

GEMS OF THE ROGUE

Rogue Gem and Geology Club
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LOCAL EVENT LIST

General Meeting: November 4th, Doors open at 6:00, Annual Pie Auction Please bring a pie. Some will be eaten and the rest will be auctioned.

Board Meeting November 8th, 5:00pm Clubhouse

Refreshments-none, pie month! Rock of the Month start with C & D

Thursday class changed to Sunday November 9th, 407 B Union, GP, OR. 9-1130, bring your cell phone with google maps.

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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General Meeting Minutes

General Meeting

October 4, 2023

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

Mike Fields led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The September general meeting minutes were approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Operating Account \$25,066.82, the Building Fund \$12,742.81, and Edward Jones \$15,000.00 and \$12,000.00. Michelle is paying the April Show deposit tomorrow for the fairgrounds. At the picnic the silent auction earned \$382 and the white elephant auction \$351.

Members Reports:

Membership: Sherry Shippy stated the club has 446 members including children. New tonight are Thomas, Aaron, Richard, Ron, Anita and Sharon.

Shop: Mike Hepburn reported the shop is doing routine maintenance. The shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 12:00.

Classes: Jeannie Lehl reported classes are October 12 Brenda Walden rock painting. October 26 Galen will be doing his ring class. Sunday November 12 th Aaron Gore will be teaching a mapping class at his shop; Grants Pass Power Equipment. A cell phone is required for this class.

Website: Zach White was absent.

Field Trips: Alice Gutshall reported no field trips right now. Later a trip to Applegate Lake for Jade is being planned. Alice also said that Zach asked her to remind people there is going to be a walk-up Table Rock with a geologist. He has put the information on the website. Alice also said she had checked out a site down by Granada to find copper ore material. Dirt road so probably a field trip for in the spring.

Newsletter: Jeannie Lehl thanked everyone who helped her get the newsletter out. Send any information for the newsletter to her.

Claims: Jim Hawkins and Zach were absent.

Education: Randy Songster said he was ready to do visits at the schools but has had no contact from any school yet. Jim Hawkins is working on the club participating in the Girls Rock Program this year.

Facebook: Susan Szabo was absent.

Hospitality: The Guest Prize was won by Cindy King. Member Prize by Sharon. Cindy King won the 50/50

for \$37. The Donation Prize was won by Gene Martin.

Members shared rocks. Agates in many forms, amethyst, and arrowheads were shared.

November Show: November 4 Th and 5th are the dates. Volunteers are needed especially for set up and take down.

November is "Pie Month". Bring a pie and we will cut some to share and auction some off to support our club.

Need a volunteer interested in doing the North Valley Show for the club. The job entails setting up, selling and taking down the table.

Craft and Chat is meeting on Tuesdays from 2 to 5 at the club house.

There will not be a Meeting or Newsletter in January because so many members are out of town at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Arnold

Board Meeting Minutes

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Rogue Gem & Geology

Board Meeting

October 11, 2023

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

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

Reports: Michelle Wheeler reported the Operating Account \$24,913.61, Edward Jones 27,000.00 and Building Account \$12,742.84.

Shop: Mike Hepburn reported \$104.00 shop use for September and Sales of 60.00.

Membership: Sherry Shippy reported the club had 453 members. She is contacting members who have not renewed before removing them from the roster. Sherry turned in \$368 membership dues.

Thursday Classes: Jeannie Lehl reported the following class schedule. On November 12th Arron Gore will have a mapping GPS Class. Note the date is a **Sunday!** 9AM to 11AM, at his shop. You must have a cell phone for the class. On December 14th Liz Peters will have a beginner's wire wrap class.

Newsletter: Jeannie Lehl thanked Mike Hepburn for helping her with the mailing labels. Trish Hepburn is sending her a new template for the newsletter.

Claims: Zach White reported that Jim has filed a report to keep the claim in compliance.

Field Trips: Alice Gutshall was absent.

Facebook: Susan Szabo was absent but has updated the page,

Education: Randy Songster was absent. It was suggested that the club should send out letters to schools and senior homes offering to present a rock program at their location.

Jim Hawkins is working on a class for the Girls Rock Program.

Website: Zach White reported the site is there and updated. Ready for Members to use. There is an area in the member section for volunteer sign up. Check it out.

November Show: The Committee is working on the November Show. We are still looking for Raffle Prizes and **Volunteers to help at the show.**

Nick Koch and Cindy King have volunteered to do the North Valleys Show. Thanks Nick and Cindy.

Mike Fields introduced the idea of having the April Show as a more educational experience with more cases and demonstrators. It would be more Kid and education focused. The November show would be more a Rock Sale with no Wheel of Fortune.

Pets are not allowed at the Grange Meeting or at the Club House. This is a club policy and one that we are going to have to enforce.

The shop at times needs new wheels. Trish Hepburn made a motion that we replace the wheels as they wear out with Sintered Wheels. Michelle Wheeler seconded. Sintered wheels last much longer. Motion passed.

The silver room needs another torch set. Michelle Wheeler will investigate prices and bring them to the next board meeting.

Trish Hepburn made a motion that we give keys to the cage and shed to Zach White. Jan Arnold seconded. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned 6:57.

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: Please note that on every Tuesday we are starting a new event. **Craft and Chat.** From 1-5 folks are welcome to bring in their **own** handwork, beading, hand sewing, wire wrapping and so on. Use this time to get some unfinished projects completed while enjoying other's company and be inspired by others and what they are making. This is NOT a class. Perfect in time for the holidays for crafting.

From Gary Ruehling: A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in/with the clubs annual "yard sale". Events like this are what makes our club fun and it is great to share our enjoyment with others. *Keep rockin!* Gary R

Membership:

FIRSTLY, I want to welcome the new members for the month of October: **Richard Koury, Ron Ringer, Anita Helsius and Sharon Harwell.** Welcome new members! For anyone ordering a badge, when I get them in, I will send you an email letting you know I have it. If you 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 10-11:30 am. Also, I am usually at the general meeting the first Wednesday of each month, at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass, from 7:00-9:00 pm. You may pick up your badges 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. Thank you,

Thursday evening changes:

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 ZOLTAN 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.

The Board and Shop Staff appreciate your flexibility with this new schedule. ~~Mike Hepburn

Cabochon Making Class:

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday evening, 5-8 pm at the shop. Sign-up sheet in the clubhouse or call Alice Gutshall at 503-816-3152 for availability or sign up. Space is limited to 4.

Donation Chairman, Trish Hepburn:

DONATIONS; Barbara Cromwell-Applegate jade cab, a box of tumbled stones; Jan Arnold- Food and condiments for the picnic; Michelle Wheeler- 2 more bags of tiny assorted hats for wheel projects; Christine Brazille- 2 bags of critters for the wheel projects; Nancy Fritch- 1 bag of critters for the wheel projects; Jean Newman- assorted glass rounds; Connie Silver- 6 necklaces, 1 bracelet, 3 wrinkle remover wands, 5 carved stone animals, 2 beaded pens, 33 assorted cabs; Jeannie Lehl- jewelry stand; Dick Marsh- 5 lbs. tumbled stones; Rick Knaggs- made small cabs and set them in adjustable rings that the club has, shaped stones for wire wrapping; Fred Callahan- 2 types of tumbling medium, about 2 thousand brass adjustable rings, about 1 thousand plated copper adjustable rings, & large buffing and polishing equipment.

And Dar and Jean Hlavenka donated snake agates. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, it would be gratefully appreciated if you could give it to Trish or Jackie on Friday, November 3rd. That will enable us to be ready for business on Saturday. THANK ALL OF YOU! YOU'LL ARE AWESOME!!

Thanks, Trish Hepburn, Donation Chairman

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.

Field Trip Leader Needed!!

Do you have a favorite place to go or have you wanted to go someplace different? You must register for all trips at the clubhouse.

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 has not gone unnoticed.

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

Jeannie Lehl: Our November 9th class is changed to Sunday the 12th. Starting at 9 AM to 11:30(ish) at

GRANTS PASS POWER EQUIPMENT LLC 407 B Union Ave. Grants Pass, OR. Bring your cell phone with Google Maps. For any questions you can reach Aaron Gore @ 541-479-7815. This class is designed to allow you to mark a specific site you found on your phone and return precisely to the same local with GPS.

Faceting Class:

Start date of a new faceting class TBA. They are held on Mondays, 1pm-5pm. \$50 fee per person due at the first class regardless if you use the club's or your own machine. Sign-up sheet for the next class is posted in the clubhouse. Size of class is limited to 5. Please call Zoltan with any questions. 541-218-6617

Silversmithing Class:

Sign up for Laurie's Saturday class at the clubhouse. A small fee is charged for the amount of silver used.

BEGINNING SILVERSMITH CLASSES

with Terry Smith, will begin Tuesday, January 9th. From 1-5 pm. and end February 6th. 4 student limit. Please sign up at the club house. Terry will plan the first project and furnish all supplies. There will be a \$20 charge to Terry. After this project, students will choose what they want to do and will furnish all their silver and cabs.

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 preferably with a geologist degree. Also considered is 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.

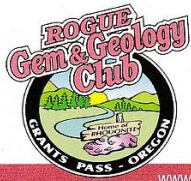
Rogue Gem & Geology Club's Gem & Mineral Show

at the Josephine County Fairground, in Grants Pass, Oregon

Vendors
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Silent Auction
Raffle
Door Prizes

Saturday & Sunday

November 4 & 5, 2023



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

**FREE
ADMISSION**

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Rogue Gem & Geology Club: 2023 Annual Gem & Mineral Show!

Saturday, November 4, 9am – 5pm * Sunday, November 5, 10am – 4pm. * Admission: FREE!
Josephine County Fairgrounds * 1451 Fairgrounds Road * Grants Pass



Too early to think about Holiday Gifts? Of course not! November 5 and 6 is the Rogue Gem & Geology Club's annual "Gem & Mineral Show," where you're sure to find unique, one-of-a-kind treasures for yourself, your friends, and your family. There will be vendors offering polished slabs, tumbled rocks, crystals, fossils, hand-crafted one-of-a-kind jewelry, and so much more, including: Auction, Raffle, Door Prizes, and Wheel of Fortune. So much to see and do! We'll see you at the Gem & Mineral Show, November 4 & 5, at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass!



Photos of Liz's and Brenda's class completed projects.

November

2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1 PIE DAY! <i>Gen,meeting</i> shop 9-11:30 clubhouse SSWS-5pm Show Mtg-10	2 Show Set-Up @ 8	3 Vendor Set-up and meal @ 5 pm	4 Show9-5	5 Show 10-4 Take-down show
6	7 1-5 craft & chat 5-8 Phoenix SSWS	8 Club & shop 9-12 10 Show mtg 1-5 SSWS 5 Board mtg	9 SHOP CAB CLASS 5-8pm Thur. Class: See Sunday 12	10	11	12 Class: 9-11:30 Mapping by Aaron Gore, Bring your cell phone, GP Power & Equip. on Union
13	14 1-5 craft & chat 5-8 Phoenix ssws	15 Club & shop 9-12 1-5 SSWS Submissions to newsletter	16 5 ** SHOP OPEN 5-8pm **Trained Members Only	17	18	19
20	21 1-5 craft & chat 5-8 Phoenix ssws	22 Club & shop 9-12 1-5 SSWS	23 No class, Happy Thanksgiving!	24	25	26
27	28 1-5 craft & chat 5-8 Phoenix ssws	29 Club & shop 9-12 1-5 SSWS	30 5 ** SHOP OPEN 5-8pm **Trained Members Only	1	2	3
4	5	6 December Club & shop 9-12 1-5 SSWS Christmas Party doors open at 6.	7	8	9	10

General Meetings, doors open at 6, meeting start at 7PM. Rocks beginning with C&D, PIE AUCTION

Clubhouse and shop are open 9-11:30 to members

****** Open for experienced and trained members.

Please note that we are working on getting a perpetual calendar. This one begins on a Monday instead of Sunday. Please be patient and enjoy the graphics!

**** Shop OPEN FOR EXPERIENCED AND TRAINED MEMBERS**