



Rock Chips

Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society

May 2011

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



KEITH FACKRELL

Photo by
Johanna Passmore

This is not going to be easy to write the message this month, but here goes.

Since the last meeting, April 27, I have received several email messages and face to face complaints about a problem that happened during and throughout the April Meeting. It seems that some people had more important things to do and talk about than to listen to a very knowledgeable speaker who spent his time putting together a program for us to enjoy. However, due to the unthoughtfulness of a few, there were many around them who could not hear what the speaker was saying. It is very inconsiderate of people to do this thoughtless act.

Please keep in mind, talk only during the meeting when you are responding to a question from the speaker or commenting to the group about what the speaker is talking about.

Also, remember the Silent Auction Table is closed during the meeting. Walking around, looking at and moving rocks disturbs those sitting close by and trying to listen to the speaker.

And Please remember the refreshment table (cookies, cakes, soda **and water**) is closed until the Silent Auction Table is opened and the meeting is over.

I am also to blame for the disturbance because I didn't attempt to stop it as I should have. I am sorry for that and I apologize for that. It won't happen again, if the need comes up . . . which I hope it will not.

I do encourage having a fun and friendly Club, but please be considerate of those who want to listen to the program.

Now, on the lighter side.

While Jerrie was putting this Bulletin together, I was able to read the section, "TIPS BY RICHARD". This article is very well put together and I encourage everyone to take the time to read all of it. As a longtime member who has learned it, worked it and Practiced what he has talked about, getting knowledge and help, this is a MUST READ ARTICLE! Thanks Dick.

I know we have a GREAT Club and I am sure our meetings and activities will be enjoyed by all in the future.

Thanks, Keith

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Meet your Rockhound Friends (need One)

WINNERS OF THE DOOR PRIZES
 at the 27 Apr 2011 Club
 Meeting.

Dale Kholer . Bag of Slabs
 Kelly Brady . Rock with Pen
 Kevin WilcoxBook,
 "Treasures of the Ancient"
 Dick Peterson . . . Light
 Candy Hunt . . fire Starter
 Amy Hinkler . .Bag of Slabs



OUR CLUB WORK MEETINGS ARE June, July and August
 at 4:30 p.m. prior to our 6:30 summer dinners.

PLEASE COME AND HELP

WE NEED PEOPLE TO MAKE ROCK RELATED ITEMS for the
Wheel of Fortune. Get an Idea and call **Barbara
 Shalvis at 801.489.0176** to see if it will work.
 Use your imagination. Barbara and Ron and Pat
 and Walt will have fun items to work on at our
Summer Work meetings.

WE NEED PEOPLE TO SEW GRAB BAGS. We have
 material cut into the size we need that just
 needs sewing. We have a pattern so you can find
 a fun material and cut them the size we need,
 then sew them if you want. Or some people buy
 the fun material and bring it for someone else to
 sew. Either way works. We need lots of bags
 sewn by June. Please call **Jerrie Fackrell at
 801.489.7525**

Don't miss our Summer Work and Dinner meetings.
 You can help and get your supper also.



Tips By Richard



DICK PETERSON

A lotta, lotta years ago, Marlene and I joined the Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Rock club. Back then the board had to approve each member and we worried about being accepted. But we were. We attended every meeting and several field trips and tried very hard to become a rockhound. The first field trip we went on was to Last Chance Ranch in Southern Utah for agate. The field trip Chairman and the other rockhounds did not make us feel very welcome. The next morning they all came out of their



RV's and took off without saying one word about where they were going or what they were after. So, we tried to follow with our 2 wheel drive truck and we couldn't make it. So, we hunted rocks around that area until the club came back down the road. I had picked up a lot of agate. Most of it was gray and fractured because I didn't know beans about what to look for. Nobody . . . and I mean NOBODY would help us. The next field trip was about the same.

But, Marlene and I stuck with it and slowly started to learn. I started to ask questions (very important for a new member!) about learning to cut and shape a gemstone and we were met with the same results. By looking in the Lapidary magazines, I got an idea how to get started. I bought a Loretone Arbor with two grinding wheels and a sander. After that I bought a trim saw and started to teach myself. Later I bought a 20" slab saw and I was on my way. I am self taught on almost all the things I do in Lapidary.

The moral of this story is for everyone to help each other, fellowship new members, make them feel welcome, share your talents with each other. Compare the club today with the club 35 years ago and there is a HUGE DIFFERENCE! We now have people who are willing to share, especially if you are willing to learn. We are one of the largest clubs in the West and still growing. We have to show improvement in all aspects of the club and our Gem Show, or we will get stagnate and start downhill.



So, what could you do as a new member. When you signed your dues, you accepted the responsibility of being active in the club. So, offer to help. If you don't get active, you will never be part of the club. If you want to learn something, ask the members who know. If you don't ask you will be like a drone - a male bee - who is absolutely worthless, you will spend your time in the club doing nothing and eventually leave because you haven't gotten involved. The ones who get involved are the happiest. Attend your meetings, go on field trips, learn what to do with the rocks you have found, help make at least 100 rock related items for the Spinning wheel, help sew and fill the grab

bags. There are people who always want to take and won't get involved - they usually do not enjoy the club and eventually drop out.

ALL MEMBERS OF TIMPANOGOS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETIES
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and the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

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What is going on with the United States of America! CR Delivers Major Setback for DOI's Controversial Wild Lands

House Includes Measure to Prohibit Implementation of Wild Lands Policy

WASHINGTON- Congressman Rob Bishop (UT-01), Chairman of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee that oversees Public Lands, today announced that the final Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the remainder of fiscal year 2011 includes a provision (1769) to prohibit funding for the Department of Interior's (DOI) controversial "Wild Lands" proposal issued by Secretarial Order #3310.

"Implementation of the Secretarial Order would take hard-earned taxpayer dollars and put them toward a policy that would lock up millions of acres of public lands and destroy thousands of jobs. The creation of new de-facto wilderness throughout the West would be severely detrimental to state and local economies and create a paralyzing uncertainty for western communities. Since the time it was announced, elected officials throughout the West recognized it was essential that this proposal be halted in its tracks. With the passage of this CR, we do just that," said Bishop.

The Secretarial Order, released in December of last year without advance notice or congressional input, would create an arbitrary new designation for public lands. Bishop was one of the earliest critics of the Wild Lands proposal and has fought to ensure that Congress does not provide funding for its implementation.

"The provision to defund Wild Lands is a victory for Utah and all public lands states. I thank my colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee, including Rep. Mike Simpson, for recognizing that funding the Wild Lands policy would be a wasteful use of taxpayer dollars and government resources," Bishop added.

Specifically, Section 1769 of the FY2011 CR states: "None of the funds made available by this division or any other Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce Secretarial Order No. 3310 issued by the Secretary of the Interior on December 22, 2010."



**Have a
Sunflower day!**

SUNSHINE COLUMN

Scatter Sunshine all along your way;

Cheer and Bless and Brighten

because when you read this, it will be MAY.

*Please report any Happy or Sad news about our Members to
Beth Edvalson 801-785-2519.*

Bryant Washburn went to work on his yard a couple of days ago, it was cool then, remember? He is now in bed with pneumonia with complete rest. Edna is having a hard time keeping him there. Take Heart, Bryant, "This time, too, will pass and the weeds will still be there." "Get Well" wishes go out to you.

I was talking to Harold Chatwin last week. Do you remember that he was having trouble with his knees? The Doctors at the Wound Clinic was advising that instead of Surgery they were going to inject some Cartilage in his knees in an attempt to delay surgery. They did and the knees are less painful for Harold. We are so glad for you him that it is working.

Jean Chatwin is doing better too after her heart surgery and the repair surgery on the incision done at the time of her heart repair. We are so glad she is getting her strength back, besides we need her as our Treasurer.

Jan Badertscher, former officer in our Gem Club, after having raised 2 sons, has been going to School and holding down a job. Jan is now going to Florida to serve a 3 year residency in Family Medicine. We wish you Good Luck in your Service Jan. You will be a Great addition to the Medical Society.

Darlene Kallin had hip surgery in January but before she did, the Doctor put some kind of a dam in her artery just below her heart. This was to prevent a clot going into her heart or up into her brain. Isn't that a great idea? Any way about 10 days ago she did throw a clot from her surgery in Jan. but the Dam stopped it. She was in intensive care for three days. She is home now and doing well and enjoying Jim's care and cooking. We are so glad that all has turned out well for Darlene and Jim. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Now for some sad news about one of our long time members and Dealers at our Shows...On Apr. 16th Jim Vining, in Morgan, Utah, had a heart attack and as a result he died!!...Jim requested no Funeral and No Viewing. He wanted to be Cremated and his ashes scattered on his favorite Mountain. Jim has been having trouble with his eyes for a year or two but they used to come all the way from Morgan to our meetings. These few years has been a difficult time for him and Colleen. Our Love, Sympathy and supportive wishes go out to Colleen. She needs a prayer or two from us.

It's MAY! but where is the warmth?

I hope you are not flooded.....Beth Edvalson

APRIL & MAY TGMS MEETINGS

Robert Rollins did a great job at our April 27, 2011 Regular Meeting. He brought lots of Rucker Boxes full of stones he had cut, ground and polished into cabochons. He has a HUGE selection of rocks, gem, minerals and polished Cabochons and polished and wire wrapped cabochons. He only showed about 1/100th of his collection, if that much. Robert knows his rocks—and his rocks makes him very happy. After going through a stroke last year, his rocks helped to get him back to where he is today.

After showing the part of his collection that he brought to the April 27th meeting, he presented a 30 minute CD about Sweetwater Agates and other types Agates. This was very, very interesting. Thanks Robert Rollins! And Thanks Larry Hathaway for helping him. After the meeting was over, Robert was kept very busy answering questions. THAT'S GOOD!

25 MAY 2011

TGMS MEETING

For our 25 May, 2011 meeting we will be honored to have PAUL BYBEE who has formally been selected as the American Federation & Mineralogical Societies Scholarship Award Honoree from the Northwest Federation & Mineralogical Societies.

He is excited to be picked, and is in the process of selecting grad students from BYU and the University of Utah to receive this years Scholarship to help further their education. He is especially excited since he was granted a scholarship in 1990 when Dr. Moyle at Weber State was the Honoree.

We have had Paul Bybee speak to TGMS before and feel you will be very pleased with his presentation. He mentioned he will be talking about his dinosaur Program and other subjects.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
WHO ATTENDED THE 27 APR
2011 MEETING

**Laurie Birkhofer and
Patty Sutherland**

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST
Angela Preston



THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO
BRING TREATS MAY 25

Sherri Howland,
Johanna Passmore,

Jean Chatwin, Dorie Boren

MEET YOUR ROCKHOUND FRIENDS SUSIE & DAN HOWARD



DAN & SUSIE

Center, is in the Presidency of her ward's Primary. Their children are big time into sports, Brock plays City league baseball and competition league baseball and Jaci plays city league softball. Susie & Dan try to make all their games. Dan is one of Brock's city league coaches.

Susie still wants to be involved with the Rock Club. After dinner is over and the children are in bed, Susie said she has time go on the internet and find information for the Kid's Page. I am glad she will be helping with the Bulletin.

Dan retired on April 1, 2009 after being in the Navy/Navy Reserve for 29 years, he was deployed for two years out of the last 3 years of service to Kuwait and Iraq. At the present time he is working as an electronic technician for Salt Lake County with the county jail being his main building. He is also in the Bishopric of their ward.

They have been married for 21 Years and have three children. Aranda, who just turned 19 and is on her own, hopes to attend Salt Lake Community College in the fall; Jaci just turned 13 and Brock is 10. Dan & Susie met at the American Fork Training school where they both worked . . . a job their oldest daughter is working now.

Dan grew up in a family of 21 children (all but 2 were adopted). They lived mostly in California but moved to Hawaii when his dad found out that he had a bad heart. After his father died (when Dan was 12) they moved to Utah to be near some good friends. His mother, Mary, eventually married Lavon Vernon a year before Susie and Dan got married. Susie was 12 years old when she first met Lavon. She was delivering the newspaper and Lavon was dissatisfied with the former delivery boy's service. Susie told him if he would continue to take the newspaper, she promised he would get the best service possible, He did and he did. Little did either one of them know that 9 years later they would be daughter and Father-in-law.

Susie and her family joined TGMS about the time her parents, Keith and Jerrie Fackrell joined. She enjoys rock hunting, cutting and polishing cabochons and wire wrapping with her sister, Diane Hatch. Dan enjoys rock hunting with the family. Susie, Dan and Brock, attends the Junior Club meetings once a month, Jaci is sad that she can't attend because she has young Women that night. Susie and Brock feels that Charlotte, Jerry and Dave do a great job as leaders.



DAN, ARANDA, JACI, SUSIE & BROCK



Jerry & Charlotte Davis led the most fun geology educational field trip I have every been on! They did a fantastic job!



Pictures by Laurie Birkhofer



Reflections at the Warm Springs that were warm and clear and 20-40 feet deep.



Johanna Passmore resting a while.

Tristan Birkhofer coming out of the caves at the Lava Tubes.

While we were at the white sands area Tristan found not one, but two chipped obsidian forms. Good find Tristan.



Keith Barnett taking a picture of the huge Eagle nest on top of the Lace Curtain formation at Pavaunt Butte.



We also saw umetamorphosed Marble, White Mountain and a 600 year old Lava Flow We saw a volcanic creator (Ascoria Lava), a long earthquake fault, and climbed on the Pavaunt Butte area. EDUCATIONAL and FUN!

2011 TGMS FIELD TRIPS

Compiled by **Nancy Nusink** - Field Trip Chairperson

DATE	TRIP	LEADER	PHONE
May 13, 2011 May 14, 2011 All one trip	Roosevelt area: Angel Hair Coral, Smooth rocks, agate, etc. Fantasy Canyon & Leaf Fossil	KEITH & JERRIE FACKRELL May 13 NANCY NUSINK May 14	801.592.0410 801.489.7413
May 27-30	Blue Forest Wood George will go Thursday evening	GEORGE REAM	801.792.8613
June 11	Eureka for Crystals, Chicken Foot Jasper, Agate, etc.	NANCY NUSINK and SUSIE HOWARD	801.489.7413 801.768.0110
June 25	Zebra Rock & Crystal Peak	KEITH FACKRELL	801.592.0410
July 9	Topaz area	JIM KALLIN	1.435.864.5401
July 30	Red Horn Coral	NANCY NUSINK	801.489.7413
August 13	Milford Area	JIM KALLIN	1.435.864.5401
September 17	Geodes	Need Leader	

Before the next Bulletin is out we would have had the chance to go on two or more Field Trips.

May 27, 28, 29 & 30 GEORGE REAM will lead the Blue Forest petrified Wood trip to Wyoming. He will bring directions of where to meet at our May 25 Regular Meeting.

JIM KALLIN said if you want to go to the Trilobites site contact him to make arrangements. Also contact JIM KALLIN if you want to go to other sites in the Topaz and Milford area.



TAKE ME TOO!



May 13 & 14 KEITH & JERRIE FACKRELL & NANCY NUSINK will be leading a Field Trip to Roosevelt area, Fantasy Canyon and to get Leaf Fossils. May 13, meet at US 191/40 and the turnoff to Fort Duchesne at mileage marker about 121 1/2 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sinclair Station and C-Store where we will get goodies and top our vehicles off with gas. Heber to the Sinclair turnoff is about 98 miles. After hunting a few hours at the Roosevelt area, NANCY will lead us through Fantasy Canyon. May 14, meet NANCY at the Naples Maverick US 40 and go for Beautiful Leaf Fossils.

CLIMBING HIGH

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Held the last Wednesday of January, February, March, April, May, September and November at 7:00 p.m. at the Eldred Center 270 West 500 North, Provo, Utah (back door) June, July and August the work/ dinner meetings are held at Shriners Pavilion up Springville Hobbble Creek Canyon starting at 4:30 p.m. and the December Christmas Party will be announced later.

JUNIOR CLUB MEETING

for youth 5 to 16 AND THEIR PARENTS is held the First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Eldred Center, 270 West 500 North, Provo, Utah (back door)

BOARD MEETING

held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Eldred Center 270 West 500 North, Provo, Utah (back door)



Over 20 Junior Club members and their parents came to the May 2011 Junior Club meeting where they planted the Hen & little Chick plant in an indent of a lava stone. In June they are going to polish rocks and make bolo ties with the polished rocks. At least two Genies will be on hand to help with the task. This is a 'Don't want to Miss Meeting.'

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