

PARADISE GEM & MINERAL CLUB *NEWSLETTER*



FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

IMPORTANT DATES:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: FEB. 2ND
 ACTIVITIES MEETING: FEB. 9TH
 FIELD TRIP: FEB. 11TH
 POTLUCK/BUSINESS MEETING: FEB. 23RD
 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: MAR. 2ND
 ACTIVITIES MEETING: MAR. 9TH
 FIELD TRIP: MAR. 11TH
POTLUCK/BUSINESS MEETING: MAR. 23RD
 ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE TERRY
 ASHE RECREATION HALL AND ALL BEGIN AT
 6:30PM

 FIELD TRIP MEETING TIME/PLACE
 ANNOUNCED AT THE ACTIVITIES MEETING
 PRIOR TO THE FIELD TRIP DATE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The field trip to our home was very well attended. Carol and I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful day of friendship and rocks.

SHOW: It is time for everyone to get involved in our Show. There is be a need for every member to step up and help.

FIELD TRIPS: We haven't had a great track record with field trips this year. The weather hasn't cooperated and we are having a hard time getting field trip leaders.

EDUCATION: I have already received emails from teachers interested in our schools outreach education program. I will be asking for volunteers to go with me into the schools.

ELECTIONS: It's time to start our nominations process for the elections coming in June. We have a great Executive Board and hope many of them will continue to serve.

The following list of field trips is tentative. The list will be subject to change due to weather, participation and availability of leaders.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2016-2017:

Vehicles / Site Difficulty

February 11	Fork of the Butte	Mariposite	4	5
March 11	Pulga	Jade/vesuvianite	5	6
April 15	Sawmill Peak	Rhodonite/crystals	7	6
May 13	Walker Creek	Jasper	5	4
June ?	Davis Creek	Obsidian		

TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE

VEHICLE ACCESS & PARKING RATING

- 1 - 2** Vehicle access and parking to include bus's, RV's, handicap vehicles, handicap parking available.
- 3 - 4** Vehicle access and parking good for most vehicles and RV's, no specific handicap parking
 - 5** 2 wheel, vehicle parking on rough terrain or trail end
 - 6** 2 wheel access or parking on roads, dirt or gravel, limited parking areas, car pooling may be recommended
 - 7** Difficult access by 2 wheel drive, **high clearance** required (2 wheel SUV's, truck's)
 - 8** 4 x 4 **or** high clearance with Positraction or all wheel slip prevention equipped vehicles.
 - 9** 4 x 4 required due to unknown and possibly difficult roads and trails. Possible inclement weather causing changing road conditions on approach or return
- 10** **4 x 4 required, high clearance** necessary, experienced 4 x 4 driver. Recovery equipment required, basic survival supplies aboard each vehicle

COLLECTION OR VIEWING SITE RATING

- 1 - 2** Flat ground or paved handicap access to and at site
- 3 - 4** Flat ground, unpaved sections, handicap access with some help
 - 5** ¼ to ½ mile trail to site with moderate difficulty
 - 6** ¼ to ½ mile with trails on hill sides, or through brush and creek beds
 - 7** ½ mile or **more** to site, difficult trails and ravines or water crossings. Potential exploration for additional sites
 - 8** Difficult trails, difficult access to sites, or difficult collecting conditions at the site. Unknown trail or collecting conditions at other unknown sites in the area. Exploration trips for additional sites in rough terrain
 - 9** Experienced and equipped expedition participants only
- 10** Experienced, and equipped, and physically fit participants only.

PARADISE FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA

The Future Rockhounds will have a meeting every 2nd Thursday (Activities Night) from 6:30pm until 7:00pm or so, maybe a little less or a little longer. If there are activities that you want to be involved with, we will take that into consideration and work our meetings to fit into the activities schedule. I will be there to receive completed badges forms and help in any way I can. Badges will be awarded at the 4th Thursday (Potluck Meeting) of every month. I will also receive completed badge forms at that time.

If you have any questions about badges please call me at (530) 321-2585.

I hope to see you soon, Robert Davis, Youth Director

LIBRARY

Librarian, Vernita Wright has added some new books. She will have these and several selections from our library at every Activities Night meeting. If you contact her before the meeting, she will bring books that you request.

Crystal, Gem & Mineral Magic---(Cunningham's Encyclopedia of)
Gems and Precious Stones---(Simon & Schuster's Guide to)
Gems Reference Guide—(for the GIA Colored Stones & Gem Identification
Course)
Healing with Gemstones & Crystals by Diane Stein
How to Tumble Polish Rocks into Gems
Love is the Earth (Laying-on-of-Stones) Melody
Love is the Earth (A Kaleidoscope of Crystals) Melody
Love is the Earth (Kaleidoscopic Pictorial) (Supplement A) Melody
Love is the Earth (Mineralogical Pictorial) Melody
Rocks & Minerals (Peterson Field Guides) Pough
Rocks & Minerals (Simon & Schuster's Guide to)
Rocks, Minerals & Gemstones (Handbook of) Schumann
The Book of Stones (Who They are & What they Teach) Robert Simmons & Naisha
Alisian
The Curious Lore of Precious Stones by George Frederick Kunz
Treasure Hunter's Manual #6 by Karl Von Mueller

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Dinosaur (Eyewitness Books)
Rocks & Minerals (Eyewitness Books)
Explore Rocks & Minerals by Cynthia Light Brown & Nick Brown
Geology Rocks by Cindy Blobaum

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

As referred to in the President's Message, our Elections are to be held in June. There will be a 3-person nominations committee formed: one chosen by the President, one by the Executive Board and one by the General Membership. The Committee will poll the existing Board and see if there will be openings that need to be filled. Then it will be responsible for finding qualified people to fill those positions.

We have an amazing, caring and dedicated Board but it can always use new people. New ideas, new outlooks and more input from the membership are necessary for the overall health of our Club. Please consider getting involved to help us grow and be a vital part of the rockhounding community.

EDUCATION:

In our Charter we are registered 501 (c) (3), non-profit, Education. To fulfill our directive, we have devised a program to go into schools to help second and fourth graders with the geology section of their curriculum. We cover the sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rock cycles.

April & May are usually the busiest months for our Education team. When there are definite dates, Mike will be calling on members to help with his "Rock Talks" to second and fourth graders.

2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Mike Eggleston

1st VP: Dave Noble

2nd VP: Greg Dobbs

Secretary: Charlie Daniels

Treasurer: Lois Miles

Director: Bob Davis

Director: Rich Faulkner

Director: Linda Barton

CFMS Director: Kevin Wright

CFMS Alternate: Teri Faulkner

Librarian: Vernita Wright

2016-2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Kevin Wright

MEMBERSHIP: Rich Faulkner

KITCHEN: Annette McGinnis

SUNSHINE: Mary Schisler

EDUCATION: Mike Eggleston

WEBSITE: Kevin Wright

FACEBOOK SITE: Charlie Haggerty

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Bob Davis

BADGE INSPECTOR: Teri Faulkner

SCHOLARSHIP: Trish Haggerty

ACTIVITIES: Dave Noble

FIELD TRIPS: various members

NEWSLETTER: Open

As you can see, most of our Board members are also Committee Chairmen. We could use some help.

ACTIVITIES NIGHT:

February 9th: The machines will be available.

Todd Pearson is teaching a different way to wire wrap stones.

Carol Eggleston will bring jump rings, clasps, ear wires, etc. so you can repair jewelry that needs some love. Bring your pliers to all activities meetings so you can be ready to create.

Bob Davis will be working with our youth for the Future Rockhounds of America badges.

March 9th: The machines will be available

Mike and member, Luke, will offer an overview of metal casting.

Carol will bring a simple jewelry project for you to complete.

Bob Davis will be working with the kids toward their badges.

The Paradise Gem and Mineral Club will hold the 63rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show in Chico the first weekend in April. This year's theme is Fire and Ice, Opals and Crystals

Fellow club members, thank you for the strong support you have shown for this upcoming 2017 show.

Without your efforts, this fundraiser for our earth science scholarship and the clubs general support would not be possible.

Please welcome aboard Cindy Johnson as the Show Case Chair. She needs your support so don't delay in telling her how many cases and the materiel you are showing. ASAP. We need an accurate count to produce a working map of the hall to position cases, Dealers and Demonstrators.

Cindy can be reached at cjmamafish@aol.com

If, you want to show a case there will be a clinic on Show Case Preparation on February 23 on Potluck Night. Potluck begins at 6:30 p.m.

The show time and date:

Saturday April 1 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

Sunday April 2 9.a.m.- 4 p.m.

Set up for the show will begin on Friday March 31, 2017 at 0730 at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. We will need as much participation as possible to do the following:

- * Set up tables, set up tables with risers for case display,
- * Skirting on tables.
- * Case moving and set up and electrical layout.
- * Move in boxes and crates of rocks for the Silent Auction; one of the favorite parts of the show.

We will be holding our second annual rock stacking challenge and will continue with a crowd pleaser; Geode Cutting.

There are jobs for every level of physical exertion from moving large rocks to screwing in light bulbs, to cutting tape with scissors, so if you can do any of these please show up.

We will be hosting a Friday night dinner in the exhibition hall for all our hard-working help and our honored dealers.

In addition to set up, during the show, volunteers are needed for the kitchen, and at the front of the hall to help with admissions, door prizes, and membership. Most of this work is sitting down so you don't necessarily have to be on your feet all day at the show.

If fact, it's preferable if you sign up in 2 or 4 hour blocks so before or after your shift you can have some fun looking at the dealer's wares and spending time with friends looking at the cases.

Please help your club and your friends to make this an amazing show of your participation and talents.

Show Chair, Kevin Wright agateorca@ix.netcom.com

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The following has been submitted by Teri Faulkner, our CFMS Alternate Director

Our Access & Usage of Our BLM Public Lands

The future use, access and management of our public lands is important to everyone who uses those public lands. Please consider contributing your thoughts and suggestions, on the record, to this process. Go to the meetings, if you can. There is something to be said for being able to discuss your values and ideas with those who may be making the decisions. But always memorialize any contact by sending written documentation to the appropriate people at BLM and to yourself.

These are our public lands and it is very important for us to do what we can to ensure access that the users can use, now and for future generations.

Public outreach is usually part of this process. BLM acknowledges that they will work closely with tribal and governmental agencies as well as the public that participates during their public outreach efforts. What we have to do is make them answerable to the public they are supposed to serve. It is incumbent on us, the public, to speak up, in writing, and to work with our governmental representatives to ensure that our public lands continue to serve the needs and wants of the public. This is not a speedy process so we need to be involved for the long haul.

Currently, The Bureau of Land Management is asking for public comments on issues that should be addressed as it begins developing a Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for public lands managed by the Redding and Arcata field offices.

The Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan (NCIP) will guide the agency in decision making on these public lands for the next 15 to 20 years. **It affects about 400,000 acres of public land in Del Norte, Siskiyou, Shasta, Humboldt, Mendocino, Trinity, Tehama, and Butte counties.**

The NCIP will replace the resource management plans that were put into place in the mid-1990s for both field offices. It will incorporate current information on the status of the lands and resources managed by BLM.

Comments must be in writing, and will be accepted until Feb. 3, 2017. Comments may be hand delivered or mailed to the BLM Redding Field Office, 6640 Lockheed Dr., Redding, CA, 96002, or emailed to NCIP_comments@aecom.com.

The BLM will use public comments in drafting the EIS and proposed plan, which will be available for public review and comment. A final plan will follow. The process could take up to four years to complete.

The planning area includes a great diversity of lands ranging from **north coast beaches (Rockhounding Collecting areas)** and dunes to the Central Valley and Sacramento River, to the **foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains (Rockhounding Collecting areas)**.

BLM-managed lands provide a wide array of recreational opportunities including wilderness trails, hunting areas, off-highway riding areas, Recreational Rockhounding, mountain bike trails, and scenic vistas. Public lands support a wide range of uses including mining, timber production, livestock grazing, and firewood collecting and provide habitat for fish and wildlife.

More information is available online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-frontoffice/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=63960&dctmlId=0b0003e880bc935d>.

Those with questions can contact Lisa Grudzinski at the BLM Redding Field Office, (530) 224-2140 or lgrudzinski@blm.gov; or David Fuller at the Arcata Field Office, (707) 825-2315 or dfuller@blm.gov.

With thanks to:

Thanks in advance and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact BRC.

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Submitted by Teri Faulkner

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boulder	limestone	rhodonite
chert	marble	sand
dolostone	mica	sandstone
flagstone	obsidian	schist
flint	pebble	slag
granite	pumice	slate



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