



Meetings are on the 2nd 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

February Club Meeting:

Thursday
February 13,
2020 @
Greenville
Elementary
School

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From the Top of the Rock Pile

Bret Fannesbeck – Club President

Another month is upon us. It never seems like there is enough time for everything that needs to be done. That being said, the annual club show is coming up fast. Before we know it May will be upon us. In order to have a successful show we have a lot to get done.

One of the most important things that we need is people. There are many responsibilities that go along with making this show a success and there never seem to be enough hands to get them all done. As we get closer, we will need as many volunteers as possible. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of this.

Rocks! We also need some nice specimens for the door prize raffles. Any of you that would be willing to donate a rock or two, or maybe something else we would be grateful. We also have many bags to fill for the kid's club table. So, bring those smaller pieces of rock for the bags to the next club meeting and help us fill up those bags. We will be filling them for the next couple of months so that gives you plenty of chances to help out.

We will be doing display cases for the show again this year. Last year we had some really nice displays and it would be great to have even more. If you are interested,



Presidents Message Continued:

please let us know.

We still have committees that have openings on them. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know. Serving on a committee is a great way to contribute to the success of the club.

Please remember that the deadline for club dues to be in is February 29th. We will be printing a club directory this year and if you want to be in the directory, we need your membership info before then. There is a new membership/renewal application on the website that we need filled out and returned by then. You can mail it or bring it to the club meeting. Of course we will continue to take applications after this date and please don't assume you are on the list. If you haven't turned in a paper, you probably are not.

February's meeting is on the 13th at 7:00 PM at the Greenville Elementary. The address is 2450 N 400 E, North Logan. We would love to see you there. Come on out and visit with old friends and make some new ones.

I am getting excited for the spring weather to come and I am ready to get out and do some rockhounding. I am looking forward to this coming year. Let's make it a great one.

Thanks for all you do,

Bret Fannesbeck
President
Cache Rock and Gem Club

Upcoming Event at USU



The poster features a background image of red rock formations under a blue sky. On the left, there is a circular logo for 'GEO SCIENCES' with a mountain and water icon. On the right, the text 'Rock-n-Fossil Day' is written vertically. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'February 22, 2020', '10:00 am-3:00 pm', and 'USU Geology Building (Northeast corner of the Quad)'. A list of activities is provided in colored boxes: 'All Activities are Free' (orange), 'Make and Take Pet Rocks' (blue), 'Museum Tours + Other Presentations' (green), and 'Dino Cookies' (brown). At the bottom right, a small URL is provided: 'visit geo.usu.edu/activities/rock-and-fossil-day for more information'. The top right corner has the 'COLLEGE OF SCIENCE Utah State University' logo.

First Presidents Message

Thanks all of you who filled out our information questions on the membership application last month.

We gained some great insight into what everyone has experience in and what everyone would like to learn more of. From the questions we found that the number one topic members would like to learn more about was minerals/geology. Also, we found that the number one favorite rock/gem/mineral was the amethyst. So for this month's program we will highlight the amethyst. Learning more about it's legacy, ancient history, locations, healing powers and gem stone classification. See you all next week!

Patrick Carroll
1st VP
Cache Rock and Gem Club



Dave's Trip Committee Update

Our trip committee got together a couple of weeks ago and this year we decided to do things a little differently. We will be doing two, possibly three trips per month, one club trip the Saturday after club meeting, another possibly a weekend trip later in the month, and an exploratory trip. The exploratory trips may not be every month, but they will be often. The first trip of the year will be Wendover, this trip will be April 4th or 18th depending on the weather, for those that have been with us before, it will be a little different. One of our group found where the moss agate is, depending on how long we are there, we may hit a couple of other spots that have good stuff as well. We also have another trip planned for topaz the weekend of April 24th-26th. In May we will be going to the blue forest for the club trip on May 23rd. We have a lot of new places we want to check out this year. It will be an interesting year with hopefully a lot of new stuff, more details to come in the near future.

Dave

Chairman of the Board Message

We are headed into another year for the club and I see some big changes coming. We have been discussing field trips, exploration trips and other fun things for the year. I will still be chairman over the Rock Show, and I am hoping that it will be even bigger and better this year. Bret and I have met with the building person

and have everything ready to go for May 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th. We are going to need a lot more help again as this is a much bigger venue than Bridgerland. The first thing we need to do is to start filling rock bags and getting other rocks ready for the silent auction. If any of you have rocks for either area, please get back with me so we can get them assembled so we can have some idea of the amount we have.

Another thing that we need to get planned are the display cases. We really want to have a few more than last year so if you can do a display case, get with Jay Anderson and give him your name for a case. I think that we have about 20 cases so when they are gone they are gone. We want to extend the cases out into the main hall as they do draw peoples attention.

We also need someone to take over the Kids tables and keep them running smoothly. That area is another big draw so we need to make sure it is organized and we have plenty of help.

We will need to also have help with the food in the kitchen. If you have a food handlers permit we would like you to help us whenever you have some time. This area is probably the busiest in the whole show so we need to have plenty of help. It is not necessary for everyone who helps to have a permit, but someone who has one should be on site.



February Birthstone

Amethyst is purple quartz and is a beautiful blend of violet and red that can be found in every corner of the world. The name comes from the Ancient Greek, derived from the word *methustos*, which means "intoxicated." Ancient wearers believed the gemstone could protect them from drunkenness.

Courtesy: Wixon Jewelers



Chairman of the Board Message Cont:

If you were out on one of the field trips and have photos, we would like to get a copy of them so that we can put the photos onto the Tron to show. This was a big hit last year and we had a lot of good comments from the people who saw them. We are again expecting 1000 kids from the schools in the area and we should get 2000 to 4000 people showing up for the show. As we get closer to show time, I will keep you posted as to what still needs to be done but if each of you will please let us know where you would prefer to help we would really appreciate it. This show is a group effort and cannot be a success without everyone's help. See you at club meeting.

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

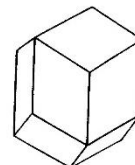
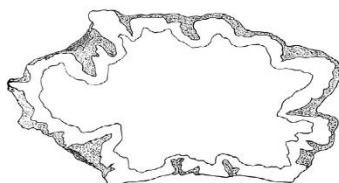
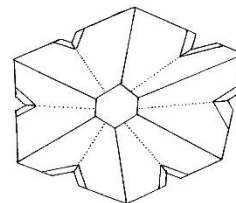
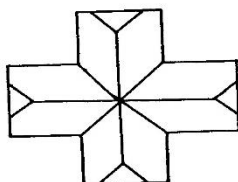
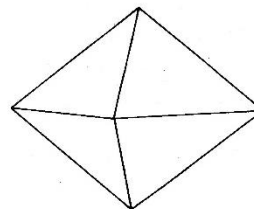
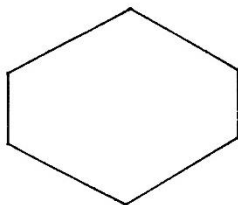
Junior Members in Action



Junior Members

MINERAL FACES

Turn these crystal drawings into mineral faces!! You could even put arms and legs on them, too. How about ears?! Have fun.



Courtesy kidsloverocks.com



Club Spotlight of the Month Jay Andersen



Jay Andersen has lived in the valley for about 20 years and has lived in Logan for about 15. He has three kids and 43 descendants. While he is originally from Hyrum, Utah he has lived in many places including North Dakota, Idaho, Kansas. His work, some of which involved him being a Building Manager and a vice president of said position, also caused him to travel extensively, bringing him to California, Idaho, Montana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Guatemala, and West Germany!

He's been a member of the Cache Rock and Gem club for about 14 years and was the first board member of the club. Jay was also a member of the Northwest Federation from 1968-1974 and was the Federation Director in 1971. He single-handedly composed the Northwest Federation's Directory in that year.

The first time Jay was introduced to rocks was when he was around 7 or 8 years old, when he talked to his neighbor, Dalton Reed. Reed was a milk collector for the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. One day, Jay asked him what he did with the milk, and so Reed invited him over. He demonstrated the hand-driven centrifuge and let Jay give it a try. At first, Jay could barely move the thing, but the more he cranked it the faster and easier it got. Afterward, Reed's wife, Agnes Reed, invited the two for cold milk and cookies, which was a luxury for Jay because his family didn't have a fridge yet. After they ate, Reed introduced Jay to his rock collection and gave him a large piece of variscite. Dalton Reed was one of the charter members of the Cache Rock and Gem Club.

Jay doesn't have a favorite rock or mineral because he says, "It changes every time I cut one," although he does appreciate a good banded agate or oolite concretion. But to Jay, the fun is found in cutting the rocks open and discovering the hidden beauty within.

He has an extensive collection of rocks, minerals and fossils, filling up much of his house, although he somehow manages to keep it organized. His collection includes ammonites, oolite stone, carved malachite animals, aragonite specimens, large pyrite cubes, bright fluorescent minerals, quartz points, top-place-winning faceted stones (which he faceted himself), many types of fossils, cabs and slabs of all sorts, and of course, his piece of variscite from Dalton Reed.

Jay has rockhounded around many places in the western United States. One of his favorite spots is Hubbard Basin, which is about 30 miles south of Jackpot, Nevada. Another notable place he's been to is Spencer Opal Mines, where he found a piece that was so big that he could wrap his arms around it!

When Jay finds a rock, he knows what to do with it. He enjoys faceting, slabbing, drilling, capping, and making buttons out of the stones. And when it comes to fossils, he can make them pop out of the sandstone by carefully using his sandblaster to bring out the intricate details.

In addition to rockhounding and crafting rocks, Jay enjoys birdwatching, fishing, silverwork, casting rings, using metal clay, enameling on copper, and woodworking. He makes good quality walking sticks and has made some beautiful wooden furniture. He also carves the wood into cowboy portraits and wildlife, which makes sense, because his favorite places to travel to are the desert and mountains.

Jay seems to make a point to enjoy life, and that definitely shows in his hobbies, work, and craftsmanship, and he certainly helps others and to do the same. His warm personality and generosity have been a huge asset to the club.



Upcoming Shows in the Neighborhood

CR&GC Members Rock Shed *Closed for the Season*



400 West 60 South
Hyrum, UT

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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

ROCKS A PLENTY IN 2020

OWYHEE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
66th ANNUAL
ROCK & GEM SHOW
O'Connor Field House
2200 Blaine, Caldwell, Id

Saturday March 7th 2020 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday March 8th 2020 10 am to 5 pm

Admission \$4.00

Kids 11 and under free (with adult)

DEALERS - DEMONSTRATORS
BLACK LIGHT DISPLAY - SHOW CASES
WHEEL OF GEMS - SAND DIG - GRAB BAGS

DOOR PRIZES EVERY HALF HOUR
RAFFLES - SILENT AUCTION - GRAND PRIZE

Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History will have an
Open House just up the street at the College of Idaho
Be sure to see the **EVANS ROCK COLLECTION** (free)
Both Days - Free Shuttle to & from the Gem Show

www.OwyheeRocks.com



70th Annual Magic Valley Gem Club Show
Rocks, Gems, Minerals and Jewelry



Twin Falls County Fairgrounds
Filer, Idaho

Saturday, March 14, 2020
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 15, 2020
10:00am to 4:00 pm

Featuring

- Collectable Mineral Specimens
- Unique Custom Jewelry
- Rough Material
- Lapidary Art Demonstrations
- Activities for the Kids

Admission \$1.00 for adults. Children are free.

Details at www.magicvalleygemclub.org



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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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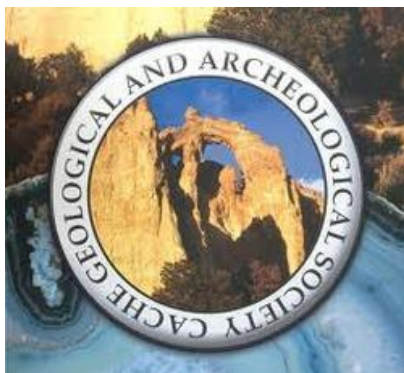
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Rock Buckets



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.

