

# Magic Valley Gem News



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## MVGC Objectives

The purpose of our club is to stimulate interest in the collection of rocks, minerals, gem materials and legal fossils. To discuss and impart our knowledge of the different phases of collecting, cutting, polishing and displaying them. Also, to organize educational meetings, field trips and a similar event while enjoying and protecting our natural resources. For more information go to [www.magicvalleygemclub.org](http://www.magicvalleygemclub.org)

## President Message April 2019

I want to personally thank all rock club members who helped make this year's annual rock and gem show a success. Without your help and contributions, the show won't have been as good as it turned out. The early show numbers in most areas are up from previous shows. I am looking forward to see the final show numbers. One thing I did see is that we need to move the Grand Prize drawing table back to the front by the entrance. Maybe move the touching rocks towards the back area with a person watching over them and possible answering questions about them.

I am happy to see the new Executive Board sworn in at the last meeting. I am looking forward to working with all of you to make a better club for everybody. Please come talk to me if you have any good ideas about the club. The rock club did talk about the monthly prize drawing thing I mention in the last bulletin. Some rock club members wanted to keep it the way it is and just get some donated items to fill in, if a monthly prize wasn't brought to a club meeting. Bring your ideas to the next club meeting and we will talk about it

From MVGC Facebook



some more.

With the weather warming up, it's time to think about some field trips that the club members could go on this year. I will try and have some liability release forms that everyone should sign if they plan on going on a club guided field trip. If any club member has a place that they would like to go and rock hunt, please let me or Rocky know and we will see if it can happen.

If any club member wants to talk to me about any aspect of the rock club, please let me know.

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## *March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

No club meeting minutes to report as no club meeting minutes submitted in time. Club Secretary please bring March Club meeting minutes to the April's club meeting for approval.

## Monthly safety article

One of the hazards rock hounds face during the summer is heat exhaustion and heatstroke which occurs when your body temperature rises rapidly and you're unable to cool down. It can be **life-threatening** by causing damage to your brain and other vital organs. Caused by strenuous activity in the heat or by being in a hot place for too long.

Heat exhaustion is a condition whose symptoms may include heavy sweating and a rapid pulse, a result of your body overheating. It's one of three heat-related syndromes, with heat cramps being the mildest and heatstroke being the most severe. Without prompt treatment, heat exhaustion can lead to heatstroke, a life-threatening condition. Fortunately, heat exhaustion is preventable.

Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion may develop suddenly or over time, especially with prolonged periods of exercise. Possible heat exhaustion signs and symptoms include: Cool, moist skin with goose bumps when in the heat, Heavy sweating, Faintness, Dizziness, Fatigue, Weak, rapid pulse, low blood pressure upon standing, Muscle cramps, Nausea, and Headaches. If you think you're experiencing heat exhaustion: Stop all activity and rest, Move to a cooler place and Drink cool water or sports drinks. Contact your doctor if your signs or symptoms worsen or if they don't improve within one hour. If you are with someone showing signs of heat exhaustion, seek immediate medical attention if he or she becomes confused or agitated, loses consciousness, or is unable to drink. You will need immediate cooling and urgent medical attention if your core body temperature (measured by a rectal thermometer) reaches 104 F (40 C) or higher.

*I've gotten most of my safety information off the internet.*

Any club related photographs or articles to enhance the Magic Valley Gem Newsletter can be sent to the Bulletin Editor Rebekah Yancey or Assistant Rebecca Deboard.

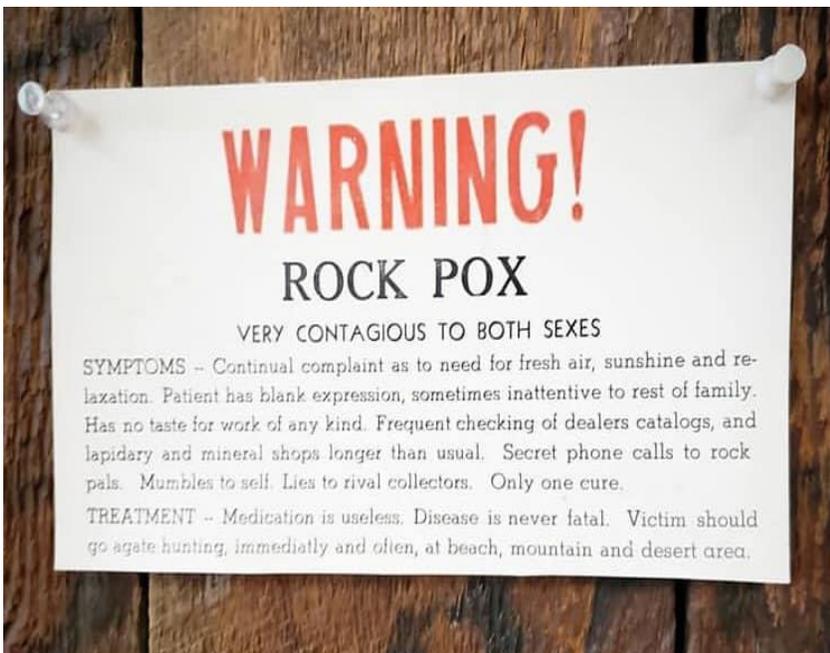
Stinker Station signs that helped to provide comic relief for motorists in Idaho during the 1950s and '60s. Information from the idahopress.com and Pinterest.



And the smell is Amazing!!



Home Sweet Home!!



If you're unable to read the sign, it says:

## Rock Pox

### Very Contagious to Both Sexes

**Symptoms:** Continual complaint as to need for fresh air, sunshine and relaxation. Patient has blank expression, sometimes inattentive to rest of family. Has no taste for work of any kind. Frequent checking of dealer's catalogs, and lapidary and mineral shops longer than usual. Secret phone calls to rock pals. Mumbles to self. Lies to rival collectors. Only one cure.

**Treatment:** Medication is useless. Disease is never fatal. Victim should go agate hunting immediately and often, at beach, mountain and desert area.

## Rock of the month: Diamond

Diamond is a solid form of the element carbon with its atoms arranged in a crystal structure called diamond cubic. At room temperature and pressure, another solid form of carbon known as graphite is the chemically stable form, but diamond almost never converts to it. Diamond has the highest hardness and thermal conductivity of any natural material, properties that are utilized in major industrial applications such as cutting and polishing tools. They are also the reason that diamond anvil cells can subject materials to pressures found deep in the Earth.



The Cullinan Diamond is the largest gem-quality rough diamond ever found, weighing 3,106.75 carats (621.35 g), discovered at the Premier No. 2 mine in Cullinan, South Africa, on 26 January 1905.

Idaho diamonds have been reported to be found near McCall in Rock Flat near New Meadows. Little Goose Creek Canyon, New Meadows, Adams Co., Idaho, USA : A gold mine is also located at the head of Little Goose Creek Canyon, 5 miles East of New Meadow.



Diamonds have been found in gravel samples. The largest was a third of a carat and of excellent quantity. Many such diamonds had probably been overlooked in the placer operation before the existence of diamonds was known.

*Happy Birthday to all the April Club Members!!!!*

*Club members possessing these specimens of rocks, please bring them to the next club meeting for the enjoyment of the members. Especially you March B-day people.*

## **MEMBERS**

Fellow Gem Clubbers,

This was my first year experiencing the annual MVGC show. As the future vice-President I was responsible for the Security. So, for 3 days I patrolled the event and happy to report only one infraction. It seems everyone is really interested in Rocks! This was a big set up event with many showing up Friday morning to build this showcase. It was fun meeting people and seeing how everything went together. Chris Funk was like the ringleader at the circus lining it all out. More display cases which were amazing. Some worked on into the evening setting up.

Saturdays opening seemed to go without a glitch. What amazed me was the participation. This was a well-rehearsed group. There were tons of people, many of whom were kids, enjoying the different venues from the sand dig, rock painting and silent auction. From all the smiles it was evident that all were enjoying the event. It was a lot of work but the Club delivered its mission to the public. There were so many to thank that worked tirelessly to make this event such a success! THANKYOU!

Randy DeBoard

Hi everyone.

Hope you all are enjoying the MVGC Newsletter. Am trying to make the newsletter informative and fun to read for all.

Can't wait to get out and go rock hunting. Haven't been in a little while and would love to find a gem in the rough. Am learning about some of the different types of rocks and gems and there is a lot. Some look like rainbows and some even remind me of a hamburger with mustard and ketchup. I have a favorite, Amethyst, but then I see other pictures of different rocks and gems and there is another rock that is my favorite one. Maybe there is no favorite just beautiful ones.

Have a blessed day and pleasant rock hunting. Rebecca Deboard

## Upcoming Dates:

# BLOG

MVGC meeting, April 18, 2019

7pm-9pm at the American Legion Hall

447 Seastrom St. Twin Falls, ID 83301

Directions: Take Eastland Drive South, turn left on Wright Ave. then a right onto Seastrom.

Anyone that would like to present a program at the club meeting please contact Jon Cromer for their ideas. Let's make the club meeting fun!

## *The Magic Valley Gem Show Pictures from some of the members.*



*Even toddlers love rock painting! She was only 2 years old and painted better than many of the older kids.  
Sent by Sandy White*





Here are some pictures VP Randy DeBoard sent via text and some I got off Facebook from



Sandy White.

From all the comments and photos on Facebook and the Blog the VP Randy DeBoard sent, it looks like the MVGC Gem Show was a **Total Success!** Congratulations to all for the hard work and the team work you all did. Now it is time to relax for a little bit and find new gems and rocks for next years gem show.



## Final Thoughts



## Membership Dues

Due October 1

Adult Membership \$5

Junior Membership \$1

For more information or an application,  
contact Rocky Metts 423-4827

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The club participates in the NFMS stamp program, saving large commemorative, airmail, precanceled foreign and “ordinary” stamps of all values. Proceeds from stamp sales will be used to benefit any charity deemed worthy by the NFMS Endowment Fund.



# Happy Easter

2019 Board of Directors

President: Jon Comer

Vice-President: Randy DeBoard

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