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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...

Well, with our first month behind us, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Because of election season we have witnessed a slower start this year compared to last. It is wonderful to welcome back so many of our Canadian and US friends, many of whom have had friends and neighbors join our club. As I talk to new members in the orientation session many have stated that they came encouraged by current members. I greatly thank those that spread the word about the club. It has also been interesting to me that as I go around the area talking about the club, the number of folks that have wintered here for many years and do not know that there is a rock club in Quartzsite.

Volunteers, we pass that word fairly freely, and that fact is without you there wouldn't be a club. You are the heart and soul of the club, I am so grateful for the many that have stepped up to help in the many shops, classes and events. Please, please remember that one of greatest fundraisers is Pow-wow. The amount raised during the Pow-wow enables us to keep our fees and dues low. Many volunteers will be needed during the event, please come to the office to sign up. Remember as a volunteer at the QRGMC booth you will receive one free pass for every shift you work for the club.

Thank you again and may you be blessed this Christmas season.

Dale Evenson

Board of Directors			Committee Chairpersons		
President	Dale Evenson	760-219-0595	Faceting Shop	Charlie Stanger	713-560-1327
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Secretary	Donna Batzer	719-480-1917	Membership/ Newsletter/Web	Rachel Clary Glenda Ebert	501-762-1751 801-885-9649
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December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Rock Trip 9am	4	5 Club Orientation(s) 7:30 am Club Meeting 2PM	6	7
8	9 Board Meeting 4:30	10 Rock Trip 9am	11	12 Club Orientation(s) 7:30am Club Meeting 2pm	13	14
15	16	17 Rock Trip 9am	18 General Orientation— ONLY 1:00 pm in Craft Barn	19 Lap, Metal, Fac. Orient. 8:45 CHRISTMAS DINNER 2PM at QIA	20 ATV Trip 9:00 AM (tentative)	21 Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction & tail- gate 8:30-9:30
22	23	24 Rock Trip 9am	25 CHRISTMAS Club is closed	26 Club Orientation(s) 7:30 am Club Meeting 2pm	27	28
29	30	31 Rock Trip 9am				



Rock Trip Schedule

December 2024

DATE	MATERIAL/LOCATION	DEPARTURE	DISTANCE/Rd Trip	Site Difficulty
Dec. 3, 2024	Alvarite, Porcelain Jasper Hauser Bed, CA	W	125m	6-5-5
Dec. 10, 2024	Red, White, Blue Agate Brenda	E	40m	6-4-3
Dec. 17, 2024	Marble Salome	E	100m	6-4-5
Dec. 24, 2024	Birdseye Rhyolite Stone Cabin	S	65m	3-3-2
Dec. 31, 2024	Pastelite Palo Verde, CA	W	96m	5-3-1

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)

2024-2025 Class Schedule, as instructors arrive

Class	Location	Days/Times	Instructor	Phone
Basket Making \$4	Craft Barn	Mon 9am-12 & 1-4pm	Joann Kinnison	307-631-2038
Beading (Beginner) \$4	Craft Barn	Fri 9am-12	Connie Brandenburger	701-403-0705
Bead Tree Beginning \$4	Multipurpose room	Fri 9-12	Stacy Hall	843-870-1249
Bead Tree (Open) \$4	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		
Glass Fusing (Beginner and Intermediate)	Opal Room	Mon, Tue 1-4pm	Laurie Curran	906-370-8448
Glass Fusing (Open, NO INSTRUCTOR)	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	Larry Gehre Rachel Clary Jon Kolb	435-864-8970 501-762-1751 530-318-8085
Leather Stamping \$4	Knife Making Room	Mon 1-4pm	Brian Moorcroft	971-219-4342
Leather Sheath Making \$4	Knife Making Room	Wed 1-4pm	Brian Moorcroft	971-219-4342
Loom Beading \$4	Craft Barn	Tue 9-12 & 1-4	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		
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) \$4	Craft Barn	Wed 9am-12	Connie Brandenburger	701-403-0705
	Craft Barn	Wed 1-4pm		

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 \$5 per session. Closed On Thursday for Orientation.

Beginning Student kits Ring kit - \$22 stone \$3 Medium Pendant - \$24, Stone \$7 Large Pendant - \$31, 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. - \$5 +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 3rd Saturday; then breakfast will be held 4th Saturday). Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee. Bring your own place setting.

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

December Christmas Dinner – (held on 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

