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# A Stone's Throw

The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club

**Let's hear from our President, Kathy Hollenback**

Hi everyone, I hope we have a fun-filled year collecting rocks as well as working on the Gem Show. We have a great group of very active members. A club cannot function without volunteers and dedicated participants. If you have not been able to attend meetings - check out our programs. Ken Zahn is the program chairman and we have learned so much from him and his speakers or videos.

A real special THANK YOU to John Usher for being the president during some challenging and instrumental years working toward a clubhouse. Thank you also for Linda Johnson, who is stepping up to VP and Cheryl Bennett, Christine Day and Dan Carter who are willing to continue in their offices.

Kathy Hollenback,  
Club President



**Meeting Dates:**

- January 17, 2012
- February 21, 2012
- March 20, 2012
- April 17, 2012
- Gem and Mineral Show  
May 5 & 6
- May 15, 2012

**Upcoming Events and Rock Collecting**

Currently we do not have any events planned. If you have some ideas, contact any of the officers.

**Please pay your dues.**

*Is anyone interested in being the editor of the newsletter? Please call Kathy at 586-2105*

It's not hard.

## Unofficial Minutes of the November meeting—Nov. 16th



Please pay  
your dues by  
January 31.

**The program** was given by Ken Zahn. He spoke about journals and magazines on gems, minerals and lapidary. He discussed Rock and Gem, Lapidary Journal, Mineralogical Record, Mineral News, Rocks and Minerals, Prospecting and Mining Journal, Mineral Collectors Newspaper (pick up at the Tucson show, or you may be able to subscribe). These are no longer in print: The Minerologist, Gems and Minerals, Matrix, Minerologic Almanac.

The minutes were read and approved as well as the treasurer report.

**Correspondence** - We received various newsletters and an invitation to participate as a vendor in the Christmas Stroll. We received some raffle tickets from the PWLC for sale.

**Old Business:** New trustee for the Kinsey Collection. Diana Arnold was selected to serve the three-year trustee position. Chuck Borland and Ken Zahn advance to the 2-year and 1-year positions respectively.

**New Officers election:** Kathy Hollenback has said she would accept the nomination for President. The current Treasurer and Secretary will run for another year. Vice president had two nominees; Linda Johnson and Alex Day. Linda won election by secret ballot.

**Dues** for 2012 should be paid by the end of December. If you don't pay by the end of January you are officially dropped from the membership rolls.

**Executive Board meeting report on the program to rent the Fairgrounds house.**

**Committee report:** the club sent back its response to the terms of the draft fairgrounds contract. They will send the contract back to us. We will have an attorney review the final contract version before it is signed. The building is re-roofed and painted. The contract is good for three years.

**Airport display case:** Tempered glass in the Montana Case is required. Cost will be between \$900 and \$1000, which includes the cost of delivering the case to

the airport. There will be an additional charge if a glass company picks it up from the museum. We can put a club sign in the case. The focus would be on Montana gems and minerals. We will need labels. We requested an agreement with the airport that we have 60 to 90 day notice to pull the case. The agreement would state how often the items in the case would be refreshed. We need to check to see if the case already has tempered glass in it. We would like more time to consider replacing the glass in the case so it was tabled until a later meeting.

**Do we need a new sound system** for the club for the show or other events? Jerry Hancock said there is a sound system in the fairground house that we can have.

**Christmas Party:** Christine Day will donate and cook the ham for the pot luck. Silent auction and regular auction donations are requested. Bring your own eating utensils and a dish to share. Bring a donation to the food bank. The Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00. The Scholarship fund had no applications for this year and we will try again next year.

**New Business:**

**Members Name tags.** We need to distribute them to new members. We need to verify that the email addresses are accurate. Joyce had five emails returned back to her from the last mailing.

We need to give membership lists to the general members at the meetings in January/February.

We are asking for someone else to take over the newsletter since Kathy H. is now the president. We will bring it up at the December meeting.

**Field Trips:** The field trip to the Golden Sunlight Mine was cancelled due to poor weather. The pyrite wall is covered by snow. They will reschedule the trip in January or this Spring

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07.



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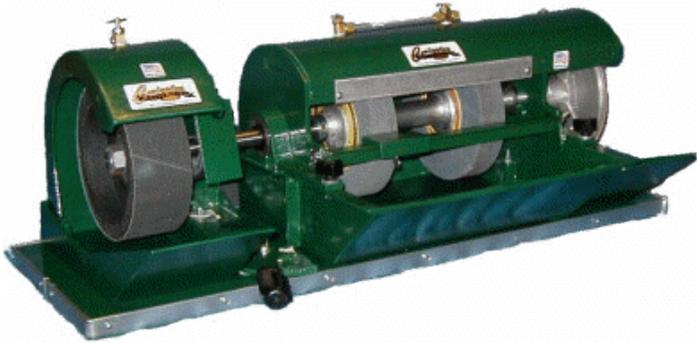
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favorite gem  
or mineral?**

**Do you have  
an expertise  
in some—  
thing—why  
not volunteer  
to give a pro—  
gram?**

## Programs

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

Last year's survey of interest in films/ DVDs available from AFMS regional libraries showed greatest interest in Tom Miner Basin collecting, Yellowstone Agate collecting, Topaz Mountain Utah, & rockhounding in Wyoming. We've had programs on the first 3 of these so far.

Analyzing the 24 later general topic surveys returned at November's meeting, suggestions for future program presentations show an interest in 12-15 different topics. By far the top vote-getters were: Collecting locations in MT and nearby states, Mineral identification in the field, & Cabbng/polishing/faceting.

I am currently arranging for 2 program: Recognizing Native-American artifacts in the field, and the Garnet mine and processing plant at Alder, and will now also develop near-term programs on the other topics of interest reflected in the surveys. 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.

Contact Kathy or another officer if you have questions or suggestions.

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