



# Beehive Buzzer



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## A word from our President.

Hi Fellow Rockhounds,  
Warm weather is just upon us! We had a wonderful trip last month down to the Milford area! Picasso Marble, Zebra Marble, Geodes, Red Polka Dot Agate to name a few of the wonderful rocks that were found! Most of them are my favorites! Glad my husband could collect them for me.



One thing good about the warmer weather and no rain is that we can get back into the areas where we can find really unique items. Dave and the field trip team have some amazing trips for us. So wonderful to get out in the fresh air and beautiful Utah!! I have a better appreciation for that this year because of my hip tendon surgery. I have been cooped up for 7 weeks!!! Just started driving last Saturday! Soooo appreciate living here. We are truly blessed!

See you soon! Debbie.



## This month's club meeting

- June 28, 2022
- 381 Joshua Dr Kaysville, UT - Home of Sophia & Dan Bird
- 6:30pm our meeting will begin

Dan's father who was an avid rockhound passed away and Dan inherited his lapidary equipment and all his rocks! Dan and Sophia aren't really interested in rockhounding, so they are inviting us to their beautiful home to have our meeting. They have a wonderful backyard for entertaining and will be selling the lapidary equipment and rocks at a great price!!! Here's how it will work. We will have a **silent auction for the equipment** and **the rocks** will be **\$1.00 a pound!** So, bring your buckets and load up! When you get to their house go through the side gate on Old Mill Lane into the backyard.

### *Our Program*

As you know, we will be going on a field trip this month to hunt for Selenite and Gypsum. Ray Rutledge will be speaking on "All About Selenite, Gypsum and Calcite" and telling us about their differences. Also, what they are used for!! As an added treat he will be talking about the Spiral Jetty that will be right near where we are looking for the Gypsum. You won't want to miss our June meeting!



## NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!!!

At the August club meeting we are going to have a “SHOW, TELL AND SELL” along with our potluck. That means if you are interested in selling items that you have made of rocks, minerals or gems that night is YOUR NIGHT!!!! There will also be a contest for the most interesting item that is being sold. **We will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting** so we can get an idea of who is interested and what type of tables and set up we need. Soooo Funnnn!



## Last Month's Meeting

Our May club meeting was really interesting, our fellow club member Georgina gave us a whole presentation on Turquoise. Georgina brought in some beautiful pieces she's collected from all over, including pieces she and her husband collected themselves from the Tyrone Mine. She shared with us her knowledge of the stone including its origin, color range, and tips on how to determine the authenticity of your Turquoise. Turquoise is such an interesting stone found in multiple locations across the world and has been used as jewelry and decorations for hundreds if not thousands of years. The Price of Turquoise varies depending on the color with Blue being the most expensive and greener one being the least expensive.

# Beehive Rock and Gem Club Meeting

## May 24, 2022





## This Month's Field Trip

- **June 18 2022: *The Great Salt Lake*: Selenite Crystals and more!**

Good Day all you Beehive Rockhounds! It's time for the June Field Trip Details! When: June 18th. What time: 09:00 AM, Meet at the North Ogden Park and Ride - just east of the 2700 north exit. Where are we going? Selenite/Gypsum Crystal Hunting at the Great Salt Lake in Corrine! And also a Spiral Jetty visit. I've heard stories about these Crystals for years, but have never been able to find them. We have enlisted the help of our Club member Expert, Jamie Livingston, and she will be our Guide. These are neat samples to have in your collection. See this video about what to expect, and what to bring, done by one of our members, Kersten Safford! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j89mNjj4Tj0> and What is the Spiral Jetty: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiral\\_Jetty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiral_Jetty) Plan on a fun trip, about 1 hour of dirt roads, and Treasures! Bring Bug spray, shovels, gloves, shoes and pants that you can get really muddy in, Extra water to clean crystals, and about anything else you can think of! Remember, **TEXT Dave Offret at 801-791-6081 if you plan to attend, with how many in your party**, and we'll wait for ya. See ya on the 18th!!

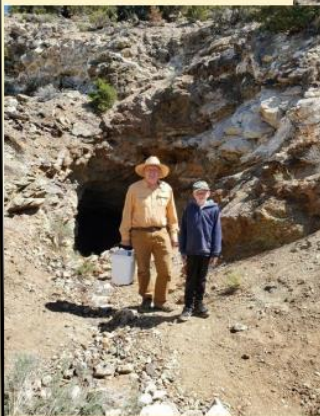
### **Directions to the Spiral Jetty in case anyone can't meet up with us at 9am.**

Take Exit 365. Turn right onto UT Route 13 (toward Corrine). A gas station is located in Corinne. Continue west for 18 miles (UT Route 13 becomes Highway 83). Follow signs to the Golden Spike National Historic Site (GSNHS) Visitor Center. Turn left onto Golden Spike Road and continue 7.7 miles to the GSNHS Visitor Center. There are bathrooms at the visitor center. Cell phone reception ends. From the visitor center, drive 5.6 miles west on the main gravel road (N Golden Spike Loop). At the fork in the road, continue left (west). There are signs directing you to Spiral Jetty. Drive 1.4 miles. At the fork in the road, turn right (southwest). Continue driving for approximately 9 miles. The road will curve north around Rozel Point. The road ends at a cul-de-sac parking lot directly above Spiral Jetty.



# Last Month's Field Trip

## Milford Field Trip May 2022





# Field Trip Schedule For The Year.

- **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:** *Topaz Mountain area: We will be going to the places we missed on the April fieldtrip due to bad weather setting in on our trip.*
- **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



Can you solve the Cryptogram?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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24 5 20 21    6 5 25 25 4 14 15    19 4 26 24    4 26    24 5 18 18 4 20 14 15 15

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## FUN FACTS!

1. The earliest known use of Turquoise took place around 6 thousand years ago in Egypt.
2. The most valuable turquoise gemstones can be found in Northeast Iran. Other notable deposits can be found in Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Israel, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.
3. Tibetans revered the gemstone as a talisman of good fortune. To this day, turquoise remains to be the most prized gemstone in Tibet.





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