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The Valentine's Day Gemstone is the Ruby

It may be named 'King of Gemstones' in India, but according to the Christian Old Testament, the value of a rubies is far outweighed by that of a good wife!

This precious gemstone is the red variety of a mineral called corundum, which at 9 on the Mohs scale is second only to diamond in durability. Burmese rubies – also known as pigeon blood rubies – are the most prized thanks to their deep, blueish-red hue. In fact, the blood-red color of ruby is possibly the reason it has come to be associated with the heat of intense love. It's said to ignite feelings of love and passion in the wearer, which makes ruby jewelry an ideal romantic gemstone gift for Valentine's day.

A Note from the President

Hi Fellow Rock Hounders, Happy Valentines Day to all of you!! Heart-shaped rocks are a common find when we are out on our field trips. They always bring a smile to everyone's face. One of God's little ways of telling us that he loves us. Our January meeting was fun with our potluck to start the year off with everyone having a meal together and sharing how their holidays went. Darlene McRoberts put together a slide show of our 2023 field trips, meetings, and events. It never ceases to amaze me as to all the things we do with our club. The Field Trip Committee has put together the club's field trips for the year which you will find in this newsletter! A lot of different places we will explore this year! Yay!!! Plus, our Program Committee has planned a lot of interesting topics for our meetings for the year.



So have enjoyed getting to know everyone. If you are New Members, please come and introduce yourself to me. I sometimes get caught up in my responsibilities for the night and don't remember to look for you to say Hi!

See you on the 27th,

Debbie

Club Openings

You know what makes this club so special? OUR MEMBERS!!! We could really use your help with the following positions...

- **Publicity**
- **Facebook Administrator**
- **Club Historian**



**FINAL Reminder that Dues for
2024 need to be paid ASAP!**

*Do not miss out on all the fun activities
we have planned this year.*

*Please contact Tom Larsen
(801) 390-8270. March 1st is the
last day to pay and still be on the
roster.*

“INSTAGRAM”

BeehiveRockClubOgden

We started an INSTAGRAM site last year but, it hadn't really gotten off the ground. Tom Larsen has taken it upon himself to post pictures continually on it. Look at all he posted this week.

How do you get on INSTAGRAM? Go to App store or Play store and download the APP (INSTAGRAM) on your phone. Create an account in the APP (It's FREE) Then search for the BeehiveRockClubOgden and you will see all the fun pictures. If you have pictures you would like to be on the **Site** send them to Tom's email:

tomlarsen36@gmail.com

This Month's Club Meeting

When? February 27, 2024

Where? Golden Hours Senior Center 650 25th St, Ogden UT 84401.

What time? 6:00pm we will have our meet and greet and silent auction.

(Bring some cash) & 6:30pm our meeting will start.

PROGRAM – What do we have planned this month?

Dennis Brugman, of West Valley City, has been in the rockhounding world for over 35 years. He's coming to our meeting to show us some tricks of his trade and will be demonstrating cabbing techniques on his custom-made Cab Pro machine. He will do a Question & Answer at the end of the demo to answer any questions you have about cabbing.

For our January meeting we had a potluck and took turns reading some great advice on living a happy life! The food fed our bellies, and the amazing company filled our souls. Thank you everyone for being a part of a very memorable night.







2024 Field Trip Schedule

April 20th, Wendover, Nevada day trip – Plume Agate and (Amethyst?). Babette and Axel will be the lead for the plume agate. Darrell and Darlene will scout out the area for the amethyst before the trip to ensure we can find it.

May 18th, Delta, Utah day trip – Obsidian pits. Darrell and Darlene will be the lead.

June 15th, Kemmerer, Wyoming day trip – Fish Fossils. Jose and Cindy Anguiano will be the lead. Currently \$109 per person for four (4) hours, prices will increase in 2024.

June 29th, Park Valley, Utah day trip – Aventurine. Darrell and Darlene will be the lead.

July 13th, Salina, Utah day trip – Agate. Gary and Sally Warren will be the lead.

August 2 – 4th, Texas Springs, Nevada overnight weekend trip – Petrified Limb Casts, Snakeskin Agate. Darrell and Darlene will be the lead.

August 17th, Santaquin, Utah day trip – Fossilized Algae. Darrell and Darlene will be the lead.

August 30 - Sept 2nd, Graveyard Point, Idaho overnight weekend trip – Agate, Petrified Wood. Darrell and Darlene will be the lead. Labor Day weekend.

Sept 28th, Kemmerer, Wyoming day trip – Blue Forest Petrified Wood. Darrell and Darlene will be the lead.

Oct 10 – 14th, Farmington, New Mexico year end overnight weekend trip. This trip is still being planned and coordinated with the San Juan County Gem Society. If this trip can't be scheduled, then we will decide later this summer as to where to go. Columbus Day weekend.

Reminder, our field trips can change due to weather, etc.

Community Events

These events are not sponsored by the Beehive Rock & Gem Club but we feel our members would enjoy attending.

February 17 - 18 Crystal Festival in Layton

Davis Conference Center

1651 N 700 W

Layton, UT 84041

The Crystal Festival - A Rocks, Minerals, Gems, and Crystal Show

Over 60 Vendors including Mineral Dealers, Utah Rock Clubs, Mine Owners, Lapidary Artists, Jewelry Designers, Local Rock Shops, Kids Corner, Silent Auction, Guided Rockhounding Trips and a Raffle Drawing!

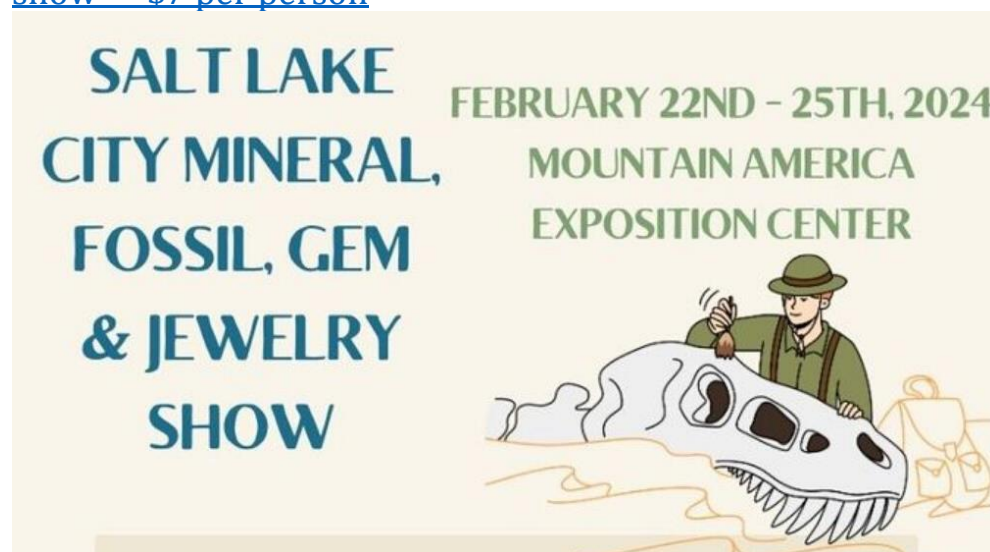
Come shop, network, sign up for rockhounding trips, meet mine owners, jewelry designers, lapidary artists, mineralogists, geologists, rockhounds and more! Find your happy place amongst rock loving friends at The Crystal Festival.

This is a **FREE and FAMILY FRIENDLY** rock and gem show designed to bring the community together.

February 22 - 25 Salt Lake City Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show

Mountain America Exposition Center 9575 States St, Sandy UT 84070

<https://thebest.show/our-shows/salt-lake-city-mineral-fossil-gem-jewelry-show> \$7 per person



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