

GEMS OF THE ROGUE



Rogue Gem and Geology Club
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LOCAL EVENT LIST

General Meeting: June 5th, doors open at 6 PM, meeting begins at 7 PM

Potluck! A-F brings main dish, G-N brings a side dish and P-Z brings a Dessert. **Rocks of the month are L-N**

Board Meetings May 8th, 5:00pm, Clubhouse

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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Fair Coordinator: **OPEN**

Sales: **OPEN**

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Face book:

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

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General Meeting
Rogue Gem & Geology
General Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Fields at 7PM.

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Acceptance of the April minutes as published in the newsletter.

Reports:

Treasurer: Michelle Wheeler- Operating Balance \$22,392.92;

Building Fund \$12,743.58; Edward Jones \$28,104.47

April Show- Wheel \$631; Silent Auction \$ 871; Donations at the door \$899; Raffle \$1528; Table Rent \$6,904; Expenses \$5,916.6, Income \$11348; Balance \$5,431.40.

Membership: Sherry Shippy- 381 members, 16 new members at the show.

Shop: Mike Hepburn- Doing routine maintenance.

Classes: Jeannie Lehl- 9th. Beaded wire tree with Sherry the 23rd. Wire weaving with Wanda Gilmore; June 13th. Laminated bead with Jim Hawkins; June 27 walking sticks with Rick Knaggs cost \$10.

Newsletter: Jeanne Lehl- Please be sure and get your articles to her by or before the third Wednesday of the month.

Field trips- Alice Ringering- absent Zinc Ck. May 19 with Rick Knaggs. Meet in Canyonville.

Website: Zach White- 39 people went on the Flower Trip

Facebook: Susan Sazbo- absent

Education: Randy Songster- reported the trip to the Christian School had 120 students participate K- 6th. grade.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election of Board is coming up in August. All positions open. Please volunteer. Job descriptions are at the clubhouse.

NEW BUSINESS: **We are raffling off the wagon with Rhodonite made by Steven Schneider today and before the start of the June Meeting. We will pick the winner June 5th.**

HOSPITALITY: Janet Pyle- 5 visitors Sara won \$37 half cash; Josh won visitor prize; Randy won member prize.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Yard Sale August 31st. \$12/space. See Gary to reserve your spot.

Board Meeting May 8th. 5PM

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, Trish Hepburn

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting

MAY 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by president, Mike Fields at 5:07 PM

April board minutes accepted as written.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Michelle Wheeler- Operating Fund \$ 22,805.09; Building Fund \$12,743.58;

Edward Jones \$27,104.47 Total 62, 653.14

Membership: Sherry Shippy- 381 members 15 new applications and 4 renewals total \$584.

Shop: Mike Hepburn- April shop use \$166; sales \$182 Total 348; Slab sales at the meeting \$348.

Classes: Jeannie Lehl- absent. May 9th. Beaded wire tree with Sherry Shippy; May 23rd. Advanced

Wire weaving with Wanda Gilmore; June 13th. Laminated bead with Jim Hawkins; June

27th. Walking sticks with Rick Knaggs. \$10 fee.

Newsletter: Jeannie Lehl- Absent

Field Trip: Alice Ringering- absent. Zinc Ck. and Coffee Ck. with Rick Knaggs May 19th. Meet in

Canyonville.

Website: Zach White- Updated.

Facebook: Susan Szabo- absent

Education: Randy Songster- absent

Claims: Open. Jim Hawkins said he has sent in the paperwork and fee for both claims.

OLD BUSINESS: Elections are coming up. We discussed requirements. If 24 consecutive months applied if the member was months late renewing their membership. This was tabled until next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The Keys for the Rock Display are held at Public Works. They will not allow a copy for us.

Budget committee for 24-25. Will meet at the appropriate time.

Trish turned in her Vision Plan for 1-3-& 5 years. This was discussed. Also discussed having a possible Venue for members to rent space and sell their items. No vendors, just members. Ask membership.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 PM

Respectfully submitted, Trish Hepburn

From the Editor, Jeannie Lehl:

THURSDAY NIGHT CLASSES: Please be sure to REGISTER for all classes. For the month of June, Jim Hawkins is teaching a laminated bead class on the 13th, and on the 27th, Rick Knaggs is teaching a walking stick class, cost of \$10.00.

Excellent teachers and fun classes!

Membership: First, I want to welcome new members **Amber Moore-Barcus, Randel (Randy) Cherry, Drue Tanner, Jane & Jayke Critchfield, Janie Burnstein, Josh & Molly Bratton, Ramona Bennett-Huffman, Patrick, Kendra, Maverick & Easton Frees, Linda & Tony Ward, Daniel Mahoney, Gina Thomas, Dixie Ingwerson & Kevin Wiefert, Joseph, Rachel & Erabella Uhl, Darrell & Rosemary Richter, Kate & Leila Belfakih, and Charlie & Patti Powers.** 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 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: DONATIONS FOR APRIL SHOW: Gerry McInnis, Spencer Mountain, Dick Marsh, Wanda Gilmore, Barbara Cromwell, Margrit Bryant, Earth Bound Now, Lori Barkley, MTM Creations, Jacksonville Gems & Jewelry, Perry Rough & Lapidary, Tara Dawn Minerals, Rock & Crystal, David Shippy, Lloyd Bryant's collection, Forged Elements, Ron Eldridge, Dave Motter, Shine On, Warren Harger, Tarrapin Rocks, Lucid Minerals, Treasures from the Earth, Kalidescope, Aaron Gore, Alice Ringering, Sherry Shippy, Rick Corby, Rox Designs, Barbra Catania, Deborah Safranek, Diane's Creations, J & M Field's Rocks, Jason Rough and Rocks, Armadillo Mining, CJEMS, Dale Wonzong, HiDesert, Yagawi Ethiopian Opal, Ralph Holmes, Fred Callihan.

THANKS to all of you! So many people committed that the raffle selection was awesome this year.

OTHER DONATIONS: Dee Southard- 3 rings a quart bag of stones (jewelry grade); Alice Ringering- a bag of assorted gift bags; Ken Watson- a jar of crushed abalone shell; Carl Durham- a box of tumbled rocks; Bruce Whisenant, Andie Springer, & Edith Kramer - 10 gift bags of rocks; Wanda Gilmore- 4 Step by Step Gem Tree Sculpting books; Jeannie Lehl- 5 bags of glass beads & 2 bags of prehnite beads.

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.

OPEN POSITIONS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, see our website, or talk with a member of the board.

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: 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/>

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

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

UPDATE: 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!!! Just a little FIRE MOUNTAIN GEMS update to all. I think we are really close to our 4 tier requalifying goal of \$5000. But we only have until June 30, 2024 to put in \$1324.00 worth of orders. And while I think that the growing pains of a new computer system at FMG are getting better they are still working the bugs out. The good news is that we will still get all of our discounts but the receipt format is different. Happy trails to you all, and keep those orders coming in.

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.

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.

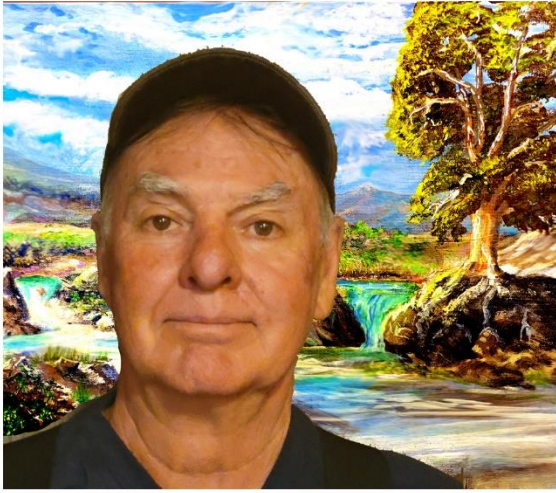


Our very own, very gifted Steve Schneider has created this wagon for our club to raffle off. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. This is a Club member raffle only! This will be raffled off during the June General Meeting. You can purchase your tickets during the May or June meeting, or see Trish. Thank you Steve!

UPCOMING ANNUAL YARD SALE! ATTENTION ALL CURRENT MEMBERS: Time to consider participating in the **2024 RGGC YARD SALE**. If you have items that “need a new home” but may not have enough or maybe access, parking, expense ect. concerns. Why not join other club members in our 11th annual YARD SALE? This year’s date is **Saturday August 31st with sale time from 8AM to 2:30(1 day only)**. Most all yard sale “stuff” allowed (NO food or drink) with emphasis on rock and rock related items. It happens **at the clubhouse- 1003 Isham GP-space is limited!** If you would like to “join in” please contact me at 541.472.0925 (leave msg/contact info) or pintail@centurylink.net. Cost is \$12 for appx. 10’X16’ space w/more info upon request. Can also use a few folks to help with club sales that day and assistance (3-5 hrs maybe) prior to sale date. *Great way to volunteer-JOIN THE FUN!* Thanks, Gary R.

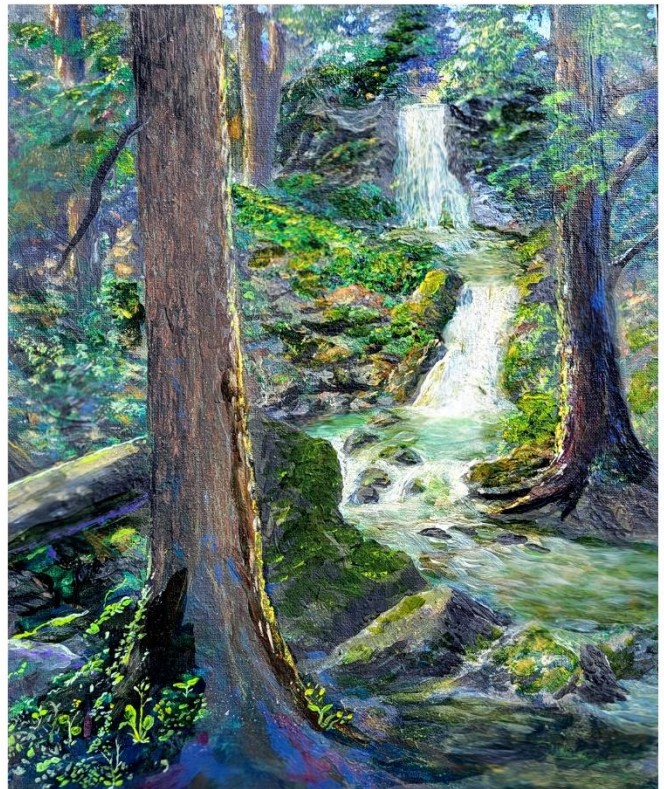


Picture of the trees made in Sherry's class.



Featured Artist: Perri Knopp

I started painting in 1983 under the tutelage of billboard painters in Berkeley, CA. Witnessing their awe-inspiring skill as they hand-painted freeway signs (14 feet tall by 48 feet long), started me on my artistic journey. Starting with watercolors, oils, and pastels, I eventually found my stride with acrylics, delving into figure painting and portraits before settling on landscapes and seascapes. Guided by my oil painting mentors, I honed my own unique style, blending fine acrylic paints with clear mediums to create captivating layers that instill my work with a subtle colorful 3D effect.



June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 3-6 Laurie's silver-smithing class
2	3	4 1-5 Chat & Craft 5-8 Pheonix SSWS	5 9-11:30 Clubhouse 9-12 Shop 5-SSWS 6-Doors open, potluck 7-General Meeting.	6 5-8 Shop open to trained members only.	7	8 3-6 Laurie's silver-smithing class
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**trained members have received instruction and have passed into being able to work on their own.

