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A Stone's Throw

The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club

Let's hear from our President, Kathy Hollenback

Hi everyone,

Summer is winding down and there never seems like enough time to do all the things we want to do. There is still plenty of time to attend some field trips and see some rock shows. Check out the details on page 3. Gem Mountain was very fun and something I hope we do again. At Calvert Hill there was a variety of rocks to collect. Jerry got the prize for the day with his Aquamarine crystal. I found a garnet that I hope I can get out of the matrix and some nice epidote on matrix.

Some of us have had a dream of having our own building with meeting room and lapidary work area. We will be discussing the Fairgrounds building at the next meeting. It will take a lot of work and we will need lots of help to make this happen.

Some club history— Carl Idland has been a club member for a long long time and is now an honorary member. He lead our field trips for years and has a wealth of knowledge. He allowed us to store a bunch of Montana Agates at his home. These are the agates that we will move to another location. He now lives in an assisted living home in Belgrade. Unfortunately, he has not able to make it to many of our meetings recently. We will allow some collecting during the move.

Thanks.
Kathy Hollenback, Club President



Meeting Dates:

- September 18, 2012
- October 16, 2012
- November 20, 2012
- Elections today
- December ? Christmas Party Stay tuned for the date and time

Upcoming Events and Rock Collecting

September 9, We will move a pile of agates at Carl's house to another location. Meet at Belgrade Albertston's at 11:00. Bring gloves—we hope to be done in a couple of hours.

September 23, Whiskey Gulch, any car can get there, bring good gloves, lunch, insect repellent, sunscreen, hat and a walking stick if you have one. We will collect green diopside, rootbeer colored garnets and blue calcite. Stay tuned for time and meeting place—probably Belgrade Albertston's at 8:00 am.

Unofficial Minutes of the August meeting—August 21st

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence:

There was a newsletter from the Helena Club, a flyer on the Colorado Fossil Expo, a flyer on the Denver Fall Show, and from the Pioneer Museum requesting donations.

Old Business:

Clubhouse update: Jerry reports we should have a contract in two weeks.

New Business:

Earl Stermetz' brother has quite a bit of grit for sale. He also has the oak showcase, 5x20" with glass shelves. He also has new, white, straw cloth for showcases that he is giving away. There is a regulation showcase like those used in the gem shows that he can sell for \$25.00. The items must be moved because his brother's house has been sold.

Ken Zahn will renew both mining claims. The cost is \$140 a claim. Ken will put up signs at the first claim since non club members have been gathering crystals there.

There were no committee reports.

This is the only photo I took at Calvert Hill. Rex and Katherine gave me a ride home from this outing.

Field Trips:

The Spencer Opal Mine no longer allows people to go into the mine area, but they do bring up mine dump material for people to go through for a cost. They will bring up fresh material for the club if we have a field trip there.

There is a fee per person for this. They close the first of October.

Ken is willing to do another field trip to claim 1 and possibly rent the cabin if anyone is interested.

John Usher could lead a field trip to Whiskey Gulch on Sept 16 or the 23rd of September.

There are piles of rock, mostly agate at Carl's house that must be removed. We will go over there on Sunday, September 9th. Meet at 11:00am at the Belgrade Albertson's. Ken said we have about 100 buckets to put them in.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36.

Ken presented a program on Pegmatite minerals.



"Our New Website"

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

You'll probably find it referenced on the 1st page of options (along with our earlier web-based page through Facebook) when you use Google's search engine through Safari, and on the 2nd page of options when using Google through Firefox. Take a look at the "click-on" topical tabs at the top and bottom of the page so you can make suggestions to Kathy Hollenback for text and additions. Recently added are some entries under the "FAQ" (Frequently Asked Questions) tab -- a pale tab/prompt at the bottom of the page -- as well as some entries under the prominent "Calendar" tab at the top of the page. At the FAQ tab, you'll now find info on what to consider to take on field trips, how to rent a US Forest Service cabin, where to go for directions to our clear quartz claim, reference material on Utah collecting sites, and directions to our picnic site at the Zahn's home next week. We'll change, delete, and add info at this tab as appropriate in the future.

Upcoming Events

September 15-16 The Denver Show

September 22-23 Hellgate Mineral Society Show at the Ruby's Reserve Street Inn, 4825 North Reserve Street, Missoula, MT

September 29-30 The Billings Gem and Mineral Club Show at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings MT

October 20-21 Hells Canyon Gem Club Show at the Nez Perce County fairgrounds, 1229 Burrell Ave., Lewiston ID

Would you like to trade rocks?

Perry Gulsvig from Idaho would like some good Montana agate. He is willing to send Graveyard Plumb, Stickwater Plumb(with feathers), Dugway Geodes and Arizona Amethyst. If you are interested in trading please call him at 509-290-1355.

For Sale

Earl Stermitz would like to sell an oak display case. It is a beautiful piece of furniture. He also has lots of grit for polishing rocks. He would like to sell the grit in bulk to anyone interested. His phone number is 222-1692

Programs

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

I am trying to schedule speakers for future programs: 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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