

January—
February 2013

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A Stone's Throw

The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club

Let's hear from our President, Kathy Hollenback

Hi everyone,

As we begin a new year I am looking forward to more adventures collecting rocks and learning about Montana gems and minerals. Items to discuss at future meetings include whether or not to file a new claim and the latest options for pursuing a prospective home for the club as a clubhouse. Stay tuned and come to meetings for more information.

The Christmas party was really fun. Thanks to everyone who came and brought food products for the Food Bank and items for the auctions. A special thank you to Ken who was the auctioneer, Christine for cooking the ham, Cheryl, Larissa, and Linda for keeping track of the auction items and keeping everyone accountable. I came home with a beautiful blue sapphire - one of two that was donated by Don Baide. I am now looking for a setting to put it in or am planning to make something out of PMC.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting as we start planning the new year.

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:
January 15, 2013
February 19, 2013
March 19, 2013
April 16, 2013
May 11-12, Gem Show
May 21, 2013
June 18, 2013

Unofficial Minutes of the November meeting—November 20th

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm at the Valley Bank of Belgrade.

Dr. Dick Berg, MT Bureau of Mines and Geology at MT Tech, presented the program on findings outlined in his forthcoming book on sapphires in the Rock Creek Sapphire District. He appreciated our club's contribution to the Mineral Museum in Butte and gave us a MT Tech calendar with a display of Montana Sapphires.

Minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence:

Helena Club newsletters, Pioneer Museum Quarterly, and a letter from the Gallatin Historical Society.

Old Business:

Ken notified the NW Federation of our show dates.

John Usher would like to nominate the Rock Hound of the Year. Chuck Borland will be this year's nominee. John made a motion, Cheryl seconded. The motion was approved.

Committee for the airport case are Chuck Borland, John Czyzewski, and Dan Carter. Ken said the large panes of glass on the case will fit. The smaller end pieces have not been delivered yet. They still don't have a time of completion.

Jay, Jerry, and Christine have volunteered to be on the show committee this year.

New Business:

Elections for new officers. Cheri Surdahl and Larissa Lackiw both volunteered to be Secretary. Larissa was elected as the new secretary. Thanks Cheri for being willing to be the secretary. The other officers will serve another year.

Christine Day will cook the ham for the Christmas Party on December 13. Please bring a dish to share, your own utensils and plates, and donations for the silent auction and regular auction. Donations to the Food Bank are also requested.

Ken found a place near the Spencer mine that would allow us to do a field trip to find "ice cream opal." It would be limited to 10 people at a time. We could also go to the Spencer Opal Mine public collecting location for fire opal and then do a side trip for the ice cream opal.

Joe spoke to Sue at the Fairgrounds this week. The proposal to renovate the Fairgrounds Building as a club house is now on the County Attorney's desk.

Gallatin Historical Society would like donations to maintain their building. They need \$30,000 in the next few months. Dan Carter made a motion that we donate \$200, Cheri Surdahl seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

“Our Website”

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

Check out these websites also. www.the-vug.com/ and www.amfed.org/nfms/ you may need to copy and paste to your computer

Upcoming Events

February 23-24 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Idaho Gem Club - Annual Show Adults \$3.00 12 years and younger \$1.50	Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise, ID 83714	Charlie Smith PO Box 1264 Riggins, ID 83549 208-628-4002
April 13-14 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	48 th Annual Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Show Adults \$2.00 Children under 12 free	Idaho Falls Recreation Center Corner B Street & 520 Memorial Drive Idaho Falls, ID 83402	Jim Bosley 208 520 1819 jbosley@cablone.com
May 11-12 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show \$3.00 for those over 12	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black Bozeman MT 59715	Dan Carter or Jerry Hancock Box 11001 Bozeman, MT 59719 406 599 6063
May 18-19 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Treasures from the Universe Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society Admission \$3/person \$10 for a family of 4 or more	First Interstate Center Ravalli County Fairgrounds 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT 59840	Mike McConnell 406 777 0536 micker1949@yahoo.com

I want to remember several people from the rock club community who passed away last year — Diane Carter from Bozeman, Carla Ellis from Townsend and Wilbur D. Lambert from Livingston.

This next item mentioned was in the last newsletter so call Cheryl to see if she still has the metal detector available. It is a Gold Bug 2 - used twice - which has 2 heads, specific for gold. She bought it for her late-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.

 * We are still collecting membership dues for 2013. They are \$10.00 for a *
 * single membership and \$20.00 for a family. *
 * If you have Montana rocks that you would like to donate for the display *
 * case at the airport, you may give them to Dan, Chuck, John C. or Ken. *

Programs

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

January's program is still TBD, but is tentatively set for a discussion of the most recent research and theories on how pegmatite deposits (such as those in the granite of the Boulder Batholith) are formed.

If you have ideas for subjects or would like to share your knowledge with the rest of us—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 sought. 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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