

**November—  
December 2012**

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# A Stone's Throw

**The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club**

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

Hi everyone,

The year is winding down. There are still lots of great things planned. Please come to the meeting as we have a special speaker—Dick Berg from Butte. He has a wealth of knowledge about the Boulder Batholith and Sapphires in particular. It should be very interesting. Please try to bring your membership dues to the meeting in November and you will get to vote for the club officers.

The December meeting and Christmas Party is always a fun time. We will have a silent auction and probably a live auction. The club will provide a ham or turkey for the main dish and everyone else can bring something to share. It is really hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are almost here

Thanks.  
Kathy Hollenback, Club President

**Upcoming Events and Rock Collecting**

Nothing at this time. If you have ideas for a winter event—please contact one of the officers.



**Meeting Dates:**

- November 20, 2012  
2013 Officer Elections
- December 13 is the  
Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m.
- January 15, 2013
- February 19, 2013

## *Unofficial Minutes of the October meeting—October 16th*

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm in the Valley Bank of Bozeman by John Usher, past president.

Next month's program will be Dick Berg, previously from MT Tech. He will be discussing sapphires in the Rock Creek District. In place of the program tonight, Ken discussed the case at the airport. The airport maintenance department will replace the glass, make modifications, and place the case on the second floor. It may be ready for specimens before Thanksgiving, at the latest, by Christmas. We will need to have specimens and labels by then. We are looking for specimens from members to loan or donate to us for the case. For the November meeting Ken has asked that specimens be brought in by members for consideration for inclusion in the case. There is not a lot of room, but we will be changing the case items regularly.

We should send a thank you to the airport maintenance person who is doing the work. Ken will send the thank you notes with the amount of the donations so they can be used for their tax returns.

### **Minutes were read and approved.**

**Correspondence:** Helena, Butte and Billings clubs newsletters, and a thank you card from Doug Ellis.

### **Old Business:**

Ken Zahn reports that we received the receipt from Bureau of Land Management that both claims have been filed and are on record for the current year.

Dan Carter stated that the club has a small handful of people who are doing most of the committee work. We encourage members to become more involved in the support of the club. It often offers the opportunity for impromptu field trips with some of the very involved members. There is also plenty of help from others to assist you.

The Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Bozeman Senior Center.

### **New Business:**

NW Federation allows us to nominate a member for the Rock Hound of the Year award. We should nominate someone in Novem-

ber. If no one else does the nomination, John Usher will do it.

On the back table is a display of amethysts. There is information available as well as a calendar that you can order.

Chuck would like to ask people to bring in something purple for the November meeting.

Bill stated that he was at Souerbiers and was told by one of the hired hands that at the new block management kiosk, someone used high powered guns and destroyed the kiosk. In addition, a gate for their property was torn down, allowing their cattle to get onto a neighbors property. This cost them a lot of time and money rounding up the cattle. They are now considering closing their land to all access. If you see anything suspicious if you are in that area, please report it immediately.

Bill made a motion that we send a \$100 Cenex gift card to them in appreciation of us using their property. Sherry seconded. The motion passed.

### **Field trips:**

Whiskey Gulch was a success. There was some success finding interesting items in the burned out areas, including crystals. There were plenty of pieces of garnets and calcite in the regular dig site. It is recommended that you bring a screen if you are interested in going through piles already dug.

The claim one trip was not attended by anyone. Ken went and found several small crystals that are on the back table. The last part of the road is getting difficult. We will have to see if we can remove some rocks from the road to make it passable.

We need to notify NW Federation of the dates of next year's show. Ken will do that.

Butte will host the 2013 Federation show.

Chuck Borland discussed the Denver show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

## *"Our New Website"*

- The address for our website is:
- <http://bozemangemandmineralclub.com/>

## *Upcoming Events*

**April 20-21 2013 KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON:** Annual show; Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club; Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds; 1500 S. Oak; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free with adult; dealers, demonstrations, displays, kids' corner, door prizes, silent auction; contact Mary Lou Omstead, (509) 783-2798; e-mail: mlofbo@yahoo.com; Web site: [www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com](http://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com)

**May 4-5. 2013 BOZEMAN, MONTANA:**

**August 9-11. 2013 BUTTE, MONTANA:** Northwest Federation's 75th Anniversary Show; Butte Mineral & Gem Club; Butte Civic Center; 1340 Harrison Ave.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors \$4, students (10-17) \$3, children (under 10) free with adult; more than 26 dealers, more than 100 exhibits, daily field trips, silent auction, speakers; contact Pete Knudesen, 1301 W. Gold St., Butte, MT 59701, (406) 723-8524

## *For Sale*

Cheryl Bennett has a very nice metal detector. –used twice. It is a Gold Bug 2 which has 2 heads, specific for gold. She bought it for her husband Robert. Cheryl paid \$1000.00 for it and would like \$800.00. She also has a printed instruction book that will go with the metal detector.. Her phone number is 586-7879.

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 \* We will begin collecting membership dues for 2013. They are \$10.00 \*  
 \* for a single and \$20.00 for a family. \*  
 \* Bring purple rocks to the November meeting for show and tell. \*  
 \* If you have Montana rocks that you would like to donate for the dis- \*  
 \* play case at the airport, you may bring those in too. \*  
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## Programs

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

Dick Berg from Butte will be our guest speaker in November.

If you have ideas for subjects or would like to share with the rest of us your expertise—please talk to 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](mailto:lindajohnson.montana@gmail.com).

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