



Beehive Buzzer

The official Newsletter of the Beehive Rock and Gem Club, Ogden UT

Monthly Program

Tuesday, Nov 28, 2017 — 7:00 PM
Golden Hours Senior Ctr, 650 East 25th St, Ogden

We will be having Lynn Hayes speaking about "Now that you have made something out of your rocks, minerals and gems how you go about pricing and selling them". Lynn is a very experienced person in this area and has made so many beautiful things.... Looking forward to all he has to tell us. It should be a very enlightening talk!

Also, November is election month when we vote: for our four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interesting in being nomination for or to nominate anyone else for any of these positions, contact a current officer.

Tom and Debbie Larsen, Program Chairs

President's Message

This year seems to have gone fast and this will be our last Buzzer and our last meeting for 2017. The November meeting will be our club election night. There are 4 positions in

the club that require a majority vote, Treasurer, Vice President, Secretary, and President. The other positions are filled by committee appointment. The committee members including the elected officials have been working hard, some for many years, to make sure the club functions smoothly and our club experiences are fun. That said, we have an opening in the Committee this upcoming year that needs filled.

Program Chair – the past 2 years Tom and Debbie Larsen have done a superb job with the club meeting

programs. We want to thank them for the informative and fun programs they have brought us. There are so many skills and facets of knowledge that make a successful, well rounded rock hound. If you have questions about rocks, minerals or fossils then you will do well at this position because your fellow club members have the same questions. Finding and sharing the answers to questions through presentations using other club members, guest speakers and your own knowledge is what makes up our club programs. If you are willing to contribute your talents to the club as program chair contact a club officer.

This is a great club. We have great members and I enjoy all the positive feedback I get about the clubs direction. Every club member has talents to share and whether or not you share them is up to you. If you will invest in the club you will get a return on that investment that will enrich your life. Happy Thanksgiving, see you at the meeting.

Jason Meyer, President

Calendar*

November

23 Thu Thanksgiving
28 Tue **Monthly Club Meeting, 7 pm**

December

7 Thu **Board Meeting, 6:30 pm**
No Monthly Meeting in December
25 Mon Christmas

January

1 Mon New Year's Day
4 Thu **Board Meeting, 6:30 pm**
15 Mon Martin Luther King Day
23 Tue **Monthly Club Meeting, 7 pm**

* (Club activities in Bold)



Newsletter Format to Change

By Dave Harris, Newsletter Editor

The board is currently conducting a comprehensive review on how the club can become more efficient and more effective communicating with you, the members. We are looking at the newsletter, our web page and our Facebook page to see which format is best for certain information. We are looking at automating some processes to become more efficient. We are looking at using text messaging to send out time-sensitive messages, such as, a field trip being cancelled. Some of these changes may be quite transformative.

The first action by the board in this regard was approving a change in the format of the Buzzer. To help explain the change, let's review a little history. When the club was founded in 1970, a newsletter was really the only way for the club to communicate with its members. As a result, it was designed to be comprehensive, to include current events of the club and also articles of interest.

Back then the newsletter was typed, and articles literally cut and pasted from other newsletters. They were printed, address labels attached, then mailed to the members. Eventually, email and word processing software came along that simplified things and allowed us to produce beautiful, colorful newsletters filled with lots of graphics and articles. In spite of technology, it still is a very time-consuming and committed effort to put it together every month.

Today, we have so many different ways to communicate, but a newsletter is still a very good way to communicate *certain* information. Other content can be more efficiently transmitted by other means. It no longer makes sense to publish, what I call a "long-

form" newsletter when there are more efficient means to communicate the same information.

For example, I have included some very good original articles by members of the club. One frustration has been that no matter how good the article is, it is no longer accessible after it has been published. Instead, articles should be on our web site where they will be more accessible to more people for a longer period.

Here are the changes, recently approved by the board:

- Starting in January 2018, instead of receiving a 10-12 page long, colorful newsletter, you will receive an email (length will vary depending upon the news. It will contain all the pertinent and relevant news for the members for that month, such as, monthly program, upcoming events, field trip information, President's message, etc.
- It will be simple and easy to read with few, if any, photos or graphics.
- It will not contain any articles. Articles with, instead, be placed on the web site. It may have links to these articles, as well as, articles at other websites.
- No more photos compiled from field trips or monthly meetings. Instead, we encourage members to upload and photos they have directly to the club's Facebook page. It is much simpler and more people can share their photos and they will be more accessible to all the members of the club.
- For those receiving a mailed copy of the newsletter, they will receive a mailed copy of the email.

There will, of course, be a transition period which might have some hiccups so we ask for your patience as we figure out how to do this right. Also, we will be very interested in your feedback.

Club Annual Dues

You can pay by cash or check at the club meetings. Pay at the table where you sign in.

You can also pay by sending a check to:

Beehive Rock & Gem Club
P.O. Box 1011, Ogden, UT 84402



Notice: Gem Dealers Robbed

I have some very sad news to relay from the Portland Regional 2017 show.

Montana Gems, Inc. was robbed of their entire inventory while at dinner. Randy and Katie Gneiting had left the Fairplex and were on their way to another show. They stopped to eat and their car was broken into. All of the cases with inventory were taken. This would have been Sunday, October 15, after 5:00pm when the show closed.

Montana Gems, Inc. is best known for their Montana Yogo sapphires. Their inventory is valued at over \$300,000.00 and was collected over 40 years of their lives. Detective Patrick Brady of the Hillsboro Police Department is in charge of the investigation for this crime. If you have any information - saw or heard anything suspicious during the show or at the end during tear down - please contact him. He can be reached at 503.615.3444 (his direct line). The case number is 17-08625. Please refer to the case number if you contact him.

Please pass on the information about the theft while attending other shows and to any rock and mineral clubs you may belong to.

Thank You,

Linda Harvey
Dealer Chair,
Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association
Phone: 503-310-3036

"Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling."

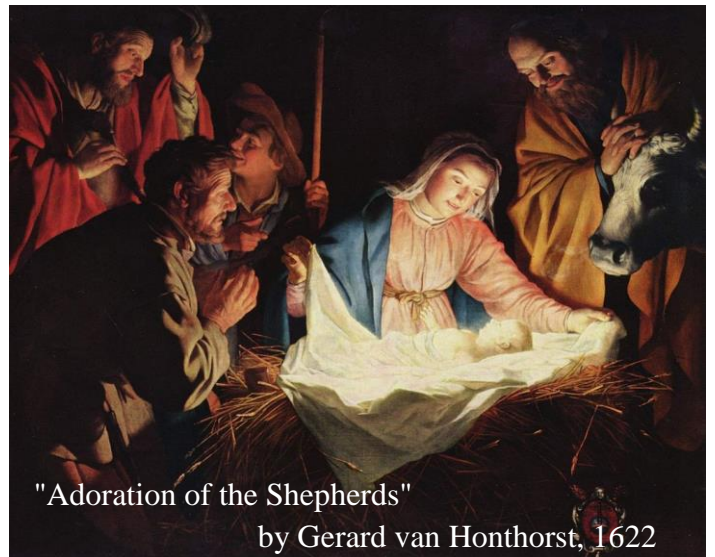
Edna Ferber

Beehive Rock and Gem Club

Great Volunteer Opportunity Opening for New Program Chair-

The program chair puts together a program for our monthly meetings. The topics can be anything of interest to club members pertaining to the topics of rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, etc. Examples, include guest speakers, demonstrations, slide shows, videos, informative talks, etc. If you are interested, please contact Jason Meyer at (801) 690-6479.

*Merry Christmas to You
and to Your Family*

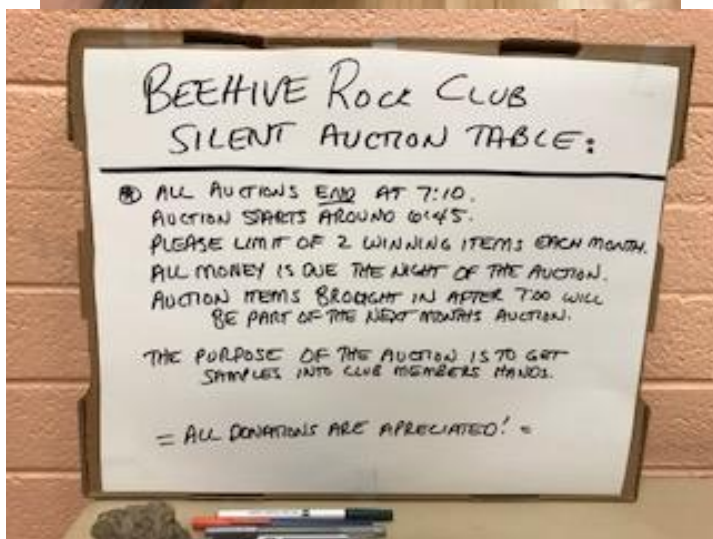


Sincere best wishes to you and your family during this Christmas and holiday season! Remember there is no monthly meeting during the month of December so you can spend more time with your families. We'll see you back in January. Just remember to renew your dues for next year. It should be another fun and exciting year!

The Beehive Rock & Gem Club Board

Monthly Meeting - October 24, 2017

Jason Meyer, gave a very interesting presentation on a field trip he went on with a club in Ohio. Also, members brought in material from recent field trips for a show and tell session.

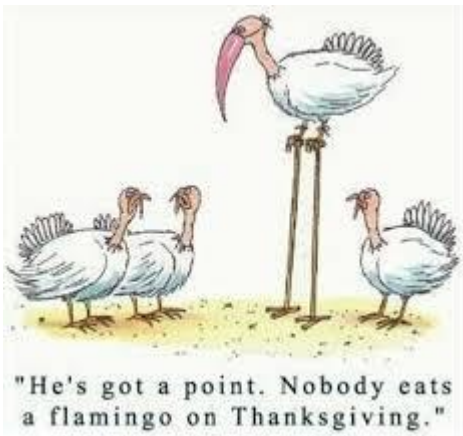


Just a friendly reminder...
Still not too late to pay dues, if you haven't paid yet. See page 2.



"The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest."

William Blake



"Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Half-times take 12 minutes. This is not a coincidence." —*Erma Bombeck*

Officers & Club Information

2016 Board of Directors

Officers

President	Jason Meyer	801-690-6479
Vice President	Debbie Larsen	385-319-2808
Secretary	Dave Offret	801-791-6081
Treasurer	David Law	801-644-4931

Activity Committee and Chairpersons

Field Trip Leader	Roger Bush	801-388-8605
Program	Tom & Debbie Larsen	385-319-2808
Door Prize	Jim Alexander	801-399-0785
Hospitality	Linda Pilcher	801-392-7620
Communications	Steve Smith	801-731-4216
Membership	David Law	801-644-4931
Mini-show	Alice Crittenden	801-547-7781
Safety	Dennis Anderson	801-425-7470
Publicity	Mark Acker	801-475-4705
Buzzer Editor	Dave Harris	385-205-0304
Associate	Linda Pilcher	801-392-7620
Associate	Leora Alexander	801-399-0785
Calling Committee	Linda Pilcher	801-392-7620

Federation Representatives

Rocky Mountain Federation Delegate	Dan Siler
Utah Federation Delegate	Open
Public Land Advisory Committee	Jim Alexander

Club Affiliations

The Beehive Rock & Gem Club began in April of 1970 and is a member of the following:

- Utah Federation of Mineralogical Societies
- Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies
- American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
- Scribe

Advertising Rates:

For sale ads are permitted for members at no charge. Business advertisements will be charged at the rate of \$5.00 for ¼ page or 15 cents per word for less than ¼ page.

Objectives of the Club

The purpose of our club is to stimulate interest in the collection of rocks, minerals, gem materials, and legal fossils. To discuss and impart our knowledge of the different phases of collecting, cutting,

polishing and displaying them. Also to organize educational meetings, field trips and similar events while enjoying and protecting our natural resources.

Membership Dues

Annual membership dues for adult members are:

- \$11 Adult Single
- \$16 Couple or Family
- \$5 Junior Single (Under 18 and not part of a family membership)

Dues are due October 1 of each year.

Meetings

General club meetings are held at 7 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Golden Hours Senior Center located at 650 E 25th St, Ogden, Utah.

All visitors are welcome!

Board Meetings are held at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Golden Hours Senior Center located at 650 E 25th St, Ogden, Utah.

Mailing Address

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P.O. Box 1011, Ogden, UT 84402

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