

GEMS OF THE ROGUE

Rogue Gem and Geology Club
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"THE FRIENDLY
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LOCAL EVENT LIST

<http://www.facebook.com/GrantsPassRockClub/> <https://www.roguegemandgeology.org>

General Meeting: April 6th: Doors open at 6pm. Rocks K&L Snacks M-O

Thursday night classes: **5-8pm Jim's Cabbing class; Shop is closed.** See newsletter for details

April 14th: eyeglass holder necklace with Nena. \$5 fee

May 12th: Kintsugi, a method of repairing broken pottery glass etc. with Susan \$5 fee.

May 26th Macramé wrap necklace with Jean, \$5 fee

ANNUAL SPRING Rock & Gem SALE: April 23rd & 24th, Josephine County Fairgrounds: Volunteers

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. 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.
- We exchange Newsletters with other clubs at no charge.
 - 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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Fire Mt Gem Orders; Nena Ahalt 541.218.5077

General Meeting Minutes March 3, 2022

President Susan Szabo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mike Fields led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The February Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Operating Account \$13,839.51 Square Account \$100.00. The Building Fund, \$36,674.56. The club has filed the taxes for the last seven years. Tax Liability was \$4825 Federal, \$2512 State and the CPA, \$3250. These were paid from the Operating Account.

Susan thanked Michelle Wheeler, Jan Arnold and Trish Hepburn for all their hours of work on the tax issues, reconstructing old records, and communicating with the lawyer while she was out of the country.

Reports:

Membership: 348 Members. Inform Sherry if you want your address or email removed from the roster.

Field Trips: None Planned.

Shop: Mike Hepburn reported shop is doing routine maintenance. Contact Jim Hawkins to arrange to work in the shop Wednesday morning and email Nick Rose if you want to work in the shop the 2nd Saturday of the month. Cost is \$3 per hour. Carl Durham has a faceting machine for sale and also, some stones and a flat lap.

Newsletter: Alice Gutshall said she thinks she did a good job on the newsletter. If you are not receiving yours let Sherry Shippy know so she can try and fix the issue.

Classes: Jeannie Lehl said the classes for March are March 10th Sherry Shippy will be teaching a different kind of wire wrapping. March 24th Brenda Walden will be teaching a painting on canvas class. Charge for class is \$15 and limited to 10. Sign up if interested.

Bill Boeh stated that the faceting machines need to be worked on and some need to be replaced. It was asked that members get bids for a new faceting machine and bring to next meeting.

Education: Randy Songster is meeting with a school tomorrow at Reinhart Park. He expects about 35 children. They will meet at 12:30. Several members volunteered to be there to help.

Orley Ringering is retiring from his position as Head of Refreshments. Orley has held this position for a long time.

Thank you, Orley, for all your help. David Shippy is the new Head of Refreshments. He could use an assistant. Contact him if interested.

Thank you, Jim Hawkins, Wendy Gardner and Dick Marsh, for all your work trimming the bushes and trees around the club house.

Due to the litigious nature of people, it has been suggested the club buy Director and Officers Insurance. Cost is approximately \$649.00 annually. Michelle Wheeler made a motion that the club buy the D&O Insurance. Roy Lichtenstein seconded. Motion passed.

Rock Sale: Janet Fields was unable to attend but the show preparations are moving right along. Sign-up sheets are in the back. The show is one of our big money makers which allow us to replace and fix equipment for the club. Needed is someone to oversee the kids' games and someone to be in charge of the Silent Auction. For the Silent Auction someone who knows rocks would be helpful. Prizes are always needed for the regular raffle. Trish Hepburn will pick up your donation if you are unable to bring to the club house.

Flyers are available from Kari. Vendor spaces are full. It will be free Admission again.

April Meeting: At the April General Meeting we will be voting on the New By-Laws. Members will receive a copy of the new By-laws either by mail or email. Until we get the new By-Laws approved, we cannot file for the 501 c7 nonprofit status or file to become a corporation. Mike Fields suggested that, if possible, we accept the By-Laws, File for the Corporation and 501c7. If there are revisions needed we will change them next fall when we review them again.

Our current By-laws are not in compliance, so we need to get the new ones approved to get in compliance.

Hospitality: Steve Tyler won the guest prize, Jan Arnold Member, 50/50 Blaine Lovemark \$53.00, and three

Donation Prizes: Randy Songster, Phoenix Beltran and Zach White.

Members shared Rocks.

Meeting Adjourned 8:17.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Arnold

Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

President Susan Szabo called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

There was a quorum attending.

The Board meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Operating Fund \$14,826.51. Square \$100.00. Building Fund 36,674.89.

Membership: Sherry Shippy reported we have 20 renewals and 16 name badges ordered.

Shop: Mike Hepburn turned in \$96.00 shop income: \$46.00 shop use and \$50 sales. They have been doing routine maintenance on the equipment. Jim Hawkins will be gone until May. Dick Marsh is supervising the shop in his absence. There will be no cabbing class until Jim's return.

*Zoltan Szabo volunteered to keep the shop open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month until Jim's return. Open hours are 5 to 8. Zoltan will talk to Jim and get his okay.

Claims: Jim Hawkins sent information stating the Ad Hoc committee will meet in mid April and make a trip to explore all the possible routes to get to the claim at Riddle. They will then come up with 4 or 5 scenarios to make a determination of what to do with the jade claim.

Zoltan Szabo reported there are faceting machines that need to be repaired and upgraded. He has checked and a Facetron, new costs about \$4000. He also checked on Ultra Tek which is also about \$4000 new. He raised the possibility of midgrade machines or refurbished machines as being another alternative. It was also discussed about having a fund raiser for a new faceting machine.

Our website exists but seemingly not many members are using it. The question is why? Newsletters are sent to Zach, and he puts them on the website. Old newsletters can be explored there too.

14 surveys have been returned so far and the results will be studied. If you didn't return yours, please do. We need your input.

We need speakers at the General meeting. Please let a Board Member know if you have a good speaker to suggest.

Trish Hepburn made a Motion that we approve the By Laws with corrections. Michelle Wheeler seconded. Motion approved. By Laws will be sent to Members and voted on at the April Meeting. By Laws will be voted on by a count of hands.

Information on Grievance letters will be sent out later in the month.

Michelle Wheeler made a motion that we send out our 501 C7 and 1024 applications. Cost is \$600. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Arnold

*Shop status pending approval

Presidents Message
No message this month

From the Editor:

Alice Gutshall; newsletter@roguegemandgeology.org

Greetings:

Well, it looks like we are getting things back on track after the huge oversight going many years back. We may not have as much money in the coffers but we should all be able to sleep better now. The Board is now moving on to the next step of renewing out not for profit status. There is a light at the end of the tunnel after all.

I think we all owe a **huge thank you** to all our board members who put in many hours searching for old records, when they could find them and countless hours dealing with lawyers and accounts. I saw firsthand the stress the board went through. I can guarantee that they all lost sleep and weight over this issue.

Now, we will all be on to better things. April is the first RGGC sale at the fairgrounds. I hope you, our members, can find some time to help out with the sale. Let's try to work as hard as the Board does. By the way, do you know that the Board not only manages the club, the Board Members are all extremely busy in assisting with the same set up and staffing of the sales and fair as you can be. Our board needs a rest. Come on and sign up at the clubhouse or the April Meeting.

Warmer weather is around the corner so we need to start thinking of fun and interesting places to go to pursue our hobby of ROCKS! Remember that the Field Trip Leader asked for your favorite places to go, now is the time to get in touch with her.

I look forward to meeting some of you newer members at the meetings, clubhouse or outings. And, I hope to see you helping us with our important events that raise the funds to keep the machines running and everyone smiling.
Alice

Membership:

Sherry Shippy;

The club mailing address is:

P. O. Box 1224, Grants Pass Oregon 97526

Club Membership Reminder: It is recommended you volunteer 16 hours a year as stated in the by-laws. Possible jobs are; field trips, teach a class, yard work at the clubhouse, clean the garage, volunteer at the show or fair, give a presentation of rock related subject at a general meeting, help maintain claims, clean up after meetings and we do have some open positions. **You can pick up your badge at the General Meetings or at the Clubhouse Wednesday mornings 9am-11am. We do not mail or deliver them**

Roster Updating: **If you have not yet done so,** please contact me ASAP if you wish to change how your information is shared with our membership on the club roster

Grounds Maintenance: We are still in need of someone to assist Dick Marsh, one of our Lifetime members with the upkeep of the clubhouse grounds. This volunteer position is much needed as it has become more of a two person job in recent months. The position is on an as needed schedule. Please contact Dick Marsh, 541.226.2136h, 541.218.6725c to coordinate the work time.

Wanted; Plastic tubs, the size of kitty litter jugs (10x7 W x 10 D) needed for the Sale. These will hold sand to support signs for the annual Gem and Mineral Sale. Bring to the Clubhouse or General Meeting prior to the sale or call Michelle at 541.955.0173. Thank you

PLEASE RETURN THE SURVY THAT WAS HANDED OUT AT THE MARCH MEETING

Thank you

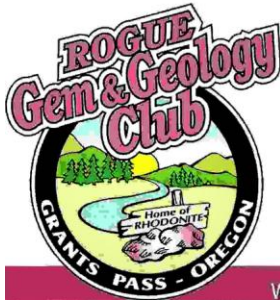
Rogue Gem & Geology Club's **Gem & Mineral Sale**

at the Josephine County Fairground, in Grants Pass, Oregon

Vendors
Silent Auction
Raffle, Kids Corner
Food Truck

Saturday & Sunday

April 23 & 24, 2022



Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday 10 am - 4 pm



Contact: Janet at 541-415-1720
or Susan at 541-941-5005

State COVID guidelines will be followed

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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

**SIGN UP IN THE CLUBHOUSE OR GENERAL MEETING
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS SALE A BIG SUCCESS**

Member Announcements

Alice Gutshall:

VOLUNTEER; *Definition of volunteer*

(Entry 1 of 3) from the Merriam-Webster dictionary

1: a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service: such as.... Such as, assisting your club when help is needed.

When you voluntarily joined the Rogue Gem and Geology Club, a condition of membership was to **Volunteer** a minimum of 16 hours a year. It is an easy task to complete and it will help make this club the club you wanted to join. You can sign up to lead and teach a class. It does not necessarily need to be rock oriented as seen in a couple of the photos in this edition of the Newsletter. You can come help us fold and prepare the Newsletter for mailing. You do enjoy the Newsletter we hope. Where else can you find all the club information and activities? Is this too sedentary for you? How about lending a hand in setting up at the sales or fair? Tear down is even easier. Maybe you would like to lead or help plan a field trip. It is up to you. Several opportunities are available. How do I know this you ask? I have done all and more and I have medical issues that would make some of you cringe. I know I am not the only one.

Your help is needed as we are a not for profit organization run by members like you who contribute to make this club function. The majority of the club operating funds come from the three big ones, the spring and fall shows and the county fair. The club also holds sales at various locations in the area. There are power bills to pay and general upkeep. The machines you enjoy working will all need repair at some time. Do you enjoy the "Club Membership Only" events twice a year, the summer BBQ and the Holiday Party? Without you and your help we would not be able to do all of this.

Please, consider sharing some of your time this year so we can continue with the activities you enjoy.

Fire Mt Gems Orders:

Nena Ahalt; As many of you know, we receive a very generous discount on our purchases from Fire Mt Gems. To the new members, when you place an order for merchandise through Nena, you will receive the lowest price listed for your item and the shipping cost is shared among all persons making an order at the same time. We have not had many orders lately and that may cause us to lose our privileges with Fire Mt Gems to receive this wonderful discount. Please let Nena know if you would like to order anything. She would prefer the order be written on an order form. Nena can be reached at 541.218.5077.

Memorial Service and Gathering For Harold Silver



HAROLD SILVER – MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please join the family of lifetime member, Harold Silver, for his Memorial Service on Saturday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. Memory Gardens Mortuary, 1395 Arnold Lane, Medford, located at the corner of Arnold and Bellinger Lane.

After the service, you are invited to join us for snacks and visiting at 176 Winema Way. If you plan to join us following the service, please RSVP.

Connie Silver

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541-770-9459

Learn How to Make a Cabochon

Notice! Suspension of Cabbing Classes

Due to personal reasons, the 2nd & 4th Thursday night “Introduction to Cabbing” classes are immediately **suspended until further notice**, along with any “**Open Shop**” on those nights. This only affects the shop use, **NOT** the clubhouse classes on the same nights. When conditions become favorable the cabbing classes will start up again for those members who have signed up. Sorry for any inconvenience, Jim

Zoltan Szabo has volunteered to open the shop the 2nd Thursday of the month. This is still pending an approval of the shop managers. Please note.. THIS IS PENDING APPROVAL. Thank you

Shop Talk;

Mike Hepburn; The shop will NOT be open Thursday evenings due to personal issues. This is temporary. The Shop will once again be open the second Saturday each month. Let's all welcome Nick and Rhonda back **TEXT only 541.295.4466.** No phone calls, please. Appointments are necessary!

Donations:

Trish Hepburn; I have received some donations for the show, but I still need more. If you cannot bring them to the club, call me and I will pick them up. I will list them and their donors later.

Thank you, Trish Hepburn

Field Trips:

Carol Williams;

Do you have a favorite place to go or have you wanted to go someplace different? Call Carol at 541.582.1036 and she will see about it. **You must be a member of the club and have a signed wavier on file.** If an injury happens the club is not responsible. You must register for all trips at the clubhouse or call Carol.

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

Jeannie Lehl:

Thursday Night Classes: 5-8PM: Please be sure to REGISTER for all classes. Call or sign up at the club.

April 14th; eyeglass holder beaded necklace with Nena, \$5

April 28th.. No classes

May 12th Kintsugi, repair methods for pottery, glass, etc. with Susan \$5

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Recent club activities:

CLASSES: 2nd & 4th Thursday nights; Here are photos of some of the recent projects



Wire wrapped cabs



Copper focal pendants



Wire scorpions



Pinecone centerpieces



Bead angel earrings

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:

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: This position is responsible for making 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.

CLUBHOUSE GROUNDS ASSISTANT: Someone is needed to assist the current grounds keeper. Right now it is just a matter of keeping the grounds free of pesky acorns. As the weather warms again there will be more duties. Please consider giving our lifetime member some help with this.

As you can see, these positions take very little effort and time. Please consider giving some of your time to help us out.

KITCHEN ASSISTANT: Please consider assisting in the kitchen at the general meeting at the Grange Hall. This is position just once a month and you can still enjoy and participate at the meetings. You will help get the counter ready with snacks brought in by members, make coffee and general clean-up as needed during and after the meeting.

ATTENTION ALL INSTRUCTORS: Please notify the Editor of your class and schedule so we all show up at the right time and day. It is also important that you enter your class schedule on the large calendar posted on the Silver room door. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

RGGC Website:

Have you visited the club website lately? It is filled with lots of club information. Wondering when the meetings start or if there is a special event planned? You can find the information there. Do you misplace your Newsletter and now you need to know about the next Field Trip? Boom!! There it is.

I would encourage everyone 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, Zack White, an email and he will post it for you. <https://www.roguegemandgeology.org/>

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/>

Advertisements:

Do you have something you would like to sell that may be of interest to our members? You can place an ad in the Newsletter for \$3.00, up to 3 lines. Each additional line is \$1.00 per line.

Annual business advertisements in the Newsletter are \$20.00 per year. We will be happy to share your business card each month with all members.

Another happy club member just made a sale. The faceting machine advertised last month sold very quickly.

Don't overlook this space to sell something you no longer have

APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Advanced Silversmithing With Lorie 4-6PM
3	4	5	6 Shop & *Club 9am-12:00pm... Make res. for shop. Silver Workshop 1-5pm General Meeting doors open at 6pm meeting at 7pm Rock K& Snacks M-O	7 Cab Class ON HOLD Thurs class: 5-9pm Beaded Eyeglass holder necklace **shop open status pending approval	8	9 Saturday Shop will be OPEN 9am-2pm Res. reqd. Advanced Silversmith ing With Lorie 4-6PM
10	11	12	13 Shop & *Club 9am- 12:00pm... Make res. for shop •Silver Workshop 1-5pm Board Meeting 5:30 pm	14	15	16 Advanced Silversmith ing With Lorie 4-6PM
17	18	19	20 *Clubhouse & Shop (rsvp) 9am-12:00pm. •Silver Workshop 1-5pm	21 Cab Class ON HOLD Thurs class: 5-9pm Set up for show. Volunteers needed	22	23 Advanced Silversmith ing With Lorie 4-6PM? SHOW 9a-5p
24 Show 10a- 4p	25	26	27 *Clubhouse & Shop (rsvp) 9am-12:00pm •Silver Workshop 1-5pm	28	29	30 Advanced Silversmit hing With Lorie 4-6PM

*The clubhouse is open until 1130.

** Shop status pending approval