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**From within the Gem State comes news that Rocks!**

# 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 similar event while enjoying and protecting our natural resources.

For more information go to  
[www.magicvalleygemclub.org](http://www.magicvalleygemclub.org)



## President's Message

I hope the coldest weather is close to being over with, as I would really enjoy some warmer temperatures. Spring and summer just can't come soon enough. I want to invite every MVGC member to make it to the next meeting. The MV rock club needs to vote on Executive Board members for this next year. I declined to have a vote on this item last month due to low attendance because of bad weather. This next club meeting is also the most important one of the year.

The annual MVGC Rock & Gem show is just 6 weeks away. This annual event is the clubs biggest fund raising event that we do. Without an annual show the rock club would not be solvent for very long, as annual club dues don't cover yearly expenses. There is so much work to do and to get everything organized in a timely manner. Hopefully rock club members are getting their show items and supplies ready for the big event. The annual show has many positions to be filled to make it a successful show. Please think about which show positions you can do to help make for a smooth running show. Another show item that needs consideration is the food that need to be included to help feed all the people and dealers running the show.

Club members ought to attend other area rock shows. A person might see a different activity or event that would work well at our annual show. The rock club will always welcome comments or ideas to help make the show and club a better functioning organization.

If any members want to talk about anything relating to the club, please contact me.

Jon Cromer - MVGC President, Ph. (208)308-3364 Email: [rokcuter@hotmail.com](mailto:rokcuter@hotmail.com)

## January 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

President Jon Cromer called the Magic Valley Gem Club meeting to order at 8pm on Thursday, January 19, 2017. There were 18 members present.

The Minutes of the December meeting, as in the January 2017 Bulletin, were discussed. A motion to approve was made by Mary Fisher and seconded by Shirley Metts, and approved by the membership.

The black-light display for the coming show was discussed and finding rocks that are florescent. Drew Humphries offered to bring a black-light, if members wanted to bring personal rocks to check to see if they could be used for the display. It was also noted that it is necessary to shield the black lights, to protect the viewers.

Mark Livingston, Safety Director, warned members to use caution when shoveling snow and to be careful on the slick roads. Due to the amount of snow this winter and the extreme cold, nothing is melting and many roads are hazardous.

President Jon Cromer said we would put off voting for the upcoming year's officer nominations, due to the low attendance. He will hold the vote at the meeting in February.

The scheduled workshops for Wheel of Fortune crafts for January 21<sup>st</sup>, and January 25<sup>th</sup> were cancelled. The workshops will be held February 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Shirley Metts, Show Chairman, reminded us that the Show is only two months away, with only one meeting left. Fees for

the Fairgrounds have been paid and she said Trudy would like us to think about what we want for the potluck on Saturday and what food we'd like to have Friday.

She also reminded us of the following needs:

- +Volunteers who would be willing to go on KMVT's Rise and Shine Show.
- +Members to set up and take down tables for the show.
- +No one is to set up displays until AFTER 5 PM on Friday.
- +Bring all tumbled ROCK and GRAB BAGS to the February meeting.
- +Security is needed for overnight -2 people each night.
- +Bring rocks for silent auction and items for door prizes to the meeting.

Michael McBride clarified the upcoming Federal Bill concerning the collection of fossils on public lands, and he reviewed the 2009 Bill. It basically says collectors can only collect "common stuff". He would like a definition concerning what that actually means. What is a "common" fossil. He provided cards and stamps for members to send messages in prior to the passage of the upcoming changes. (refer to the Federation News Letter for information about the bill)

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 40 pm.

*We are affiliated with the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies*

## Time to Prep for the Show.....

### Crafters Needed

*It is time to get ready for our show in March with one of my favorite activities—Craft Day(s).*

We will be meeting at Alice Clements house to work on the Wheel of Fortune Crafts this year. She is at **386 Longbow Circle** in Twin Falls. Her phone number is **733-4194**. Bring a snack to share.

We'll be working  
Noon to 4 pm  
on both days.

February 11th  
February 25th



### Famous Gemstones: Millennium Star

The Millennium Star is the sister stone to the Heart of Eternity diamond as both were originally cut from the same stone. Unlike its sister stone Millennium Star is a colorless diamond rated a flawless D. It's also the second largest D diamond in the world measuring at 203.04 carats. This diamond is part of the DeBeers Millennium Collection and was part of the exhibit at the Millennium Dome. The stone was also the target of a failed diamond heist. When the police, security, and DeBeers officials learned of the planned robbery a duplicate stone was created and placed on display as a precaution. The thieves failed to get their hands on the real diamond or the replica.



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# Time for the SHOW.....

67<sup>th</sup> annual Magic Valley Gem Show – March 11 and 12, 2017

We are now only 42 days out from our Gem Show. We have fewer members to help this year so we need everyone to help with every phase of the show. Remember. This is your show – not mine – not Jon's – but YOURS!!!

If you have physical limitations and cannot help with certain parts of the show, there are other parts of it where you can help.

We still need grab bags and tumbled rock to go into the bags. Dick would like to get them at February's meeting.

We still need door prizes. We are beginning to get a few trickling in, but we need 32 prizes and we don't have even a fraction of that.

We need warm bodies to fill basic positions in order to keep the show running smoothly. I know everyone is busy, but please take the time to support the club. After all, it is only for one weekend a year.

Please take flyers around to your friends, businesses that will advertise for us, and anywhere you can think of to advertise the show.

Thanks to Sandy White, I have a letter ready to send to chambers of Commerce and Media but if you know of anyone who can advertise for us please let me know and we will send them a letter also.

We need to let Southern Idaho know that we are the Magic Valley Gem Club and that we have a great time while learning about our hobby. This is your club. This is your show – and your time to shine. Let's make it the greatest show ever.

Set-up for the show is March 10, Friday beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please come and help. Please call Shirley at 423-4827 if you have any questions.



## February Birthstone >>>

Amethyst, the gemstone believed by ancient Greeks to keep the wearer clear-headed and quick-witted. Throughout history, the gemstone has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. English regalia were even decorated with amethysts during the Middle Ages to symbolize royalty. Amethyst is purple quartz, a beautiful blend of violet and red that can be found in every corner of the earth. Historically, the finest amethyst were found in Russia and were featured in much royal European jewelry. Today, while Brazil is the primary source of this gemstone, fine material can be found elsewhere, especially in Zambia.



## 2016 Board of Directors

President: Jon Cromer  
Vice-President: Randy Perkins  
Secretary: Karen Quinton  
Treasurer: Rocky Metts  
Federation Director: Sandy Hansen  
Field Marshall: vacant  
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Programs Chairman: Rocky Metts  
Nominations Chairman: Devone Bates  
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Youth Leader: Sandy Hansen  
Youth President: open  
1st Asst. Show Chair: Wilma Sellers  
2nd Asst. Show Chair: Devone Bates  
Mining Claims: vacant



## NFMS Junior Achievement

Award by Audrey Vogelpohl, NFMS Juniors Chair

It is time for Junior Rockhounds to share their accomplishments from the past 2 years (2015 and 2016); the Northwest Federation wants to honor you. You must be paid up and listed as a member of your Club and the NFMS.

Age Group 1: ages up to 7 years

Age Group 3: ages 12 through 15

Age Group 2: ages 8 through 11

Age Group 4: ages 16 through 18.

Your age as of December 31, 2016 determines the age category. If you won last year at Albany, Oregon you will need to wait until 2018 to enter again UNLESS you move up to the next age category.

Your Resume and Application together require a postmark by March 1, 2017. Winners will be notified a month later, after the NFMS Judges vote on each candidate's Summary. If any of this sounds too complicated or if you have any questions just contact me at [nfmsjunior@comcast.net](mailto:nfmsjunior@comcast.net) OR ask your Juniors Advisor, parent or the Federation Director of your Rock Club. Everyone will be delighted to help you in the quest of achieving fame. Monetary awards will be presented at the NFMS Annual Meeting at Hamilton, Montana on May 19, 2017.

Here are your three EZ steps:

1. Write or type a short summary (resume/outline) about what your achievements are for the past 2 years (2015 and 2016), following Sections I, II, III & IV from the GUIDELINE below.
2. Photocopy the APPLICATION from the Northwest Newsletter. Fill out the APPLICATION and have your Rock Club representatives sign their spaces.
3. Mail with a postmark by March 1, 2017, your summary (resume/outline), and completed APPLICATION to the NFMS Junior Committee Chair, Audrey Vogelpohl, 8810 - 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126

Guideline for Junior Achievement Award Section I. HOBBY RELATED (Possible 45 points) Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation) Hobby Craft involvement (faceting, lapidary, metals, collecting) Competitive involvement (display, articles, promotion, awards)

Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 25 points) Scholastic (honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades) Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music)

Section III. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 20 points) Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs) Scouts, Campfire, 4H-Club, Other community groups

Section IV. WORK RELATED (Possible 10 points) Employment, Home Chores, Neighborhood Work, Business

APPLICATION--Junior Achievement Award (confidential info)

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

and Email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rock Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Junior Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

The following Club Officials attest to the applicant being a paid up member of the Club and NFMS:

Federation Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Federation Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Club President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

President Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your SUMMARY (resume/outline), & APPLICATION to: Audrey Vogelwohl, NFMS Juniors Chair 8810 - 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617 (Please be sure to postmark by MARCH 1, 2017 --Thank You!)

# finalthoughts...

Next MVGC meeting: February 16, 2017, 7—9 pm  
Rosenau's Community Room  
2826 Addison Ave East, Twin Falls  
(Just west of D&B Supply. The community room is on the west end  
of the Rosenau Building.)



## Membership Dues

Due October 1

Adult Membership \$10

Junior Membership \$5

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 commemoratives, airmail, pre-canceled 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.

coming soon >>>

*Magic Valley Gem Club  
64th Annual Gem Show*

*March 11 & 12, 2017*

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