

GOLDEN SPIKE NEWS



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GOLDEN SPIKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY



Members of
Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
and
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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

Individual	\$15.00
Couple	\$20.00
Family	\$25.00
Juniors	\$5.00

Payment for 'Renewal' of dues is required by **December 31st.**

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☼ IS THE **24TH** DAY OF EACH MONTH ☼
☼ FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S ISSUE ☼

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1 Page \$15.00 - ½ Page \$10.00 - ¼ Page \$5.00
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Holiday Season;

I really enjoyed meeting with everyone at the November Meeting. Now I'm looking forward to our Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 4th. Margie and Jeannette have worked hard to make it a fun party for all, so join us and enjoy. There will be a gift exchange for those who want to participate and some wonderful door prizes for all members who have attended meetings.

It will also be a good time to pay your dues.

Remember, there will be NO REGULAR MEETING at the dinosaur park in December. Meetings will resume at the Dinosaur Park in January.

We are saddened to announce the passing of Tom Burchard. He was a valued member of our club and contributed to the club in so many ways. particularly miss his insightful editing of the bulletin each month before we sent it out.

This has been an exciting year for the club. We value all of our new members and the old ones too. There are plenty of ways to help if you'd like to get involved, contact me and we'd love to put you to work. It's really a truism that many hands make light work. I also value input on how we are doing and what you as members would like to see going forward.

January's program promises to be great. Our meeting will be held at the Dinosaur Park on Wednesday, January 15. It will be a presentation by Mr. Jackson Smith, a geologist with the Utah Department of Natural Resources Utah Geological Survey and the Geologic Information and Outreach Program. He will be discussing what they do at the Utah Geological Survey related to our rocks, minerals, dinosaurs and fossils in Utah. Their databases are available on their website geology.Utah.gov.

Reminder: Dues are due by December 31. Thanks!

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Deborah Blake

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**Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
November 20, 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 Dennis Grunder to accept the October 2024 general meeting minutes as published, 2nd by Dianne Ingle. Passed.

Announcements:

Long Time member Tom Burchard passed away on November 11, 2024.

Club Christmas Party: Club Christmas party will be held on December 4, 2024 at 6 pm at Golden Corral. There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. The club will have a drawing for door prizes that were purchased with the reservation fees. A second drawing for prizes purchased from the silent auction proceeds will be held as well.

Beehive Rock and Gem Christmas Market: The Beehive Rock and Gem Club will have a Christmas Market on November 26, 2024 from 5:30 to 8:30 at the Golden Hours Senior Center.

Door Prize Winners: Steve Burgess, Louise Matheson, Faye Clark, Jean Medberry, Dennis Grunder

Program: An Introduction to Locating Mining Claims by Steve McKay of McKay Mineral Explorations.

Meeting Adjourned

Diane Collins, Secretary



**Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2024**

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

Attending: Debbie Blake, Rod Miller, Margie Miller, Mike Rhodes, Rich Dunaway, Diane Collins, Kris Morgan

Minutes: Motion by Mike Rhodes to accept September 25, 2024 minutes, 2nd by Margie Miller. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Diane Collins to accept September 2024 Treasurer's report, 2nd by Mike Rhodes. Passed.

New Business:

Board Christmas Lunch: The board Christmas lunch will be held at Ramblin' Roads in Ogden on December 7, 2024 at 1 pm. Debbie will invite Beau Burgess, the new director of Eccles Dinosaur Park to the board luncheon.

Club Membership Card: After discussion, the board decided to reinstate club membership cards. Bruce Blake will design and order new membership cards for 2025.

Board Meeting Dates: After discussion the board agreed to move upcoming board meeting dates due to holidays. In November the meeting will be November 25, 2024 instead of November 27, 2024. The December 25, 2024 meeting will be rescheduled to January 6, 2025. Debbie will poll board members to determine the best dates for ongoing 2025 board meetings.

Club meetings: The membership has mentioned it is sometimes difficult to hear speakers at the meeting. Debbie will look into bringing a microphone to the meeting. Debbie will continue to publish the refreshments calendar in the newsletter.

Crystal Festival: After discussion, the board feels it would be beneficial to attend the February 2025 Crystal Festival. Debbie will contact Adrienne to see if the club can have a space at the Crystal Festival.

Show Update: Margie Miller: The contract for the 2025 show, along with a deposit, has been sent in to Golden Spike Event Center. Larry Hathaway will not be returning as a dealer, T & J Rocks will be added as a new dealer. Dealer contracts and letters to elementary schools will be sent out in the next few days. The club filled 1147 rock bags in about 1 ½ hours on October 19, 2024. This gives the club approximately 1900 rock bags for the 2025 show.

Motion to adjourn by Margie Miller, 2nd by Mike Rhodes
Meeting adjourned
Diane Collins, Secretary



Christmas Party This Week!!

Join us Wednesday
Dec. 4th

At the Golden Corral

Located on Washington Blvd. just off
12th Street to the North

Time: 6:00 PM to socialize
6:30 PM dining and fun begins

Tell the cashiers at the door you are with
the club and they can check you off the
list.

See you there!!

January Club Meeting

Time: 6:30 p.m . Silent Auction
Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM
Place: Eccles Dinosaur Park
Date: Weds. January 15th

We are excited to announce our featured guest speaker for the January 15th 2025 meeting will be Mr. Jackson Smith, a geologist with the Utah Department of Natural Resources Utah Geological Survey and the Geologic Information and Outreach Program.

He will be discussing what they do at the Utah Geological Survey related to our rocks, minerals, dinosaurs and fossils in Utah. Their databases are available on their website geology.Utah.gov. It should be an interesting and informative meeting, Hope to see you there!





Club Bulletin Board

Reminder!

Dues are due before December 31. They can be paid at the club meeting, by mail , or at the Christmas Party.

Dues are as Follows: Individual- \$15
 Couples—\$20
 Families—\$25

A copy of the form is on Page 10 of this bulletin



**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)

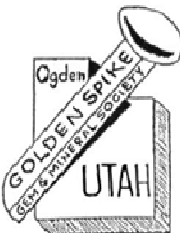
By participating I am assuming the risks inherent in this field trip or activity and am releasing the above named society, their officers, director and individual members, from any liability for claims or lawsuits by the undersigned participant, his or her heirs or assignees arising out of this field 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)



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Membership : Member Renewal New Member

Yearly Dues are Payable before January 1, each year. Check or Cash

Individual \$15 Couple \$20 Family \$25

Parent(s) with Children Under 18 or Grandparent(s) with Grandchildren under 18

Junior \$ 5 Age 17 or under - for Show Competition*If Joining on or After Dec. 15 - Handled as New Member for New Year

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Printed Copy sent US Postal Service for \$20 per Year

If additional space is needed, Please use the other side of this form. Please mail application to the address at the top of this fork. Meetings are at the Ogden Dinosaur Park every third Weds, except Aoril August and December. Guests of all ages are welcome.

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Name	Month of Birth	Relationship to Applicant
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