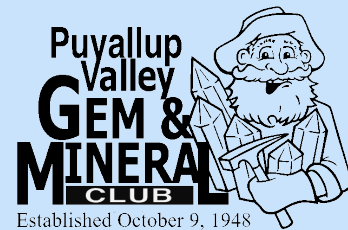


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The club show is this first weekend in June. We are anticipating this to be a wonderful show with lots of vendors. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to assist at the show.

The next couple of months are going to be pretty busy for the club so mark your calendars for the following:

- June – Club Show
- June – Club Tailgate for the Program night
- July – Jerry's Rock Shop for the Program night
- August – Mike and LaVon's annual Sale 1st weekend
- August – Overnight Field Trip at Greenwater – 3rd weekend
- August – Club Picnic – 4th weekend (Saturday only)
- September – WA State Fair Starts – we will need volunteers

Field Trip Report

June 20th – Red Top

Meeting place – 10:00am at Mineral Springs Recreational mile marker 156 on hwy 97

Hunting for – Agate, Jasper, Fossil Shells, and Crystal Plates

Tools you need - Rock hammer, shovel, pry bar, hammer, chisel and a backpack/bucket for your treasures

Access – Moderate climb up a steep road cut

Additional items – lunch/snacks and water, water, water. Dress in layers. Be prepared for ticks/mosquitoes

July 18th - Pilchuck Creek

Meeting place – To Be Announced

Hunting for - Jade, Jasper, Serpentine, Rhodonite

Tools you need - Rock hammer, rubber boots or waders, walking stick, and a backpack/bucket for your treasures

Access - Moderate climb up a steep road cut.

Additional items - lunch/snacks and water, water, water. Dress in layers. Be prepared for ticks/mosquitoes

Please remember that even though we love to meet new people, fieldtrips are a member benefit and part of your membership dues covers you for injury liability.

Though injuries are rare, and we do everything we can to avoid them, we are going out into nature, and uncontrollable environment.

All individuals attending field trips will have to sign a release of liability, and if you are bringing guests, we will try to entice them into join the club by having Membership applications available.

JUNE 2026 CLUB HOUSE SCHEDULE

| DATE | DAY | TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION | INSTRUCTOR |
|------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Monday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Tasha Parker |
| 2 | Tuesday | 4:00PM-8:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Wes Ames |
| 3 | Wednesday | | ANNUAL CLUB SHOW | | |
| 4 | Thursday | | ANNUAL CLUB SHOW | | |
| 5 | Friday | | ANNUAL CLUB SHOW | | |
| 6 | Saturday | | ANNUAL CLUB SHOW | | |
| 7 | Sunday | | ANNUAL CLUB SHOW | | |
| 8 | Monday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Tasha Parker |
| | | 7:00PM-8:00PM | Opal Club Business Mtg | Club House | Tony Johnson |
| 9 | Tuesday | 4:00PM-8:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Wes Ames |
| 10 | Wednesday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Dennis Batchelor |
| | | 4:00PM-8:00PM | Wire Wrapping | Club House | Diane Stangland |
| 11 | Thursday | 4:00PM-8:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Renera Barnes |
| 12 | Friday | 6:00PM | Club Board Meeting | Fruitland Grange | Dennis Batchelor |
| | | 7:30PM | Club Business Meeting | Fruitland Grange | Glenn Rodrick |
| 13 | Saturday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Gem Trees | Club House | Dana James |
| 14 | Sunday | | | | |
| 15 | Monday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Tasha Parker |
| 16 | Tuesday | 4:00PM-8:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Wes Ames |
| 17 | Wednesday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Dennis Batchelor |
| | | | | | |
| 18 | Thursday | 4:00PM-8:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Renera Barnes |
| 19 | Friday | See Fieldtrip Report | Red Top | Field Trip | Paul Haak |
| 20 | Saturday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Dennis Batchelor |
| 21 | Sunday | | | | |
| 22 | Monday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Tasha Parker |
| 23 | Tuesday | 4:00PM-8:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Wes Ames |
| 24 | Wednesday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Dennis Batchelor |
| | | | | | |
| 25 | Thursday | 4:00PM-8:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Renera Barnes |
| 26 | Friday | 6:00PM | Tailgate in Parkinglot | Fruitland Grange | Glenn Rodrick |
| 27 | Saturday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Viking Weave | Club House | Joan Lockyer |
| 28 | Sunday | | | | |
| 29 | Monday | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Tasha Parker |
| 30 | Tuesday | 4:00PM-8:00PM | Members Open Access | Club House | Wes Ames |

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*** **Membership Open Access** is the time when members can use the saws and cabbng machines

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN TOWELS

This schedule is subject to change. Please check the club website for updated information.

Clubhouse report

Wes Ames

As a reminder, any and all members who want to use the clubhouse has to be signed up and on the schedule for that day. Sign up as early as possible to ensure that the schedule gets you listed. Ensure you have email confirmation that you signed up from Jillian. Also, if you need to cancel text or email the instructor, so, the schedule can be updated. Walk-ins, Drop-ins, etc. or anyone not on the schedule will not have a machine to use, since machines are reserved for the people who are scheduled. Anyone member who wants a clubhouse tour or wants to buy Grit or Water Glass or has a question are encouraged stop by for that purpose only.

Wes.

Associations Director Report

Greetings my fellow rockhounds, pebble pups and rock enthusiasts!

As I write this, we are on the cusp of the start of summer. The days are warming up and are getting longer; it is prime rock hunting season. Hopefully everyone has plans to go looking for rocks whether it be in the great outdoors or at the many rock shows coming up. Don't forget our show at Swiss Park in Bonney Lake Friday the 5th thru Sunday the 7th of this month.

Nothing to report on federal or state legislation that can or will affect hobby. The Mineral Council met on May 19th and elected a new board. I will be the new president. My goal for the Mineral Council is to get more member clubs participation. We have 21 member clubs yet only representatives from 5 or 6 clubs regularly attend. The meetings are available via Zoom. One of our Trustees will be allowing us access to his Zoom account so there shouldn't be any more time constraints. Hopefully this will encourage more people to attend so we can have more discussions about what is going on with our member clubs and bounce ideas off of one another as what is working and what needs to be fixed. The next meeting is June 23rd at 7pm in Edmonds at the Maplewood Clubhouse. I will make sure the Zoom login is made available to all who wish to attend.

Respectfully submitted by
Mark Baumann
Associations Director

Field Trip Recap

Paul Haak

We had 8 cars of people brave the weather to attend our field trip on May 16th. While the clouds did threaten, it only rained for just a bit and everyone did have a good time. Everyone did find some interesting river rock including some picture jasper. I wanted to thank everyone who came out and made it such a fun time. Paul



Legal Aspects of Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Collecting – Part 1

By Timothy J. Witt, J.D.



Much more valuable than a common pebble - if you are caught removing this without permission from almost any property that you do not own, and in some cases even a property that you do own, it could result in criminal or civil problems. Image copyright iStockphoto / Luftklick.

Part 1: Introduction

While fishing in a mountain stream, you find a small gold nugget. Is it yours to keep? Imagine digging in your backyard to install a new deck and unearthing several fossils. Do you own them? As you hike with your family in a national park on vacation, your children happen upon several small pieces of petrified wood. Are your children able to take them home? Picture yourself strolling on a long, sandy beach when your spouse's attention is caught by several beautiful stones gleaming under the shallow water. Can your spouse wade into the water to retrieve the stones and take them home as a souvenir? You and some friends are having a great day rock-climbing in a nearby state park when your activities reveal several interesting crystalline minerals. Is it legal for you to put them in your pack to show your non-climbing friends? In keeping these specimens, would the individuals have done something wrong?

These questions evoke fairly common and seemingly innocuous scenarios. Nonetheless, the question of legality underscores the legal framework in which such simple activities take place. Would someone be doing something illegal in keeping one of the found specimens? Quite possibly. Depending on a host of factors including the exact type, weight, and location of the specimens taken, someone may have subjected himself or herself to criminal and civil legal actions. Not following applicable laws when rock, mineral, and fossil collecting can result in serious consequences.¹

Regardless of whether specimen collecting is referred to as rock hunting, rockhounding, or amateur geology, the legal issues associated with collecting remain the same. One of those issues cuts straight to the heart of the activity: is it legal? As with many legal questions, the answer is “it depends.” And it really does just depend. The legalities of rock, mineral, and fossil collecting are multi-faceted and fact-specific. Questions about the legality of specimen collecting sit at the intersections of multiple areas of law, including real estate law, environmental law, mining law, and public law in both civil and criminal contexts. As a result, there are few easy answers, and many answers will be nuanced answers that are heavily-reliant on the particulars of individual instances of collecting. Without being trite, determining whether specimen collecting is legal or illegal in any given situation is a veritable “who-what-where-when-why-how” exercise. The purpose of this article is to explain many of the legal principles related to rock, mineral, and fossil collecting so as to enable specimen collectors to better evaluate the legality of their activities.

Signs like this on private property indicate that the property owner does NOT want people collecting agates on their land. There may be various reasons for this: They want to avoid potential liability, they simply don't want people on their land, they want the agates for their own personal use, or the agates are valuable. Believe it or not, some agates sell for a lot of money.



Some Basic Ground Rules (No Pun Intended)

Rock, mineral, and fossil collecting is a popular hobby around the world and is not limited to any particular country or region. Indeed, many highly-sought specimens are available only in locales considered exotic or far-flung. Importantly, however, each area has a specific legal system applicable to that area; there is no single, uniform body of laws related to specimen collecting that applies across the globe.² Accordingly, whether particular collecting activities are legal in one area does not mean that those same activities are legal in other areas. Given its likely audience, this article concentrates on the legal aspects of rock, mineral, and fossil collecting in the United States. Even within the United States, however, the legality of collecting involves state and local laws that could result in dramatically different outcomes despite otherwise nearly identical circumstances.³



Nice agate nodules and agate-lined geodes can sell for a lot of money. Collectors often pay hundreds or thousands of dollars for excellent specimens that have been cut and polished. Gem cutters sometimes pay hundreds of dollars per pound for agate that is especially colorful or marked with interesting designs. They cut these into cabochons for use in jewelry or for gemstone collectors. With that in mind, it is easy to understand why people who own land where valuable agates can be found do not want "agate pickers" on their property. Image copyright iStockphoto / WojciechMT.

What Does “Legal” Mean?

Additionally, when the question of an activity’s “legality” and whether that activity is “legal” is raised, it sometimes creates confusion. Colloquially, when people ask whether something is “legal” or “illegal,” in most cases, they are really asking “can I do it without getting into trouble?” It’s certainly a fair question, but it’s a question with two possible levels of meaning. The confusion results primarily from the criminal-civil dichotomy in the American legal system.⁴ In a criminal context, whether an activity is “legal” means that someone cannot be subjected to criminal prosecution, the guilty penalty for which is typically a fine or imprisonment (and, possibly, some form of restitution), for engaging in that activity. Criminal cases are entirely about the “guilt” or “innocence” of a defendant. Criminal activity results from the violation of criminal laws (e.g., speeding prohibitions), which are generally pursued by government law enforcement agencies. In a sense then, committing a crime is a public offense. In a civil context, whether an activity is “legal” means that someone cannot be sued by another person, the liability for which is typically a judgment for monetary damages or injunctive relief, for engaging in that activity. Civil cases are not really about the “guilt” or “innocence” of a defendant. Civil liability results from the violation of another person’s individual rights (e.g., property rights), which are generally pursued in civil court by that person on his or her own behalf by filing a lawsuit. In a sense then, committing a civil violation is a private offense. Criminal violations and civil liability are independent, but can overlap and oftentimes result from the same activities. Thus, sometimes an activity that is a criminal offense can also create civil liability. Other times, an activity that is a criminal offense will create no civil liability. Likewise, sometimes an activity that creates civil liability will not constitute a criminal offense. For example, let’s say that Max takes Guy’s Lamborghini Gallardo without permission and damages it. Max may be guilty of committing the criminal offense of theft for which he may be given a fine or, more likely, imprisoned. Max may also have civil liability to Guy for the same conduct under a civil theory of conversion and negligence. To say that an activity is “legal” could mean either 1) that it is not a criminal offense; or 2) that it would create no civil liability. Or it could mean both. Accordingly, when considering whether an activity like rock, mineral, or fossil collecting is “legal,” the question should be considered and evaluated in both the criminal and civil contexts.

This looks like one of the world's most innocent activities, but if the rocks are removed from certain types of property it could be a violation of regulation, law, or personal property rights. The most severe consequence will likely be a warning, but, one never knows what can happen. Image copyright iStockphoto / emholk.



But Will I Get Caught?

Rock, mineral, and fossil collectors may also wrestle with the distinction between legal and practical realities when considering collecting activities. As is often the case, legal principles do not always match up with practical circumstances, and someone who does something illegal may not always be caught, let alone prosecuted or sued. Simply put, specimen collectors may find themselves in situations where they could engage in illegal conduct seemingly without fear of discovery or negative repercussions. Regardless, it would be irresponsible to condone illegal or unethical behavior. Published codes of ethics for rock collecting and rockhounding are intended to serve as guidelines for making moral and ethical choices associated with the hobby; however, ultimately, adherence to the legal realities of collecting oftentimes becomes a matter of one's personal character. Additionally, morality and ethics aside, the risk of being caught and prosecuted or sued always exists for criminal and civil offenders even when that risk is unexpected or unanticipated. Coincidences do happen.

This article is directed toward individual rock, mineral, and fossil collecting hobbyists. Accordingly, the legal principles explained in this article are applicable primarily to persons, not companies or other legal entities. While criminal and civil laws are oftentimes also applied to companies and other legal entities, in most instances, those organizations would likely have people engaging in collecting on their behalf for commercial purposes, which is, itself, relevant to the legality of certain rock, mineral, or fossil collecting activities.

The Importance of Rock, Mineral, or Fossil Ownership and Possession

The most important factor in assessing the legality of rock, mineral, and fossil collecting activities is the legal ownership or possession of the specimens being collected; the question of the ownership and possession of those specimens is the starting point for further legal analysis. Ownership of rocks, minerals, and fossils entails complete control of those specimens in the most extensive sense, still subject to applicable laws, however. Rights of possession of rocks, minerals, or fossils, while legally distinct from ownership, entails less control in a more limited sense, once again, still subject to applicable laws. Ownership typically includes the right of possession, while the right of possession often does not indicate ownership.⁵ For example, a person may have ownership of a piece of real estate, but may have leased that real estate to a company. In that situation, the company generally has the right of possession to the real estate, although the person still retains ownership of the real estate. Both ownership and rights of possession are relevant to rock, mineral, or fossil collecting as crucial for determining what rules are applicable and what permissions are needed for rock, mineral, or fossil collecting.

Ownership or Possession of Rocks, Mineral, and Fossils

Contrary to a common perception, all rocks, minerals, and fossils are treated as being owned or possessed by some person or entity in the American legal system; there are no specimens that are wholly "unowned" as a legal concept. Even in cases where no specific person or organization has ownership of rocks, minerals, or fossils or the property on which rocks, minerals, or fossils are located, federal, state, or local governments have

what constitutes default ownership or possession of those specimens or that property.⁶ In the majority of instances, the ownership of particular specimens located on the surface follows the ownership of the land upon which those specimens are located so that the person who owns the land also owns those surface specimens.⁷ In certain situations, however, this default rule is not applicable due to legal relationships in which the right of possession for those surface specimens is transferred to another person or organization. For example, the owner of land may lease or place a conservation easement on that land transferring the right to possess and, therefore, control surface specimens to a non-profit organization. The non-profit organization would have the legal right to those surface specimens. Likewise, when specimens are not located on the surface of land or are comprised of specific, recognized minerals or stone, the owner or possessor of a legal interest, oftentimes referred to as a mineral or stone interest, owns those specimens. By way of example, the owner of land may transfer the mineral and stone interest associated with the land to a limestone quarrying company. The limestone quarrying company would have the legal right to subsurface rocks and, depending on the specific language and interpretation of the transfer documents, the limestone rocks located on the surface.

MINERAL OF THE MONTH



What is this amazingly prismatic crystal? This is euclase a type of beryllium mineral and is related to beryl. The crystalline structure of Euclase is a monoclinic crystal system, meaning it has three vectors that grow at unequal lengths, making for some very unusual and not uniform shapes. Because of its unique structure, it tends to be very brittle and can easily chip when worked which makes working it an experience for more seasoned veterans in the lapidary arts. Its color stays mainly in the blue range, but you can also find it in clear to light green. Its name is Greek and means easily fractured, but still it is relatively hard at a 7.5 Mohs scale rating. It is mostly found in Russia, Brazil and the Austrian Alps, often in veins that also contain Beryl and Topaz.

FROM THE BENCH

Let's talk about Solder. What is solder used for? You use solder when you want to join two different pieces of metal together. It acts like glue and helps to hold the metal pieces together, or it can be used as an embellishment. There are so many types of solder, it can get really confusing.

Modes:

- Liquid, Rod, Chip, Sheet, Paste

Hardness:

- Soft, Medium, Hard

Temps:

- Low temp, Medium temp, High temp

Metal Types:

- They come in every type of metal imaginable, maybe even some you don't

What does all this mean and how do you use it? The answers are really dependent on the types of metal you are looking to join together. All metals have a specific temperature at which they turn liquid, so typically, you want your solder to be softer (turn liquid at a lower temp) than the metals you want to join together. This can be tricky if you are looking to join multiple types of metal together, like copper and bronze or copper and silver. You always want to err on the side of the metal with the lower melting temp, like in the examples above, silver melts at a lower temp than copper, and bronze has a lower temp still.

Volunteer Spotlight -

This is a new segment of the newsletter to help the membership see where there are opportunities to volunteer.

The Club Show is happening the first Sunday of the month, so we will be moving the clubhouse cleanup to June 14th at 10:00am.

List of tasks:

- Mow around barn and clubhouse
- Clear out blackberries from fence at parking lot
- Clean inside clubhouse
 - Clean kitchen - fridge and microwave
 - Clean bathroom
 - Vacuum carpet
 - Wipe down counters in cabbing room/hall
 - Wash windows

We will be needing volunteers to help with the Club Picnic setup in August 2026 and grill management. This is a potluck, and more information will be coming out in an email.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

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|---|---|
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">South Hill RV Sales</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Offering the highest rated starter, midline, and high end towables and RV's at the lowest prices which has made us a top volume dealer in Washington state.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12414 Meridian East, Puyallup 98373 253-435-7751 or 866-435-7751 www.southhillrv.com</p> |
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Local Area Shows for 2026

| DATE & TIME | CLUB | SHOW | LOCATION |
|--|--|---|--|
| May 2026 30th 10am - 5pm | Special Vendor organized event @ Maplewood Rock and Gem Club | | Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA |
| June 2026 5th—12pm—5pm 6th—10am—5pm 7th—10am—3pm | Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club | Valley of the Gems | Swiss Park 9205 198th Ave. E. Puyallup, WA |
| June 2026 17 through 21st Thurs—Sat 9am—5pm Sun 9am—3pm | Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow | Annual Jewelry, Gem, and Mineral Show \$10 field trips/person | Crook County Fairgrounds 120 S. Main St. Prineville, OR |
| June 2026 19th 10am—5pm 20th 9am—5pm 21st 10am—4pm | Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society | Annual Rock and Gem Show | Reedsport Community Building 451 Winchester Avenue Reedsport OR |
| July 2026 24th 9am—6pm 25th 9am—6pm 26th 9am—5pm | Washington Agate and Mineral Society | 2026 Rock & Gem Rendezvous | Tenino City Park 300 Park Ave W Tenino WA |
| August 2026 8th 10am - 5pm 9th 10am - 5pm | Maplewood Rock and Gem Club | Annual Summer Rock and Mineral Sale | Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA |
| August 2026 15th 9am—4pm | Shelton Rock and Mineral Society | 16th Annual Tailgate Rock Sale and Swap Meet Tailgate spots \$40 | MCRA 2100 E Johns Prairie Rd Shelton, WA |
| September 2026 19th 10am – 5pm 20th 10am – 4pm | Southern Washington Mineralogical Society | 60th Annual show | Cowlitz Co. Fairgrounds Events Center 1900 7th Ave Longview, WA |
| September 2026 19th 10am – 4pm 20th 10am – 4pm | Fraser Valley Rock and Gem Club | Annual show | Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Center 26770 29th Ave Aldergrove, BC |
| October 2026 3rd 10am - 5pm 4th 10am - 5pm | Marysville Rock and Gem Club | 50th Anniversary show | Evergreen State Fairgrounds Display Bldg #500 14405 179th Ave SE Monroe, WA |

<https://www.desertusa.com/dusablog/rockhound-state-park-nm/>
From SCVGMS Breccia, 05/26

Black Beauty, a Martian Meteorite

by Kat Koch, Cascade Mineralogical Society

A stone fell silent from the sky,
rust-red dust of Mars sealed inside—
ancient, airless, cold.

But deep within its fractured heart,
a glint, a trace, a whispered spark—
water, where none should be.

Across the void it traveled far,
to tell us softly who we are:
seekers of oceans in distant scars.

Black Beauty, is a Martian meteorite discovered in the Tafilalt region of Morocco, Sahara Desert in 2011, contains significant evidence of ancient water on Mars. New scans using



neutron and X-ray computed tomography have revealed that hydrogen-rich minerals (iron oxyhydroxides), which are indicators of water, make up about 11% of the meteorite's total water content, despite occupying only 0.4% of its volume. This hidden reservoir suggests widespread underground hydration across early Mars.

Further analysis of a zircon grain within the meteorite, dated to 4.45 billion years old, provides it is the oldest direct evidence of hot, water-rich environments on Mars—potentially hot springs—just 100 million years after the planet formed.

This implies that Mars may have had habitable conditions early in its history, similar to Earth's earliest life-supporting environments.

The meteorite, officially known as NWA 7034, is a volcanic breccia formed about 4.5 billion years ago and ejected from Mars 5–10 million

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2026 SHOW & TELL THEMES and PROGRAM NIGHT EVENTS

| MEETING | DATE | SHOW & TELL THEME | PROGRAM NIGHT EVENT |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| January - 1st Meeting | January 9, 2026 | Tiger's Eye or any field trip finds | |
| January - 2nd Meeting | January 23, 2026 | Lace or any field trip finds | Field Trip Finds |
| February - 1st Meeting | February 13, 2026 | Heart shaped or any field trip finds | |
| February - 2nd Meeting | February 27, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Carl Carlson |
| March - 1st Meeting | March 13, 2026 | "Sham" rocks or any field trip finds | |
| March - 2nd Meeting | March 27, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Jerry's Rock Shop |
| April - 1st Meeting | April 10, 2026 | April Fools Gold or any field trip finds | |
| April - 2nd Meeting | April 24, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Auction/Potluck |
| May - 1st Meeting | May 8, 2026 | Flower rocks or any field trip finds | |
| May - 2nd Meeting | May 22, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Chris Herrera |
| June - 1st Meeting | June 12, 2026 | Fancy Slabs & Fossils + any field trip finds | |
| June - 2nd Meeting | June 26, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Tailgate Party @ Grange Parking Lot |
| July - 1st Meeting | July 10, 2026 | Red, White, & Blue or any field trip finds | |
| July - 2nd Meeting | July 24, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Jerry's Rock Shop |
| August - 1st Meeting | August 14, 2026 | Carnelians + any field trip finds | |
| August - 2nd Meeting | Saturday, August 29, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Picnic & Tailgate Party at club house on Saturday |
| September - 1st Meeting | September 11, 2026 | Crystals + any field trip finds | |
| September - 2nd Meeting | September 25, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Mini Demonstration |
| October - 1st Meeting | October 9, 2026 | Wood + any field trip finds | |
| October - 2nd Meeting | October 23, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Auction/Potluck |
| November - 1st Meeting | November 13, 2026 | Thundereggs & Geodes + any field trip finds | |
| November - 2nd Meeting | November 27, 2026 | No Show & Tell | BINGO Night |
| December - 1st Meeting | Saturday, December 12, 2026 | No Show & Tell | Holiday Banquet/Officer Installation on Saturday |
| December - 2nd Meeting | No Meeting | No Show & Tell | |

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 2026

Gabriel Cain – 1st
 Doug Davis – 1st
 Susie Diedrich – 1st
 Jonah Nelson – 1st
 Cassandra Jackson – 1st
 Ben Small – 2nd
 Daniel Walsh – 2nd
 Larry Mays – 3rd
 Jim Nicholson – 3rd
 Scott Augustine – 4th
 Shelley Briske – 6th
 Hope Barker – 7th
 Jennifer Barnstien – 9th
 Alison Clauss – 10th
 Rickey Martin – 10th
 Seth Jones – 11th
 Brian Edwards – 12th
 Matthew Sorensen – 12th
 Carol Wallace – 13th
 Caroline Marringer – 14th
 Ben Clark – 14th
 Keira Fleming – 15th
 Kathy Mead – 15th
 Melanie Morales – 15th
 Mary Rotundo – 15th
 Gene Christian – 16th
 Ellie Edwards – 16th
 Kamilla McClelland – 16th
 Stephen Cox – 17th
 Makenzi Baker – 17th
 Peter McClusky – 18th
 Danny Englander – 20th
 Cody Foster - 20th
 Ali Morton – 20th
 Roger Forsythe – 21st
 Genny Monahan – 21st
 Monica Britt – 22nd
 Jacob Smith – 22nd
 Levi Soland – 22nd
 Susan Crawford – 23rd
 Blaine Draper – 23rd
 Michael Kenney – 23rd
 Jacob McClusky – 23rd
 Lyndsey Little – 25th
 Evan McCall – 25th

A ROCKHOUNDER'S MUST HAVE

F N E E R C S N U S D G L I S I T
 H O B T I H L M I H A N D C A R T
 H T N W P I C C F O G P E B O R P
 S E O F B S T K U U P F H W D J W
 T B X L E E I S A L S G E I E T D
 I O M A L L E T Q D D L N Z V I M
 K O E S N W I J M E E O P I C K E
 C K T H I X S L I R V V B U M D F
 A H G L P O P T E B I E T S B I I
 P A C I Y E A M I A C S U P E A N
 K F U G W I M F S G E I G O F T K
 C Y T H Q A O H E W E S D L U S T
 A I Z T H P A B I Z R N I O R R E
 B U C K E T K T O I E M N E O I K
 T A C L O T H I N G T W D C D F C
 B O O T S H O V E L A A I J H I O
 R E P E L L A N T O W E L S O A P

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| 1. BACKPACK | 11. GPS DEVICE | 21. ROCKHAMMER |
| 2. BOOTS | 12. HANDCART | 22. SHOULDERBAG |
| 3. BUCKET | 13. HAT | 23. SHOVEL |
| 4. CHISEL | 14. MALLET | 24. SOAP |
| 5. CLOTHING | 15. MAPS | 25. SUNSCREEN |
| 6. FIRSTAID KIT | 16. NOTEBOOK | 26. TENT |
| 7. FLASHLIGHT | 17. PICK | 27. TOWELS |
| 8. FOOD | 18. POCKETKNIFE | 28. TROWEL |
| 9. GAD | 19. PROBE | 29. WADERS |
| 10. GLOVES | 20. REPELLANT | 30. WATER |

Lukas Johnson – 25th
 Cathy Moeller – 25th
 Makenzie Witt – 25th
 Michael Ramsdell – 26th
 Daniel Naff – 26th
 Chris Kirkpatrick – 27th
 Glenn Rodrick – 28th
 Adam Boyd – 29th
 Carrie Dameron – 29th
 Bobby Brown – 30th



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