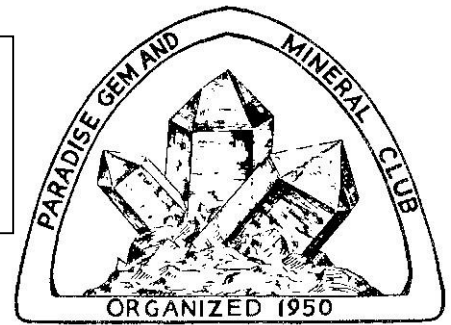


PARADISE GEM & MINERAL CLUB *NEWSLETTER*



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: SEPT. 1ST
ACTIVITIES MEETING: SEPT. 7TH
FIELD TRIP: SEPT. 10TH
POTLUCK/BUSINESS MEETING: SEPT. 22ND
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: OCT. 6TH
ACTIVITIES MEETING: OCT. 13TH
FIELD TRIP: OCT. 15TH
POTLUCK/BUSINESS MEETING: OCT. 27TH
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:

Thank you to everyone that supported me for President. I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

FIELD TRIPS: We have already stated a wonderful but tentative list of FIELD TRIPS. Various members will be leading these field trips.

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.

MEETINGS: I will miss the first couple of meetings because we will be on a rock trip to Colorado. We are planning to visit the Denver Show.

YOUTH PROGRAM: We are very excited that Bob Davis is starting an AFMS-based youth program. He will be teaching classes that will help our kids earn badges and awards.

You Might Be a Rockhound If

- .” You think road cuts are built as tourist attractions
- ” You describe your vacations by the rocks you brought home.
- ” The rockpile in your garage is over your head.
- ” Your PC screen saver features pictures of rocks.
- ” You find rocks when you empty your pockets at night.
- ” You went to a rock festival and you hate music.
- ” You gave rocks, tumblers, or rock tools for Christmas.
- ” When friends say they're going to Tucson, you assume it'll be in February.
- ” You can find Quartzsite on a map in less than 5 seconds.
- ” When someone mentions "Franklin" you think of New Jersey rather than Ben.

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

September 10	Burriss Creek	Jasper	3	5
October 15	Babcock Peak	Rose Quartz	6	6
November 12	Happy Camp	Jade	5	6
December 10	CalTrans/Hwy 70	Pulga Jade	2	6
January 14	Eggleston Rock Pile	Various	1	1
February 11	Fork of the Butte	Mariposite	4	5
March 11	Peterson Peak	Smokey quartz	7	6
April 15	Sawmill Peak	Rhodonite/crystals	7	6
May 13	Walker Creek	Jasper	5	
June 10	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 initial meeting will be on Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at 6:30 pm. That will be at the Teri Ashe Recreation Center. Requirements are: youth must school age to 18 years. Parents or guardians must be members of PG&MC and you must sign up with the youth leader, Robert Davis.

Future Rockhounds of America is a program within the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies that develops and delivers quality activities in the earth sciences and lapidary arts in a fun family environment. Our underlying goals are to foster science literacy and arts education through structured activities that are engaging and challenging and by which kids----and adults who member them----learn while having fun.

PG&MC MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE

Membership fees for 2016-2017 are now due.

Singles are \$25.00 annually

Couples and families with minor children are \$30.00.

You can pay at the meetings or mail your payment to:

Paradise Gem & Mineral Club

P.O. Box 692

Paradise, CA 95967

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

Show Chairman, Kevin Wright, is having the first Show Committee meeting at the Activities Meeting on September 8th. Every member of the Club is expected to help with the Show. Kevin will have a list of Committees and positions that need to be filled. Check with him soon so you can have a choice in which job you will be doing.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED:

President Mike Eggleston needs volunteers for the positions of Newsletter Editor and Membership Chair. These positions are vital to the Club and your participation is greatly needed.

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: Linda Barton

Director: Rich Faulkner

CFMS Alternate: Teri Faulkner

Librarian: Vernita Wright

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