

# Cache Rock & Gem Club

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Meetings are on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the  
month @ Greenville  
Elementary 2450  
North 400 East.  
North Logan

Visitors are welcome.

Annual Club  
Membership

Individual \$15.00

Family \$20.00

Calendar  
of Events

January Club  
Meeting:

Thursday  
January 9, 2020  
@ Greenville  
Elementary  
School

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the exception of where it is  
denoted otherwise.

## From the Top of the Rock Pile

Bret Fonnesbeck – Club President

Welcome to the New Year everyone!! I hope that everyone had a great year in 2019 and that you all have an amazing 2020. As a new Presidency we have some ideas of where we would like to take the club in the future, but it is your club as well. So, we need and would really appreciate input from all of you.

Starting this month, we need to get Memberships renewed so that we can put together a directory for the club. We are trying to join The Northwest Federation

of Mineralogical Societies. There are some great benefits to being a part of the NFMS. We will talk about some of them at the club meeting this month. However, we need to have a directory of members to send with our application. I encourage everyone to get your membership renewed this month.

This month's club meeting is coming up quick. It is Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, at the Greenville Elementary School. We encourage everyone to come and



## **Presidents Message Continued:**

Join the discussion. We are going to talk about the coming year and would love your input on a number of topics from what we do at the club meetings, to where we are going on field trips this year. This is your club and we want to make it as enjoyable as we can to be a part of.

Also, we need help. We have several positions that we still need to fill for this club to run smoothly. We are only asking for a few hours of your time a month. Some of my best experiences with this club have been when I have taken the time to help, and I have built some amazing friendships with fellow members that I would not have if I did not step up and lend a hand. Don't miss out on an incredible opportunity to get to know some wonderful friends and to share your love of this hobby.

Thank you for all you do for the club and each other. I look forward to having a wonderful new year and making new friends along the way.

**Bret Fonnesbeck  
President  
Cache Rock and Gem Club**

## **First President Message**

I am very excited for the years ahead as a Cache Rock and Gem Club member. After only being in the club for about a nine months I have met some of the greatest people, learned a little of this new found skill called lapidary and found a passion for something that I would never have imagined...ROCKS.

Like many of you I am amazed at the treasure held inside such an unassuming object. From a first dirt covered glimpse in the field to a final discovery of an oil coated slab fresh out of the saw, what is found inside is truly magical!

Who would have imagined this sport would be so exciting. No need for extreme skiing or para sailing. Let me lace up my boots, put on a sweat stained hat, hike up a hill (or two) and I have found true happiness. Looking forward to finding it with all of you.

**Patrick Carroll  
1st VP  
Cache Rock and Gem Club**



# Annual Christmas Party December 12, 2019



## Chairman of the Board Message

I want to start by wishing you all a very happy new year. We had some really fun times this last year and we are going to have even more good times this year. As you know, we now have a new presidency for the club and they have some really good ideas to take this club to a new level. We will be sustaining them at our meeting this month to take over the club duties.

One opening on the board is for a kids club leader. Shawndra has done an absolutely great job with these kids but her schedule has made it that she can no longer hold this position. The kids in this club are our future so we need to support them and teach them. This creates a real need to have someone who can help us in this position. I would like to just say thank you to all of you for all of your support these past 10 or more years and hope that you will continue to support the new presidency and help in any way possible to keep the club growing. Club meeting is this Thursday on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January at 7:00 pm. See you there

**Gary Warren  
Chairman of the Board  
Cache Rock and Gem Club**



## January Birthstones

Garnet, the birthstone of January, is mined in a rainbow of colors. From the fiery orange of Mandarin Garnet to the rich green of Tsavorite Garnet and to the most widely recognized color of Pyrope Garnet, it is considered a great gift to symbolize friendship and trust.



### Important Info from Anita McCollum:

Back in December Anita sent out an email to the club regarding the EPA's authorization of the use of Cyanide bombs to protect livestock from predators. This is something we all need to be aware of while we are out in the field. Copy and paste the Link below to read the article in its entirety.

<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/473184-epa-authorizes-use-of-cyanide-bombs-to-protect-livestock-against-predators>

## **Junior Members**

The California Gold Rush (1848 - 1855) all started when James Wilson Marshall was building a water powered sawmill for John Sutter in 1848. When he finished building the sawmill, he went to the river to fetch some water, but that is when it happened. He saw some shiny little flakes of gold in the river. He immediately went to tell John, and they tried to keep it a secret. But word soon got out, and the gold rush started. The news of gold brought some 300,000 people to California from the rest of the United States and abroad.

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Gold was discovered in California in 1849. People who rushed to California to make their fortunes were called Forty-niners.



# Destination Sun Tunnels

By Jessica Vahsholtz

\*With additional facts and information from Utah.com

One of my favorite places to visit out in the desert is the Sun Tunnels. Randy, Sierra, Austin and I have visited the area on a couple of occasions with our family to visit and camp and we also explored the Sun Tunnels a couple of years ago with the Cache Rock and Gem Club. I love photography and this area is just fun to photograph. I know I have several hundred photos of this site. There is just something about it that is just amazing and beautiful.

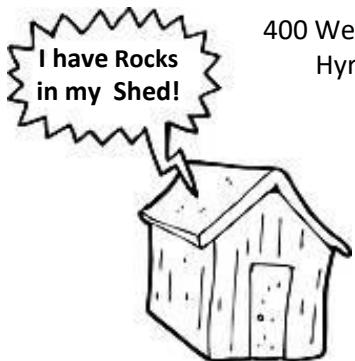
The creator of the Sun Tunnels is an artist by the name of Nancy Holt the husband of --- the creator of the Spiral Jetty. Holt's project was completed in 1976. The four tunnels are made from concrete in the shape of tubes, laid out in an X shape, each drilled with holes to pattern the constellations of Draco, Perseus, Columbia and Capricorn. These tubes are nine feet high and 18 feet long.

Holt has said her tunnels bring the sky down to earth, with the dazzling effect of light bouncing through the tubes. Two of the tunnels align with the setting and rising sun during the summer solstice and two line up during the winter solstice.

If you are looking for a fun place for the kids/family or to camp and partake in some beautiful sun rises and sunsets while out in the desert rockhounding or exploring, this is the place. My family loves it out there. Happy Trails!



# Cache Rock & Gem Members Rock Shed – CLOSED FOR THE SEASON



400 West 60 South  
Hyrum, UT

**CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**

## **Shed Crew:**

Larry Christopherson	435-723-6476
Bret Fonnesbeck	435-757-4927
Gary Warren	435-720-1775

Slab saw cost 0.10 per inch of rough.

Only trained shed crew are authorized to set up and run the saws.

Cost is ;      Adults      Jr. members  
Wheels      \$2.00      \$1.00



## Upcoming Club Shows in the Neighborhood

### Magic Valley Gem Club

Annual Rock & Gem Show  
3/7/2020-3/8/2020

Twin Falls County Fair Grounds  
Filer, Idaho

### Gem Faire Salt Lake City

03/27/2020- 03/29/2020  
Mountain America Expo Center  
9575 State Street  
Sandy, UT 84070



## Additional Information

### Photos Wanted

If you have any photos for the website  
please sent them to Jessica @  
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Thank You!!!



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## Bob & Maria Stewart

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We have been assembling a large collection of silicates, mainly agate, jasper and quartz from Mexico for over 10 years. We are now offering our collection for sale online and at various rock and gem shows. Our mission is to find, collect and sell the finest agate, jasper, geodes and other forms of chalcedony, mainly from family-owned property in Mexico, to offer to you at affordable prices.



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## Rock Buckets



The club has 3 gal buckets of rough rock for sale. The rough is a varied collection from club trips and include petrified wood, palm, agate, etc. The cost of a bucket is \$10.00 to club members. If interested, contact one of the club officers.

