



# Beehive Buzzer

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## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi Fellow Rockhounds,

This has been a great year so far! “All the places we’ve gone, all the rocks we have seen, Oh, what a wonderful club we are in!” Ha! Ha! That just came into my head. The weather is FINALLY cooling down. So, our field trips in September and October will be more enjoyable. Thank goodness!! Our trip to the Blue Forest in September is one of my favorites. The chalcedony in the petrified wood is a medium bluish color mixed with black, white, and browns. Beautiful! If you want to dig a bit you can find bigger pieces. Otherwise, you can find many pieces on the surface. Our big trip to New Mexico in October has so many items we will be looking for that it makes the trip definitely worthwhile. Look further in the Buzzer to see the detailed information about both trips.

See you soon, Debbie

# LAST MONTHS MEETING

For our August meeting, our members shared potluck. Jim Bean shared his knowledge about Geodes and some very interesting and cool rocks.



# THIS MONTH'S MEETING

**When?** September 24, 2024

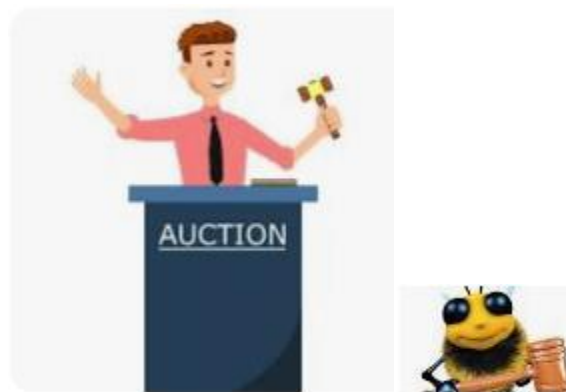
**Where?** Golden Hours Senior Center 650 25th St, Ogden UT 84401.

**What time?** 5pm to 5:30pm – Bring in items to be auctioned

5:30 - 5:55pm Viewing time for club to Auction Items

6pm a few announcements

6:10pm to 8:30pm Auction



## PROGRAM – ANNUAL BIG AUCTION!!!

Since the auction event is loved by all ages, Kids will be joining the main group for the bidding fun! If you are bringing items, we ask that you only bring up to 5 items. Let **us explain the 5 items** (example: 1st - item can be 4 plates of say wonder stone smalls, 2nd - a large piece of petrified wood, 3rd - slab of Azurite, 4th - slab of Honey Calcite, 5th- 3 of plates Picasso Marble smalls. Also, have your **pieces labeled as to what they are**. Masking tape works well on the bottom.

All Items will be given a number as they are put on the table so you can write down on your BID Card what items you would like to bid on. We will not go in consecutive order with the bidding though. Just so you are aware. **Text Debbie Larsen 801-390-2808 what you will be bringing so we know what to expect.** Thanks for your contributions!

## **2024 Field Trip Schedule**

**Sept 28th, Kemmerer, Wyoming** day trip – Blue Forest Petrified Wood. **Darrell and Darlene will be the leads.**

**Oct 10 – 14th, Farmington, New Mexico** year end overnight weekend trip. This trip has been confirmed with the San Juan County Gem Society and further instructions are below. This is Columbus Day weekend.

**\*\*\*Don't forget to pack a cooler with lunch and lots of water.**

This would also be a great time to go to [www.beehivrockandgemclub.com](http://www.beehivrockandgemclub.com) and review Tom Larsen's Vehicle Preparedness information and our Field Trip rules.

...**ADDITIONAL INFO ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES...**



# UPCOMING TRIP INFORMATION

## BLUE FOREST, WYOMING - PETRIFIED WOOD

September 28<sup>th</sup> 2024



The Club will be conducting a field trip on Saturday, September 28th, to collect petrified wood northeast of Kemmerer, Wyoming. Driving time from Ogden to the collecting area is approximately three (3) hours via I-80 to highway 189 north to Kemmerer, Wyoming. ***Please note: Don't forget to refuel in Kemmerer.*** Continue north from Kemmerer on highway 189 until you reach highway 372, then turn east (right) on highway 372 towards **Slate Creek Campground** which is just south of Fontenelle Reservoir. Continue on highway 372 until you come to a stop sign at the intersection of highway 372 and 311, continue straight thru the stop sign on route 311 for one (1) mile to Slate Creek Campground which will be on your left. The group will meet at **the Campground at 10:30 AM** and we will depart for the collection site **NO LATER THAN (NLT) 11:00 AM**. Small pieces of wood can still be found on the surface, but you may want to bring a shovel and/or a ground probe to find those buried pieces of wood.

Darrell and Darlene McRoberts will be the lead for this trip, so please let them know if you will be attending. You can call or text them at 801-317-7001 or 7000. Hope to see you there!

# **NEW MEXICO FIELD TRIP**

## **October 10 – 14<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day Weekend**

The Club will be conducting our year end field trip beginning Thursday, October 10th – 14th to Farmington, New Mexico, with Thursday and Monday being travel days. The San Juan County Gem Club is hosting this field trip and will be taking us to the collection sites each day. Some of the things that we might be collecting; petrified wood, which includes conifers, palm, opalized and limb casts, agate, barite, quartz, fluorite and various fish fossils.

Farmington is approximately a 7 ½ to 8 hours' drive from Ogden. To get there, make your way south thru Moab to Monticello, Utah where you will turn left (east) on US Highway 491 to Cortez, Colorado and then continue south to Shiprock, New Mexico. At Shiprock, turn left (east) on US Highway 64 which will take you into Farmington.

For those of us who will be **Dry Camping**, the campsite is located just west of state highway 170. To get there, turn left (north) off US Highway 64 onto state highway 170 as you approach the city limits of Farmington. Continue north on highway 170 for approximately 4.1 miles and then turn left (west) onto a dirt road. Continue for approximately 1 mile, bearing left on the main dirt road to the camping area. Here are the GPS coordinates from Google Maps (36.796213 - 108.236140) for the site. Hopefully, we will have our Club signs posted as you turn off highway 170 directing everyone to the campsite.

**For those of you who will NOT be camping**, hotel accommodations can be made in either Farmington or Bloomfield.

**Please note: The Club will be meeting at the camping area at NO LATER THAN (NLT) 9:00 AM each morning for departure to the collection sites.** Please reference the above GPS coordinates for the campsite. On Saturday evening, we will be having a **potluck dinner** at the campsite, so please bring a dish.

Darrell and Darlene will be the lead for organizing this trip, so please let them know by October 8th if you will be attending. You can call or text them at 801-317-7000 or 7001. Hope to see you in Farmington!

# Last Month's Texas Springs Trip

Petrified Limb Casts, Snake Skin Agate, Paisley Agate.



# Need to Contact Us?

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