

Golden Spike News



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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.

Guests are Welcome!

Board Meetings are held the last 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I really enjoyed our Christmas Party at the Golden Corral. It seemed to work much better than last years with the additional space.. We will keep that in mind for next year, but it was a joy to see so many members in attendance.

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. We will particularly miss his insightful editing of the bulletin each month before we send it out. Future editions of the bulletin will be cross-checked by Margie Miller with Bruce Blake and Diane Collins working together to get the bulletin sent out to you.

Last year was an exciting year for the club. We got our own BLM field trip permits for the club and did more field trips. We plan to continue the field trips in the coming year. 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 hand 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 were due by December 31. If you haven't paid them please bring them to the January meeting or mail them in. Thanks!

Have a Happy New Year!

Deborah Blake
GSGM President

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**Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2024**

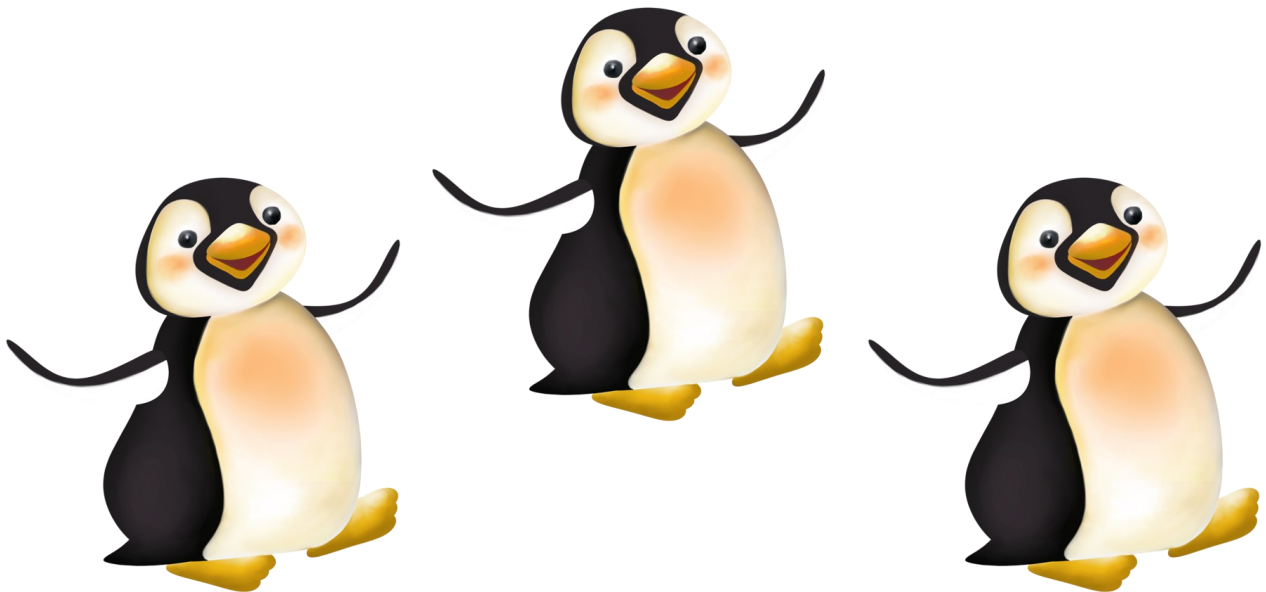
Welcome: President Debbie Blake welcomed members and guests to the club's annual Christmas Party at Golden Corral, Ogden UT

Christmas Party Door Prizes: After dinner a drawing for Christmas party door prizes was held. The door prizes were funded by the \$5 reservation fee each person paid to attend the Christmas party. Door Prize winners were: Nickolas Ernsberger, Lettie Bergeron, Michelle Ernsberger, Travis Atkins, Winnie Rhodes, Debbie Blake, Tammy Schriber, Amy Peterson, Donna Bloom.

Gift Exchange: Club members participated in a voluntary gift exchange.

Silent Auction Prizes: A drawing was held for silent auction prizes. The silent auction door prizes were funded by the monthly silent auction held prior to club meetings. The silent auction raised \$570 between July and December. Qualifications for the prizes were you must be a club member in good standing and have attended a club meeting, rock bag fill, or participated in the 2024 Gemstone Junction. Gift certificates were for \$50 to be used at the 2025 Gemstone Junction. Silent Auction prize winners were: Adelaide Alters – rock hammer, Joyce Spencer – rock tumbler, Babette Nelson – gift certificate, Wendi Perry – gift certificate, George Ingle – gift certificate, Les Tryon – gift certificate, Diane Collins – gift certificate, Rod Miller – gift certificate, Don Stanger – gift certificate, Terry Wilberg – gift certificate.

Meeting Adjourned
Diane Collins, Secretary



**Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
November 25, 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, Evan Day, Jeannette Parrot, Kirk Spencer

Minutes: Motion by Mike Rhodes to accept October 30, 2024 minutes, 2nd by Debbie Blake. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Margie Miller to accept October 2024 Treasurer's report, 2nd by Diane Collins. Passed.

New Business:

Redistribution of Tom Burchard's Duties: Mike Rhodes will take over collecting postage stamps from the club and forwarding stamps to the NFMS. Diane Collins will monitor club email accounts and send out emails to club members. Bruce Blake will maintain the club email contact lists. Chris Howell will take over ordering and distributing name badges. Margie Miller will proof the bulletin before it is sent out.

Updating Club Publishing Software and Equipment: Debbie Blake will present a proposal to update the computer and software for publishing the club bulletin at the January board meeting.

January Board meeting topics: Debbie Blake will ask Gary Warren to present a recap of the 2024 club field trips. Debbie will contact David West about acting as the club's NFMS director and the club's field trip leader. The board will set dates for club meetings and the rock bag fill.

Club Steak Fry: Rich Dunaway reserved the fairgrounds picnic pavilion for August 2, 2024.

Club Phone: Debbie Blake will get the club cell phone up and running in the next few days.

Silent Auction: Margie Miller: The silent auction brought in \$980 for 2024. The proceeds were used to purchase items for drawings at the Steak Fry and Christmas party.

Old Business:

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

Board Meeting Dates: As previously discusses, The December 25, 2024 meeting will be rescheduled to January 6, 2025.

Christmas Party: 64 people have signed up for the Christmas Party at the Golden Corral in Ogden, UT. Margie Miller has purchased a rock tumbler, and 8 \$50 gift certificates as silent auction prizes for the party. The funding for these items came from the silent auction held at each meeting.

Weber State Scholarships: Debbie Blake will contact Weber State for the disbursement of 2024 scholarship funds.

Show Update: Margie Miller: Eight dealer contracts have been returned, and demonstrator emails have been sent out. Roger Beck has agreed to conduct the silent auction in 2025. Mr. Bones price has increased from \$1800 to \$2000. One school has reserved a field trip time slot.

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





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87th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2025

Walla Walla, Washington September 12-14, 2025 □
Hosted by the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society

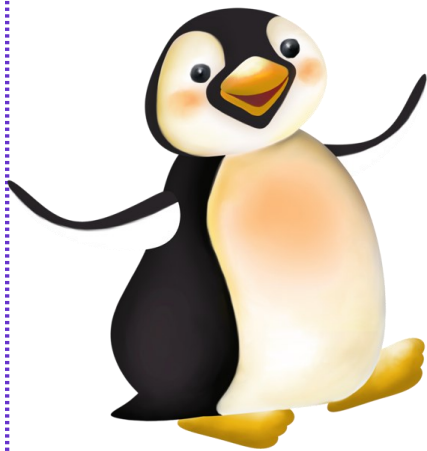
We are excited to combine our Annual Gem Show with the NFMS Convention and welcoming all to Walla Walla. As we look forward to September, we must let you know that this is, quite possibly, the busiest week of the year. In addition to the Gem Show and Conference, there is an Annual Car Show, Aviation Show, and Fall Release for wine lovers. With that being said, we highly recommend getting a head start on booking your stay with us.

Here are various links to lodging options within the valley:

- Bed & Breakfast Lodging: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/bed-and-breakfast/>
- Hotels & Motels: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/hotels-motels/>
- RV/Campgrounds: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/camping-campgrounds/>
- Vacation Rentals: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/vacation-rentals/>

Stay tuned for the full conference program coming soon. We look forward to having you in Walla Walla.

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 were due before December 31. They can be paid at the club meeting, or by mail.

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

A copy of the form is on Page 11 of this bulletin

DOOR PRIZES NEEDED

If you have anything we can use as door prizes, please let Mark Hirschi or one of the board know.

If you have questions you can call Mark or Deborah.





American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

www.amfed.org

"AFMS Code of Ethics"

- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners," and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

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)



	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">PO BOX 12835, OGDEN, UT 84412-2835 CLUB@GOLDENSPIKEGEM.ORG 801-648-5060</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</p> <p style="margin: 0;">WELCOME TO THE CLUB AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING!</p>
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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
 Golden Spike Newsletter Sent electronically with E-mail address
 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.

*E-Mail Address(es)	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Street Address	City and State	Zip Code
Name	Month of Birth	Relationship to Applicant
		APPLICANT