

GEMS OF THE ROGUE



Rogue Gem and Geology Club
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LOCAL EVENT LIST

General Meeting: **April 3rd, doors open at 6 PM, meeting begins at 7 PM**

Board Meetings April 10th, 5:00pm, Clubhouse

Member Sale, **Refreshments**: Pi-Sp, **Rocks of the month** are R-S, **Volunteer sign-ups for the Gem Show**

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/GrantsPassRockClub/>

Website <https://www.roguegemandgeology.org/>

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.

PLEASE THANK OUR NEWSLETTER SPONSORS!

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Sales: **OPEN**

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CUT SLABS & TUMBLER ROCKS are always needed and appreciated for the **Wheel of Fortune!**

General Meeting

Rogue Gem & Geology
General Meeting Minutes
March 6,2024

President Mike Fields called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the February Board Meeting were approved. The date for tonight's meeting in the Newsletter was printed as the 7th instead of the 6th.

Reports: Michelle Wheeler reported the Operating Account \$22,444.02, Edward Jones 27,000.00 and Building Account \$12,743.37.

Membership: Sherry Shippy reported the club has 344 members. There are two new members tonight Cliff and Mike.

Shop: Mike Hepburn reported the shop is doing routine maintenance. Quite a few people are using the shop, which is nice. As always members may have a rock from out in the yard each time they come. If you have a question about which rocks are available to take ask Jim, Mike or Zach.

Thursday Classes: Jeannie Lehl reported the following class schedule. On March 14 Trish will be teaching an easy wire wrap class. March 28 will be Sherry teaching a wire tree. On April 11 it will be Jean and Darnell Hlavinka teaching a rock tumbling class. On April 25 there will be no class. May 9th Galen will be teaching his ring class. Classes are from 5 to 8.

Field Trips: Alice Gutshall reported there are no field trips planned right now. When the weather permits, there are trips planned to Worthington Rd and the copper mine in northern California.

Facebook: Susan Szabo reported Facebook is updated and she has put the April Show on Facebook. When you see the listing, hit like or comment on the listing. It really helps spread the word.

Education: Randy Songster talked about the Girls Rock program members just completed. Helping were Cindy, Nick, Zach, Jim and Randy. They held four classes of 40 girls each with parents. It was a fun day for the volunteers and the girls attending. Girls Rock sent the club a check for \$200 as a token of their appreciation.

Website: Zach White reported the site is updated. He has added a donation area where pictures can be posted.

April Show: Trish Hepburn reported show plans are progressing. We still need 21 door prizes for adults and 21 for Kids. Louis and Carol Swisher immediately volunteered to provide the door prizes. Thank you, Carol and Lou! We still need volunteers to put in cases and to help in various areas during set up, the show and take-down. Signup sheets are on the back table. Show meetings are held on Wednesday morning at 10:00 if you would like to help in planning the show.

Newsletter: Jeannie reported the newsletter is going well.

Announcement: Millie, 90 and Orley, 94 Ringering are having a Birthday Celebration on April 21st from 2 to 4 at the Rogue River Community Center Annex in Rogue River. The address is 138 Broadway. They request no gifts but your presence.

Margrit Bryant is having a Rock Sale, March 9th and 10th from 8 to 4. Her address is 200 Bolt View Rd.

At the next General Meeting April 3rd, the club will be auctioning off the excess and donated equipment. Bid sheets are available at the club. Final bids will be taken at the meeting. All items are sold **as is/ where is**.

Hospitality: There were three guests present; Carolyn Crawford, Mike Govlik and Steve Smithwick. Steve won the guest prize. The Member prize was won by Tim Sandiford. Cindy King won the 50/50 cash \$40. Donation Prizes were won by Richard Marsh, Mike Govink, Ruby Kribey and Richard Arnold.

Members shared Rocks.

Next month bring rocks starting with R & S.

Board Meeting will be March 13th at 5:00 at clubhouse.

Meeting Adjourned 7:51

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Arnold, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes

Rogue Gem & Geology
Board Meeting
March 13,2024

President Mike Fields called the meeting to order at 5:24.

The minutes of the February Board Meeting were approved as written.

Reports: Michelle Wheeler reported Operating Account \$18,131.97, Edward Jones 27,000.00 and Building Account \$12,743.37.

Trish Hepburn made a motion that when our CD rolls over on March 21,2024 the club adds enough funds to bring the interest balance up to \$1000.00. The amount to be decided when the exact balance is determined March 21. Not to be more than \$200.00. Jan Arnold seconded. Motion passed.

Shop: Mike Hepburn reported the shop earned \$126.00 in February. \$97.00 for shop usage and \$29.00 from sales.

Membership: Sherry Shippy reported we have 344 members in our club. She turned in \$64.00 for membership and Badges.

Thursday Classes: Jeannie Lehl was absent.

Claims: No report.

Field Trips: Alice Gutshall reported Aaron Gore will lead a trip to Worthington Road this weekend.

Education: Randy Songster was absent.

Website: Zach White reported the site is updated.

Newsletter: Jeannie Lehl was absent, but it was mentioned what a great job she is doing with the newsletter. Thanks Jeannie.

Zach White reported that the club is getting low on saw oil. Jim Hawkins would like to go to Klamath Falls and purchase some. The Board approved getting the saw oil.

Discussion was held on the \$200 that Girls Rock sent to the club. It was suggested that it be combined with the \$500 budgeted scholarship the club offers. Zach White is going to contact the college and find out about steps to make sure scholarship is given out.

Meeting Adjourned 6:35.

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Arnold, Secretary.

Presidents Message: Mike Fields; I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the club and your board as we head into our busy time of year. As most of you have seen we have a lot of equipment outside the "cage" down at the club house this will be **auctioned off at the April General meeting**. There are 16 lots which should be labeled, there is bid sheets up at the club house in the garage. This equipment will need some repairs and is being sold in as-is condition. If you cannot make the April meeting you can place an absentee bid through me, just send me a text me (541 415 1710) with the lot number and your maximum bid and I will be sure to place it for you. The bid increments will be in \$5.00 increments at the meeting. This is a great opportunity for acquiring some decent equipment. There are slab saws, trim saws, tumblers and odds and ends. Bid sheets will be at the April meeting. Thanks again for all you club member contributes, for without you we would not have a club.

If at any time you need to reach me, please feel free to do so. The best way to reach me is by text @ 541-415-1710.

From the Editor, Jeannie Lehl:

April is that exciting time for our **Gem & Mineral Show!** Sign-ups for volunteering are posted in the club house and will be at the April general meeting. A BIG change this year is that **the set-up will take place on WEDNESDAY @ NOON** instead of the usual Thursday. Please meet at the **fairgrounds** unless you hear from Trish or Michelle. This entire show is a great way to get your 16 hours of volunteering accomplished! It is fun and a great time to be with friends here. Thank you!

Also, are you aware of our Tuesday's Chat & Craft time. It's a drop-in time between 1 & 5, for you to work on hand-work type project you may be trying to do or get completed. Your own beading, knitting, wire-wrapping, Christmas gifts or cards, crocheting, or, or, or... Get those projects done in a fun and relaxed setting and get inspired by what others are doing. Welcome to all!

THURSDAY NIGHT CLASSES: Please be sure to REGISTER for all classes.

Membership: First, I want to welcome new members **Lori Johnson, Kimber Florea, J Clifton Passmore and Mike Gavlik**. 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 10:00-11:30 am. Also, I am usually at the general meeting the first Wednesday of each month, held at the Fruitdale Grange on Rogue River Hwy, Grants Pass, from 6:30-9:00 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. ~**Sherry Shippy 541-659-5177**

Shop Talk, Mike Hepburn:

The shop will be open Wednesday mornings from 9am to 12pm.

Please refer to the calendar for changes to the shop use. There is a \$3/hr. fee to use the shop equipment at any time. There is a charge to cut slabs, and some pre-cut slabs may also be purchased. **Please call Alice if you are planning to come in on Thursday**, or Alice for Cabbing Class/Shop Safety. BUY slabs priced each and rocks by the pound/bucket. Please ask staff for assistance. ~Mike Hepburn

Donations: [Girls Rock- \\$200](#); [Aaron Gore- Quartz with Albite crystals](#); [John McCaw- bag of tumbled rocks](#); [Michelle Wheeler- Silcar Board for the silver room](#); [Jan Arnold- 15 gemstones on a stand for Fair sales](#), . [Jeannie Lehl- large bag of assorted seed beads](#); [Margret Bryant- 70 pounds of slabs](#); and a scale of casting. Thanks to all you AWESOME MEMBERS! I would like to thank [Barbra Catania](#), [Tim Leyba](#), [Suzanne Vandoer](#) [Sherry Shippy](#), and [Alice Ringering](#) for bringing those tasty snacks on Wednesday mornings. Thanks to [Lindsay Rowe](#) we now have a beginning silver class instructor. Her first class is filled from the sign-up list. If you are interested in future classes, sign up at the clubhouse. Trish Hepburn, Donation Chairman. FOR THE APRIL SHOW: [We need Quality Rock donations for the Silent Auction](#). Also get your Raffle donations to Trish no later than April 25th.

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.

Thank you to those members who have volunteered recently to lead field trips. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Field trip: Rough & Ready Rock and Rock Hound trip

When: April 20th at 10:00 am

Meet: Meet at the Rough and Ready Botanical Wayside on Hwy 199 South of Cave Junction.

Bring: Weather appropriate clothing, Sturdy shoes, Water and something to eat.

Brief Detail: You will learn about native Wild Flowers and plants and also look for interesting rocks along the Rough & Ready Creek. Rocky and level terrain after the wheelchair portion. For more details call Suzanne or Tim the hosts of the hike at 541.291.8860

If you have tumbled stones or cut rock slabs at home that can be used for the Wheel of Fortune, they would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for any donations!

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.

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 the following:

GEOLOGIST: We are looking for someone, with a geologist degree or a member with extensive knowledge of geology. You should be able to attend the General Meetings and all Shows/Sales and the County Fair. Members have lots of questions on their finds. At the Fair, visitors are often lugging rocks in to our area for identification. This is a very valuable position to the club.

EDUCATION PROGRAM ASSISTANT: Are you interested in furthering the education of the kids in the community? This is for you. Randy Songster, our long time Education Coordinator is looking for an assistant. This program is presented a few times a year to local schools and home-schooling groups. You will assist Randy at times and in the event, he is unable to fulfill his commitment you will step in to lead the presentation. Contact Randy, listed in the Who's Who page or contact any board member.

FIELD TRIP LEADER: This position is a fun one. Do you have a passion for going out to remote locations? Looking for rock treasures? This is for you. Share your passion with the other club members. You would be responsible for knowing about the site you are going to, is it accessible for most? What type of tools and approximate distance, etc.? Also, a requirement is to make sure each person has a signed liability waver and is an actual paid-up current member.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: This position is responsible for having 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.

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/>

Member site access of the web page is: User name; rockhound Password; Rhodonite!1

RGGC Facebook Page:

Seems everyone is on Facebook these days. While there, 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/>

Fire Mt Gems Orders: Nena Ahalt Please contact Nena via text to 541.218.5077 or give her a call.

UPDATE: Currently the club has purchased \$2,838 of merchandise from FMG's. By June 30th we need to have purchased \$5,000, or we will lose ore discount of the lowest available prices. Please consider using the club to purchase your orders. Order forms are available at the clubhouse or call Nena! When we purchase through Nena, we get the cheapest price available through Fire Mountain. WIN!!!

For those interested in buying silver, copper, wire or similar, you may wish to contact Michelle Wheeler, who many of us in the club buy from. She is sometimes able to buy items at a low price, or may even have some at home.

Shop Aprons for sale. I have new light shop work aprons for sale. The aprons are water resistant and are easily cleaned with a damp cloth or let dry and brush the dust off. Do not machine wash. The price is \$20. For more information call or text Alice, 503.819.3152

CABOCHON CLASSES: Evening Work Shop hours: 5-8

Starting April 1, we will again be returning to every other Thursday schedules. The first and third Thursday evenings will be OPEN SHOP. The second and fourth Thursdays will be for CLASSES ONLY. **Please refer to the calendar and Newsletter,** I know the past couple of Thursday open workshops were a bit confusing. When it does get crowded, we need to be considerate of other members wishing to use the machines and share the time we spend making cabochons. If

you are not there to make cabochons you should not be “hanging out” in the shop. Too many members in the tight area are a violation of number of persons in the shop area and it also poses a safety issue. Thank you for your cooperation and lets all have fun. Alice

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.

Gem & Mineral Show:

April Show Cases: The show is coming up soon and we need members to add to the case display. Think about showing your favorite rocks or items you make. It does not need to be fancy. We still have about 3-4 cases available. Please contact me by call or text, Alice Gutshall-Ringering at 503.816.3158 to sign up or for more information. Let’s make this a GREAT show.



Rogue Gem & Geology Club's
Gem & Mineral Show
at the Josephine County Fairground, in Grants Pass, Oregon

Vendors
Demonstrators
Silent Auction
Raffle, Kids Corner
Display Cases
Fluorescent Room
Food Truck

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Apr 26-28, 2024

Friday 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

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ADMISSION**


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Above are Alice’s **sanddollar wire wrapping class**, 2 photos from the Girls’ Rock inservice and pendants from **Trish’s easy wire wrapping class**.

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

