

ROCK PICKINGS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Rock Hounds,

This is the month of sweaters, and hoodies, camp fires and rocks. Isn't every month great for rocks? It's also a month for the turning of the leaves to golden yellow and beautiful reds. Turning on our furnaces and big pots of chili. I love this time of year. Mother Nature is always good to us.

I would also like to talk a little bit about women's health. Even though October is not heart health month, I would like to bring up the subject of heart health. I went through a health scare in July. Even though what I went through didn't directly come from my heart, my doctors asked me to see a heart specialist. They were afraid what I did go through effected my heart. So I went to a heart specialist at the Heart Center here in Richmond. Her name is Brennan N. Barrett, NP-C. She's a jewel and will be giving us a program on women's heart health. Even though this is heart related for women, most of you guys out there are married or are close to a woman in your life that could use this information. Her program will start around 6:50 on Thursday, Nov. 1st. I feel this is an important subject for all of us.

A little bit about Brennan: She has been an RN for 7 years and practicing as an NP for the last 2. She received her BSN and Master's from Wright State University. She focuses the majority of her attention in the office on heart failure, but also sees all cardiovascular disease. She married her husband 10 years ago, and they have two children. Taylor who is 5 and Kaden who is 2.



Brennan N. Barrett, NP-C

Also, on a different subject, just a note of thanks for all the help we're getting from all of our members. Whether it's cabbng, slabbing, polishing or cleaning. Every minute you spend helping the club, it's truly appreciated.

Just a note that our next work day is 11/10/18, 10a.m.-2p.m. Anyone that can help, we'll be glad to see you. Lunch and soda will be provided. Again, thank you.

See you soon,

Deb Chagares :)

EIGGS Monthly Meeting Minutes

Oct. 4, 2018 ~ 6:30 pm

Mona Jones, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean Blue
Steve Blue
Judy Burton
Deb Chagares
Renee Doty
Jim Fritz

Peggy Fritz
Scott Gibson
Emily Gibson
Erna Jacob
Mona Jones
Estel Jones

Melissa Killion
John LaMont
Mark Listota
Jim Lucas
Marty Lucas
John Morse

Mary Ann Morse
Angie Shaffer
Hailee Shaffer
Danny Spurgeon
Bob Vetter
Joe Wirrig

SAND CASTING PRESENTATION BY JOE WIRRING

The October meeting started out with a presentation by Joe Wirrig on Sand Casting. Thank you Joe for a very interesting demonstration on using sand as the mold material; you can produce objects via the sand casting process.



Photo submitted by Renee Doty

CLUB HOUSE PROJECTS & MAINTENANCE:

Gutters: Will be contacting a company that does seamless gutters to get a quote. Gutters need to be repaired due to the breakage of the gutters at the seams. One of the quotes already received from a company that does seamless gutters came it at \$3.50 a foot.

Ramp: The handicapped accessible ramp is in the garage waiting on a quote (to be repaired, installed?)

Roof: The garage is covered by a roof consisting of rubber and metal. Because the metal was laid incorrectly a leak has developed through the holes where nails have made an opening. A new roof has been quoted at \$25,000 which would include complete replacement and stabilization. Looking into getting other quotes.

Jim Lucas has looked into the possibility of a fiber/rubberized product to be put on the roof to take care of the leak situation until the club can afford the complete roof replacement. This might stabilize the roof for a year or two. The product is \$35.99 a container, estimated need is 5 containers.

Stairway to the basement: The stairs need to be extended out and the run made longer to make them safer to get up and down.

HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE:

Jim Fritz has accepted the position of club maintenance.

Jim reported he and his nephew came to the club and worked on the windows. They caulked and sealed the windows to winterize and help with leaks.

Gina Waddle our new club newsletter editor.

OTHER BUSINESS :

The board discussed at the Oct 2nd meeting the need of raising the membership dues and the cost of work shop fees.

Garage door: The door to the garage will now have a padlock on it. Board members will have the padlock key.

Outside sign: waiting on quotes

Kuhlman Center will not be raising the prices for the event in 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WORK DAY:

OCT WORK DAY CANCELLED

Nov. 10th, 10 am – 2 pm

Dec. 15th, 10 am – 2 pm

Jan. 19th, 10 am – 2 pm

Please work on cabs.
When working on items for the silent auction you DO NOT NEED TO PAY SHOP FEES

FINANCIAL REPORT:

By Angie Shaffer

Outgoing Expenses: \$629.43
Incoming: \$1,677.18

EVENT REPORT:

By Judy Burton

It was brought up at the meeting to include a silent auction on Friday afternoon from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. This was left for further discussion.

Going to switch out the 8 foot tables with the 6 foot tables in the meeting room. The 8 foot tables will be used at the March 2019 Gem Show.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm by 1st motion Judy Burton and 2nd motion Angie Shaffer
Minutes submitted per Mona Jones, EIGGS Club Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND CLUB SHOP FEE INCREASES :

Motion to increase the yearly (annual) dues for club membership for an individual to \$20.00 and for a family to \$30.00 due December 1st, 2018 and to increase club shop fees to cover supplies, maintenance, and repairs to \$4.00 per session beginning December 1st. Signed by the following five club members on Tuesday, October 16th 2018: Renee Doty, Marty Lucas, Gina Waddle, Peggy Fritz, Jim Lucas

Candy that Rocks!

Thank you Angie Shaffer for sharing these tasty Rock-a Beans candy at the club house.



LETTER TO THE CLUB

Hi Everyone,

I was sitting here thinking about the club and it's members; how we are like a family. Like a family we have our ups and downs and like a family we get through these ups and downs. There are several members that I haven't seen at the club in quite some time and I miss you! I miss the laughter and the times with you in the shop when we share with each other the stone being worked.

Please, if there is a problem come to one of us board members and talk about it.... I believe there is nothing we can't attempt to work out.

There has been a misunderstanding among members regarding participation in the club.... I would like to address this issue.

There are many, many ways to participate in the club:

- ◆ Of course the monthly meetings (but some people have to work at that time),
- ◆ Volunteer at the Gem show in March. Judy Burton will be asking for volunteers closer to the show.
- ◆ Work days..If you are unable to make the work day then you can come in on Tues, Thurs and/or Sun evening and work on projects for the Gem show silent auction. There are slabs to cut or slabs that have been cut into shapes and need to be made into cabs.
- ◆ Make things on your own to put in the auction. People at the event love this.
- ◆ Signing up to bring or drop off the snack for the monthly meeting.
- ◆ Teach a class or give a talk at the monthly meeting and it does not always have to be Gem related. If you have an idea contact Deb Chagares.

This just a few examples (and we are open to new ideas).

Plain and simple.. you are missed and we would love to see you back.

Mona Jones
EIGGS secretary

IMPORTANT DATES:

Next Meeting: November 1st; 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

2019 Richmond Gem & Mineral Show

Friday, March 1--10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, March 2--10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, March 3--11 a.m.-4 p.m.

2019 Membership Renewal

Payment due Dec. 1st, 2018

The renewal form is online at eiggs.weebly.com
or see Angie at the club.

UPCOMING SHOWS ~ November 2018-December 2018

30-2-ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA: Christmas Show; Mountain Area Gem & Mineral Association; Camp Stephens, 263 Clayton Road; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; rain or shine, indoor and outdoor vendors, rocks, gems, crystals, minerals, fossils, artifacts and meteorites from North Carolina and around the world; contact RichardJacquot, PO Box 542, Leicester, NC 28748, (828) 779-4501; Email: rick@wncrocks.com; Website: www.americanrockhound.com

30-2-SPRINGFIELD, OHIO: Annual show; Gem-Street USA; Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 S. Charleston Pike, I-70 and S. Charleston Pike; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults and seniors \$7 (good all 3 days), \$1 off coupon on website, kids under 12 and Scouts in uniform free; gemstones, minerals, fossils, jewelry, tools, supplies, beads, decorative items, petrified wood, carvings, door prizes, free parking; contact Jane Strieter Smith, PO Box 770680, Lakewood, OH 44107; Email: JaneStrieter1946@gmail.com

30-2-SARASOTA, FLORIDA: Show and sale; Frank Cox Productions; Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail (US. 41); Daily 10-5; Admission \$5.00 (\$4.00 if you mention this listing), Children under 16 free; Show and Sale of gems, jewelry, crystals, minerals and beads.; contact FrankCox, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Sarasota, FL 34236, (941)-954-0202; Email: frankcox@comcast.net; Website: frankcoxproductions.com

30-2-MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA: Show and sale; Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society; Garrett Coliseum, 1555 Federal Drive; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$2 daily or \$3 for a weekend pass, free admission for children 18 and under with a student ID and one paying adult; dealers will offer beads, crystals, geodes, rough, cabochons, supplies, and mineral and fossil specimens, displays, and demonstrations; contact Terry Fetzter; Email: gemshow@montgomerygemandmineralsociety.com; Website: montgomerygemandmineralsociety.com

30-2-HUDSON, FLORIDA: Annual show; Withlacoochee Rockhounds 44th Annual Jewelry, Fossil, Mineral, & Gem Show; Veterans Memorial Park Gymnasium, 14333 Hicks Rd; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults \$3, teens \$1, under 12 free; Variety of dealers offering mineral and fossil specimens for beginners to advanced collectors, as well as gemstones, artisan jewelry, artisan stone and fossil knives, lapidary equipment, and cabochons, among others Also featuring hands-on activities for children, educational displays, and speakers/lecturers; contact Ralph Barber, (352) 200-6852; Email: barbersbloomers@hotmail.com; Website: <https://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/annual-gem-show.html>





North American Turquoise

DESCRIPTION:

Turquoise is an ancient gemstone, one of the first known to man. Known to Egyptian and Aztec cultures thousands of years ago, Turquoise is now mined all over the world. Turquoise is formed when water passes through aluminous rock where copper and other minerals are present. The deposits within the rock become Turquoise after a chemical reaction occurs over long periods of

time. Natural Turquoise may be cut and polished, but will not be chemically treated or altered. Metaphysically, Turquoise is known for its strength and protection attributes - dating back to ancient Egyptian amulets. It might also be considered to have deep personal meaning, neutralizing over-acidity and stomach problems, increasing growth, and alleviating pain.

So, why is North American turquoise in such short supply?

The number of active mines is fairly limited and shrinking. Converting the Sleeping Beauty mine back to the copper industry was a huge loss. Also, the amount of material the mines are yielding has reduced and the size of the pieces the mines are producing are smaller in size.

What do people love about it?

It's got to be the color. It is such a unique color to come out of the ground, as well as the long history of turquoise in finished jewelry design. It seems to be as American as apple pie.

How does it differ from the Chinese varieties, or African varieties, or others?

"African Turquoise" is not an actual turquoise, but rather an industry name given to a green-and-turquoise-colored Jasper.

The North American versions we carry have the names of the mines associated with them?

"Sleeping Beauty, Kingman, Campitos, Caballo Campitos -- these are all names of turquoise mines, either in the U.S. or Mexico."

www.dakotastones.com

What are the histories of the turquoise mines?

"The Sleeping Beauty Mine produced copper and turquoise for 40 years, before ending turquoise mining in 2012 in order to focus on copper. The Kingman Mine, which began mining in the 1880s, is still exploring and could continue to find new veins. The Campitos turquoise comes from a mine in Sonora, Mexico, that has been in production since the 1980s. There are a few other mines -- some still producing, some closed -- scattered across Arizona, Nevada and into Mexico."

When the turquoise from these mines is gone, where will customers get North American turquoise?

Once the mine is closed, you will only be able to find "old stock" collections of rough, cabs or slabs. Luckily, mine owners, miners and collectors have always kept a nice stash of turquoise from various mines and will usually part with it down the road for the right price.