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Note from the President

Hi Everyone,

Our year is starting off to be a fun one. Our First meeting was kicked off with a delicious potluck and a great program by Eric Pohlman on smithing tools. We also enjoyed a wonderful slide show of our club's activities in 2025 by Darlene and Darrell Mc Roberts. It was so great to be back together again. Valentines Day is coming up with Diamonds and Rubies being the favorite stone of the Holiday. This month's meeting will focus on how gems are cut and set into beautiful jewelry.

Happy Valentines Day, Debbie

Our Next Club Meeting — February

When? February 24, 2026

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

What time? 6:00pm we will have our meet and greet & silent auction (Bring some cash) & 6:30pm our meeting will start.

PROGRAM

SPOTLIGHT ON SKILLS: Faceting and Stone Setting

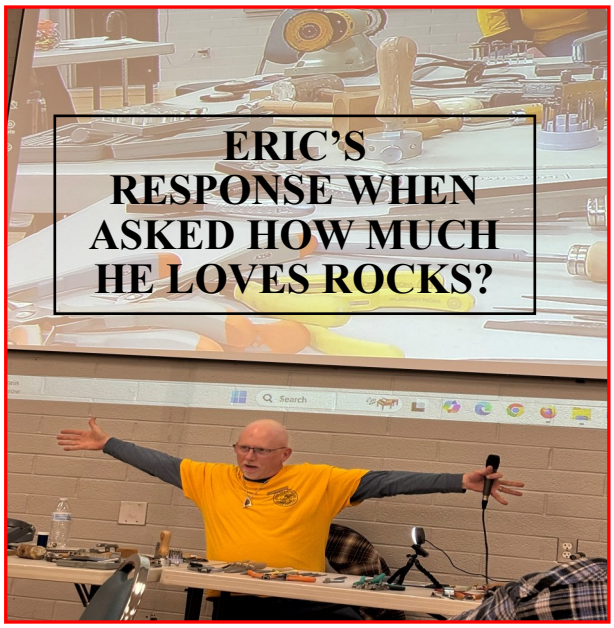
Our upcoming meeting will feature two talented club members who are excited to share their craftsmanship, creativity, and passion for the lapidary arts.

Daryl Stevenson will kick things off with a presentation on his faceting hobby. He'll bring photos showcasing his process, his equipment, and some of the beautiful stones he's cut. Daryl will talk about how he got started, what inspires him, and what keeps him returning to the precision and artistry of faceting. Whether you're completely new to the hobby or already dabbling in it yourself, his insights are sure to be both informative and inspiring.

Following Daryl's presentation, **Donale Richen** will demonstrate how she sets faceted stones into her jewelry pieces. Donale's work blends technical skill with artistic design, and attendees will get a look at how she brings loose gems to life in finished jewelry. Her demonstration will highlight the tools she uses, the techniques involved, and the careful attention required to secure and showcase each stone.

Together, Daryl and Donale will offer a fascinating look at two complementary sides of the lapidary world—turning rough material into sparkling gems, and then transforming those gems into wearable art.

You won't want to miss this creative and informative session!



What an amazing spread for our potluck. Check out Lynn's geode cookies. So creative and cool!

Get Ready for Our Annual Big Auction!

March 24th

Mark your calendars and get ready—it's time for our Annual Big Auction! This lively event is a fantastic opportunity to support the club while scoring some amazing rockhounding treasures. Unlike our silent auctions, this one is fast-paced and full of energy!
Club members generously donate items related to rockhounding, field trips, camping, and more. Then we auction them off to raise funds for future adventures and activities.

What to Donate:

We welcome items that are useful, fun, or unique to the rockhounding community, such as:

- Rocks, gems and fossils of all kinds
- Cabochons and slabs
- Tools and buckets
- Saws, tumblers, and lapidary equipment
- Camping supplies
- Coolers, hats, walking sticks
- Fold-out stools, camp chairs, umbrellas, shade canopies
- Rock-themed crafts
- Handmade jewelry
- Any other rockhound-friendly gear or goodies!

Start sorting through your rocks and items! Bring your donations to the next club meeting, or hand them off to a board member. Thank you for your support! We know this year's auction will be a hit—don't miss it!

Important: Please bring donated items EARLY on auction night so we can get everything set up smoothly.

Auction Night Schedule – March 24

- **4:30 PM – 5:30 PM:** Item drop-off and setup
- **5:30 PM – 6:00 PM:** Preview the auction items
- **6:00 PM – 6:15 PM:** Brief club meeting
- **6:15 PM – 8:30 PM: Live Auction Begins!**

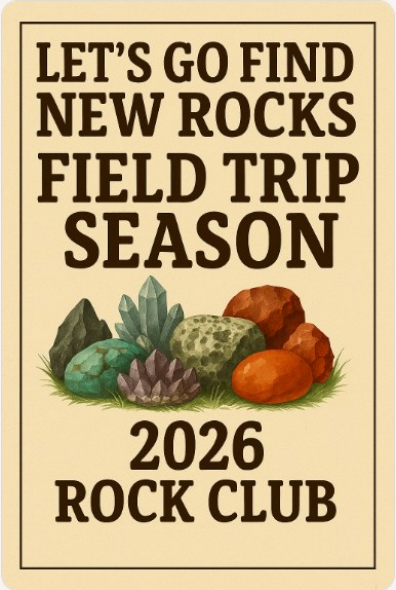
2026 Field Trip Information

Our **2026 FIELDTRIP SEASON** is shaping up to be an exciting one, but we need more hands—and more ideas—to make it truly great. Right now, only one couple has been carrying the weight of planning and leading our outings, and it's simply too much for such a small team. Fresh locations, new leaders, and shared responsibility will help keep our adventures fun, safe, and sustainable.

To help coordinate these efforts, **Darrell McRoberts** will serve as the **Fieldtrip Committee Coordinator** for 2026. He will work closely with each trip leader to organize outings, gather details, and prepare the official write ups for the *Buzzer*. These summaries will include information about the destination, directions, what we'll be collecting, and any special notes—always with input from the leader of that particular trip.

If you'd like to help scout new locations, lead a fieldtrip, or simply support the planning process, please reach out to **Darrell at 801-317-7001**. Your involvement can make a big difference in creating a memorable and well rounded fieldtrip season for 2026.

Plenty of great adventures are ahead, and we'd love to have you be part of shaping them.



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