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A word from our President.

Hi Everyone,

We are off and running with our great field trips! Had a fun time going to the geode beds and looking for Wonder Stone. The weather kept us from going to other sights, which is always a factor when we go out, but we will catch those on another trip. May 13th and 14th will be an adventure looking for new rocks we haven't collected as a group before. You can see what the trip is all about later in this newsletter. We had an intriguing program this last month learning about metal detecting. I'm sure it piqued a lot of your interest. I was disappointed to miss it. As most of you know I had surgery for a torn tendon on my hip in April. I am happily healing well. My biggest challenge will be walking which will take a few months. I plan on being at the May meeting though. Look forward to seeing all of you! Hope this finds you all healthy and excited about rock hounding, Debbie





This month's club meeting

- May 24, 2022
- Golden Hours Senior Center 650 25th St, Ogden UT 84401.
- 6:00pm we will have our meet and greet and silent auction
- 6:30pm our meeting will begin

Program: you know that the word “turquoise” comes from the French pierre turquoise? Pierre is French for “stone”. Turquoise is French for Turkey. In the past, most turquoise was sold in Turkey, therefore, this beautiful stone was given the French name for Turkey = turquoise!

Come to our club meeting this month and learn all about the beautiful stone of turquoise. Learn how it's formed, where it is found, how long it has been prized for jewelry, as well as ornamental objects. I will have samples of many different kinds of turquoise from around the world. - Georgina DuFour

Announcement!

Please do not miss this meeting if you signed up / prepaid for a shirt at the Dugway Field Trip , you must be present to get your items.

We will also have stickers available for purchase at \$2.00 a piece.



Last Month's Meeting

Our April meeting was so fun, we celebrated our Club's 52nd Birthday! A big thank you to Dave Offeret for bringing the cake. The cake was so good and Babbett Nelson organized a really fun game for us to play. Jim Zulim was our guest speaker. He gave a very informative presentation on metal detecting. Jim covered just about everything and made sure to answer everyone's questions. Jim shared with us the history of metal detecting from the very beginning starting in 1874 , through the golden age in the 1970's, up to the present.

Jim brought in a variety of metal detectors he's used throughout the years and demonstrated how they all work. When looking for a metal detector, he recommends that you do the research and find one at a reasonable price that you're comfortable using. The best part however, was getting to see all the cool Items he's found in all kinds of cool places. Jim brought in coins, toy cars, jewelry, and even a really old license plate. Jim said when he finds things with his metal detector, he's not really interested in the monetary value of the objects he finds. Instead, he's excited about the interest and curiosity the item sparks within him.



This Month's Field Trip Schedule.

May 13-14 2022 (Friday & Saturday): *Milford Area:* Picasso Marble all different colors, Creole Mine Tailings, Agates, Jaspers. Hopefully we'll get to visit the Flame opal claim!

Greetings Club Members! Our May field trip to the Milford, Utah, area is still on! May 13-14, Friday and Saturday. **The Plan is to meet in Milford Friday morning at the Sunshine Market at 10.** Our Field Trip guides have promised to keep us busy both days! We'll be going after Zebra Marble, Picasso Marble, Obsidian, Geodes, Pyrite, Mine Tailings, Quarts, Serpentine, and things I don't know how to spell! **For those who want to come for Saturday only, we'll be leaving the Market at 9:00.** It's about a 4 hour drive from the Ogden area, but well worth getting up for. Plan on the days to be out and away from towns, and lots of dirt roads. There is a Motel in Milford called the Travel Lodge, and we also have people with Trailers from the club staying in Delta at the Antelope Trailer park, or you can also stay in Beaver, and drive over in the mornings. Again, if you plan on going, please text Dave at 801-791-6081 with your name, and how many in your group. IF I have your name on the list, we'll wait for ya. If not.. More rocks for me! haha... Looking forward to a fun weekend with many NEW treasures!



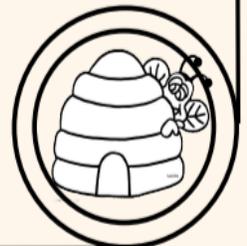
Last Month's Field Trip

Our first field trip of the year to the Dugway Area was a great success. We had an awesome turnout despite the questionable weather and one flat tire along the way. Everyone found some awesome pieces of Wonder Stones. One of our club members found the Biggest Geode ever out at Dugway Geode Beds.. Now he just needs to find someone with a saw big enough to cut it! You can see a photo of him with his geode in the collage above. We unfortunately only completed half of Dave's Famous Rock Trip Loop, by the time we made it out to the Geode beds the rain and winds started to roll in and it was starting to get late.

All is not lost; we are trying to figure out a reschedule to complete the loop at a later date, so watch the facebook page and stay tuned. Regardless of the one flat tire and the unpredictable weather, we had a great time out there on the Pony Express Trail. We stopped at Lookout Station 86 and got a very informative history lesson on the area. We learned all about the carriers who transported mail from post to post and all the trials they faced every day. We learned about the family in charge of watching over station 86 and saw their pet cemetery that also had two people buried in it. Overall this was a fun trip, everyone got some really cool rocks and we all learned lots.

Dugway Field Trip April 2022







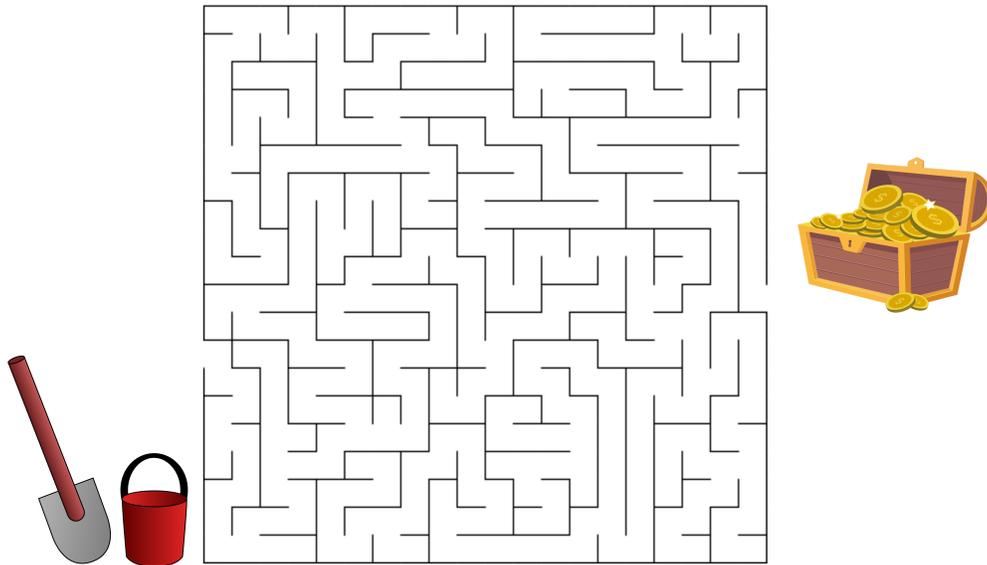
Field Trip Schedule For The Year.

- **June 18 2022:** *The Great Salt Lake:* Calcite Crystals and more
- **July 16 2022:** *Lyman Wyoming:* Moss agates (NEW PLACES) Agates and Jaspers. Possible Gastropods and Snail Mummies.
- **August 13 2022:** *The Famous Tony's Rock Pile:* BBQ / Potluck Always a HUGE favorite!
- **September 17 2022:** *Fossil Mountain & the Obsidian beds:* We went to this a couple of years ago, and had had requests to go back!
- **October 6-9 (Thursday through Sunday):** *The Traditional Floy Wash Weekend:* Trips to Yellow Cat and the Floy Wash Area. We hope to hit about 15+ spots!

Details of each trip will come out as those trips get closer. Most trips are day trips, on Saturdays unless noted. With current world events, (Gas prices going up), all dates and areas might be changed. Keep checking our Facebook Page and our website for the latest information. Looking forward to a fun summer!



Fun Facts & Activities



Fun Facts about Metal detecting!

1. The first metal detectors were used to detect bullets in people's bodies in the year 1874 in France.
2. During WWII metal detectors were used to find land mines so the troops could avoid setting them off.
3. In 1881 Alexander Graham Bell invented his own version of the metal detector in order to try and save President James Garfield's life. Garfield had just been shot and Bell's hastily built detector failed to locate the bullet and President Garfield died from his wounds.

Rock Hounds are a Curious Lot

A Poem By Dave Offret

Those Rockhounds - They,
Are a curious Lot,
To go the mall?
They'd rather not,
To go to a beach
On a bright sunny day
And just Relax?
They shout, NO WAY!
There's Canyons a'callin!
Places to explore!
Dirt roads to travel!
With buckets and bags,
They scour the plains,
They search every cranny
For whatever remains...
With grins on their faces
And the sun's Burnin ray,
It takes more than that
To keep them away!
With bugs that are bitin',
And thorns on the ground,
There's rocks that need pickin!
Cries every Rock Hound!
And so off they go
Up into the hills,
With glazed looks in their eyes,
And occasional squeals..
And shouts when they've found

The treasure they seek,
Yes, rockhounds are strange!
They're really unique!
Now, Rockhounds love nature,
We all know it's true,
So when they take a rock,
Here's what they do..
They bring little marbles
To put in the place
Of the rock they've removed,
And so, no disgrace!
Now the moral to this story,
Tis' easily found,
When you've LOST all your marbles,
You're a GOOD ROCK HOUND!!

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