

Rock Pickings

January 2024

Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was great seeing so many people at our monthly meeting. As the year begins, we are working to get ready for the show in March. This year instead of donating money to the scholarship fund we have opted to donate the money to the Boys Scouts. The Boy Scouts are in turn going to be assisting at the show this year. We are hoping the boys will find an interest in geology and join in our new children's program. While the children and their parents are going to assist with the show, we will still need volunteers to assist and guide them. We will also need volunteers to monitor and supervise the front lobby/cash drawers. Judy will be reaching out for volunteers. We also have various projects at the club for anyone willing to help out to get everything ready for the show. If you have extra time to help just let us know. (We need cabs and some rocks slabbed.) I am planning to set up a scavenger hunt for this summer. Details will follow. Some of our members will be offering classes in a variety of categories. Watch the newsletter and our facebook page for updates. We look forward to a fun year and hope to plan some activities for everyone. Thanks for being part of our rock family.

JEANETTE LUNSFORD

2024

Board Members

President

Jeanette Lunsford

Vice President

Missy Rudicil

Treasurer

Mary Ann Morse

Secretary

Sally Ellison

Show Chairman

Judy Lee

Junior Rockhounds

We are still looking for any one interested in being a part of our Junior Rockhounds. The Future Rockhounds of America (FRAL states;

“Our mission is to provide the help and resources adult leaders and parents need to explore the world of earth science, geology, mineralogy, paleontology, and the lapidary arts with youth.”

Due to the cold season coming, there are no meetings or field trips planned until Spring.

The FRA programs include:

- FRA Badge Program
- Rock Pals Rock Exchange
- Awards, Contests and Scholarships
- Partnerships with Other Youth Organizations
- Resources for Learning and Teaching
- Fun with Rocks - games and puzzles

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February Club meeting

2/01 @ 6:30

March Gem Show

Fri 03/01 10-6

Sat 03/02 10-6

Sun 03/03 11-4

We are looking for volunteers to help with cabbing stones and slicing slabs.

March Club meeting

03/07 @ 6:30

NOTICE:

Effective Fri January 12th the water will be shut off at the building for several days due to extremely cold temperatures!

EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: 01/04/24

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by President, Jeanette Lunsford

Danny Spurgeon was welcomed back after having some health issues.

Noted that Max had fixed the trailer and will fix the one light. The trailer will be good to go for the show in March.

There is a roof leak and confirmed by Max. Jeanette will get some estimates for now.

Suggestions were requested for speakers or presenters for our monthly meetings:

Sally suggested Earlham College geological classes may be willing to send a student to discuss fossil hunting and identifying.

Missy suggested panning for gold in Cottonwood.

Pam asked if anyone else does micro mounts. Tiny pieces of minerals that require a microscope with 2 lenses to see well.

There is a club in Indy that works with micro mounts. Pam said she could get a "show & tell" together for the club.

Naomi Jones reported on the status of Junior Rockhounds. No kids have participated yet except her own. She will be doing a 4H demonstration for their geology projects but suggested tabling the JR's until warmer weather.

Judy Lee updated club on the March 2024 show:

A new food vendor has been obtained featuring sloppy joes, hot dogs, corn dogs, chips, sandwiches, with a special of either spaghetti or lasagna, maybe even a salad.

Judy would like to do bulk mail, Mary Ann will check with USPS regarding cost for non-profit organizations. Possibly Troy, Ohio's group would like to split the cost of the mail out. Advertising through the Richmond radio, Palladium Item are free as an event. Pam Beneker suggested the Whitewater publication flyer and can drop off info.

Jim Lucas suggested the Western Wayne News, free under events section

Missy Rudicil suggested the Welcome Center

Volunteers were requested to handle advance sales of raffle tickets; no one volunteered. This year's raffle will be for a 17" amethyst cathedral. Pictures were requested.

Security is done.

A club member will always be at the entrance table to ensure security.

Dinner for Vendors will be at 6pm, February 29, 2024 (Leap Day!) and feature pulled pork.

It was determined that there would be 5 display cases; Dave Straw, black light display, Mike Manning, and two others.

Mary Ann to get additional 8' tables.

Judy will bring postcards to the February meeting to get help stamping.

Volunteers were requested for Friday, March 1st, to help with the kids coming; expecting 170 in the morning, 100 in the afternoon.

Jim Lucas will be handling the silent auction table and needs help cutting rocks into slabs, polishing, cabbing, tumbling.

Large tumbled rocks will be used in the silent auction and smaller ones for the Wheel of Fortune.

Magazines on the trailer are in milk crates and should be displayed in packets.

Highway 40 Yard Sale: it was suggested that other vendors be invited to participate and for a fee of \$25 per table.

Mary Ann Morse presented the Treasurer's Report:

Current balance: \$10,320.25

Expected profit from show: \$10-11k

It was asked if Sally could talk to Lisa Morris next week and advise her not to send out scholarship papers. Scholarships will be going to the Cub/Boy Scouts.

Motion to adjourn by Missy Rudicil, seconded by Jeanette Lunsford, adjourned at 7:13pm.

EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 01/04/24

Following the business meeting, the EIGGS board met to discuss:

Jeanette Lunsford would like to plan a scavenger hunt for club members, field trips, and other activities this year.

Membership is allowed to anyone over the age of 14. It was then discussed about a 3rd category to include those under legal age since they would possibly be using the club's equipment. Naomi Jones will work up a proposed change to the by-laws to address this issue. Tabled until next meeting...

*Note: It was asked earlier by Sally Ellison to Jeanette Lunsford if the business and board meeting minutes could be added to the monthly newsletter so members not able to attend could see what was discussed. Jeanette said "yes" to ensure transparency in the club.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 01/07/2024

This board meeting of the EIGGS met via email to discuss Roof Repairs:

Jeanette Lunsford requested bids from various roofing companies and the only roofer that responded was Desonie Roofing & Exterior. Their quote was for \$1200.00 and sent out to the board for review.

The board members reviewed the quote and voted as follows:

Jeanette Lunsford approved
Missy Rudicil approved
Mary Any Morse approved
Sally Ellison approved
Naomi Jones approved
Judy Lee did not respond

Jeanette will contact Desonie and set up schedule for this coming Monday, January 8, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm with final email from Jeanette.