

GEMS OF THE ROGUE

Rogue Gem and Geology Club
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"THE FRIENDLY
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LOCAL EVENT LIST

General Meeting: **February 7th**, doors open at 6 PM, meeting begins at 7 PM

Board Meetings February 14th, 5:00pm Clubhouse

Refreshments: St-Z. **Club Sale,** **Rocks of the month** are W-Z

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 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.

PLEASE THANK OUR NEWSLETTER SPONSORS!

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Board Meeting Minutes

Rogue Gem & Geology

Board Meeting

December 13,2023

President Mike Fields called the meeting to order at 5:01.

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

Reports: Michelle Wheeler reported the Operating Account \$27,992.04, Edward Jones 27,000.00 and Building Account \$12,743.05. November Show report: Gross \$10,226.37. Expenses \$3549.15. Net \$6,677.52. North Valley report: Gross \$204.00. Expenses \$50.00.Net \$154.00. Our Taxes are at the CPA.

Trish Hepburn made a motion: Based on this year and previous years' experience at North Valley, we do not feel it is worth our continuing participation. Michelle wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Shop: Mike Hepburn reported \$127.00 shop use for November and Sales of \$16.00.

Membership: Sherry Shippy reported we have 324 active members in our club.

Thursday Classes: Jeannie Lehl reported the following class schedule. On December 14th Liz Peters will have a beginner's wire wrap class. This class is full. January 11 Frank Serreoni is bringing in cement yard art. Members can buy a piece and paint it at the class. January 25, Trish Hepburn is teaching a quick type of wire warp class. Limit of 10 for the class. February 8, Galen will teach a ring class. Limit of 5. Cost \$35.

Jeannie also mentioned how dark the yard is when leaving the Thursday night classes. Mike Hepburn will purchase and install additional lights.

Trish Hepburn made a motion stating temporarily Alice will be at the club every Thursday to open it for member use from 5 to 8. She will be given 2 keys to open everything up. Michelle Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Claims: All good! Paperwork is filed.

Field Trips: Alice Gutshall Ringering reported Aaron Gore will lead a trip to Applegate Lake in January.

Facebook: Susan Szabo was absent.

Education: Randy Songster was absent. The Girls Rock Program will be held at Grants Pass High School.

Website: Zach White reported the site is updated. He has added a section listing local rock shows.

Recently some equipment was donated to the club. It will be auctioned off with oral bids at the April General Meeting. This equipment is for club members only to purchase. Bid sheets will also be at the clubhouse up until the oral auction.

Trish Hepburn reported due to time constraints the club needs to find a new liaison to work with the Fruitdale Grange, Grange Meeting are on Saturdays. The liaison must join the grange and the club will pay the volunteers' dues. The hours spent as liaison would apply to the members 16 hours a year volunteer requirement. Contact Trish if interested. Zach Will send out an email regarding this to all members.

Meeting Adjourned 6:35.

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Arnold, Secretary.

Presidents Message: Mike Fields;

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 you can always e-mail me @ president@roguegemandgeology.org

From the Editor, Jeannie Lehl:

HOTTEST, HOTTEST NEWS!

- **Based on this years' experience at the North Valley Christmas Bazaar, the Board doesn't feel that we will continue there.**
- **During the April general meeting, we will be auctioning off equipment. Only club members are allowed to bid on this.**
- **A LIAZON IS NEEDED FOR THE FRUITDALE GRANGE! Meets one Saturday/month @ 10:30. The club pays your dues to join. We need this person so we can continue to use the Grange. This accounts for your yearly 16 hours of volunteer time. Please contact Trish!**

Membership: Firstly, I want to welcome new members **Chris Ransom and Allan Seigel, Chris, Cyrus and Willow Ransom** to the club! For anyone ordering a badge, when I get them in, I will send you an email letting you know I have it. For those who don't have an email, I will call you instead. I am usually at the clubhouse at 1003 Isham St, Grants Pass, on 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 Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass, from 6:30-9:00 pm. You may pick up your badge/s at one of these places and times. **Secondly,** 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. **Thirdly,** I want to remind everyone that membership renewal is \$20 per household, per membership year. 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 small \$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. Thank you, the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month will be open to trained members, 5-8pm. The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month will be open to members being **taught shop safety and making cabochons. 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

CABOCHON CLASS, from Alice G. Ringering

Are you interested in making cabochons out of some of the beautiful rocks you have collected in your rockhounding days? Are you interested learning how to craft a stone into a beautiful shape that you can make into a piece of jewelry for FREE!??? Well, if you answered yes to one of these questions then I have a class for you.

Currently there is no waiting list to get into a class. All materials are provided FREE... yes, FREE. The classes are fun and informative and you can learn it all in a few hours. You will learn the proper way to use a trim saw and cut a rough shape to take to the Genie Cabochon Machine. At the Genie you will start shaping the stone into a domed masterpiece you can be proud of. You will take the stone from rough form all the way to the final polishing. Oh, did I mention this is FREE.....

Classes are held twice a month in the shop at the clubhouse. The date is the second or fourth Thursday of every month from 5pm to 8pm. Once you are trained you can come to the shop any time it is open for those who are experienced. The open shop hours are, every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm and the first and third Thursday evenings of the month from 5pm to 8pm.

You can sign up at the clubhouse or in the garage workroom at the clubhouse. Below is a sample of some happy cabbing members.



Donation Chairman, Trish Hepburn: DONATIONS: **Ken Wall-** 4 gallon jars of tumbled rocks; **Janet Pyle-** See's candy raffled for \$80 for the club. **John McCaw-** several bags of tumbled rocks on 2 occasions; **Diane Ruehling-** a painted rock; **Renee Beltran-** a crystal windchime; **Christine Brazille-** 4 rolls of scotch tape; **Alice Gutshall Ringering-** raffle tickets, a clock for the shop, hooks for hanging purses and coats in the shop. **Margrit Bryant** donated lots of shop rags. **John McCaw** donated a quart of tumbled rocks. **Alice G. Ringering** donated 4 silver sharpies for cab making classes. Thanks to all for your generosity!

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.

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

KNAPPING CLASS 2024

The knapping classes with Tim Ringering will continue this year. The classes will be on a "To Be Announced basis." Classes will be held as the list grows. If you are interested, please sign up at the general meetings or at the clubhouse. Classes will be held at the home at one of our gracious members who have opened their shop for us. You will be called at least a week prior to the class. Classes will be in the evenings from 5-8pm on the date to be determined. All materials and tools will be supplied. This is a fun class and Tim will let you know if you need to bring anything when he calls you.

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 waiver 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.

Please consider using the club service for these orders. This will insure we do not lose the club discount.

Ask Trish

When is it safe to lick your rocks? NEVER. Some rocks, crystals, and minerals contain mercury, lead, arsenic, radioactive material and toxic compounds, these could poison you, make you ill, or even cause death. It is best to have a spray bottle of water to wet your rocks.

What is the difference between a geode and a thunderegg? A thunderegg is formed in a rhyolite layer and is a structural formation. A geode can occur in both volcanic and sedimentary rocks. Both look like plain rocks on the outside, but with beautiful crystals or crystallines on the inside. This makes every thunderegg a geode, but not every geode is a thunderegg.

When and where are you moving? Mike has wanted to move to Montana for several years. We have been there twice and think it is a beautiful state. My daughter lives there and loves it. They are even enjoying the winter. We have made so many wonderful friends here in Grants Pass and love our property. We have no

plans to move. We would miss you'll way too much to go somewhere else and start all over. Might as well get used to us.

From Michelle!

Since we are not having any meetings this month here are the totals as of 1/9/2024

Operating \$27,261.26 Building \$12,743.15 Ed Jones \$27,000.00 Total \$67,004.41

Thank you, Michelle Wheeler

Liz's beginner's wire wrap class:



Photo from

yard art painting class.

ROCK AND GEM SALE---- MARCH 9TH. AND 10TH. 8 AM-4 PM

200 Bolt View Rd., Grants Pass, Or. 541-476-9115 or 541-761-7128

From the estate of Lloyd Bryant. 50+ years collection. Whole sale prices. Dealers welcome.

SLABS, SLABS, and MORE SLABS!!!!

Also, equipment, grit, polish, and lots of miscellaneous items.

NO PRESALES! You can make an appointment for afterwards.

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. Thanks to Michelle from all of us!

FEB 2024

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					5-8 Shop open for trained members only**	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
	1-5 Chat & Craft 1-5 Beginners SS with Terry Smith. 5-8 Phoenix ssws	9-11:30 Clubhouse 9-12 Shop General Meeting Doors open @ 6 Meeting at 7 PM		Shop cab class 5-8 Galen's Ring class, limit 5, cost of \$35.00		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29		
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**trained members have received instruction and have passed into being able to work on their own.