

From the Top of the Rock Pile

Bret Fannesbeck – Club President

Hey Everyone,

It is a new year, yeah! Before long we will be able to get out rock hounding and enjoying the great outdoors again. This coming year will have its challenges and disappointments, however with a little effort and ingenuity we should be able to overcome them and have a great year.

Regular club meetings are going to resume this year as allowed starting January 14th at 7 PM at the Cache County Fairgrounds Event Center. January's meeting is going to be an informal business meeting. There is no program, and we hope people will come out and share with us what they would like to see happen this year. We as a Presidency really appreciate everyone's input and want to address any concerns that club members may have. Just come and go as you want, we will be there until 8:30 PM. This is also a great opportunity to stop in and renew your membership for 2021.

There are a few things that we need from you as club members in order to make things happen this year.

First, we need committee members and other volunteers for the show. Yes, we are having the show this year. In the next two weeks we will be putting a Show Committee together from the volunteers and beginning to plan for the show. If you wish to be a part of that please contact me and let me know. We have several people that have already volunteered but many hands make light work. If you don't want to be on the committee but are still willing to help at the show we need around 30 people to make it successful. Please step up and help us make this a great event.



Meetings are on the
2nd Thursday of the
month 7pm @
Cache County
Fairgrounds Events
Center; 490 S 500
W, Logan UT 84321

Visitors are welcome.

Annual Club Membership

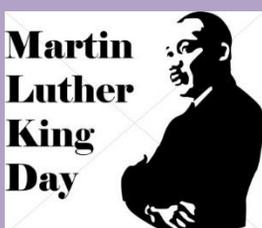
Individual \$15.00

Family \$20.00

Calendar of Events

Club Meeting January
14th @ 7pm at the Cache
County Events Center

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President Message Continued:

Second, there are many people who for one reason or another can not make our monthly meetings but still have a desire to help out and be part of the club. We would like to hear from you so we can know how best to keep you updated and aware of what is going on in the club. We have a Facebook group that we post stuff to, and a website, but there are many in the club who don't use either one. We would love suggestions.

The tentative monthly meeting schedule is as follows: January 14, February 11, March 18, April 8, May 6, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9. March is not on the second Thursday, it is on the third. August is not scheduled yet because we still need to make a decision on where to have the annual picnic.

We are going to have a contest in February. We are looking for new logos for the club to use on shirts, hats, etc. There will be one of them that will be chosen for the official logo and the designer will be awarded a nice prize. This contest will run from the February meeting until the March meeting. The Prize will be shown at the February meeting and more details will be given. You will have the time between the two meetings to turn in your design. Then voting will happen at the March meeting and a winner will be chosen. We will also put the details in the February Newsletter.

I hope you all have a great 2021. Stay safe and healthy. Remember to be Kind to everyone. You never know what battles they are fighting and you could be the one that helps them or breaks them. We all have different beliefs and opinions but there is no reason we can't be tolerant and respectful. Thanks for all you do for this club.

Bret Fannesbeck
President
Cache Rock and Gem Club

First Presidents Message:

Happy New Year Everyone,

As I think about last year I remember good times with my fellow rock club members. The times where we came together to share laughs and stories of our passion for rocks and gemstones. Visits to the club shed and meetings where we learned silversmithing and wire wrapping. Our educational programs on Amethyst and Alexandrite are the things I remember. Rock Jeopardy? (You guys are really smart) And who could forget that Stingray one of our members found at the fossil quarry. Not me that's for sure.

2021 will be filled with more great memories and I look forward to making them with each of you. All my best to you and your families for the year ahead.

Patrick Carroll
1st Vice President
Cache Rock and Gem Club



First Presidents Message Continued:

Here we are at the start of what hopefully will be a better new year, we had some great trips last year thanks to suggestions from club members and the hard work from the trip committee. We are looking for ideas of places to go this year, they can be spots we haven't been to in awhile or if someone has a new place to go, we would like to hear your ideas. We will be getting the committee together in the next couple of weeks to start planning so let myself or someone on the committee know. Happy new year!

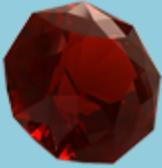
Dave Nielson
2nd Vice President
Trip Manager
Cache Rock and Gem Club

Chairman of the Board Message

We are finally into the new year and I hope that this finds all of you well and happy. For this year, we are going to plan on meetings and outings, and we are also going to plan on the show for this year. We will just take it one day at a time and do the best we can, As we start this year, we are going to start meeting again and just get out and have somewhere to go if nothing else. We still need to have people to help us with the show committees and one of the things that we could really use is all of you to take photos of our activities. We just need to have people that will take photos so that we can put them onto our web site and also to put them into the monthly newsletter. If nothing else, just take your camera or phone with you and take a few photos while taking a break from filling your bucket or between buckets. These photos are also used at our show to put up on the big screen so people will see what we are doing in the club. I want to thank Bret for putting up with this mess and doing his part to help keep the club running. I know that it is hard, even without all the problems that this past year has given us. Well, stay well and keep your family safe and happy and hope to see all of you soon.

Gary Warren.
Rock Show Director
Chairman of the Board
Cache Rock and Gem Club





January's birthstone is the Garnet. The word "garnet" comes from the 14th century Middle English word *gernet*, meaning "dark red." The word is derived from Latin *granatum*, which means "seed," and is called so because of the gemstone's resemblance to the red seeds of the pomegranate.

Garnet is the name of a group of minerals that come in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of the pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of tsavorites. Some rare garnets are even blue, colorless, or—most rare of all—change colors in different lights. But the most common garnet color is a beautiful range of reds, from rust colored to deep violet-red.

Courtesy American Gem Society

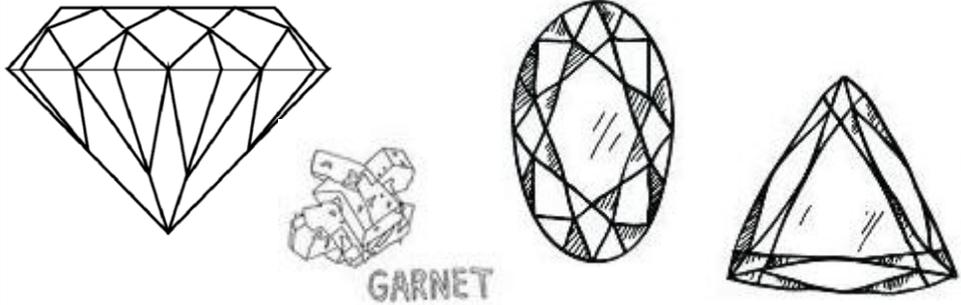
Rock & Gem Club Garnet Finds



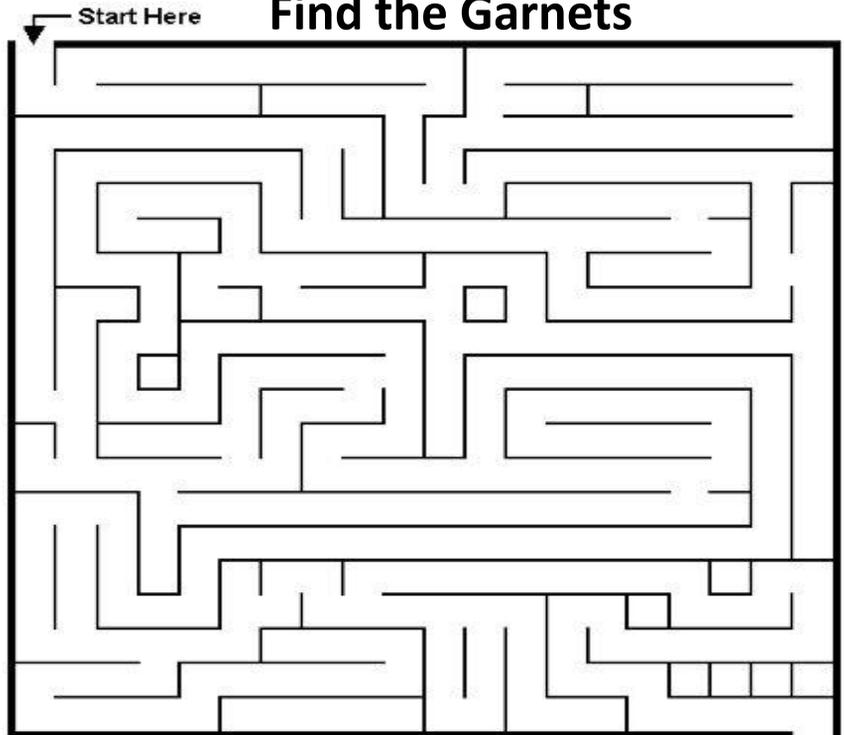
Junior Members

Which three states claim the Garnet as their state gem? _____, _____, _____.
Which state claims the Star Garnet as it's state gem? _____.

Color The Garnets



Find the Garnets



Answers: Question 1 – Connecticut, New York & North Carolina. Question 2 – Idaho.



Shed Crew:

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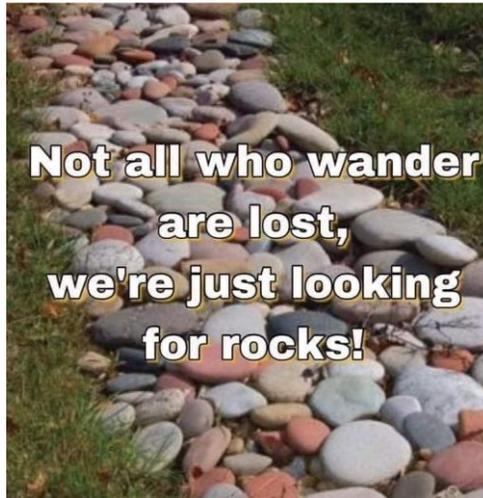
Rock Buckets

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



Shed Rules

- *Three people in the shed to maintain space & social distancing.
- *The shed is open on Wednesday Evenings 5-8pm
- Saturday Mornings 9am-1pm
- *By appointment only!
- *Please contact Larry Christophersen @ (435)723-6476. You may text, but start the text out with CRGC. If Larry does not answer please leave a voicemail and he will get back with you. You can also email Larry at larry-0021@comcast.net



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