Club 9am-12pm... Make res. for shop Silver Workshop 1-5pm	3	4 Int. Silver with Laurie 4:30- 7pm	5
6	7	8 Beg. Silver W/ Carl 1-5pm	9 Club 9am- 12pm... Make res. for shop Silver Workshop 1-5pm Board 1:30	10 New member. Beg Cab Class. & Thur. class 5-8pm Sign up	11 Int. Silver with Laurie 4:30- 7pm	12 Shop open 9-2 Make Res. Field Trip- Chrissy Field Call Carol to sign-up
13	14	15 Beg Silver W/ Carl 1-5pm	16 Clubhouse & Shop (rsvp) 9am-12pm Silver Workshop 1-5pm	17	18 Int. Silver with Laurie 4:30-7pm	19
20	21	22 Beg Silver W/ Carl 1-5pm	23 Clubhouse & Shop (rsvp) 9am-12pm Silver Workshop 1-5pm	24 Christmas Eve <i>closed</i>	25 Christmas Day Closed Merry Christmas!!	26
27	28	29 Beg Silver W/ Carl 1-5pm	30 Clubhouse & Shop (rsvp) 9am-12pm Silver Workshop 1-5pm	31 <i>Be Safe</i> <i>Happy</i> <i>New</i> <i>Year's Eve</i>		

Remember, there are group size limits for the shop and classes. Reservation or prior sign up required