

Magic Valley Gem News

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Next meeting will be

August 18, 2011

6:00 p.m

Location:

Kimberly City Park.

Directions: Main St. north,
Turn onto Monroe St. East,
(by Wells Fargo Bank) the
park is on the corner of
Monroe East and Ash
Streets in Kimberly

Magic Valley Gem Club
61st Annual Gem Show

March 10 and 11, 2012

Sat 9—6

Sun 10—5

**BIGGER AND BETTER
THAN EVER!**

Elected Offices

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

Field Marshall

Federation Director

Show Chairman

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Presidential Views from the Rockpile . . .

We need you to accept a leadership position in the Club. Some of last year's Officers will be unable to continue but are remaining on some of the committees as members. Please call Rocky Metts at 423-4827 if you have a little time to give our organization. What are the requirements? Be willing to help others, willing to be taught, and willing to try. Skills required will depend on the position you select, but all things can be learned.

How are the elected officers selected? Bob Sellers at 829-5068 is the Selection committee chairman for 2012, along with Harold Waggoner as Advisor. They will contact presently serving leadership as well as those individuals whom wish to serve as an elected officer of the CLUB. They make their selection and take the selected names to the August Board meeting. Their selections are confirmed and voted on and names are presented at the September's general meeting for a vote. At this time in the meeting the floor will be opened for additional nominations and a vote will be taken on everyone whom is nominated, the majority of voting members present will determine the new officers for 2012. The new officers will take office in January of 2012. See list of elected officers in left-side column. All other positions are appointed by the President and serve as long as they are willing and able to do the job.

Presently we need a Field Marshal, Vice President, and possibly other elected offices.

We, your officers of the Club, need your input. What would you like to have added, changed, tried, looked at, discussed, or perhaps just talked about? **THIS IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO ACT!** Please submit in writing your ideas. Everything submitted will be taken to the Executive Board for their consideration and action. We really want your input, but you must write it out to have no misunderstandings and your ideas be preserved. Please, we really do want your input and suggestions.

It is important for each of you to know why we ask for your help. The more people filling Club positions make easy work for everyone. The Club will serve members better and grow if everyone is involved. The Club is a living thing, like the human body, it takes many body parts doing their thing to keep us active. There is no one part better than or more important than another, except for hair on the head which I personally find unnecessary.

Final question for every member...Should we publish a membership list for members? Presently only those with Club related duties have access to this information. Should the membership list be put on the Web site? What information should be published? Names, addresses, phone number, Cell numbers, email addresses, Your Club interest and specialties, hat size and shoe size? Please think about this as we will begin discussion on this at the Barbeque in August.

What happens if? : This is the question the IRS wants to know! So by January 1, 2012 we will have to change the Club Bylaws to answer that question. If the Club is dissolved what do we do with the Club assets and monies. A few IRS suggestions: Situation one: Sell all assets and give everything to a qualifying College Scholarship fund or qualified charity with tax free rating. Situation two: We can Sell all assets and divide equally among all members as listed on the current year's membership, but then everyone will have a tax bill due upon the receipt of any monies or property. This will be accompanied by a membership list being sent to the IRS and State with a completed tally of said funds and the date at which the final transaction takes place. The IRS has an adjustable tax schedule to use for all items in lieu of material received instead of cash from which you will be required to pay your share of the taxes. This is a new IRS requirement.

The Club is Healthy and has a growing membership and great people, thus going strong into the future!

Your Club President, Rocky Metts 423-4827 rmetts@cablone.net

OFFICERS & CLUB INFORMATION

EXCHANGE NEWS-LETTERS

If you are interested in exchanging newsletters, please send me a copy of your newsletter and I will return one of ours. My address is:
Shirley Metts
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America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.
-- Abraham Lincoln

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Club General Membership Meeting:

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at Rosenau’s Community Room, 2826 Addison Ave. E. Twin Falls. (Just west of Kimberly Nurseries and D&B Supply.)
Demonstrations/Programs and socializing at 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting at 8:00 pm Exceptions are July and August when we picnic and barbecue at the Kimberly City Park and November - our annual Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant..

VISITORS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

Membership Dues:

Yearly membership dues for MVGC are \$10.00 for adult members (New members add \$2.00 for name tags) and \$5.00 for Junior members.

For more information or an application, contact Rocky Metts—423-4827 email: rmetts@cableone.net

Fees due by Oct. 31

General Objectives of the Club:

To promote interest, knowledge and understanding in the various earth sciences, as in Geology, mineralogy, Paleontology and lapidary and other related subjects. To sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons interested therein.

Helping Others:

The club participates in the NFMS stamp program, saving large commemoratives, airmail, pre-canceled, foreign and “ordinary” stamps of all values. Proceeds from stamp sales will be used to benefit any charity deemed worthy by the NFMS Endowment Fund.
Club Stamp Specialist—Barbrah Livingston

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WELCOME to all our new members.

We have had many new members joining the Club and we want to take this opportunity to welcome you. We invite you to attend our monthly meetings and go on our field trips. Also, we would ask you to share your expectations of this club and invite you to participate by filling a position and sharing in the activities of the Club.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Committee Chairs

- Sunshine Lola Betty
- Show Publicity. Julie & Terry Folks
- Refreshments Sandy Hansen
- Historian Harold Waggoner
- Librarian Barbrah Livingston
- Safety Officer Mark Livingston
- Webmaster Jason Metts
- Programs Chairmen. Dave & Pat Ziegler
- Asst Field Marshall Sandy Hansen
- Asst Field Marshall Jim Glenn
- Asst Field Marshall Rex Borjas
- Service Mel Pingel
- Nominations Chmn Bob Sellers
- Education Dave Hughes

THE NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER is published 11 times a year.

Copies are sent to each member’s household. The cost is included in your annual dues.

Two free copies of the **AFMS NEWSLETTER** are mailed to each member club.

Subscriptions are available at \$3.50 for 9 issues. Send payment to:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
PO Box 26523 Oklahoma City, OK 73126.

We are affiliated with

- Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Association
- American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
- The American Lands Access Association

Visit Us At www.magicvalleygemclub.org or on Facebook at Magic Valley Gem Club

Please e-mail Shirley at rmetts@cableone.net to get on our email list.

Magic Valley Gem Club Field Trips for 2011

Call **Rebekah Yancey** if you have ideas of places you would like to go. Phone: 670-4254

Our Field Marshalls are planning many wonderful trips which will include a few overnights. These will be terrific times for rock hounding and fellowship. They have been asked to provide a **tentative list** of trips. If you have a place you wish to go with the club, please contact the Field Marshalls.

TENTATIVE

DATE	SITE	WHERE TO MEET
August 12-13, 2011	Crystal Park, MT 12 th -- Crystal Park Host: (Is there someone with some experience at this site? Hint, hint Mark) 13 th -- Phillipsburg Sapphires are close by – your choice. Host: Seeking volunteers or Spencer—or other exciting places. CALL REBEKAH IF YOU PLAN ON GOING—AND GET YOUR INFORMATION FROM HER	Quartz Crystals, Opal, and/or Sapphires
September 17- 18, 2011	Succor Creek Host: Jon Cromer	Petrified Wood, Jasper, Agate
October ??, 2011	Dove Springs/Dead Horse Crossing Host: Chris Sutton	

***Check on www.magicvalleygemclub.org and/or on Face book at Magic Valley Gem Club to see if there are any changes before any trips..

Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally used up and worn out, shouting '...man, what a ride!' — , SCRIBE, Vol. 34 No 2 April-June, 2010

<u>August Birthdays</u>	<u>August Anniversaries</u>
4 Norma Berkley	04 Valerie Messman
11 Wilma Sellers	11 Dick and Judy Morris
14 Ralph Garrison	16 Ryan Barnes
14 Rod Runyon	16 Carol Bierschwale
19 Janice Lang	16 Matt & Devone Bates
22 Steve Rigby	20 Bob and Wilma Sellers
26 Jody Borjas	21 Mel and Jude Pingel
30 Ruth Hughes	31 Charlie & Barbara Knapp

The **FIELD TRIP** Field Trip is to Crystal Park & Phillipsburg, Montana on August 12-13. **Call Rebekah Yancey—670-4254 for information.**

I have learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances.
— Martha Washington

I lay watching the breeze as it
Wafted through the pines.
The air was redolent with
The scent of Choke Cherry blossoms.
I was enjoying relaxing
Under the shade of a huge
Ponderosa pine, while listening
To the river as it gurgled over the rocks.
All the time wondering why
When we hunt for rocks we are
Always in the middle of the hot, sandy desert!
—Shirley Metts

**Magic Valley Gem Club Library—Master List
(continued from last month)**

- 74. Jewelry Making by W, Kenneth Winebrenmer/1953.
- 75. Rocks & Minerals by Joel Arem/1973.
- 76. Gems & Jewelry by Joel Arem/1973.
- 77. 1001 Questions Answered about the Mineral Kingdom by Richard M. Pearl/1959.
- 78. Gemologist Compendium by Robert Webster/1959.
- 79. Gems & Jewelry in Color by Iva Dragsted/1975.
- 80. Beyond the Glitter by Gerald L. Wykoff/1982.
- 81. Dictionary of Gems & Gemology by Robert M. Shipley/1951.
- 82. Handbook of Gem Identification by Richard T. Liddicoat.1957.
- 83. The Techniques of Master Faceting by Gerald L. Wykoff/1985.
- 84. Von Nostrands Standard Catalog of Gems by John Sinkankas/1968.
- 85. Field Guide to North American Rocks by The Audobon Society/1978.
- 86. Indians of the Northwest Coast by Philip Drucker/1955.
- 87. A Guide to Field Identification Minerals of the World by Charles A. Sorrell/1973.

CONTACT BARBRAH LIVINGSTON IN ORDER TO CHECK OUT ANY OF THESE BOOKS. SHE WILL BRING THE BOOK YOU WANT TO THE MEETING FOR YOU OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU TO PICK IT UP. PHONE NUMBER: 731-1942.

Magic Valley Gem Club

BARBECUE IN THE PARK
 Date: Thursday, August 18th
 Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
 Place: Kimberly City Park
 In Kimberly

Directions: Main St. North—Turn onto Monroe St.
 East by Wells Fargo Bank—go one block.

Assignments: Bring a covered dish or dessert to serve about 15 people, bring your own plates, glasses and utensils—the club will provide barbequed hotdogs, hamburgers, and punch for all. (Water will be available). No alcohol is allowed]
 on the premises.

Other items required: Bring your immediate family as
 this is fun times for all. Bring any new rocks or other items you want to share with the group.

Activity Chairperson: Sandy Hansen
 Phone: 736-3380

Any time there is an activity or a field trip, please check the web page to see if there are any final instructions.

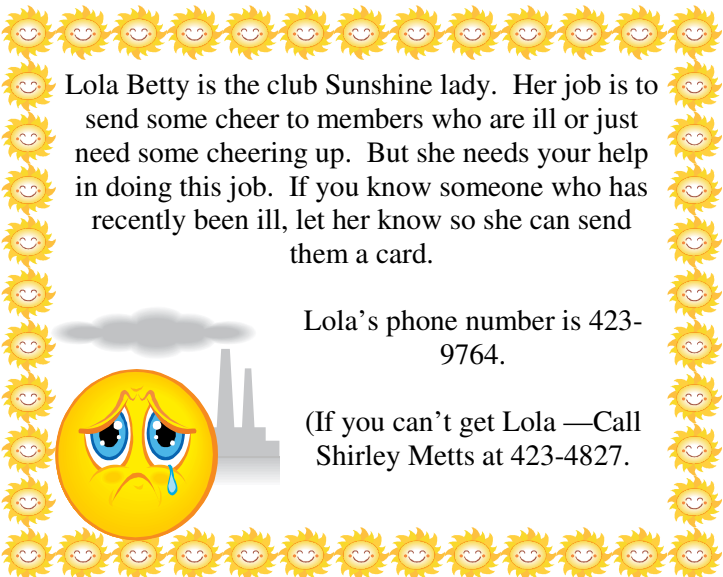
magicvalleygemclub.org and/or
on Face book

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CHECK IT OUT!


Magic Valley Gem Club Library. We have lots of interesting books, CDs , videos and magazines in the Library — Our Librarian, Barbrah Livingston—is working on a list which we will print a part of each month in the newsletter. The entire list will be published on the Web Site. All members are encouraged to check out items from the Library. Just contact the librarian to see what is available—until such time as we can begin printing the list. Check out time is one month.
 CLUB LIBRARIAN is Barbrah Livingston—731-1942



Lola Betty is the club Sunshine lady. Her job is to send some cheer to members who are ill or just need some cheering up. But she needs your help in doing this job. If you know someone who has recently been ill, let her know so she can send them a card.

Lola’s phone number is 423-9764.

(If you can’t get Lola —Call Shirley Metts at 423-4827.



From: smitchel@alscott.com
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 Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY: National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee to Hold Legislative Hearing on Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011

MEDIA ADVISORY:

National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee to Hold Legislative Hearing on Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011

On Tuesday, July 26, the Natural Resources Committee Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands will hold a hearing on H.R. 1581, the Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011. Introduced by Congressman McCarthy in April, this legislation would release approximately 43 million acres of Wilderness Study Areas and Inventoried Roadless Areas recommended by their managing agencies as not suitable for wilderness for use by the public. In May, Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

Date: Tuesday, July 26
 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Location: 1334 Hearing Room in the Longworth House Office Building

A live audio stream will be broadcast at <http://naturalresources.house.gov/live>.

The Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011 is cosponsored by 22 members of Congress and is supported by over 60 local, state and national groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Western Business Roundtable, National Rifle Association, Americans for Responsible Recreational Access, California Cattlemen's Association, and the Mojave Trails Group.

TIPS & TIDBITS . . .

- More Comfortable Cab Cutting — Is the edge of your cab machine water trough sharp? When you're cutting a cab, does the edge dig into your wrist or arm? Here's an easy and inexpensive solution to end your discomfort. Get a piece of foam pipe insulation from the hardware store and place a piece of it over the edge of the trough. Voila.. No more discomfort! And, you can easily remove the foam when you go to empty or clean the trough (from Gem Cutters News 6/08 via The Rockhounder 11/09.)

**AUGUST'S FIELD TRIP WILL BE TO
CRYSTAL PARK, MONTANA**

Date of trip: August: 12 and 13, 2011

Meeting Place/Time: In the first parking lot in Crystal Park at 10 am.

We'll be staying at Price Creek Campground a mile south of the park.

Bring: For digging, a shovel, hand trowel, gardener's hand cultivator, and gloves are useful. Some people like to use a screen with a 1/4" mesh to sift the sandy soil for crystals. You will have to carry your tools to the digging area from the parking lot, so a pack will come in handy.

Bring: Money to pay fees.

Contact Rebekah for more info: @670-4254

Check out:

magicvalleygemclub.org

on the internet. If you have requests or think you would like to see something on the site, talk to President Rocky Metts and if it is feasible, he will talk to the site administrator to see if he can do it.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Find us on Face book.

Magic Valley Gem Club

Rebekah Yancey — 670-4254

Sandy Hansen — 736-3380

Administrators

MINUTES OF MVGC MEETING, July 21, 2011

Magic Valley Gem Club picnic/meeting was held July 21 at the Kimberly City Part. We had a great time, with lots of great food and GREAT weather.

28 members and 3 visitors attended. Second reading for memberships: Sandy White and Steve McAhren approved .

Next field trip will be August 12 and 13. We are going to Crystal Park, near Dillon Montana. Please contact Rebekah Yancey if planning to go 670-4254. Door prize brought by Sandy White and won by Rocky Metts.

August 18 is the Barbecue/meeting in August at the Kimberly City Park at 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. Bring your own tables service and bring a dish to share that will serve about 15 people.

Meeting adjourned.

— Minutes respectfully submitted by Wilma Sellers, Secretary

Circulation Chairman’s Report

By Tom Buchard

I have completed updating the mailing list from the rosters each club sent in with their federation dues. From the rosters the following changes were made: 966 additions; 813 deletions; 135 changes of address. In addition to those numbers I should include the changes made from the information I received directly from your clubs: additions 162, deletions 84; changes of address 16. In all, the federation grew this year! Congratulations!

Now, all who should shall receive a newsletter, and we will not spend money on sending newsletters to those people who no longer belong to the federation. The newsletter is our federation’s biggest single budget item.

Jack Eads, our Web Master, has kindly offered to send an “Early Edition” notification to those people who wish to download the newsletter, instead of taking one of the valuable print editions. The Golden Spike club has ten members that now take the electronic version of the newsletter. We will soon have more signed up to do so. One reason is that they won’t have to go to the web site and download it. I will do that for them and send it to them as attachments to their e-mail. I will only do this for my club.

If you think keeping track of physical addresses is complicated, try keeping track of more than FOUR THOUSAND e-mail addresses. But, perhaps someone in your club might be able to offer this incentive to your club members.

I am amazed, and proud, that the NFMS sends a newsletter to each and every member of the federation. But we should strive to keep this ‘increasing’ cost, as minimal as we can. As of right now there are only 13 members of this federation who have let me know that they no longer want a print newsletter sent to their homes.

Peridot is the birthstone for August. It is sometimes referred to as an “Evening Emerald” because under artificial light it glows as a brilliant green.

Peridot is transparent with subtle color in a variety of greens, from light yellowish green to a dark olive. The purer green it is, the higher the value. Any tinge of brown greatly diminishes the value of the gem, as well as any visible flaws.



Peridot jewelry has been popular since 1500 BC with the Egyptians and the Greeks. The Egyptians called the lustrous stone the “gem of the sun” and believed it had the power to ward off anxiety, enhance speech and foster success in relationships and marriage.

Peridot crystals are sometimes found in the black sands of Hawaii where the gemstone is abundant and available in larger sizes. Hawaiians believe that peridot is the tears shed by Pele, the volcano goddess.

Many legends state that peridot was considered a powerful amulet against all evil, as well as a remedy for sinus problems. Powdered peridot has been used to cure asthma, while a peridot stone placed under the tongue of someone with fever is believed to lessen his/her thirst.

The peridot is said to symbolize eloquence and persuasiveness. Pirates, the terrors of the sea considered peridot a powerful amulet against all evil, and when set in gold were said to protect the wearer from the terrors of the night.

SHOP TIP

One reason for polishing a stone all over, front, back and edges, is that the polish acts as a sealer. It seals and keeps in the water in Opal, it prevents natural corrosion as in Rhodonite, which corrodes to a black ore, called wad, and it helps stop the absorption of harmful substances as perspiration, etc.

— Via Mendo Coast Gems, Mineralog.

SHOW INFORMATION:

Dealer contracts will go out in July (or early August)..
 Enlarged Black Light (Fluorescent Rocks display)
 Mark and Harold will work on large sign for the room.

New booth “Sand Dig for Gems” I am contacting other clubs right now to see how they run theirs—if they have one. As soon as I get enough information to make a semi-intelligent decision I will call the Show co-chairman and discuss the options. In the meantime—we are waiting for replies.

Shirley Metts—Show Chairman

SHOP TIP

Here is a way to grind out troublesome pits in cabochons — It helps to spray the rough cab with red enamel from an aerosol can then grind the paint off with a light touch. Pits and lines will stand out as bright red spots, making it unnecessary to wipe the cab to see if the pits are out. It is especially helpful when grinding free form cabs from fire agate.

—Via Owyhee Gem and others

Practice Sun Safety

Apply sunscreen —apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside and don't forget to keep reapplying it (even on a cloudy day)

Get some sun-protective clothing.

Shop for some cool shades. Purchase sunglasses that block UVA and UVB rays. They do not have to be expensive! Do not forget that even your little ones need the same protection.

Protect Against Bugs

Bugs are one of those annoyances of summer. But insects such as potentially disease-carrying mosquitoes and bees can also be harmful to kids. To protect your child against bugs:

Use **[insect repellents](#)** to guard against ticks, which can carry Lyme Disease, and mosquitoes, which can carry the West Nile Virus and other viruses. **Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants when going outside**, particularly at dusk when mosquitoes are more likely to be present.

Never leave stagnant pools of water around the house. Pools of water can serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Avoid using scented soaps or perfumes on your child. And do not allow your child to walk around carrying sweetened beverages, such as fruit juices. These sweet, strong scents can attract bees and wasps and increase your child's risk of being stung.

Prevent Dehydration

Drink lots of water, make sure you and your children drink plenty of water before starting any outdoor activity and remember to take breaks and drink often.

Practice Food Safety

To prevent food borne illnesses:

Be sure to wash your hands before preparing or serving any food. Make sure your children wash their hands, or at least use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before eating.

Never cross-contaminate. Do not allow any raw meat or poultry to come into contact with any other food or plates or utensils.

Consider the temperature. Use a thermometer and be sure to cook all meat and poultry to **[the correct temperatures](#)** to kill any harmful bacteria. Keep all perishable foods in the refrigerator and do not keep leftovers unrefrigerated for more than one or two hours.

WE NEED YOU AS A SCHOOL PRESENTER!!

If you are hesitant about going into the schools to do a presentation—don't be. The kids love it and you cannot imagine the fun. You will be given a tub containing rocks and gemstones and a script to follow until you become familiar with the presentation. And the rewards to yourself are unimaginable.

Contact Dave Hughes at 886-2014 or 316-6723

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Please save your postage stamps to donate to the federation. Stamps are sold and the proceeds donated to Cancer Research. Please leave a margin of at least 1/2 inch around the stamp only. Do not save the postmark when you cut it from the envelope. You can turn them in at our next meeting to Barbra Livingston—our Federation Director. **STAMPS**

TIPS & TIDBITS . . .

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BLM and Special Recreation Permits By Ron Schiller

Prior to the accident in Johnson Valley, California where eight people were killed last summer during an off-road race, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wasn't too concerned about requiring small groups participating in low impact non-commercial or noncompetitive activities on public land to obtain a special recreation permit (SRP). However, because of liability concerns, the BLM began implementing more stringent rules for every type of activity taking place on the public land within the BLM California Desert District. Unfortunately, there seems to be a lot of confusion among the five BLM Desert District field offices as to exactly what the rules are regarding the requirements to obtain a permit for various activities. According to the recreation planner in the Ridgecrest BLM Field Office, you will have to obtain a permit if you merely allow the public (nonmembers) to participate in your field trip but recreation planners in other field offices only require a permit if you advertise your field trip outside of your club newsletter or website or charge a fee to participate (continued on page 9—BLM)

2011—MVGC Refreshment List

. You are expected to bring dessert or snacks and punch. Please work together with the other people for the month you are scheduled. Questions or need help?

Call Sandy Hansen at
736-3380

**July 21
6:00 p.m.**

**Bring your own table service,
a salad and/or a dessert**

**Please call Sandy to pick your date
to bring refreshments!!**

NFMS Library Update

By Tim and Sharon DeGrie
New things to add to the library list. "Those Fabulous Thundereggs" on DVD

Jewelry Workshop
A—is the Beginning Level Silversmithing
B—is the Intermediate Level Silversmithing

If interested in anything from the NFMS library contact Dave and Pat Ziegler. They can order any of these for our trainings.

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AFMS Contest News

All- American Award - Entries have been received from your regional federation chairpersons and the AFMS judges are now busy evaluating the entries. Results will be announced at the AFMS Awards Banquet in Syracuse on Saturday, July 9th. It would be delightful to be able to present the awards to all entrants at that time.

Whether you entered the competition this year or not, NOW is the time for you to begin gathering photographs, newspaper articles, etc. about your club events for this year (2011) so that you can easily assemble your club's year review for submission in the competition next year.

Questions? Contact John Washburn, AFMS chair at <jrwashburn3@att.net>.

Website Contest - The top entries from the regional website competitions have been forwarded on to the AFMS judges who are now making their evaluations and writing suggestions and comments.

Results will be announced at Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters on Sunday, July 10 during the AFMS Convention in Syracuse, NY.

Our entries continue to improve! If your club has a website, do consider entering the competition next year. Even if your site does not earn top honors, the suggestions you'll gather can be invaluable for your club. Questions? Contact Phyllis George, AFMS chair

at <pgeorge4@comcast.net>.

Bulletin Editors Contest - The top three entries in each eligible category were forwarded to the AFMS judges in March. Each has now finished their work and all the entries have been returned to the AFMS chairperson, Linda Jaeger. Results will be announced at Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters on Sunday, July 10 during the AFMS Convention in Syracuse, NY.

If your club has a bulletin, do consider encouraging your editor to enter the contest next year (2011 bulletins and articles). Even if your bulletin does not earn top honors, the suggestions you'll gather can be invaluable for your club. In addition, there are several categories for written articles and poetry. What a terrific way to say "thank you" to your hard working members! Linda will have copies of the award winning articles for you to purchase at the breakfast or by mail afterwards. Details will be in the September

AFMS Newsletter.

Questions? Contact Linda Jaeger, AFMS Chair

at <ljgralg@aol.com>.

Full results of each of these competitions will

be printed in the September AFMS Newsletter.

AFMS June/July/August Newsletter

REMINDER—NOTHING HAS YET BEEN DECIDED ABOUT THE SAND DIG OTHER THAN THE MEMBERS THINK IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA. IF WE DO IT, ALL ITEMS MUST BE DONATED EXCEPT POSSIBLY THE SAND. THERE IS NOT MUCH MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO BE USED FOR IT. I AM CHECKING WITH OTHER CLUBS FOR THEIR RULES AND IDEAS. SHOW CHMN. SHIRLEY METTS

MAGIC VALLEY GEM CLUB SHOW
March 10 and 11, 2012
Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, Idaho

Check out the Magic Valley Gem Club face book page—it is really great.

ALAA President's Message

By Richard Pankey, President, ALAA

The threats to access and use of our public lands are as great today as they have ever been. John Martin the AFMS Conservation and Legislation Chair has kept us informed with articles and information in the AFMS and ALAA Newsletter and on the ALAA web site. The current challenges to access and use is coming from de facto Wilderness designated by Secretary Salazar's directive to re-evaluate all BLM land for "wilderness characteristics." The US Forest Service is rewriting procedures for development of land use plans. This is where we, the rockhounds, can have an affect.

Individual and societal membership in ALAA continues to grow steadily but slowly. We need informed members and rockhounds but to meet our goal and objective of having open access to our public lands we need involved members. The work of ALAA is accomplished through the efforts of our member. We need members (and interested rockhounds) to share their skills, their talent, their interest and their time. We have accomplished a lot this past year and a half, but we could do more with more people involved. There are many tasks that we could do or do better or do more if we had the help. We need your help.

My focus this coming year is to continue membership growth and increase rockhound involvement. To accomplish this we need members to:

Become informed about proposed legislation and the legislative process. Read the bills and regulations. Analyze them and determine their affect on rockhounds and access to public lands. Communicate your findings with ALAA through emails and articles in our newsletter. Help develop ALAA position statements.

Become informed about proposed regulations and the regulatory process for BLM and the Forest Service. Get involved with a BLM or Forest Service office in your area. Develop a relationship with local personnel. Get on their mailing list to be informed about activities, their Management Plan and meetings. Attend meetings and participate and contribute in the process.

Write letters, send e-mails, make phone calls attend meetings to let your congressmen and the regulators know what you think and what you want.

Share what you know and what you did with others and get them involved.

We especially need people to write articles about land access, about ALAA, our goals and objectives for magazine to the general public – AARP, AAA, RV magazines, your local newspapers, etc.

The assault on our access to public land is great. Now is the time to stand up and be counted. Will you help? Contact me to learn more about how you can help

The Annual ALAA Business meeting will be held on Wednesday , July 6th. (Contact Shirley Metts, if interested 208-423-4827 or smetts@cablone.net)

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Because of these inconsistencies and confusion among organizations using public land for recreation, the BLM California Desert District Advisory Council has designated a Special Recreation Permit Subgroup to study the recreation permitting rules and process and report their findings to the advisory council who will ultimately make an advisory recommendation to the BLM for interpreting and implementing the recreation permit regulations. (If you would like to read more about this, go to ALLA.com and the June, 2011 newsletter)

Upcoming Shows in the Northwest

August 5—7: Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
 donin11@hughes.net
 PO Box 251
 Far West Lapidary & Gem Society
 Coos Bay, OR 97420
 Don Imes
 542 396 5722

CODE OF ETHICS

- I will respect both private and public property and will do on collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found..
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rock hound project H.E.L.P (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, the Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rock hounds everywhere.

Remember the tumbled rocks for the Show
Dick is giving a prize again for the person
tumbling the most rock. Good Luck!

We also need tiny stones for the sand ta-
ble—smaller than the end of a pencil eraser.

Dave also needs thumbnail sized rocks for
the educational kits he is putting together.
Get with him to see what kinds he wants—
or if he wants them tumbled or just small

We are now able to send the Magic Valley Gem
News via e-mail. If you are not already receiving
the newsletter via email and are willing to, please
email me at rmetts@cableone.net. Help us save
some money on mailings. Thank you. Shirley

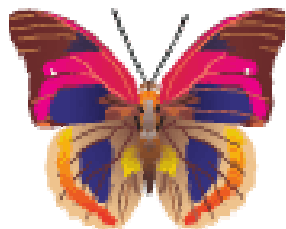
DO YOU REALIZE THAT OUR SHOW IS
ONLY 7-1/2 MONTHS AWAY?

We need items for the:
Wheel of Fortune-1
ROCKS—Wheel OF FORTUNE—2,
Silent Auction,
Grab Bags,
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