

GOLDEN SPIKE NEWS



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GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY



Members of
Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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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 4th 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	
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Couple	\$20.00
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds!

Summer is here! Hopefully this message finds all of you in good health and out rockhounding. My husband and grandson joined me on the field trip to Woodruff for gastropods (snails) and we really enjoyed it. I hope more of you will join Gary Warren, this year's fieldtrip leader for trips this summer.

The next trip is on July 27th to northern Box Elder County. We will meet in Snowville and go from there. More details are available later in the bulletin.

Please remember if you can to collect a little for the club. We use the rocks for the silent auction and rock bags, and our stock for that is dangerously low. Any donations would be appreciated.

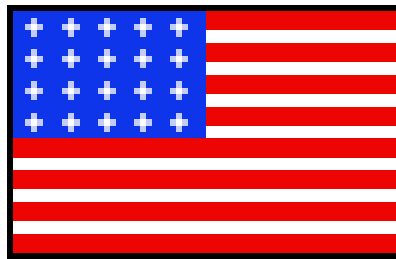
Also, look forward to our annual steak fry on August 3rd. The club furnishes drinks, and meat but you must sign up for your meat choice by July 25th. This can be done by either signing the clipboard at the club meeting or texting me (Deborah Blake) at 435 279-7986. More details are also included in this bulletin.

Thanks for all you do.

Deborah Blake, GSGM President (2024)

I look forward to our meeting and hope to see all of you there.

God Bless



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**GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
 JUNE 19TH, 2024**

Welcome: President Debbie Blake welcomed everyone to the club meeting.

Silent Auction: The monthly silent auction was held prior to the meeting.

Minutes: Motion by Babette Nelson to accept the May 2024 General Meeting Minutes as published, 2nd by Kim Clark. Passed.

Announcements:

Sign-up sheets for the August Steak Fry are available. The club will provide steak or chicken. Please sign-up for a side dish. Please plan on bringing your own plates and utensils.

Sign-up sheets for the June 22nd field trip are available. Please make sure to bring a signed release form. Gary Warren, Field Trip Leader, went over details of the trip. The club will be leaving Rainbow Gardens at 8:30 am. There will be a 2nd meet up at the Woodruff gas station at 11:00 am. Bring a hammer, bucket, lots of water, etc. Plan on starting with a full tank of gas.

Ken Bloom has sign-up sheets for refreshments at the upcoming general meetings.

Door Prize Winners: Taylor Genta, Delwyn Jensen, Jan Rogers, Kim Clark, Mabel Alters, Adelaide Alters, Pyper Jarrett,

Program: Crocodilian Fossils by Ron Nerden

Meeting adjourned.
 Diane Collins, Secretary



**GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 29, 2024**

Welcome: President Debbie Blake welcomed everyone to the virtual board meeting.

Attending: Debbie Blake, Bruce Blake, Rich Dunaway, Dianne Ingle, Evan Day, Jeanette Parrott, Gary Warren, Diane Collins, Chris Howell,

Minutes: Motion by Rich Dunaway to accept April 29, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as printed, 2nd by Evan Day. Passed.

Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Diane Collins to accept April 2024 Treasurers Report as presented, 2nd by Debbie Blake. Passed. Approval of the 2024 Show Report will be delayed until it can be reviewed by Show Chair Margie Miller.

Federation Report: Evan Day: Mike Rhodes will be the upcoming NFMS 1st Vice President, Gary Warren will be the upcoming NFMS 2nd Vice President. The NFMS has decided the Newsletter will be sent out exclusively by e-mail. Gary Warren was asked if the club would consider hosting the 2026 NFMS Show. This will be discussed at a later Board Meeting.

Club Events:

June 19, 2024 – Club Meeting: program – Crocodilian Fossils

July 17, 2024 – Club Meeting: David Wonderly of Bryson's rock shop

August 3, 2024 – Steak Fry

New Business:

Rock Bag purchase by Jeanette Parrott: Motion by Diane Collins to allow Jeanette Parrott to purchase 90 rock bags at \$1.00 each, 2nd by Dianne Ingle. Passed.

Club Patch: Chris Howell: Chris showed a sample "Patch" and wanted to know if the club would be interested in having a patch designed for the club. Chris will check into the cost and what the minimum order would be. The club members will be asked if they are interested in purchasing a club patch.

Old Business:

Contribution to NFMS Endowment Fund: The board discussed making contributions in honor of deceased club members to the NFMS. This will be decided at a later meeting.

Steak Fry: Rich Dunaway has agreed to be grill master for the Steak Fry. Debbie Blake will have sign up sheets at the June and July general meetings. Debbie will ask Mike Rhodes where to order the steak and chicken from.

Field Trips: Gary Warren: Using the input of club members, Gary has come up with a tentative field trip schedule. June 22nd – Woodruff for Fossil Snails, July 27th – Northwest Box Elder County, Aragonite – date to be determined, Jackpot NV – date to be determined, Last Chance Agate – date to be determined.

Motion to adjourn by Evan Day, 2nd by Debbie Blake
Meeting adjourned
Diane Collins, Secretary

We Be Field Trippin'

**Based on your Club Member Survey responses,
here is what Gary Warren has come up with for our
Field Trips this year.**

July 27th - Northwest Box Elder County. Meet at the **Snowville Flying J** gas station at 9:00 am.

August 24th - Last Chance Agate. Meet at Exit 91 on Interstate 70 East of Salina Utah, at 11:00 am. Be sure to gas up in Salina before coming over.

September 28th - Aragonite, Utah. Meet at the Delle Service Station at 8:30 am.

October 19th - Jackpot, Nevada for Texas Springs Limb Cast and other material. Meeting place to be decided later.

Hope this is OK and if we need to we can change some of the dates as needed.

Field Trip Rules and Suggestions:

A **Field Trip Waiver** is required to join the trips.

Please text our trip leader Gary Warren if you intend to attend the trip, at least several days, before the trip at the following number with your intent to trip so we can make sure everyone is accounted for and not left behind. Gary Warren 1-435-720-1775.

You **MUST** can bring **Field Trip Waiver** with you. It is attached to this bulletin.



PROGRAM

Wednesday, July 17th
Ellen Eccles Dinosaur Park

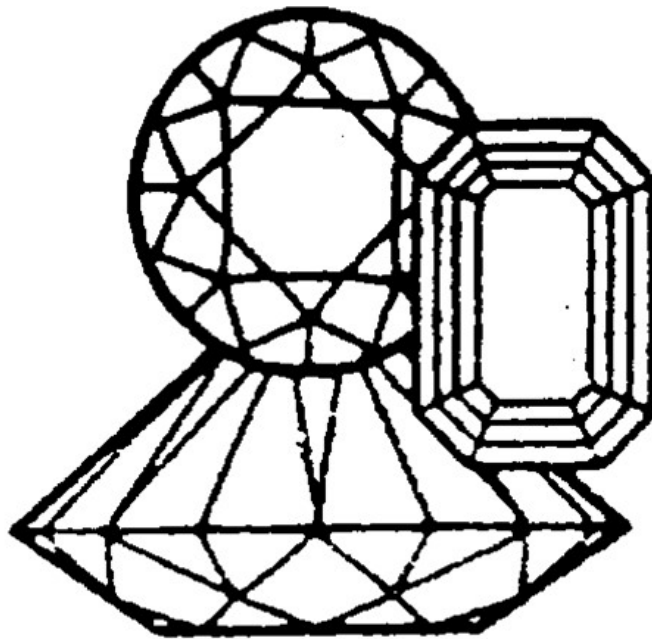
Meet at 6:30 P.M. for viewing the Silent Auction
General meeting stars at 7:00 P.M.

Our speaker will be:

DAVE WONDERLY

Dave from Bryson's Rock Shop will present the Program for our July 17th General Meeting.
Bryson's Rock Shop is located in Ogden and has been a local fixture for years.
They have also been a vendor at our April shows

See You There!



Door Prizes for Steak Fry

SILENT AUCTION PRIZE DRAWING AT STEAK FRY

Prizes were purchased with money raised at the Silent Auctions prior to our General Meeting from February through June.

Prizes to be Given Away:

- 1 - Lortone 33B Tumbler (2 Barrel)
 - 1 - Phone Microscope a.k.a. "Gizmo"
 - 1 - Rock Hammer
 - 1 - Paleo Pick
- (Tools purchased by Mike at Vals – List)

Drawing Eligibility:

Attended a General Meeting February through June and your name was entered.
Or participated in the Show set-up, tear down, or worked Show days name was entered

And a member of the club in good standing (paid dues)

Names were only entered ONCE – 64 names

* Don't forget the Tail Gate/Trunk show and sale after our meal if you would like to sell or buy from club members.

DATE: August 3rd, 2022 - Saturday
PLACE: the "Riverdale" Pavillion @ Weber County Fairgrounds
 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden (see map below)
TIME: 4:00 PM - Set Up & Visiting
 5:00 PM - Dinner



TAILGATE: We will have a **Rock Swap-Tailgate - AFTER DINNER**

COST: FREE to Members; \$8.00 for Guests

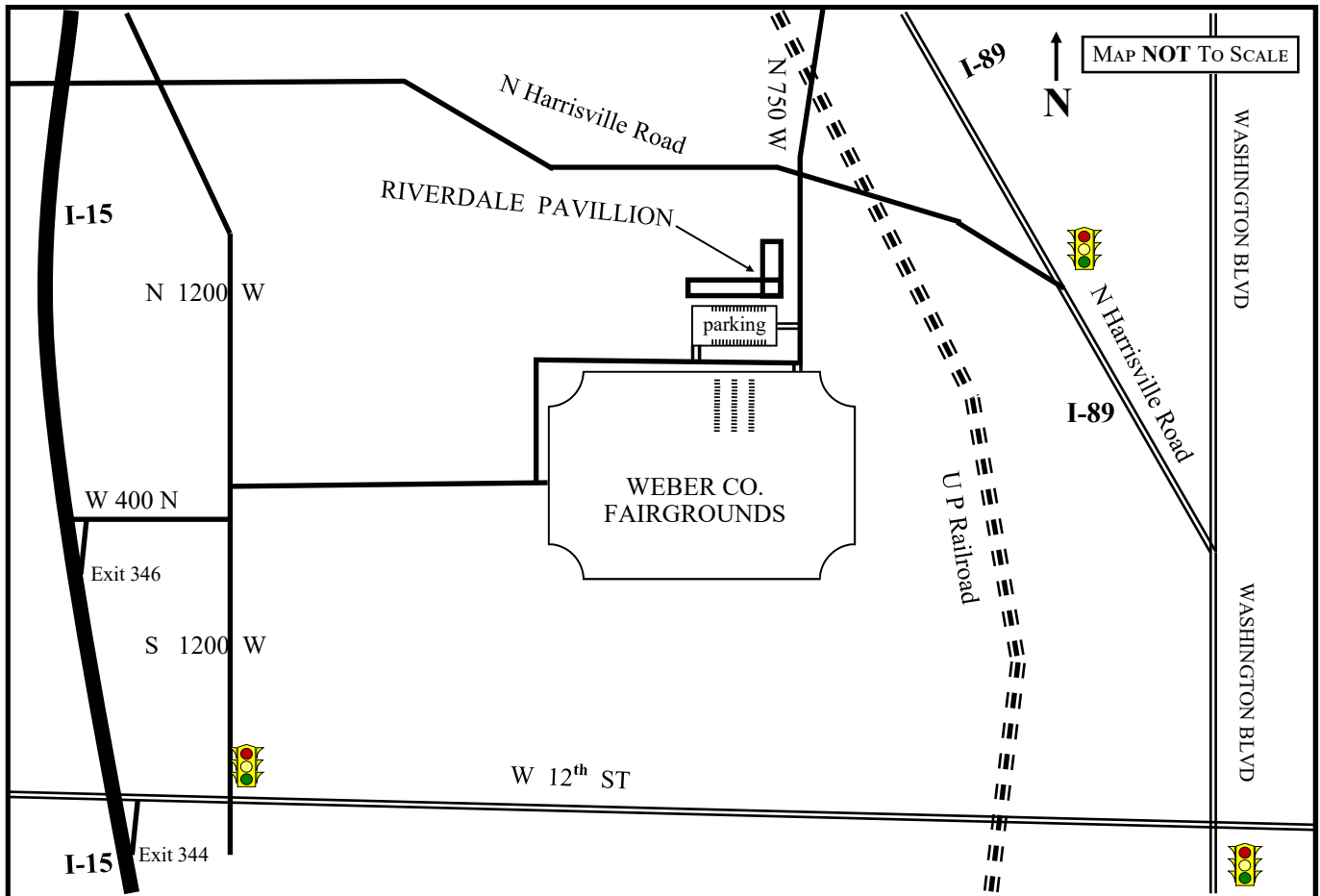
MENU: The Club will provide **STEAKS** and Cold Drinks;
 Members will provide Pot-Luck Side Dishes and their own Plates and Utensils
 We would like **you** to bring:

- Appetizers/Hors D'oervres
- Salads - Green and Potato/Macaroni
- Casseroles
- Rolls & Butter
- Fresh Fruit
- Desserts



SIGN UP: Sign Up @ July General Meeting or call Deborah Blake @ 435-279-7986

DEADLINE: You **MUST** have your **STEAK** order in by **THURSDAY July 25th**. Any body confirming attendance after that date will have to **bring their own steak**. Anybody wanting something other that **STEAK (THIS IS A "STEAK FRY" AFTER ALL)** should have their request in **WELL IN ADVANCE**.





CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

I am looking for a used 18 or 24 inch slab saw. If any of our members or dealers have one you wish to sell

Please call Richard Denton– at 801425-0796

Don't forget the upcoming Steak Fry. Turn in your meat order by July 25th to Deborah Blake by texting 1-435-279-7986 or signing the clipboard at the General Meeting.

☀ **HELP** ☀

☀ **'STAMP' OUT CANCER** ☀

SAVE YOUR *USED*
POSTAGE STAMPS

GIVE or SEND THEM TO
TOM BURCHARD



INFORMATION ON WESTERN BOX ELDER FIELD TRIP**JULY 27TH**

Meet in Snowville at 8:30 AM at the Snowville Flying J. We **LEAVE** at 8:30 AM so please be a little early to find the group. To get there take I15 to Tremonton until it splits to I84 then follow I84. Gary will be at the club meeting for July if you have questions.

We could find *Syringapora*, some garnets, aventurine, and possibly the geode beds if people want to go.

Gary Warren - Trip Leader



Syringapora



AVENTURINE

**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)

