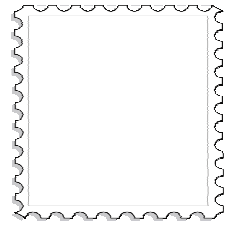


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GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY



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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.

Board Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 PM at the Village Inn, 322 12th St. Ogden, Utah. Club Members are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual	\$15.00
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds!

It's October! My favorite time of year when my cooking skills match the pictures of normal Halloween cooking. It should be noted that while many have tasted my cooking few have died.

We are looking forward to the **Rock Bag Fill** on Saturday, October 19th. It will be held at the Dinosaur park in our Regular Meeting room. This year we will not be serving lunch but will have water and snacks available.

Thank you to all of you who took rock home to crush for the fill. Remember if you are donating rocks for the fill, rocks should be between about 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches in size. One easy way to tell is to use a toilet paper roll. If the rock goes through easily it will be the right size for the rock bags.

Our meeting will be another fun lecture by Dr. Paul Bybee. The topic this time is: The Evolution of Fossilization. The meeting is our regular third Wednesday October 16th at the Dinosaur park at 7:00 PM.

Elections will also be held this month. The slate is the same as last year but nominations can be done from the floor if the person being nominated has agreed beforehand.

On another front the Cache Club in Logan is holding their **Fall Gem Show** in Logan, October 11th, 12th, and 13th. Information on their show is attached.

Thanks for all you do. Happy hunting!

Deborah Blake, GSGM President (2024)



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**GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

Welcome: President Debbie Blake Welcomed members and Guests to the club meeting.

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

Minutes: Motion by Buck Frost to accept the July 2024 general meeting minutes as published, 2nd by Mike Rhodes. Passed. Motion by Buck Frost to accept the August 2024 general meeting minutes as published, 2nd by Les Tryon. Passed.

Announcements:

September 28: Field Trip to Aragonite site

October 16: Paul Bybee speaker

October 19: Rock Bag Fill at Eccles Dinosaur Park, 8:30 am to 2 pm. The club will provide a morning snack. Please bring buckets of crushed rock for the bag fill. Les Tryon has buckets of rocks in his truck for members to take home to crush for the bags.

New Business:

Retirement: Brenda Watkins recognized Evan Day and thanked for his years of contribution and service to the Dino Park Paleo Lab. He has announced his retirement from the volunteer position.

Old Business:

Elections: Election of 2025 officers will take place on October 19th, 2024. The slate of officers is as follows: President - Debbie Blake, Vice President - Mark Hirschi, Secretary - Diane Collins, Treasurer - Rich Dunaway, Historian - Rod Miller. The club will take nominations from the floor at the October meeting. Nominees must be present to accept nominations.

Field Trip: Gary Warren highlighted the calcite material that can be found at this site. It was used in some parts of the state capitol building. Those interested in going are to meet at 9 am at the Delle gas station off exit #70 on I80 highway. The site is off exit #56 – I80.

Door Prize Winners: Not available this month

Program: Northern Utah Prospectors Association (NUPA) – Kim Clark and Brandon Peterson talked about gold mining.

Kirk Spencer motioned to Adjourn the meeting, Buck Frost 2nd the motion. Passed.

Margie Miller, Acting Secretary



**GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2024**

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

Attending: Debbie Blake, Jeannette Parrot, Diane Collins, Rod Miller, Margie Miller, Mike Rhodes, Kris Morgan, Dianne Ingle

Minutes: Motion by Rod Miller to accept June 26, 2024 minutes, 2nd by Margie Miller. Passed. Motion by Rod Miller to accept August 3, 2024 minutes with corrections, 2nd by Margie Miller. Passed. Correction: *Change Rich Runaway in attending to Rich Dunaway.*

Treasurer's Report: Tabled until next month.

New Business:

Oct 19, 2024 Field Trip: Field Trip is canceled due to conflict with the upcoming rock bag fill. Debbie will ask Gary Warren to poll the club about rescheduling this trip at the club meeting.

STEM Days Budget: After discussion and input from STEM chair Dianne Ingle, no budget is required at this time.

Corrected Slate of 2025 Officers: Debbie will correct the slate of officers in the bulletin to include: Rich Dunaway – Treasurer.

Rock Bag Fill: Rock Bag Fill will be Oct 19th, 2024. Kirk Spencer will not be available to move the trailer to Eccles Dinosaur Park. Mike Rhodes will bring 3 buckets of crushed rocks, Debbie Blake will bring 2 buckets of crushed rocks, Diane Collins will bring 2 buckets of crushed rocks.

Field Trips: The board would like a report of attendance for club field trips from Gary Warren. The board will consider setting some field trip guidelines at a future meeting.

Show Report: Margie Miller: Due to increased rental costs, the club needs to find a way to make up \$2200 either in cost savings or show revenue. A list of changes are as follows:

No Tuesday set-up

Increase dealer fees from \$15/ft. to \$17/ft.

Increase door prize tickets from \$0.25 to \$0.50

Increase spinning wheel from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per spin

These changes should make up at least \$1800 of the \$2200 deficit.

Upcoming Events:

September 18, 2024: Club Meeting: Program by Northern Utah Prospectors Association

October 16, 2024: Club Meeting: Program by Paul Bybee

October 19, 2024: Rock Bag Fill

Motion to adjourn by Margie Miller, 2nd by Dianne Ingle
Meeting adjourned

Diane Collins, Secretary

Rock Bag Fill

Date: Saturday, October 19th, 2024

Time: 8:30 am to 2 pm.

Where: Ellen Eccles Dinosaur Park, our normal meeting room

Light refreshments but not lunch will be served.
Many hands make light work, we hope to see you there.

We would appreciate any rocks you feel you can donate.



CACHE ROCK AND GEM CLUB FALL SHOW OCTOBER 11-13

Presented at
Cache County Events Center
450 S 500 W, Logan, Utah

- **Rocks polished, slab and more**
- **Minerals**
- **Fossils**
- **Activities for Kids**
- **Jewelry**
- **Displays**

- **Educational Exhibits**
- **Demos**
- **Supplies**
- **Concessions**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Wheel of Fortune, Mystery Bags, and Gen Treasure Hunt**





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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4TH, 2024

GOLDEN CORRAL - 988 WASHINGTON BLVD., NORTH OF 12TH - OGDEN, UTAH

**Social Hour
6:00 PM**

**Dinner Served
6:30 PM**

*We Have Reserved the "Back Meeting Room" in the Northwest corner of the Restaurant.
There will be a \$5.00 Charge, Per Person, for Club Members, to be paid when your Reservation is made.
Deadline for Reservations is Wednesday, November 20th, 2024*

*If you do not make a Reservation you will be charged the full price (\$14.00) for dinner, at the door.
Non Members also pay full price, either by Reservation, or at the door.
No Alcoholic Beverages Are Allowed.*

Reservations and Payment Must Be Received by Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

Mail Reservations and Payment to:

Jeanette Parrott

If you have any questions call Jeannette Parrott or mail to, 113 W Gwen Street, Ogden, UT, 84404

You may TEXT Jeanette at 801-389-6186. Please do not call during the day as she works.

Make checks payable to: **Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society**

NAME _____ PHONE _____

MEMBER _____ GUEST _____

TOTAL PEOPLE: _____ TOTAL PAYMENT INCLUDED: _____

**If you choose you can participate in the gift exchange. Please keep gifts inexpensive or something you have collected or made that is rock-related.
Door Prizes will be awarded also but do not require a gift to be brought.*

CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

Small **GIFTS** will be **EXCHANGED**. You must bring a **GIFT TO GET A GIFT**.

We will also have several **DOOR PRIZES**

OCTOBER MEETING

When: Wednesday, October 16th

Where: Ellen Eccles Dinosaur Park

Time: Silent Auction starts at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:00 PM

Presentations by Dr. Paul Bybee

Dr. Bybee is a professor at Utah Valley University. He teaches evolution and biology classes. Bybee has a PHD in Biology and Paleontology, and has 30 years experience teaching.

Dr. Bybee's father used to be President of our Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society.

Our presentation from Dr. Bybee is titled:

The Evolution of Fossilization



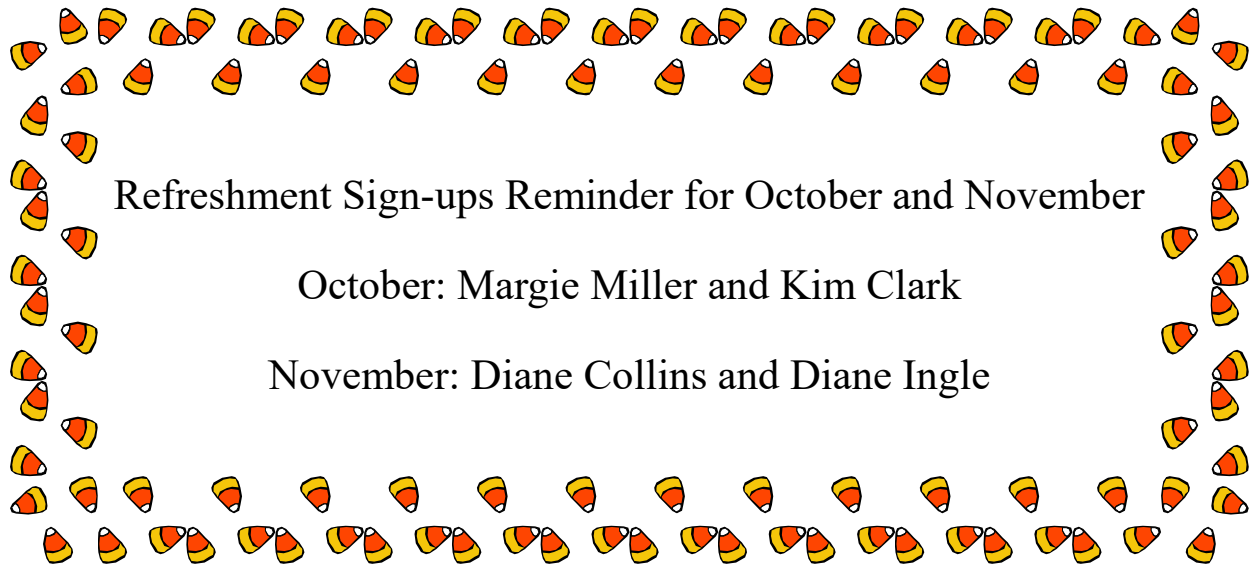


CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2025:

- Deborah Blake President
- Mark Hirschi Vice President
- Diane Collins Secretary
- Rich Dunaway Treasurer
- Rod Miller Historian

Elections will be held in October. Nominations can be accepted from the floor **IF** the person nominated has agreed to the nomination beforehand.



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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)



WANT A FUN PLACE TO VISIT IN OCTOBER? TRY UTAH'S DEVILS SLIDE

Located in Weber Canyon, near the border of Croydon in Morgan County, off I-84, the slide has been written about in Utah's history since the 1840's. Two parallel limestone strata protrude from the surrounding hill some 40 feet high. The distance between the two sides is roughly 25 feet.

Viewing areas are available on the sides of the highway and the Weber River is between the highway and the slide

From a fun history standpoint the slide was discovered in the 1840's by workers on the transcontinental railroad with references from a man named John Walker. They called the slide by the name "Gutter Defile".

There are several legends about the slide. One says that when God threw Satan out of heaven, he slid down to hell on Devil's Slide.

Another fun legend states that Catholic father Pietro del Torra was travelling through the canyon and encountered the Devil disguised as a Spaniard who tempted him. Not succumbing to temptation, Father Torra prayed while holding up his crucifix and weakened the Devil. The Devil fell down the side of the mountain which caused the slide to form.



This map shows directions from both the North and South sides of Devil's slide accessing it from I-15, then to I-84.

