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Roadrunners Gem &
Mineral Club

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

This season is almost over and it has been quite a year. Our club has exceeded 800 members. We have so many new members this year, and they all seem so excited and energetic. As we put out a call for volunteers many have stepped up to help out. After all, our club couldn't run without them. We are looking ahead to next year and hoping for all to return and bring their friends.

I feel a need to give thanks to our outgoing President Charlie Stanger and the many selfless hours he has put in for our benefit. Also, to the board and the many jobs they fulfill with nary a complaint. Many work behind the scene with little to no recognition and continue day after day, week after week to keep the club running smoothly.

This is a place where you will find joy, friendship and satisfaction in the crafts you learn, and by sharing your time and talents with others in the club. Sylvia and I have developed friendships that we're sure will last for many years to come.

As we put out the call once again in the 24-25 season for volunteers, please consider jumping in; you will be guided in everything you need to do as a Supervisor, Foreman or helper in all of the various classes.

Finally, I am honored to have been elected President and look forward to serving and hope to meet your expectations. If you have any questions, comments, ideas or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me or any board member. We are there to serve you.

Dale Evenson

Board of Directors			Committee Chairpersons		
President	Dale Evenson	760-219-0595	Faceting Shop	Charlie Stanger	713-560-1327
Vice President	Tom Jones	307-751-0537	Wagon Master	Alva Richardson	503-313-0205
Secretary	Donna Batzer	719-480-1917	Membership/ Newsletter/Web	Joan Stanger	281-844-1788
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Trustee	Rachel Clary	501-762-1751	Saw Shop	Dale Evenson Sylvia Evenson	760-219-0595 760-219-6944
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Past President	Charlie Stanger	713-560-1327	Lapidary Shop	Christine Rzepka Larry Gehre	1-604-309-8697 435-864-8970

March 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

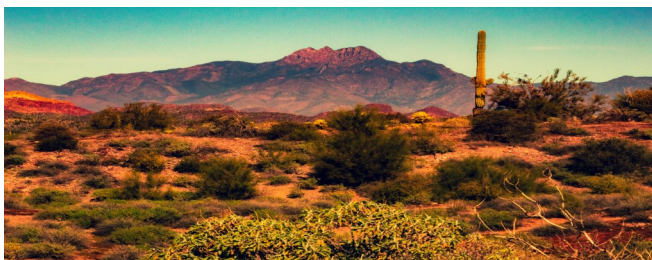
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					1 ATV Trip 9:00 AM	2
3	4 Highway Cleanup	5 Rock Trip 9am	6	7 Club Orientation(s) 7:30am Club Meeting 2:00pm	8 Burro Creek Campout	9 Burro Creek Campout
10 Burro Creek Campout	11 Board Meeting 4:30 Celia's Garden-Cleanup & Cookout	12 Rock Trip 9am	13	14 Club Orientation(s) 7:30am Club Meeting 2:00pm	15 ATV Trip 9:00 AM Last day to turn in rocks	16 Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction & tail-gate
17	18	19 Rock Trip 9am	20	21 Club Meeting 2:00pm	22 Last day for classes Last day to pickup rocks	23
24	25 Cleanup & Weatherize club	26 Rock Trip 9am Weatherize club	27 Weatherize club	28 Weatherize club	29 Weatherize club	30 Weatherize club
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Rock Trip Schedule

March 2024

DATE	MATERIAL/LOCATION	DEPARTURE	DISTANCE/Rd Trip	Site Difficulty
March 5, 2024	Porcelain Jasper/Wiley Well	W	120	5-3-2
Mar 8-10, 2024	Burro Creek (17 locations)	E	286	3-2-2
March 12, 2024	Alunite/Quartzsite	W	8	4-3-3
March 19, 2024	Agate Hill/Lake Havasu	N	140	2-2-3
March 26, 2024	Lost Agate Claim/Wiley Well	W	100	5-4-2

Difficulty Code	Rock Trip - Site Difficulty Scale				
	Road Leading to Site		Terrain of Site		Extraction of Material
Easy			Ok for Passenger Cars		
1	Paved Roads	1	Flat, open, smooth ground	1	Light, loose float
2	Maintained gravel	2	Flat scattered vegetation small rocks	2	Small, medium size, half buried float
3	Unmaintained gravel good condition	3	Gentle slopes, light vegetation, fairly rock	3	Small, medium size size pieces visible in tailings or rubble
Moderate			High-Clearance Vehicle Required		
4	Unmaintained gravel, fair condition	4	Moderate slopes, vegetation, large rocks,	4	Light hand tools helpful to remove pieces from ground
5	Bumpy, rocky, sandy shallow ruts	5	Tailing piles, open trenches and shafts obstacles	5	Hand tools are required to remove material
6	Large rocks, deep ruts and erosions, steep hills	6	Rough steep slippery slopes	6	Moderate digging, prying, hammering required
Hard			Four Wheel Drive Only		
7	Steep, heavily eroded sharp rocks, exposed ledges	7	Very steep heavily vegetated, rocky cliffs, very hard to climb	7	Extensive digging prying, chiseling required
8	Dangerous, steep mountainous, no turnarounds, narrow	8	Unstable, deep excavations, decayed structures	8	Exceptionally hard rocks, heavy hammering
9	Most treacherous, four-wheel, low gear Required	9	Physically exhausting requires rigorous climbing	9	Material is exceptionally difficult to obtain

Departure Meeting Location
East: From the stop light on Hwy 95 South & E. Kuehn St. (south side of hwy 95 overpass) go east on E. Kuehn St. for .9 miles to the intersection of E. Kuehn St. & Riggles Ave. (Riggles Ave. is I-10 Exit 19 crossover south end) Line up on the north east corner on E. Kuehn St.
North: Hwy 95 North (Central Blvd.) go 1.5 mi. to Tyson Road, then East 1/4 mi. Park on the north side of the road facing west.
South: Hwy 95 South and Kuehn St., (south side of hwy 95 overpass) go south 1 mile to Mile Post 103. Park on the right (west) side of the road.
West: From the stop light at Hwy. 95 & Kuehn St. (south side of I-10), go 2.1 miles to just east of the Super 8 Motel and park on the north side of the road. From the Love's Station it is .6 miles. (Exit 17 on I-10)

2023-2024 Class Schedule

Class	Location	Days/Times	Instructor	Phone
Basket Making	Craft Barn	Mon 9am-12 & 1-4pm	Joann Kinnison	307-631-2038
Beading (Beginner)	Craft Barn	Tue 9am-12	Connie Brandenburger	701-403-0705
Bead Tree Beginniing	Craft Barn	Fri 1-4pm, Wed 5-8pm	Paul Richards	360-982-7605
Bead Tree Advanced	Multipurpose Room	Fri 9-12		
Lost Wax Casting (Metals orientation + both beginner classes REQUIRED)	Off-site (signup sheets and directions in Metals)	Tues and Wed 8am	Tim Solomon	303-709-0749
Faceting Beginner (Orientation Required)	Faceting Shop	Mon 9am-12, 1-4pm, Tue 9am-12	Charlie Stanger	713-560-1327
Faceting (Intermediate)	Faceting Shop	Tue 1-4pm, Wed 9am-12, 1-4pm	Don Barnhart	435-740-0209
Flint Knapping (Lapidary Orientation Required)	Under Cool Cover	Tue 12-3	Virgil Kinnison	307-631-8422
Glass Bead Making (Beginner)	Annex	Wed 9-12	Elizabeth Kukkee	928-375-9855
Glass Fusing (Beginner)	Opal Room	Mon, Tue 1-4pm	Laurie Curran	906-370-8448
Glass Fusing (Intermediate)	Opal Room	Fri 9am-12		
Glass Fusing (Specialty)	Opal Room	Wed 1-4pm		
Lapidary (Orientation Required)	Lapidary Shop	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9am-12, 1-4pm Wed 5-8pm	Jon Kolb Larry Gehre	530-318-8085 435-864-8970
Leather Stamping	Knife Making Room	Mon 1-4pm	Brian Moorcroft	971-219-4342
Leather Sheath Making	Knife Making Room	Wed 1-4pm	Brian Moorcroft	971-219-4342
Loom Beading	Craft Barn	Tue 1-4, Fri 9-12	Beverly Carman	208-863-9844
Metal Shop (Orientation Required)	Metal Shop	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9am-12, 1-4pm, Wed 5-8pm	Donna Batzer/ Lorraine Hague	719 -480-1917 208-867-4391
Opal Cutting – Open Lab	Opal Room	Fri 1-4pm, Wed 5-8	John Batzer	719-480-1919
Opal Cutting – Beginning	Opal Room	Mon, 9am-12	John Batzer	719-480-1919
Opal Cutting – Open	Opal Room	Tue, 9am-12	Tim Hall	843-408-6128
Opal Cutting—Natural	Opal Room	Wed, 9am-12	Jamie Konopacky	715-498-7121
Stained Glass (Beginners only)	Multipurpose Room	Mon 9:00am-12 1:00-4:00pm	Lynn Johnson	907-232-5632
Stained Glass (No Beginners)	Multipurpose Room	Tue 9:00am-12 1:00-4:00pm		
Steel Knife Making - Beginner	Knife Making Room	Mon, Tue, Fri 8:30am-12	Tim Brandenburger	612-913-1740
Steel Knife Making Advanced/Open	Knife Making Room	Tue 1-4pm Wed 8:30am-12		
Stone Carving	Under Cool Cover	Mon 1-4pm	Linda Bergeson	503-680-7802
Wire Wrap (Beginners)	Craft Barn	Wed 9am-12	Connie Brandenburger	701-403-0705
Wire Weaving	Craft Barn	Wed 1-4pm	Connie Brandenburger	701-403-0705

IT IS EASY TO SIGN UP FOR CLASSES THAT OVERLAP, PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO DATE & TIMES

THIS CLUB RUNS ON 100% VOLUNTEERISM!!! VOLUNTEER!!!

LAPIDARY – Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9-12 and 1-4, Wed.evening 5-8. No sign-up necessary. Orientation required. Shop fee \$5 per session. Thursdays are Orientation Only. Orientation Sign up in Lapidary.

SAW SHOP - Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9-11:30 and 1-3:30. Closed On Thursday for Orientation. \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$5.00 per rock set up fee. 25c per square inch for slabs cut.

METAL SHOP - Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9-12 and 1-4, Wed evening 5-8. Shop fee \$4 per session. Closed On Thursday for Orientation.

Beginning Student kits Ring kit - \$18, stone \$3 Medium Pendant - \$20, Stone \$7 Large Pendant - \$25, Stone \$7
***Prices subject to change

Sign-up sheets for Metal Shop Orientation and all classes are in Metal Shop. Please ask assistance of Shop Foreman when signing up as sign-up sheets can be confusing. Specialty classes (Copper, Enameling, Chain Mail, etc. - \$4 +kit cost)

Rock Trips – Every Tuesday. See monthly schedule for rock species to be collected and the meeting place. Arrive by 8:30. Caravan LEAVES promptly at 9am. No sign-up, just show up. Bring your tools, rock hammers, buckets, screw drivers AND plenty of water, snack/lunch. Bring a chair and enjoy your lunch while meeting other club member rock-a-holics. Wagonmaster – Alva Richardson 503-313-0205.

ATV Rides – Rides are every other Friday. Meet at the QIA. Departs promptly at 9:00am. Bring water and a snack/lunch. Check calendar for next ride. Wagonmaster - Joe Arbuckle 605-517-1856

Pancake Breakfast – 3rd Saturday of the month (except in January when POW WOW may fall on the 3rd Saturday; then the breakfast will be held the 4th Saturday). Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee. Bring your own place setting.

November Thanksgiving Dinner – (held on the Thursday before Thanksgiving) 2pm at the QIA

December Christmas Dinner – (held on the Thursday before Christmas) 2pm at the QIA

January & February Hobo Stew - This is how hobo stew works. YOU bring a canned good to put in the pot (NO MSG, NUTS, OR FISH). The Club provides the meat for the stew. YOU bring a side dish—Grandma's favorite desert, salad, chips, crackers, bread; your place setting and drink. MMM good. Held at the Club under the Cool Cover. Bring chairs and a container for leftovers.

March – Celia's Garden Cleanup and Cookout - The Club has a section of Celia's Garden that we clean up each season. YOU bring gloves & grab-its, shovel, hoe, hula hoe, and whatever you have that will help with clean up. The Club provides the vests and bags. The Club provides hamburgers, hot dogs and fixins. YOU bring a side dish/desert.

November & March Highway Cleanup – The Club cleans up 2miles of Highway 95, mile marker 98-100, twice during the season. YOU bring gloves and grab-its. The Club provides vests and bags. When you are done you get DONUTS and coffee/hot cocoa.

POW WOW - The Club is closed during Pow Wow, Pow Wow is our BIGGEST fund-raiser. We ask members to donate prizes (value \$25 or more). Prizes are given away every 15 minutes for all 5 days at our booth. Prizes can be handmade items or purchased. Sign up to VOLUNTEER at our booth, no experience necessary. See sign-up sheets in Office and at Meetings. Support your Club. Buy raffle tickets (6 for \$5), donate a prize or 2, or 3, and VOLUNTEER!!!!



Greetings Fellow Rockhounds & Creators of All Things Rocks!

Many of you know me. I'm Nancy Nichols, aka Volunteer Wrangler & Sunshine Lady & ... &...

We are planning a fantastic season. As you know, we can't do it without YOU. We depend on our generous volunteers for every aspect of operation & offerings. Each season we succumb to attrition in one form or another. Many of our usual folks return to teach classes & organize events. However, we always need new faces to jump in & provide assistance & fill vacancies. There are many opportunities to lend a hand & none require much of your time. You are graciously rewarded, as we all so appreciate each one who gives of their time. Volunteering is the best way to learn new things, to learn more about the club, learn new techniques and skills, and new information. And it's the absolute best, most fun path to make new friends! If you aren't confident to teach a class, you can foreman, which is like an assistant. We need folks to join the small committees throughout the Club, such as highway clean up, parade crew, help with dinners & events, office help, pancake breakfast crew, run for Board of Directors, lead off-road trips, and during PowWow we need over 200 volunteers to make it the best rock & gem show anywhere. If you have a skill or talent you'd like to share with the members, for sure let us know. We're always looking for new things to teach. So, as you return or join for the first time, please ask where you can help. If it weren't for our wonderful volunteers, this Club simply wouldn't exist.

Nancy

