



Rogue Gem & Geology Club
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GEMS of the ROGUE

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ROGUE GEM & GEOLOGY CLUB
"THE FRIENDLY CLUB"*

September 6th 2023 – Monthly General Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange

Doors open at 6pm; General meeting: Club Sale, Refreshments K-O; Rocks beginning with W - Z

Check the calendar for class & workshop schedule, and shop hours.

Fall Gem Show: November 4-5

10th Annual Yard Sale: September 2, 8am-2pm at the Clubhouse

Club Picnic: September 16, 11am-3pm, Veterans Park, Merlin. Bring chairs, table service, silent auction and white elephant items. Bring chips, salads, dessert or a side dish to share. Club will provide burgers, sausage dogs and fixings.

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

Website: <https://www.roguegemandgeology.org/>

Clubhouse: 1003 Isham St Grants Pass, Oregon

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 per (immediate) family. This includes one plastic badge and our monthly Newsletter, "Gems of the Rogue". Additional member badges \$8 each. Club year runs September 1st through August 31st. **Renewal dues** are still \$20 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 clubhouse is open. Slabs can be purchased at the shop.

Members may also purchase slabs from the shop during open club hours.

PLEASE THANK OUR NEWSLETTER SPONSORS!

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2023

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

Larry Vangor lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: Operating account \$18,298.69, Building Fund \$23,454.43 and Edward Jones \$15,000.00.

Members Report:

Membership: Sherry Shippy stated the club has 423 members including children. 3 new members 8/2/23.

Shop: Mike Hepburn stated the shop was getting ready for the fair and having an electrician in on next Thursday for some electrical work at the club house.

Classes: Jeannie Lehl stated no classes during the fair, Aug 24 beading class with Jeannie, Sept 14 pine needles class with Trish Hepburn and Sept 28 beginning wire wrap with Liz Peters.

Field Trip: Alice Gutshall reported no planned field trips. Roy Lichtenstein led 6 members to Glass Buttes, Midnight Lace Butte

Congalton Butte Oregon it was a great time and fun for all who went.

Alice and Tim didn't make the Roy field trip but had fun getting lost.

Website: Recently updated and asked people to volunteer at the fair.

Picnic: Is September 16th 11 to 3 will be our annual picnic. It takes place at the Merlin Memorial Park. Bring your chairs, table service, Items for the silent auction, and for the white elephant auction after lunch. Bring chips, salads dessert or a side dish to share. The club will provide the hamburgers, sausage dogs and the fixings.

Yard Sale: Gary Ruehling stated the yard sales is \$12 per spot and has 1 spot left open for September 2nd.

Lloyd Bryant passed away, which saddens our hearts, he was a Life Time member and he has contributed greatly to our club. He will be missed.

Gerry McInnis talked about Margrit will be selling tool and rock stuff in the future.

Hospitality: Janet reported 48 members signed in with 4 visitors.

Chuck Herndon won the visitors prize, **Ken Wall** won members prize, \$42.00 for the ½ cash was won by **Dale Wanzong** which he donated back to the club for books, donation prizes went to **Linda Harger, Julie Lambertson & Gerry McInnis**. **Aaron Gore** donated to the donation prize drawing.

Elections: All current board members were voted in again. **Mike Fields** President, **Trish Hepburn** Vice President, **Jan Arnold** Secretary, **Michelle Wheeler** Treasurer & **Zack White** Parliamentarian.

Last month, Rogue Gem & Geology lost one its oldest, most dedicated members when **Lloyd Bryant** passed away at age 94+. For over 10 years, Lloyd and his wife, Margrit, were active and supportive club members who acted as “worker bees,” volunteering to serve the club in many different ways.

In his professional life, Lloyd was a master mechanic, and he was also an expert lapidary craftsman with over 50 years of experience. He started rockhounding in 1987 when his family lived in Hesperia in southern California; then he began making cabochons, which he called “the most relaxing thing in the World to do.” Later he started lapping slabs and making jewelry from semiprecious gemstones that Margrit would often set in silver. Over time Lloyd started fabricating his own lapidary equipment, which he always painted light blue. He and Margrit were also very active in the Medford Rock Club for many years; and Lloyd's great mechanical and lapidary skill made him the “Go-To” man for a myriad of clubs.



It is very important to remember, and by old time members who worked so hard for enjoy the great club. Rogue Gem & Geology did time members.

acknowledge the great contributions made the club in the past so that we can so by making Lloyd and Margrit life-

Submitted by Doug Foster, the “Petrified Wood Guy” and former RGGC member

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2023

President Mike Fields called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm. July board meeting minutes were approved as written. Reports: Michelle Wheeler reported the Operating Account is \$29,437.70; Edward Jones \$15,000.00; Building fund \$23,454.43.

Shop: Mike Hepburn reported \$30.00 shop income. The trailers have been moved to a new location. Jim Hawkins reported that Pro Electric has fixed a wiring problem in the shop. Jim will be fixing both drop saws and refurbishing the sander for the Fair next year. He is also replacing a water pump.

Membership: Sherry Shippy reported the club has 425 members. 4 new members joined the club during the Fair.

Thursday Classes: Jeannie Lehl reported the following class schedule. September 14th . Open, September 28th Liz Peters Beginning Wire wrap, October 12th . Brenda rock painting, October 26th . Galen Rings. Limit 5 students and cost is \$35. Ring size is needed prior to class. May take 2 weeks.

Claims: Jim Hawkins has completed the paperwork for our claims and will be filling with the counties.

Field Trips: Alice was absent.

Website: Zach White reported the site is there and updated for members to use.

Newsletter: Is a work in progress. Thanks Carla David.

Facebook: Susan was absent.

November Show: Planning is underway and will be run as a committee. Members presently on the committee are Janet Fields, Jan Arnold, Trish Hepburn, Michelle Wheeler, and Jeannie Lehl. The committee needs lots of help so consider volunteering.

Picnic: September 16th . 11-3 at Merlin Veterans Park. Club provides hamburgers, sausage dogs, buns, soda, and condiments. Members with last names A-L bring desserts; M-Z side dishes, salads, and chips. Bring your lawn chairs, plates and utensils. Bring items for auction (quality rocks) and white elephant auction items. Always loads of fun so please plan on attending.

Fair Results: Income \$9388.05; Expenditures \$2555.77; Net Income \$6832.28. Thank you all members who volunteered. Raffle \$728.00; Sales \$3092.05; Thundereggs \$2651.00; Wheel \$2387.00.

Meeting Adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Arnold, Secretary

President's Message:

Mike Fields

The best way to reach me is by text @ 541 415 1710

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

Membership:

The club's mailing address is: P. O. Box 1224, Grants Pass Oregon 97528

When I get the badges I send each new member an e-mail or a phone call telling them they can pick up their badges at the clubhouse on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30. Badges can also be picked up at the General Meeting at the Fruitdale Grange Hall, the first Wednesday of each month, 6pm-8pm.

Our Club is run by Volunteers. As a reminder, all members are required to volunteer a min. of 16 hours a year. PLEASE, we ask you honor this commitment to help keep our club running and in good condition. :)

~Sherry Shippy

♥ Donations ♥

Nick Colangel- thundereggs for the fair; Rick Knaggs- 13 yard art mushrooms; Aaron Gore- 3 Rhodonite slabs; Gerry Hull-(prior to his passing) obsidian knife; Bowman Collection- 2 limb cast, petrified wood, and an obsidian knife; Carol and Louis Swisher- Pink Amethyst with druzy and 2 boxes of amethyst for Jackpot; Dawn Simcoe- an agate nite light, onyx cups, napkin rings, and a large box of pencils; Dan Simcoe- a Last Will and Testament; Connie Silver- 25 Turtles on slabs; Alice Gutshall- a basket of assorted rocks and a pine needle casted pendant; Jill Dugan- seed beaded necklace;

Jim Hawkins- 17 large free-form stones for sale; Nena Ahalt- tumbled rocks and tumbled sea glass; Michelle Wheeler 15 assorted cabs and 35 silver and stone rings. Michelle also made the garden bench; Don Davies- Lunch Bags for the wheel; Ron Eldridge- \$20 to be used for kids to spin the wheel. They were all very happy and one little girl won the jackpot. She was so thrilled!; Trish Hepburn- Shell and Glass necklace and earrings, 3 wire wrapped stone pendants, Barbara Catania- 2 large Stony River, Ca. Jasagates. Edith Crammer- a scale and a book on metal working.

Thank you everyone for your donations for the Fair and Club. You'll are awesome!!!

Trish Hepburn, Donation Chairman.

Shop Talk:

The shop is open Wednesday mornings from 9am to 12pm.

Please refer to the calendar for Shop schedule. There is a **small \$3/hr fee** to use shop equipment at any time.

Thursday evening changes: The shop staff has decided that we need to shift some of the days around to be able to get more members trained in using the shop equipment and making cabochons.

Here is the new schedule:

The **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of the month is open for trained members only, 5-8pm.

The **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of the month is open to members being taught **shop safety and making cabochons** only.

PLEASE CALL ZOLTAN IF YOU'RE

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 the staff for assistance.

~Mike Hepburn

Cabochon Making Class:

Every **2nd and 4th Thursday** evenings 5-8pm at the shop

Sign up sheet at the clubhouse, or call Alice Gutshall at

503-816-3152 for availability or sign up.

Space is limited to 4.

Field Trips:

Alice Gutshall is our new Field Trip Coordinator :)

Please contact her if you'd like to lead a field trip.

Aaron Gore will lead field trips with short notifications

due to his schedule. Please keep an eye out for email blasts of these field trips.

To participate on our field trips, you must be a member of the club and have a signed wavier on file You must sign up for all trips ahead of time, so you can be contacted in case of any changes. Sign-up sheets are available at the general meetings or at the clubhouse. Non-members who sign a waiver (page 2 of the application) can now accompany paid members on field trips.

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.

Classes:

Zoltan is taking a Summer break.

New faceting class will start in the Fall. Sign up sheet is at the clubhouse.



Thursday Night Classes:

Please be sure to REGISTER for all classes.

September 14: Trish is teaching a pine needle casting class creating one of a kind works of art you can wear or use resembling pine needles.

September 28: Liz is teaching a beginner's wire wrapping class. Please bring tools that you have and a cabochon of medium to large size to wrap. If you don't have one, the club should have some available.

October 12: Brenda is teaching a rock painting class.

October 26, Galen is teaching a ring class. This class is limited to 5 people, has a charge of \$35.00, Ring size is needed before the class begins. PLEASE list your phone number. This class could possibly last 2 weeks.

To everyone who signs up for these classes, Please, Please, Please call if you are unable to attend. For many of these classes there are others who want to attend, but because of the limit of the class size, are unable to attend. When you don't show, we are unable to fill their slots. If you are not going to be able to be there please call either the instructor or Jeannie so we can try to get as many folks into these classes as possible. Thank you! All classes start @5pm.

Would you like to teach a class?

Call Jeannie at 541-660-5415



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:

SHOW COORDINATOR: This position requires someone with great organizational and interpersonal skills to make sure everything runs smoothly at our Spring and Fall shows, and the County Fair. Set up Show Committee 2-3 months ahead of time, delegate various jobs to volunteers. Keep open communication with the Show Committee and volunteers. Detailed description of duties will be available shortly at the clubhouse and on the website.

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.

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.

Fire Mountain Gems Orders:

Please contact Nena Ahalt via text to 541.218.5077 or give her a call before you email her your order.

We have to maintain a minimum amount of purchases yearly to keep our discount. Every little order counts.

Claims:

We'll need a few people to go out to our Rhodonite claim to prospect for new material. Bring your hiking boots, and plenty of water. Please call Jim Hawkins at 541-441-1734 to coordinate.

RGGC Website:

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, Zack 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:

Our Featured Artists are being posted on our FB page :) I will continue adding more. This is to show off the variety of talents our club has to those visiting our page. Go give them some love! ♥

Our *monthly meetings* are always posted on our FB page ahead of time, as well as our upcoming *Shows and/or events*. Please email me pictures of classes, field trips and of course the events, so we can share them.

Come take a look, like and comment on posts and pictures :) <http://www.facebook.com/GrantsPassRockClub/>

Upcoming Gem Shows:

August 26-27: 1st Annual Rockin' the Coast Rock & Gem Show, Oregon Coast School of Art 325 High St, Gardiner, OR.

October 6-8: Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show, Wingspan Event Building, Washington County Fairgrounds 801 NE 34th Ave, Hillsboro, OR.

October 7-8: Springfield Thunderegg Rock & Gem Show, Willamalane Adult Activity Center 215 W C St, Springfield, OR.

***** Wheel of Fortune Workshop *****

Every Wednesday morning at the clubhouse.

Please join us to prepare small crafts,
painted rocks that we offer on our popular
Wheel of Fortune :)

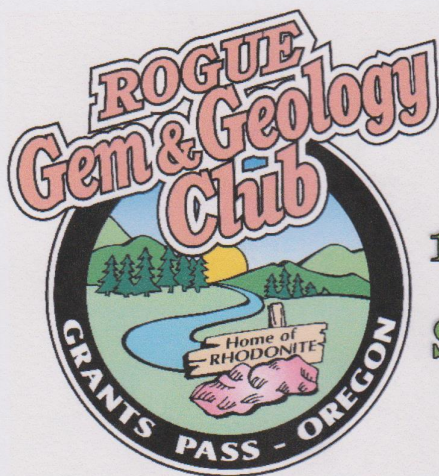
We use the Wheel at 3 events every year,
and we need about a total of 3-4000 items.

Yes, it is a lot! :)

So if you can make it on
Wednesdays 9-11:30am,
we'd love to have you!

It is a great way to meet other members and
socialize, while prettying up rocks ;)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



ROGUE GEM & GEOLOGY CLUB
10TH ANNUAL YARD SALE
1003 ISHAM STR. * GRANTS PASS
SATURDAY * SEPTEMBER 2, 2023
8AM TO 2PM

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“YARD SALE” ITEMS
- HAND-CRAFTED JEWELRY

AND, OF COURSE. . .

MUCH MORE!



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Yard Sale 8-2pm Clubhouse
3	4	5	6 Shop & Club 9-12 Open shop 9-11:30 Wheel of Fortune workshop 6pm GENERAL MEETING at the Fruitdale Grange	7 SHOP OPEN w/Zoltan 5-8pm **Trained Members Only	8	9
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17	18	19	20 Shop & Club 9-12 Open shop 9-11:30 Wheel of Fortune workshop Submissions to Newsletter Due Date	21 SHOP OPEN w/Zoltan 5-8pm **Trained Members Only	22	23
24	25	26	27 Shop & Club 9-12 Open shop 9-11:30 Newsletter Assembly	28 CAB CLASS w/Alice 5-8pm Liz beginner's wire wrapping class	29	30

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