
SMOKE SIGNALS

“Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.”

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Puffs from the Chief....

Tule Gem & Mineral Society's September 14, 2009 Barbeque/Meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. Thank you, Tony Hart for doing the meat preparation and barbeque. All of the food prepared by our Members was delicious and cannot be surpassed. Our Tule Cooks deserve a standing ovation!!

Adrienne was excited to have won the member drawing during this meeting.

The Silver Smith program at the Tule Shop is nearing a starting point, thanks to Rob Milner. Rob will notify the Club with the actual date soon. Charles Reed donated some material that will be used for the silver work. Other equipment has been purchased. Adding a new class is exciting and rewarding for our Club.

A reminder to the Nominating Committee to be ready to report at the November meeting.

Notice: Turn in a member's name for the Honorary Life Member award at the November meeting.

Chief, Don Vieira

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Thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter

Rock Talks..... By Marshal Havner

Rock Talks for TGMS have been a rewarding and enjoyable experience for me. These talks are a valuable tool for reaching out into the communities and stimulating interest in rock hounding. Promoting the American Federation of Mineralogical Society and California Federation of Mineralogical Society is a much emphasized subject which includes encouraging students to think about Respect, Compliance, and Cooperation. Think about Royal Crown Cola or RCC and you'll remember e not aware that rock hounding is so well organized on national, state and local levels which promote Respect, Compliance, and Cooperation. I always carry extra copies of the AFMS, CFMS, and TGMS newsletters to share with teachers who are eager to have access to this wealth of information concerning so many areas of rock hounding interests and embody healthy values.



TGMS is fortunate to have so many members who are willing and interested in participating. Our members have a wide variety of interests concerning rocks and minerals which when they share always keep the students interested and eager to ask questions. We include a large display of rough and finished rock for a hands-on part.

*Tule Gem and Mineral Society Meeting
September 14, 2009*

After the Flag Salute led by Laura Riggs and the innovation led by Marshall Havner the 29 members present enjoyed delicious bar-b-que tri-tip and chicken prepared by Tony Hart along with various salads, side dishes and desserts brought by Club members. Thank you Tony for another superb job of bar-b-queing the meat.

The meeting was called to order by President Vieira after dinner. There will be a board meeting on September 28, 2009, at 7:30. The next Gem Show meeting will be held on October 5, 2009, at 6:30 PM followed by the general meeting at 7:30 PM

President Vieira announced that there will be a field day at the Hart residence in Lindsay featuring the many machines that Diamond Pacific has available from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM followed by a bar-b-que prepared by Tony Hart. Those wishing to attend the event all day should bring a sack lunch for midday.

It was announced that there will be a field trip to Corona on October 10 & 11, 2009, there will also be a Rockhound Wedding & Field Trip in the Cady Mountains on November, 7, 2009. The day will begin with a ceremony at 10:00 AM at the Afton Canyon Campground followed by a potluck luncheon. The field trip will begin at 12:00 PM led by the bride and groom to gather agates, jaspers and Plume agate. For information on these trips contact Marshall Havner at 562-4133.

Pat Harrison gave the Treasurers report, stating that the Club Liability Insurance and the rent and utilities for the Club Shop are due. A motion was made and seconded that the Club pay amounts due. Motion carried.

Laura Riggs announced that she has received an application from Wayne Smith to join the Club, a motion was made and seconded that the Club accept Wayne as a new member. Motion carried.

Ed Smith reported that he will need help on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, moving rock from his place to Steve and Marie Haywards home for storage. Please meet at Ed's home at noon to help.

Ede Ordonez reported that a long time Club member, Dorothy Edwards, has been placed in a retirement home.

Robert Goodard gave an Audit report on the Club financial records. All was in order, thank you Patrick for doing such a good job on the books.

President Vieira announced that there will be 5 members entering show cases at the Tulare Fair, There will be 6 cases in all, thanks to those members setting up cases for representing our Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectively submitted,
Corene Keys
Secretary*

**REMEMBER.....
WHEN ROCKHOOUNDING DON'T
FORGET TO COLLECT SMALLER
SAMPLES TO BE INCLUDED IN 2010
GEMBOREE GRAB BAGS.
And turn in any leftover show cards.
TGMS recycles these as labels for
2010 grab bags.**



Just wanted to let you know (and put in the newsletter)
We have sent out a card to Tony & Heidi Lane,
to congratulate them on getting hitched/married
recently. May they rock hound together forever!



We also have spheres, obelisks, beads, and lots of jewelry to display which TGMS members have made. We include florescent rocks, a rock tumbler and a sphere machine as part of the display. We like to end the Rock Talk with a hands-on time and by letting each student pick out their own tumbled rock to emphasize that this is their reward for showing TGMS members and their teachers Respect, Compliance and Cooperation.

We frequently get asked how much TGMS charges to travel to local schools and do a Rock Talk. TGMS is pleased to answer "no charge to educational institutions" as this helps to maintain TGMS's community awareness and nonprofit status. We do ask the teachers to have the students write TGMS a note expressing their impression of their Rock Talk. These notes are taken to TGMS monthly meetings and shared. Some of these notes can also be seen on TGMS's web site: (tulegem.org). Please take a look at these notes and see why I love doing Rock Talks.

TGMS Rock Talk Coordinator Marshall Havner



A field trip to Panamint Valley and the Trona Gem-O-Rama is being planned for the weekend of October 10 & 11. The group will be staying in Panamint Valley, at Ballarat; there is a flat area for campers & tents but no hookups. Ballarat is on the map and is easy to locate via road signs.

We are planning on going rock hunting on Saturday, and attending the Gem-O-Rama in Trona on Sunday prior to heading home. There will be the usual pot luck on Saturday evening.

Contact Marshall and Debbie for details if you are interested: 562-4133

2009 Meeting Schedule

January 5, 2009
February 2, 2009
March 2, 2009, Installation Dinner
April 6, 2009
May 4, 2009
June 1, 2009 Annual Picnic
July 6, 2009
August 3, 2009
September 14, 2009
(one week later due to Labor Day Holiday)
October 5, 2009
November 2, 2009
December 7, 2009 Christmas Party

Every Meeting and Every Member is important....Hope we see you soon!!

