

From the Top of the Rock Pile

Bret Fannesbeck – Club President

Hey Everyone,

Spring is almost here and with that there are many things that we need to accomplish for the club and for the annual rock show. For the rock show to be successful we need many hands that are willing to volunteer and help get things done. We also need many hands to be at the show for the four days that we are there. The show dates are May 19th setup and May 20th – 22nd are the show.

Between now and then we have much to get done. We need to have a work meeting or two so we can get rocks cleaned and sorted, bagged and labeled, and display cases assembled. I will send out emails about those dates and times later in the month so watch for them.

The club meeting this month is on the third Thursday March 18th at 7:00 PM at the Cache County Fairgrounds Event Center. There is a great program lined up as well as the completion of the Logo Contest. For those of you that are entering a logo please remember the March 7th deadline.

<http://cacherockgemclub.weebly.com>



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 March
11th @ 7pm at the Cache
County Events Center

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otherwise.



President Message Continued:

Send your logo entry to crgc.president@gmail.com in jpg or pdf format. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We have put together a Club Directory. They will be available this month at the meeting. So, if you would like one come on by and pick one up.

Trips are going to start this month weather permitting so get ready to go get some rocks.

If any of you have "spare" rocks that you have cleaned up and are willing to donate for the silent auction at the show that would be great.

As we get back into rockhounding season make sure that when you go out you are prepared and stay safe. Looking forward to a better year than last and spending time with all of you again. Thanks for all you do.

Bret Fannesbeck
President
Cache Rock and Gem Club

First Presidents Message:

Where did the month of February go? This was a quick month for me and I am finding it difficult to believe March is here. Very pleased it is and looking forward to the possible 50 degree temperatures promised in the next few days. This past week my good friend Lance Gates and I attended the Gun show held at the Cache County Event Center and I am convinced our show in May will be well received. We found many vendors and excited people in attendance. For this month's program Mark Adams will be demonstrating how to make wire wrapped gem trees. Many of you saw the examples he brought to last month's meeting. This will be a great opportunity for us so please come and participate. Thank you Mark for your willingness to share this talent. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Patrick Carroll
1st Vice President
Cache Rock and Gem Club



2nd VP/Trip Manager Message

Hey everybody, get your rock hammers, buckets, packs, hiking shoes, gloves, water bottles and snacks ready to go we have just a couple of weeks until the first trip of the year, weather permitting we will be going out to wendover the 27th, we have found a new spot with plume agate and our other favorite spots for more rock. So pray for dry weather the week before so we can get in without having to go axle deep, any questions can be answered at this month's meeting.

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

2021 Cache Rock & Gem Club Trips

March 27th Wendover and possibly Utah blue sky

April 10th Randolph shells/crystals

April 23-25th Salina wonderstone, alabaster, salt

May 7th Dubois

May 29th Grouse creek/ Devils playground

June 12th Eureka

June 25-26th Kerry, Idaho

July 16-18th Graveyard Point area

August 14th Bitch creek

August 27-28th Milford area

September 10-11th Yellowcat

September 24-26th McDermott

October 15-16 Topaz/Dugway



Chairman of the Board Message

We are finally into March and heading for our show in May. It is only 2 months away and we still need to have help with the show. If you feel that you can be able to help us in May, get with one of the officers or let me know so we can get you assigned a position at the show. We are still pushing for the show and it will be May 20, 21 and 22 with setup on the 19th of May. The places that we are going to need help is the setup of tables and taking them down, security and helping in various area while the show is going on. Please get back with us and let us know as soon as possible when and what times you would like to help us there. Watch the newsletter and it will give you up to date information of what is going on in the club. I hope that I can soon start coming back to club meeting, but with this crisis going on, I am restricted to go to large group meetings for right now. I am going to try and get out for rock hounding and hope to see all of you there.

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

Show Committee Corner

Want AD

NEEDED: A few GOOD ROCKS, no leaverites or dog rocks. Rocks, slabs, cabs, specimens, you name it. They will be used for the silent auction sale to support our club. We currently have LOTS of rocks but need a few quality pieces. Dig deep into your buckets, boxes, hidden corners and shelves, and find those rocks you forgot you had, please just remember if you would not buy it, we probably cannot sell it. PLEASE clean and label (rock name and/or location) your donations. We can use an estimated value of the items also. Remember PRETTY sells, and supports our club

ALSO NEEDED: Raffle prizes, our members create some fantastic rock and gem related items. We can always use your creations for raffle prizes. Giving of your time to create, has much more value than the items.

For more info contact: Arno, 208-360-1067, if no answer, please leave a voice or text message.



It's time to show off!

Rock Displays are where it's at!!!

Imagine 1000's of awe struck patrons praising your name. Imagine making your friends green with envy. Imagine your adversaries with soul reaching jealousy. Yes this is your chance to go down in the annals of the Rock Display Hall of Fame.

What is a display case? A box approximately 2 feet by 2 feet by 4 feet with a window. Box locked by a padlock.

Data:

First come First served - Limited number of cases available.

Last day to reserve a display case - April 8

Setup date - May 19 Take down date - May 22

We will show you how to set up your case Training April Meeting - April 8

Don't have enough rocks to fill a case - join your friends for a group effort.

More information coming in March.

Want, Need, just have to Have a display case, then reserve your case today contact Gary Allred by email.
karagary84@gmail.com.



HELP WANTED

In search of a few CRGC members to become dynamic sales persons, for our silent auction. No experience necessary just a willingness to sell LOTS of rocks at our ROCK SHOW on May 20, 21, and 22.

Benefits

You get to see LOTS of rocks, SMILES on the faces of successful bidders, a warm feeling of helping our GREAT club provide information and education of rocks, minerals, and lapidary.

Contact

To join this squad of select, super sellers contact Arno, 208-360-1067, if no answer, please leave a voice or text message.



Annual Show Manager Message

Here we are in a new month and the **club rock show** is approaching fast. The show committee had a meeting on Friday February 26th to follow up on assignments and bring up any concerns.

Our show chairmen are going to need a lot of support from club members, by volunteering to help at the various stations to make this a successful show. There are many different places to help, the front table area needs people to greet and direct the attendees, the raffle and silent auction area will need people to handle tickets and sell club t-shirts, the kid's club area will need people to man the different activities, the display case area will need support to assemble and take down the display cases. There will be an opportunity for everyone. Any time you can give is a great support. It doesn't have to be all day, every day, many hands, make light work. Check with the chairman of the area you would be willing to work in and check the schedule they are working for.

We have a great group of vendors and those giving demonstrations.

There will be changes to the Kid's club area due to Covid-19, as we are working to physically distance and still maintain the interest and fun in that area.

We are also encouraging members to display their treasures in a display case. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Gary Allred or Larry Christophersen to arrange for a case.

The club will be providing a silent auction, raffle and t-shirt sales.

There will also be demonstrators in various fields of rock related hobbies.

Mark the dates on your calendar, May 19th set up, show days May 20th thru May 22nd (Tear down will start at 6:00pm on the 22nd)

And again, please work to arrange some time to help with the show. It is a great time for interaction and to share our hobby.

Larry Christophersen
Annual Show Manager
Cache Rock and Gem Club



MARCH BIRTHSTONE



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Aquamarine is the name used for gem-quality specimens of the mineral beryl within a color range of greenish blue to blue. The name is used regardless of a stone's tone or saturation. So, aquamarines can range from a very light, almost imperceptible color to stones with a rich vibrant color.

Most aquamarine has a very light color, which can be almost unnoticeable in very small stones. Stones with a rich blue color are the most popular. They are also the rarest and most valuable.

The name aquamarine is derived from a combination of two Latin words: *aqua*, meaning water, and *marina*, meaning the sea - the color of the sea.

Aquamarine is best known as a highly transparent blue stone. Unlike emerald, the deep green variety of beryl, high-clarity, fracture-free aquamarine is abundant and more affordable. High-clarity, fracture-free stones are also more attractive and less likely to be damaged during wear.

Did you know that nice pieces of translucent aquamarine are also used in jewelry? Translucent aquamarine is often cut into beads and sometimes cut as cabochons.

Necklaces strung with beads of pastel blue aquamarine and pastel pink morganite (both color-varieties of the mineral beryl) make a beautiful combination.



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Junior Members

Rocks and Minerals Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden rock and mineral words in the word search puzzle below.

(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



Word List

AGATE	HALITE	PUMICE
ALEXANDRITE	MAGNETITE	SANDSTONE
AMETHYST	MALACHITE	SAPPHIRE
DIAMOND	MARBLE	UNAKITE
EPIDOTE	OBSIDIAN	VULCANITE



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Shed Crew:

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

Slab saw cost 0.20 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

400 West 60 South
Hyrum, UT



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

The Cache Rock and Gem Club presents:		2021: A Rock Odyssey Rock & Gem Show
		
	May 20, 21, 22 Adults \$1.00, Family \$5.00, 12 and under free	
Thursday and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.		 Facebook: Cache Rock and Gem Club  Instagram: cacherockandgemclub1985 Thank you to our sponsor! 
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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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