



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**

**Club Meetings
CANCELLED
until June as
advised by the
President.
Location TBD.**

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the exception of where it is
denoted otherwise.



From the Top of the Rock Pile

Bret Fannesbeck – Club President

Another month has come and gone and warmer weather is finally upon us.

As President I get the privilege of giving good news, but I also have to give the bad news as well.

Due to restrictions placed on us by the State we have officially postponed the annual Rock and Gem Show until 2021. There are too many restrictions for us to have it this year and to be able to keep everyone safe. This is a great disappointment to many, as it is to myself,

but the Board Of Directors has decided it is necessary. We will continue to plan and look forward to next year.

Club meetings should resume in June although there will be a new location. We have yet to determine where that will be, and we will get that info to you ASAP.

The Club trips will resume in May and the first one is to the Blue Forest. Dave has details in this Newsletter. I am excited to get out with all of you again and



President Message Continued:

collect while we practice our social distancing.

I feel like there are some good positive things in the works and we will make the best of the current situation. There are vendors from the Show that are willing to make their products available to the public through emails and stopping by their homes. Watch for those names in the Newsletter and in future emails. No matter what you feel about the current issues we as a society are facing please be respectful of others and their opinions. We might not always agree but that is one of the great things that we have as citizens of the United States of America. Liberty and the freedom to believe as we choose. Please be kind to everyone.

Some other Club business that we need to address is a new Secretary. Kylie Allen has done an amazing job but due to circumstances out of her control has resigned from the position. She is an extraordinary young woman and we look forward to seeing her out with the Club. We will be having a special election at the June meeting so if you are interested in helping out please let me know and I will add your name to the ballot. The deadline for getting your name on the ballot is June 1st 2020.

I hope you all have a great May and we get a chance to go rockhounding together.

Thanks, and be safe.

Bret Fannesbeck
President
Cache Rock and Gem Club



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Good news! We plan to have meetings again starting in June. The school will be closed so we are looking for a new building to meet in, one that will allow for the extra space we need. I am sure after spending time away from all of our rock club friends it will be nice to get together and visit one another. Hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am!

While we are waiting to get together, please continue to visit our Facebook group and share what you are doing with everyone. I have seen many interesting rocks and custom crafts from our members, you are all so talented.

Hopefully you are also seeing information from other groups and clubs. I recently saw a post from Wyoming of some banded chert. Stunning!

Be well and see you all in June or at our May field trip before then.

Patrick Carroll
1st VP
Cache Rock and Gem Club

Pictures from the Wendover/Gold Hill Trip



Dave's Trip Committee Update

On May 23rd we will be going to the blue forest for petrified wood, this is another early rising trip, it takes about three hours to get there from Logan. We will be leaving from the Smiths parking lot on fourth north at 5:00 A.M. and we will spend the day or as long as you wish looking for petrified wood, if you get separated from the pack or five A.M. is too early to get moving, the directions to the collecting site are as follows: drive to Kemmerer, as you enter into town there is a sign to the left for Highway 189, stay on this road for approx. 24 miles, take the right onto Highway 372 to Fontenelle for about 11 miles until you come to a stop sign, go straight through the intersection until you cross the Fontenelle River bridge, there is a campground to the left along the river we will meet there around 8:00 am and go out from there. It should be a great trip, for those who haven't been before the wood you will find is exceptional, we will see you there.

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

Chairman of the Board Message

With the guidelines put before us by the governor, we have regretfully come to the unanimous decision to postpone our rock show until next year. With everything that is going on in the world this year, we feel that it is best for everyone to stay home and stay safe. As you will read in this newsletter, we have made some changes to our venue until we can get things back up and running. I do appreciate all of you for the help that you have given me for these shows and again we will try and have it ready to go for next year. The dates for the show next year will be May 12th for set up and then the show will be May 13th, 14th and 15th, 2021. See all of you soon and be safe out there.....

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



May Birthstone



Green is the color of spring and has long symbolized love and rebirth. As the gem of Venus, it is also considered to aid in fertility.

Cleopatra, Egypt's tempestuous female monarch, was as famous for wearing Emeralds as Liz Taylor is for wearing diamonds. Ancient Egyptian mummies were often buried wearing an Emerald carved with the symbol of verdure – flourishing greenness – on their necks to symbolize eternal youth. A deeper and more vivid color of green signifies a more valuable gemstone. The most valuable and beautiful Emeralds exhibit an intense bluish hue in addition to their bold green color. Emeralds, among the rarest of gems, are almost always found with birthmarks, also known as inclusions. Some inclusions are expected and do not detract from the value of the stone as much as with other gemstones.

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Junior Members



A rocky story

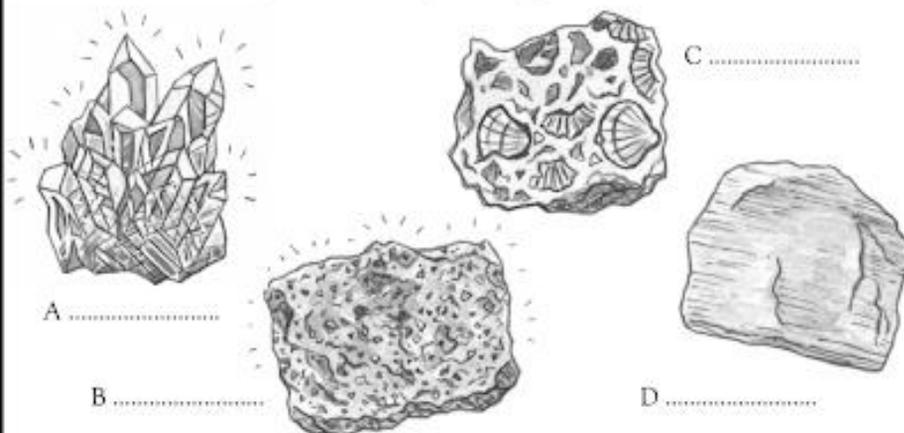
Background knowledge

Rocks are often hard materials. They are composed of one or more minerals, many of which can be seen in a rock's crystal shape or color. Gems, such as diamonds and rubies, are mined from rocks. Metals are mined from rocks called ores. Some rocks, such as sandstone, show evidence of living things that lived millions of years ago. These rocks contain *fossils*. The fossil can be an impression of all or part of a living thing. For example, some rocks have fossils, which show the footprints of dinosaurs that lived over 65 million years ago!

Science activity

Use this yes/no key to find the names of the rocks in the pictures.

- Clue 1 Are there fossils in the rock? If yes, it is limestone.
If there are no fossils to be seen, go to clue 2.
- Clue 2 If there are crystals in the rock, go to clue 3.
If there are no crystals in the rock, it is sandstone.
- Clue 3 Are the crystals big? If yes, it is calcite.
Are the crystals small? If yes, it is granite.



Science investigation

Collect samples of different rocks and create your own classification system. Place them into groups based on your system.

Answer key: A- Calcite B- Granite C- Limestone D- Sandstone



Shed Crew:

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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

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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.



Letter From Larry Regarding the Club Shed

In light of the current health concerns I have been asked to address the operation of the Rock Shed.

As one of the individuals in the high risk group, I feel a need to be cautious for my well being as well as the health of others. The shed has limited space and social distancing is going to be difficult. In the past the major part of the time has been used for cutting slabs. For this activity participants will wait outside the shed while their rock is being cut. I feel that 3 people at the shed will be a maximum until we see a change in the guidelines. The shed will be open by appointment only at the times listed. If you make an appointment and cannot make the time, it is important that I am notified to curb unnecessary trips. During the shed times, one person can use the polishing equipment while the others are social distancing outside the shed.

The hours will be the same as last year. If you schedule a later start time than posted, please remember the Shed close time remains the same. i.e. If you come at 10 am on Saturday the shed will still close at 1 pm.

Wednesday evenings 5 to 8 pm,
Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm.
Closed on collecting weekends

Please contact Larry Christophersen at 435-723-6476 text or voice. If texting, start with CRGC and I will know you are a member. For voice calls, if I don't recognize the number I will not answer. Please leave a voicemail so I can get back to you.

You can also e-mail me @ larry-0021@comast.net

Thank you, Larry



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Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies convention
&
Wyoming State Mineral & Gem Society show

Gem & Mineral Show

2020

Theme
ROCK & ROLL WITH WYOMING ROCKS

Hosted by the Sublette County Rock Hounds

June 19th, 20th, & 21st

at the Sublette County Fairgrounds
10937 Hwy 189, Big Piney, Wyoming

Friday & Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4

Dealers, lectures, demonstrators, exhibits, field trips, Mr. Bones, Fossil Butte National Monument walking fish fossil, fluorescent mineral display, kids' activities, food concession & more!

Admission: \$2.00 adults, kids free



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