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A Stone's Throw

The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club

Let's hear from our President, Kathy Hollenback

Hi everyone,
Let's get fired up about the Bozeman Gem and Mineral Show. We have lots planned — We plan for this all year long and it is our time to really spend a weekend surrounded by all kinds of beautiful rocks and gems.

Our hobby is very important to most of us and we enjoy beautiful things as much as going on field trips. Many of us will be displaying our rocks in a case. It is a fun way to show off what we have collected or bought. My display case is usually a combination of rocks I've found or been given.

Some people are very creative in their displays and it's always fun to look at something new.

Another part of the show that I really enjoy is the silent auction. I have found many treasures.

More information can be found throughout the newsletter.

Let's have some fun at the Gem Show.

Thanks.

Kathy Hollenback,
Club President



Meeting Dates:

- Gem and Mineral Show
May 12 & 13
- May 15, 2012
- June 19, 2012
- July 17, 2012
- August 21, 2012

Upcoming Events and Rock

Tentatively we will have an outing to look for garnets on May 19th or 20th located beyond the Ruby Reservoir.

Stay Tuned.

Ruby Rhyolite is much pretter than this sample.



Unofficial Minutes of the March meeting—April 17th

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Kathy Hollenback, in basement of the Valley Bank in Belgrade. Approximately twenty-one members were present. Mike Greener a photographer with the Bozeman Daily Chronicle was also present to take pictures of members painting rocks for the Gem and Mineral Show.

Gem and Mineral Show.

Ken Zahn will make copies of the flyer and distribute to area hotels.

An ad will be placed in the weekend yard-sale section of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. It will also be in the calendar section of the Get Out. Chronicle writer Jodi Hausen will write an article, with photos taken at the meeting, that will be in the Get Out on Friday, May 11, 2012. Radio and television stations will advertise the show. Show information was put in the Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce and the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce web sites.

The trailer with the display cases is in Billings and John Slay will be asked to pick it up on his way back from North Dakota. There are plenty of display cases for those who are interested in displaying their collections. The club will be selling polished rocks in bags at the show. Vendors will be setting up their tables at about 1:00 PM on Friday, May 11, 2012.

Any mothers bringing back their ticket stubs from the Saturday show will be admitted to the Sunday show for \$2.00.

Volunteers for the Gem and Mineral Show

Volunteers are needed for the garnet table, rock spin, ticket takers and other activities. A sign up sheet was available for those interested.

Friday, May 11, 2012, volunteers are needed to set up tables at the fairgrounds for the Show. Volunteers will meet at 8:00 AM at the fairgrounds.

Rock donations are needed for the show. Pat volunteered to help with this.

Bill Gingerich volunteered for the garnet table.

Friday Night Potluck at the Fairgrounds.

Friday, May 11, 2012 at 5:30 PM, the club will have a supper for the volunteers and vendors. Cheryl Bennett will purchase fried chicken. Members are asked to bring a side dish.

Airport Display Case

Glass was donated for the display case. A letter will be sent to the Historical Society informing them when we wish to pick up the display case. The old glass from the case will be removed at the Pioneer Museum. The case will be taken to the Airport and a glass company will install the new glass on site. Montana gem and mineral samples will be put in the case.

Collecting Sites

Ideas for new collecting sites are needed.

More than 300 acres adjacent to Crystal Park will be withdrawn from being able to file additional mining claims at some point soon. People who are interested in going there to prospect should do so before it closes.

Ken has put together a packet on Utah collecting sites. He will email the first three pages to those who signed up for copies. The packets will be available at the next meeting.

Other Items of Discussion

Diana Arnold will have a Kinsey Collection Committee meeting. You may contact Diana for those who are interested in attending.

The club would like to buy a sound and speaker system, to be used at the Gem and Mineral Show. A motion was made, seconded and passed for the club to purchase a speaker system between \$300 and \$400.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. Tables were set up for rock painting and decorating that followed the meeting. Many fun and interesting rock items were created.

"The Gem and Mineral Show"

Gallatin Fair Grounds – Building #1

Every year during Mothers Day weekend we have our annual fundraiser for the club. Dealers and venders come from all over to sell rough, collectible specimens, beads and jewelry. Our club also runs activities for kids and adults. The Club runs multiple silent auctions during both days and sells specimens from the Dobson-Freese Collection.

We need volunteers to help run and operate the show and others to set up and take down the tables, chairs, and cases. Some club members spent the whole weekend at the show helping the venders, running the table events, greeting people coming in the door, selling minerals, running the auctions, and taking admission. Even if you only have a couple of hours that you can volunteer it will help. If you have never helped out at the show, do not feel intimidated; it is easy, fun and a great fundraiser for future club activities. Call Dan Carter: [586-4552](tel:586-4552), or Jerry Hancock: [586-4454](tel:586-4454) for information on volunteering or to help to set up or tear down the show. Or just show up.

If you cannot volunteer, think about bringing your friends and family and letting them enjoy the many education displays, activities and venders. There is a raffle that features many wonderful items donated by venders and club members. Please tell anyone about the show you think might be interested. We would like to again increase our attendance record. Club members get in free so if you have not paid your 2012 Club dues this is a good time to do it. Display cases are offered free to any club member wanting to display their rock collection or related items. Moms get a \$1.00 off the \$3.00 entry fee on Sunday (Mother's Day) and kids under 12 are admitted free both days when accompanied by an adult.

Setup starts Friday May 11th at 8:00 AM at the Fair Grounds. It will continue all day. A chicken dinner is provided for volunteers by the Club at 6:00pm Friday night. There will be snacks and refreshments provided during the show. We do not sell food at the show but donations are appreciated. Tear-down begins as soon as the show ends Sunday at 4:00 PM. Please come and enjoy the show.

Programs

Ken Zahn, our Program Chairperson, arranges for presentations at our meetings.

I am trying to schedule speakers for future programs: Recognizing Native-American artifacts in the field, Garnet Mining and Processing at the Alder plant, Collecting Sites in Wyoming and Discovery and Operation of the famous California Benitoite Gem Mine.

Stay tuned!!!
Ken



The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Belgrade Valley Bank building at 7:00 pm. The meeting room is downstairs. We have a program at the beginning, a social time with “show and tell”, a silent auction of great mineral samples, and then our business meeting. We would like to start a Junior club if anyone has an interest or ideas to make this happen. We always encourage young people to attend meetings and rock outings.

Our club membership dues are \$10.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a family. They are due in October for the next year. Memberships are effective January to December. We need some basic information for memberships, so please include this with your check or cash: name, address, phone number, e-mail address, childrens’ names when applicable, and type of membership. We encourage e-mail addresses so we can send newsletters that way. Please check your e-mail and phone number on our membership list. Contact Linda Johnson if you find errors. Call 587-2117 or send changes to lindajohnson.montana@gmail.com .

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