

GOLDEN SPIKE NEWS



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GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY



Members of
Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
and
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies



The Purpose of this Non-Profit Organization is to stimulate interest in the collection of minerals and gem materials, and in the cutting and polishing of gem materials, and related arts; to disseminate knowledge of lapidary arts, mineralogy, collecting and classification of minerals and fossils, and their application in the arts, so that greater pleasure may be derived from these hobbies, and to actively protect gemstone and mineral resources for hobby use, including the location and acquisition of mining claims and properties for noncommercial purposes.

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except April, August & December) at 7:00 PM at George Eccles - Dinosaur Park, 1544 E Park Boulevard, Ogden, Utah, in the Dinosaur Museum.

Guests are Welcome!

Board Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of the month. Currently they are on zoom. Members who wish to attend can request a meeting link from President Deborah Blake



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	
Individual	\$15.00
Couple	\$20.00
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Payment for 'Renewal' of dues is required by **December 31st.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year ALL!

This is the second time I have been President of the Club and yet I am very nervous. My goal is to make the club a gathering place for those of us who love rocks. A place where we can learn, share, and enjoy our hobby. I have learned so very much during my membership over the last ten years, made good friends and enjoyed the meetings and field trips. I would like all of you to experience the same good things I have.

Mike did a Wonderful Job the last few years and his shoes will be hard to fill.

The January meeting will be a "Show and Tell". We hope you will bring some of your projects, or your treasures and join us to kick off the New Year. The "Show and Tell" meeting is always fun, and it's great to see what others have done. This year will also feature a "Special Piece" at each Silent Auction, with a minimum bid, for you to build your collections.

Dave West is our New Field Trip Leader, so if you have places you'd like to go, let him know. Hopefully we will have lots of fun and collect more rocks for ourselves and for the Clubs Rock Bags.

If you are a good Grill Master and would like to help us with the August Picnic please contact me, we need someone who can grill and pull us all together but you would have plenty of help.

Here's to a Happy New Year!

Deborah Blake, President



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**GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2023**

Welcome: President Mike Rhodes Welcomed everyone to the club meeting. Mike thanked everyone for their help during his Presidency.

New Business:

Honorary Lifetime membership: Mike presented Evan Day with an Honorary Lifetime Membership for his many years of service to the club. Evan first joined the club in 1976. Over the years Evan held many positions in the club including several club officer positions, Parliamentarian, and the Club Delegate to the NFMS.

Gift Exchange: Members participated in a gift exchange.

Door Prize Winners: Chris Howell, Tawny Shriber, Kirk Spencer, Ron Kunzler, Axel Nelson, Margie Miller, Jan Rodgers

Silent Auction: The Silent Auction made \$576 in 2023. The funds were used to purchase prizes for drawings in August and December. To qualify for the drawing one must be a current club member actively attending club meetings and/or participating in club activities.

Silent Auction Prize Drawing:

Rock Hammer - Ken Bloom,
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Gad Bar - Evan Day (gave to Mike Rhodes),
Burpee Pick - Judy Brigham,
Paleo Pick - Dylan Sherman,
Rock Hounding Utah Book - Babette Nelson,
\$50 Gift Certificate to 2024 Gemstone Junction - Terry Wilberg,
\$50 Gift Certificate to 2024 Gemstone Junction - Brandon Peterson,
\$50 Gift Certificate to 2024 Gemstone Junction - Brenna Williams.



Meeting Adjourned
Diane Collins

**GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2023**

Welcome: President Mike Rhodes Welcomed everyone to the Christmas Board Meeting at Ramblin' Roads, Ogden, Utah. Mike thanked everyone for their help during his tenure as president.

Attending: Mark and Michelle Hirschi, Diane and Ed Collins, Jeannette Parrott, Kirk Spencer, Dianne and George Ingle, Rich Dunaway, Alan and Brenna Williams, Debbie and Bruce Blake, Mike and Winnie Rhodes, Rod and Margie Miller, Evan Day, Michelle Ernsberger

Minutes: Motion by Margie Miller to accept November 1, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Evan Day. Passed

Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Evan Day to accept October 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented, 2nd by Margie Miller. Passed

Federation Report: Mike will contact the NFMS to find out how much the club owes for membership dues. Evan - The NFMS is looking for ways to save on printing costs, specifically the Newsletter and the Federation Directory.

Club Events:

December 6, 2023 - Club Meeting: Christmas Party @ Golden Corral

January 17, 2024 - Club Meeting: Club Member "Show and Tell"

Old Business:

Trailer Tire – The trailer tire has been replaced by Les Tryon and Kirk Spencer. Kirk suggested we replace the old rim since it was bent, and use the old rim and tire as a spare.

Motion to Adjourn by Diane Collins, 2nd by Michelle Hirschii.

Meeting Adjourned

Diane Collins, Secretary



BRAD'S BENCH TIPS

BEZEL PROBLEMS?

When bezel setting a cab that has rather sharp corners, have you ever had problems pushing the metal down at the corners? It's a common problem often causing a wrinkle in your bezel and a grimace on your face.

In order for a bezel to capture the stone, the top edge of the bezel must be compressed and become shorter to lay down onto the stone. With a round or oval stone this naturally happens as you push and burnish the bezel. But when setting a stone with corners, the tendency is to push the long sides of the bezel down first. No compression occurs along the sides, and all excess metal is left at the corners. Compressing everything there is difficult. Often the only way to remove the extra metal at the corner is to make a saw cut and fold the two sides in to touch.

If you want a smooth bezel all around the corners, the simple solution is to set the corners of the bezel first. Then push in and burnish the sides. In this way the necessary compression is distributed along the length of all sides and not forced to occur at the corners. With the corners set first, the top edge of the bezel can easily be compressed along the sides.



CHEAPER & BETTER PICKLE

Most jewelers use a granular pickle mixed with water. The active ingredient is *sodium bisulfate*. This can be purchased online (<http://amzn.to/2HkNTro>) or from local stores as a common pool chemical used for adjusting the acidity of the water. It's sold under various names, so be sure to check the list of active ingredients for a brand that is 95% or more *sodium bisulfate*. An added benefit is that the pool chemical is more pure in form than what is sold for jewelry use and does not cause the brown grime often found floating on the top of the pot.

Woodruff Field Trip

On October 14 several club members went to Woodruff to collect snail shell fossils, and 'mummies'. The day started out chilly, but warmed up to perfect rock hounding temperatures. Everyone had a great time and came home with lots of specimens.



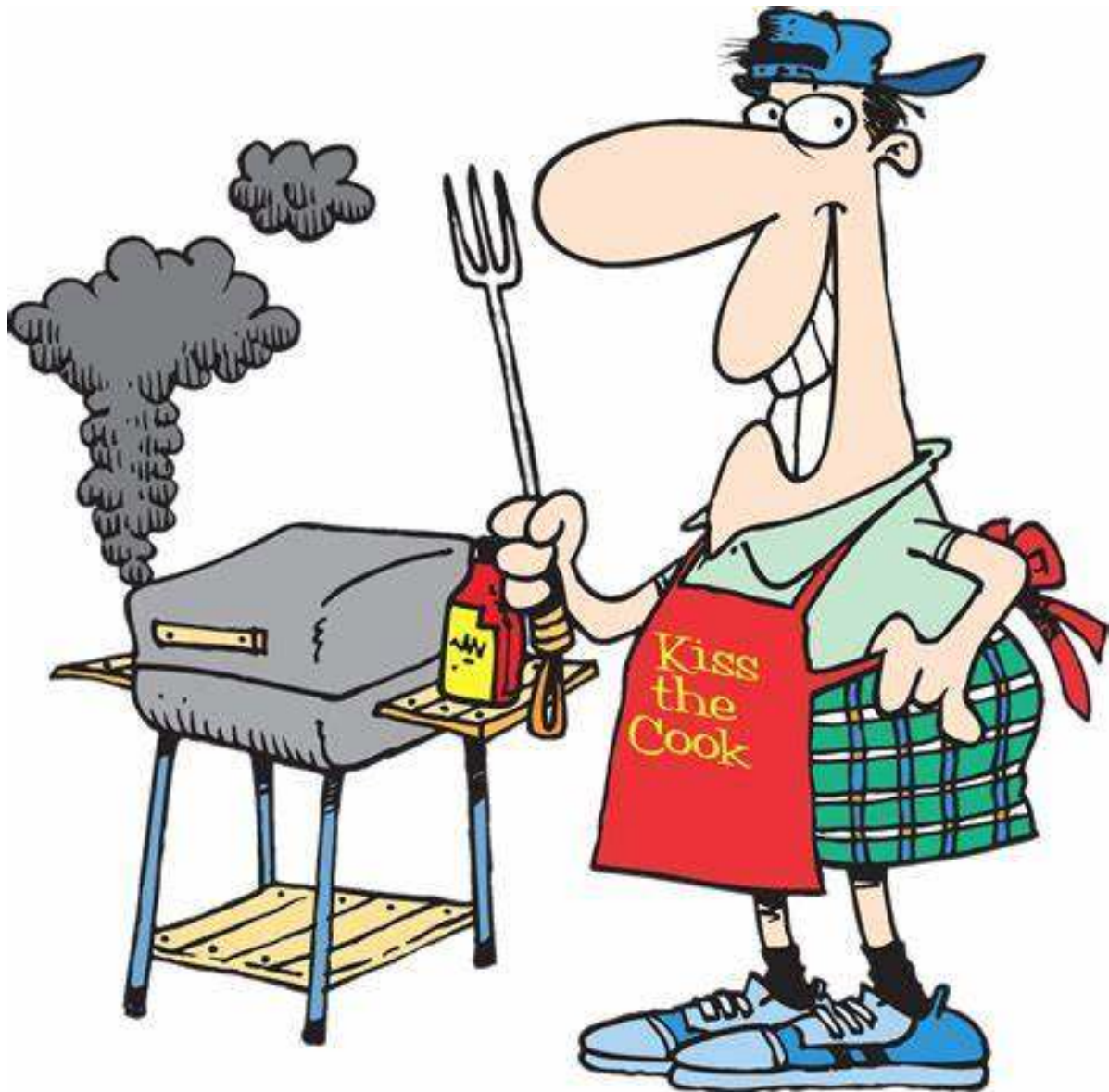
WE NEED YOU!!

Anyone who would be interested in coordinating and overseeing the August Steak Fry!

PLEASE contact President Deborah Blake!

The board is available to help with the planning but we need a Pit Master (or Grill Master) to coordinate getting the grills and supplies, plus meat together. This person would also be in charge of cooking and finding helpers to cook.

If you can help let us know.





CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

Dues for 2024 are DUE December 31st!

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Dues may be paid in person at club meetings to either Rich Dunaway or Bruce Blake.

Also dues may be mailed to the club mailbox:

Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society

PO Box 12835

Ogden UT 84412-2835



Bruce Blake will be at the Club Meeting with his computer to update Membership information.

Please check with him to make sure your information is correct.

We want to make sure everything is current in our lists.

Thanks, Deborah Blake

☀ **HELP** ☀

☀ **'STAMP' OUT CANCER** ☀

SAVE YOUR *USED*
POSTAGE STAMPS

GIVE or SEND THEM TO
TOM BURCHARD



GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

is now on **FACEBOOK!!**

Look us up and keep
up to date on all the happenings!!!

JANUARY PROGRAM

WHAT: Our next club meeting is Wednesday, January 17

WHERE: Eccles Dinosaur Park

WHEN: Silent Auction begins at 6:30 PM - Main Meeting : 7:00 PM

Our program will be a “Show and Tell” Meeting.

We will have tables set up so you can share your interests or specialties with other club members. Please come, share, and see some of the fun things your fellow club members do.

Also we are adding to the silent auction. Sometimes something is donated that is worth well above our usual items. This year, each month we will be adding a Special Item that will be auctioned with a beginning minimum bid. The minimum bid will allow us to put some more expensive items up for auction, thus allowing members to purchase something a little more valuable to add to your collections. We hope you like the addition.

This month our special item is a slab of Bruneau Jasper (*Pictured Below*). It is polished on one side and nicely sanded on the other. This will be the featured item at the January general meeting. The estimated value is approximately \$50.

(Editors Note: We could use more Door Prizes, and Silent Auction items)



**INFORMED CONSENT/ASSUMPTION OF RISK/WAIVER OF LIABILITY
GOLDEN SPIKE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY**

NAME _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Please read the following information, Sign and Date the form to acknowledge that you have read and understand the information presented below.

I understand that field trips and activities that I am participating in, of the above named Club, may include one or more of the following hazards that may result in personal harm.

Unpredictable and dangerous environmental conditions/hazards, including but not limited to snow, rain, wind, very cold and/or very hot temperatures, lightning, altitude, loose rock, falling rock, rock slide, avalanche, mudslide, river hazards, mud, ice or other slippery conditions and contact with poisonous reptiles, wild fauna, and toxic plants. _____(Initial)

I understand the risks inherent in all outdoor activities (including high altitude activities) existing in the environment, either natural or man made. _____(Initial)

I understand that I am required to use appropriate safety equipment pertinent to the field trip activity in which I will be participating. I accept full responsibility for my actions and accept any liability for any resulting damages or injuries. _____(Initial)

By participating I am assuming the risks inherent in this field trip or activity and am releasing the above named society, their officers, director and individual members, from any liability for claims or lawsuits by the undersigned participant, his or her heirs or assignees arising out of this field trip or activity. I have read all the aforementioned information on this form and understand any and all of it. Any questions which have occurred to me have been answered to my satisfaction. I am participating in these activities of my own free will and choice.

If the participant is under 18 years of age, this form must be read and signed by a parent or legal guardian before participating in a field trip or activity.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Children: (any additional children may be listed on the back of this form)

SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION ROCKHOONDING PERMIT

Permit Issued to: BEEHIVE ROCK & GEM CLUB
 (Name)
PO BOX 1011
 (Address)
OGDEN, UT 84403
 (City/State/ZipCode)
801 390 8270
 (Telephone #)

Type of Permit Individual or Family \$25.00
 Association \$200.00

Thank you for asking permission for your rockhounding activity. Funds collected will go to Utah's Uniform School Fund and other trust beneficiary institutions.

In order to help ensure an enjoyable recreational experience, please observe the following restrictions.

- * This permit authorizes collection of up to 25 pounds plus one piece per person per day up to a maximum of 250 pounds per year.
- * This permit authorizes hand collection only (no mechanized equipment).
- * This permit does not authorize collection on Trust land which is being leased for the mineral being collected unless you obtain permission from the lessee. Please leave the premises if asked to do so by the mineral lessee or if the area is posted closed to rockhounding.
- * This permit does not authorize collection of vertebrate fossils or other exceptional fossils that are designated State paleontological landmarks.
- * This permit does not authorize collection on lands administered by other State agencies.
- * This permit does not authorize collection in areas where active mining operations are in progress.

Please report discovery of vertebrate fossils to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

Please observe off highway vehicle use restrictions.

This permit expires on 2/16/24
[Signature] 2/16/23 [Signature]
 AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL DATE PERMITTEE