

PARADISE GEM & MINERAL CLUB *NEWSLETTER*



MAY/JUNE 2017

IMPORTANT DATES:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: MAY 4TH
 ACTIVITIES MEETING: MAY 11TH
 FIELD TRIP: MAY 13TH
 POTLUCK/BUSINESS MEETING: MAY 25TH
 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: JUNE 1ST
 POTLUCK/BUSINESS MEETING: JUNE 8TH
 FIELD TRIP: JUNE 24TH

 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.

ATTENTION

DUE TO THE JUNE FIELD TRIP, MOST OFFICERS WILL BE IN OREGON SEARCHING FOR OPALS, OBSIDIAN AND SUNSTONES. OUR POTLUCK/BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE MOVED TO JUNE 8TH. THE USUAL MEETING ON JUNE 22 WILL BE CANCELLED. THE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE JUNE 8TH MEETING.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: We've had three very busy weeks. We have taught over 400 students in 5 different schools. I would like to thank Donna Orr, Fred Foss and Lois Miles for volunteering their help. We only have one more set of second grades and we are done for the year.

We cut small geodes for another 200 kids at school functions. They were delighted and many parents showed interest in the Club and thanked us for our efforts.

Our elections will be held on June 8th. Nominations will be open until that evening. If you are interested in helping the Club and building its future, please consider running for an office.

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
May 13	Walker Creek	Jasper	5	4
June ?	Davis Creek/ Virgin valley	obsidian opals	5	5

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 onl

PARADISE FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA CLUB

There were many inquiries into our program after families saw our display at the Show. Many parents were impressed by our junior rockhounds. Our young people were a lot of help and showed our visitors a good time.

ACTIVITIES MEETING:

On May 11th, the lapidary machines will be set up and available. New members will be able to receive instructions on their use and safety.

A jewelry project will also be offered. Please bring your jewelry pliers and tools.

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.



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