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LOCAL EVENT LIST

General Meeting: December 4th, Our Christmas Party with gift exchange and potluck food by everyone. Bingo to follow. Please read inside for all information.

Board Meetings December 11th, 5:00pm, Clubhouse

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/GrantsPassRockClub/
Website https://www.roguegemandgeology.org/

Rogue Gem & Geology Club does not have general meetings, at the Grange, in the months of September & January. Renewals are due by August. November is the month of the Pie auction, and December is the month of our Christmas Party. Our September Picnic is only open to club members, as is our Christmas Party. No business will be performed during these events. Please be in active status beforehand if you wish to participate.

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. Doors open at 6:00 PM, 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 $28.00 per (immediate) family. This includes one plastic badge and the Newsletter, "Gems of the Rogue". Additional member badges $8.00 each. Club year runs September 1st through August 31st. **Renewal dues** are still $ 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.

• **Deadline to submit** articles in the Newsletter is the 3rd Wednesday 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 10 cents /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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General Meeting

Rogue Gem & Geology

General Meeting Minutes

November 5,2024

President Mike Fields called the meeting to order at 7:00.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant at Arms Nick Koch.
The minutes of the October General Meeting were approved.
Reports: Perri Knopp reported the Operating Account $33,909.03, Investment Account $38,511,66 and Building Account $4759.26. The Rock Sale tentative profit is $4000.00. Perry reported he expensed the entire cost of reworking the wheel.
Membership: Sherry Shippy reported the club had 450 members. She removed all members not renewing 136 and added the club has 34 new members from the Rock Sale. Total Membership as of today 348.
Shop: Mike Hepburn reported the shop is doing well and doing routine maintenance. Each month they work on different machines and maintain them.
Thursday Classes: Jeannie Lehl reported classes are November 14. Sherry and Trish are presenting a Christmas Ornament class. December 12 Rick Knaggs is teaching a wine bottle cork class. January 9th Susan Szabo will teach a journal making class and January 23 Darnell and Jean Hlavinka are teaching a replaceable rock pendant Cost is $5.
Newsletter: Jeannie Lehl reminded members there will not be a newsletter in January. There is also No General or Board Meeting in January.
Field Trips: There is a trip planned November 24 th to Upper Powell Creek Road. People will meet at Rite Aid on Williams Highway at 9:00 A.M. There is a hike of ½ to ¾ mile into the site. Material found will contain Quartz, Hematite, Manganese and Rhodonite.
Facebook: Susan Szabo was absent.
Education: Randy Songster reported nothing is planned until after the holidays.
Website: Zach White reported the site is updated. Send him pictures and he will put them on the website.
Hospitality: There were eight guests and 49 members present. Guest Prize, Member Prize, 50/50 raffle and Donation Gift were awarded.
Christmas Party: Members Only. The Club will provide the ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and rolls. Members are to provide side dishes and dessert. There will be a gift exchange for those wanting to participate. Price limit of $15. Men's gifts wrapped in green, women's gifts wrapped in red, and children's gifts wrapped in silver. After Potluck we will play Bingo. The club will provide "Nice" bingo prizes. Members should bring other bingo prizes. These can be Nice, Rock related, Food, Books Ornaments to mention a few.
It was suggested we give a special thank you to **Deborah Safranek** for all her work on the wheel and well as her doing the KAJO and TV ads for our sale. Many Thanks Deborah.
Also, it was reported that the Acorn Festival was excellent, and everyone should try to attend next year. Thanks Tim and Suzanne for telling us about it.
Meeting Adjourned 7:51
Respectfully submitted.
Jan Arnold, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes

Rogue Gem & Geology, Inc.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 13,2024

President Mike Fields called the meeting to order at 5:05
Minutes: The October Board meeting minutes were approved as written
Treasurer's Report: Operating Account $34,129.26, the Building Fund $5131.26 and Investment $38,511.66.
Sale Report: The Sale netted the club $4581.02.
Members Reports:
Membership: Sherry Shippy stated the club had 348 members including children. Five more members have been renewed so the new total is 353 Members.
Shop: Mike Hepburn reported income from the shop in October was $112.00: shop fees $76, grit sales $36.00. Perri Knopp is going to receive training so he can be another supervisor in the shop.
Classes: Jeannie Lehl reported classes are November 14. Sherry and Trish will teach a fabric cloth Christmas Ball class. No class November 28th, December 12th Rick Knaggs will teach a wine bottle cork top class. There will be no class on

December 26. January 9 Susan Szabo will teach a Journal making class. January 23 Jean and Darnell will teach a replaceable stone necklace class, cost is $5.

Website: Zach White is working on keeping the website up to date. This is a constant job. Thank you, Zach.

Field Trips: There will be a field trip November 24 to Upper Powell Creek. The group will meet at Rite Aid, Williams Highway and leave at 9:00 am.

Newsletter: There will be no newsletter or meetings in January.

Education: Randy Songster was absent

Facebook: Susan Szabo was absent.

Sherry Shippy and Trish Hepburn have been working on a **listing of Motions** made in the Club's Board Meetings. Thank you, Sherry and Trish.

Trish has the Fruitdale Grange booked and a full slate of **vendors for the Sale on May 3.**

The pie auction netted $355. There were an amazing number of pies brought to the auction. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Eric Gade, the club Parliamentarian has had a health issue and cannot continue in his role. Cindy King made a motion to release him from the Parliamentarian position. Mike Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mike Fields made a motion to appoint Trish Hepburn club parliamentarian. Cindy King seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board would like to thank Talent Art Gallery for their gift of Specimens during our sale.

The Club Christmas Party will be on December 4th. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, men bring a man's gift women a woman's gift. Men's gifts should be wrapped in green, women's in red and children's in Silver. There is a $15 limit. Board Members will be bringing Ham, Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed potatoes and rolls. **Members bring side dishes and desserts**. Bingo will be played after dinner. The club will provide nice bingo prizes. **Members should bring white elephant or other nice bingo prizes.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:32.

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Arnold

CUT SLABS & TUMBLED ROCKS are always needed and appreciated for the Wheel of Fortune

Membership: **First,** I want to welcome new members **Anna Clark; Travis Garnier and Priscilla Diaz; Caleb Gustafson; Jainie Hamilton and Marc Heston; Ron and Lisa Lamb; Catrina Lionello; Julia Morazan; Dana Murphy; Wayne Overton, Linda DeWitt, Chaz Gurule and Bentley Overton; Stormy Pearson; Justina, Mikayla, Eli and Joshua Smith, and Tyler Pair; Mike and Chris Smith; Shauna Sorce and Jim, Aubrey and Guy Fosmo; Ruth and Don Tanner; AJ and Vicki VanManen; Lucie Vitkova; Troy and Valerie Whitaker; and Laurel Young-Canaday.** Welcome to the club! For anyone ordering a badge, when I get it in, I will send you an email letting you know I have it. For those who don't have an email address, I will call you instead. I am usually at the clubhouse at 1003 Isham St, Grants Pass, most Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am. Also, I am usually at the general meeting the first Wednesday of each month, from 6:00-9:00 pm. You may pick up your badge/s at one of these places and times. **Second**, I want to remind all members that our club is run by volunteers. Each member is asked to contribute a minimum of **16** hours per membership year, helping out in some way. **PLEASE**, we ask you to honor this commitment to help us keep our club running, and in good condition. **Third**, I want to remind everyone that membership renewal is **$20 per year per household**. The membership year runs from September 1st through August 31st. **Membership dues are due by August 31st. Any memberships left unpaid by October 31, 2024, will be cancelled (purged). There will be NO general meeting in December because it's the Christmas party instead of a meeting, and no business is to be conducted at the party. Therefore, I will not have the badges available to be picked up. Also, there is NO general meeting January, so that means badges will only be available for pick-up on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the clubhouse at 1003 Isham St, Grants Pass. The next general meeting will be on February 5, 2025, which will be the next time badges will be available for pick-up at a general meeting.**

Thank you, Sherry Shippy
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Christmas Party!!!! *"The December meeting will be our annual Christmas Party. This is a members-only meeting. You must already be on the roster.* ***No business*** *will take place, just good times and good food. Board members will provide the Turkey, Ham, Stuffing, Potatoes, Gravy, Rolls, and Beverages. Members, please bring sides, salads or desserts and your own plates and silverware. There will be a* ***gift exchange*** *for those wishing to participate. Dollar limit on the gift is* ***$15****.* ***Women wrap Red for women.*** *After dinner will be* ***BINGO****. The club will provide some of the gifts and* ***members are asked to provide the others, as well as prizes for the white elephant prizes.*** ***Doors open at 5:30, and meal starts at 6:00.***

Donations: Nick Koch donated a vest. Jack Pyle donated a weatherproof blanket. John McCaw donated a quart of tumbled rocks & 2 lbs. of trail mix; Carl Durham priority mail box of tumbled rocks; Sharon Harwell 12 balls for the ornament class & 22 rock bracelets; Nick Koch & Cindy King 1 sandwich bag of agates, 1 sandwich bag of slabs, 1 qt. bag of tumbled rhodonite, 1 qt. bag of tumbled rocks, 1 gallon bag of petrified wood, 1/2 sandwich bag of ocean jasper; Jeannie Lehl fabric & 9 balls for the ornament class. Good job everyone!

To the family who donated all those buckets of wonderful slabbed rocks: would you please let us know who you are, so we can give you an official THANK YOU! We didn't catch your names, and they are much appreciated.

For the next several months there will be no cabbing classes. Please also check the calendar for dates the shop will be open for ALL members. We are having a brief rest/break for our leaders.

From the Editor, Jeannie Lehl: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our wonderful members!

THURSDAY NIGHT CLASSES: Please be sure to REGISTER for all classes. If the class is full, please write your name on the BACK of the sign-up sheet if you are willing to be a substitute! Thank you.
December 12th, Rick Knaggs is teaching a wine bottle cork topper class. Cheers!
December 16th, no class, Merry Christmas
January 9th, Susan Szabo is teaching how to make a journal class.
January 23rd Jean and Darnell are teaching a replaceable stone, macrame necklace. Cost is $5.00.

2 Cents from Jeannie! **Hi everyone. So many of you are crafty peeps, and many folks would love to learn from you. If there is anything that you might be able to teach in the year ahead, please get in touch with me. Our classes are fun, usually relaxing and informative. Thank you so much, 541-660-5415 The club also wants to thank Perri Knopp for stepping in to help with the first, third and sometimes fifth Thursday evening open shop, to allow trained members to work on their own cabbing! Also, a big thank you to Trish Hepburn for taking on the Parliamentarian Position!! Thank you!**

Important notice!!! As we use the FRUITDALE GRANGE: **Please DO NOT park behind Eddy's Burger** when you come for our meetings! That takes up parking space for his restaurant patrons.

Field Trips: Be sure to sign up prior to the trips. Sign-ups can be done at the clubhouse, meeting or call the trip leader. And remember, you must have a signed member liability form on file to participate in trips. If an injury happens the club is not responsible.

- PLEASE SIGN UP PRIOR TO ALL FIELD TRIPS. IF WE NEED TO CANCEL OR CHANGE PLANS, WE MUST BE ABLE TO CONTACT EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GOING. You can always call the trip leader for details or check the member section of the website. Thank you to all members.
  All Field Trips, unless otherwise stated, 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, etc. Check the Website if in doubt.

Silversmithing Class: Sign up for several silver smithing classes at the clubhouse. A small fee is charged for the amount of silver used. Students will be called when it's your time to attend. Only 4 per class. **When signing up, please be aware that you need to be able to commit to attending for 6 weeks. Please also have your volunteer hours in.**

RGGC Website, Zach White: I would encourage you to take a look and make yourself familiar with what can be found there. Why, **you might even see yourself in a photo or two** out having a great time. Do you have suggestions for places to go? Send the Webmaster, Zach White, an email and he will post it for you.
https://www.roguegemandgeology.org/ webmaster@roguegemandgeology.org
Member site access of the web page is: User name; rockhound Password; Rhodonite!1

RGGC Facebook Page: search out the Rogue Gem and Geology page. You can find lots of information and photos of what the club is up to http://www.facebook.com/GrantsPassRockClub/

Small cabs are needed for the silversmithing room. If you have any you would like to donate to the club, they would be appreciated!

Club Clothing: I will have sample of club wear at the meeting to see if there is enough interest to make an order. Trish Hepburn 818-800-9956.






Richard Arnold and Trish leading our pine needle casting class. Great fun, great people, great day! Below is from the Christmas ball ornament class.

We are cancelling the Chat & Craft during the month of December, please call Trish and let her know if you are attending.

**trained members have received instruction and have passed into being able to work on their own.

DECEMBER 2024, MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 5-8 Phoenix SSWS	4 9-11:30 Clubhouse crafts 9-12 Shop open Christmas Party @ 5:30	5 5-8 Open shop for trained workers. Contact Alice or Perri Knopp **	6	7
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29	30	31 New Year's Eve!				

JANUARY 2025, *Happy New Year*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			**1** **Happy New Year!** **No monthly meeting**	**2** **5-8 Open shop for trained workers. Contact Alice or Perri Knopp** **	**3**	**4**
5	**6**	**7** **1-5 Chat & Craft** **5-8 Phoenix SSWS**	**8** **9-11:30 Clubhouse crafts** **9-12 Shop open** **1-5 SSWS** **No Board Meeting**	**9** **5- Class: Susan Szabo teaching how to make a journal**	**10**	**11**
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Wildlife Images is in need of large rocks and boulders for their enclosure. This is for a new bear, named Gilbert. They have contacted our club asking if anyone may be able to help.

Gilbert is a 10-mo. old, 800 lb. orphaned brown bear rescued by Montana Fish & Wildlife and entrusted to Wildlife Images to live out his life. Brown bears can live up to 40 years in captivity. The new bear enclosure needs boulders with eye appeal for visitors and massive enough to not be moved easily by an incredibly strong creature. If you can provide these boulders and have the equipment to load them on a trailer, please contact the Maintenance Manager at glennw@wildlifeimages.org or call 541-761-7213 or contact Wildlife Images directly at 541-476-0222.

Here's news about a sale at Wendy's Rock Pile.

There's a small sale at my home **Sunday dec.1 noon -4pm, continuing until sun. Dec. 12.**
The rocks are in all shapes and forms, jewelry, slabs, tumble, and some very good stuff.
Please call (I don't text) for any questions.
Wendy Gardener
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