



THE AMMONITE

Affiliated with RMFMS & AFMS

Next meeting:

6:00 p.m.

August 8, 2024

Potluck at Kelli's house

Rapid City, SD 57701

It is always rock hunting time!

The Purpose of our Non-Profit Club is to promote interest and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology and lapidary, to sponsor and promote the coordination of work efforts between groups and individuals





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Meetings: Second Thursday of each Month (except August) at 6:00 PM (times can change)

At: Minneluzahan Senior Citizen Center, 315 North 4th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

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Send dues to Treasurer, PO Box 1954, Rapid City, SD 57709-1954

June Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Kelli at 6:05 pm.

There were 25 people in attendance. 20 members, 3 guests and our guest speaker Frank Garcia and his son.

Kelli asked if there was a motion to approve June's general meeting minutes. Debbie motion to accept the June minutes, Jason second. Motions approved.

There was no treasurer's report as Leslie was still on vacation.

Old Business

Show – Debbie explained the wall signs and show programs were sent to the printer. Need volunteers to help in all areas for set-up on Friday and for the show on Saturday and Sunday. See Debra for sign up sheet. Need people for Friday's potluck. See Debra for sign-up sheet.

August field trip to Tepee Canyon. Julie Lunden will be our leader. More information on meeting place and times coming out soon.

September field trip will be to Calumet Mine, Sheridan Lake area. Debra Bailey will be the leader. More information on the meeting place and times coming out soon.

New Business

Mimi informed us the boost on FB has brought in a lot of spam and to be careful with the club emails.

Don B handed out flyers for a grand opening of a new rock shop, Midwest Jewelry and Gifts, in Rapid City. Open House is July 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

Thank you, Sean Bailey, for snacks.

Thank you, Kelli, Jason and Don B, for the raffle items.

Meeting was followed by a presentation by guest speaker Frank Garcia.

July Board Meeting

Start 5:30pm

Attending meeting was Kelli W, Pete L, Debra B, Rob W, Jason H, Debbie V and Lori B.

Upcoming Field Trips were discussed

Aug – Tepee Canyon, meet at the FS station on 385 north of Custer at

September – Calumet Mine South of Sheridan Lake.

October – The Mammoth Site, personalized tour

Upcoming Guest speaker

August – potluck picnic to be held at Kelli's house

September – TBD

October - elections

November - Hell Creek Paleontological Society

New name badges. Need to update logos on the website, FB and Ammonite.

Need to start thinking about nominees for officer positions. Debbie said she would like to stay as the show chair.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

July Show Meeting Minutes

Start 5:30pm

Attending meeting was Kelli W, Pete L, Debra B, Rob W, Jason H, Debbie V and Lori B.

Debbie would like a brief show meeting Thursday at the venue; check on tables and chair set up. Look for any last-minute needs. Will meet at 5:30pm. There are no available spaces for new vendors.

Rod and Leslie will pick up the trailer and bring it to the fairground Thursday.

On Friday, Debbie will open the building at 6 am. We will have vendors arriving around 9 am, maybe earlier.

Debbie informed the group that she dropped off the show programs and thank you cards at Copy Country. Will be available week of show.

Debra informed the group that she dropped off an order for wall signs at Copy Country. Will be ready week of show. Rod and Kelli are making a list of mineral names. Debra will have labels made for the fluorescent display.

Still need more volunteers for show. Need to mention at general meeting.

Debra talked about the Friday potluck; the sign-up sheet went out but only have a handful of volunteers for food/drink. Need to mention at general meeting, more volunteers needed. Debbie said she will bring a large cooler for drinks. Debra has a smaller one. Debra and Lori will be going out Friday to hand out flyers and will stop by Family Fare to order the fried chicken for the potluck.

Debra reviewed what might be needed for each table: Jr Rockhounds and fluorescent, silent auction, club and admissions.

President's message

Thank you to everyone that attended the July meeting. We had several new guests that night.

The speaker was Frank Garcia from the World Fossil Finder Museum in Hot Springs.

We are still needing volunteers for the Gem show. If you could spare even an hour of your time would be helpful. There will be a potluck for all the volunteers and vendors on Friday night. We are also needing volunteers to bring a dish for the potluck. To make this a successful event we will need everyone's help.

The August meeting will be a potluck at Kelli Wold's house at 6:00pm. If you are planning on coming, please bring a dish to share and a chair to sit on.

If you are interested in buying a WDG&MS tee shirt let Debra Bailey know.

The field trip is to Teepee Canyon on August 10th.

Hope to see everyone at the August picnic!

Treasurer Notes for July:

Club: Not much money paid out this month: Ammonite mailing fees, rent & the yearly trailer storage fee. The money coming in was raffle & T-shirts.

Show: The attendance at the show was phenomenal! The overall number was **1,426 adults** attended & about **233 under 12s**. It was crazy-busy at the entry table, taking money, putting on wristbands, promoting the Free Raffle & encouraging to vote for best case. Thanks to ALL that helped!

Membership – Debra & crew did an amazing job recruiting new members! **19 new single members & 20 families** are now part of the WDGMS “family”. There will be a new Membership List attached to the Ammonite & I will ask you to **please check your name, email, etc. & let me know** if not correct. Also, I will ask some/any member to help with the membership. With 114 adults it's a little overwhelming. Let me know if you want more info.

Library - I have been bringing books to the monthly meetings since January. 3 have been checked out. I'm not sure what to do with these books & will welcome any ideas.

Our Show

This year show was a success! There was an excellent crowd and everybody was happy.

The vendors especially loved the air conditioning as well as the larger venue. This also made the wide aisles easier for shopping

The show on Saturday had 844 paying adults and 170 children.

On Sunday the show had 591 paying adults and 63 children.

The information table signed up 39 members!

A big THANK YOU for all the volunteers that help make this show run smoothly!



Upcoming Area Shows

Most of this information was obtained from www.rockandmineralshows.com. Please check the website for other shows across the country and in Canada.

Prescott Gem & Mineral Show - 08/02/2024

Start Date: 08/02/2024

End Date: 08/04/2024

Hours: Fri/Sat 9:00-5:00, Sun 9:00-4:00

Venue: Findley Toyota Event Center

Address: 3201 N Main

Findley Toyota Event Center

Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Website: <https://www.prescottgemmineral.org/>

Gilbert Fine Mineral Sale - 08/10/2024

Start Date: 08/10/2024

End Date: 08/10/2024

Hours: 9:30 - 4:00

Venue: Gilbert Historical Museum

Address: 10 S Gilbert Rd

Gilbert Historical Museum

Gilbert, AZ 85296

Website: <http://www.tgms.org/what-we-do>

JOGS Tucson Fall Gem & Jewelry Show - 08/29/2024

Start Date: 08/29/2024

End Date: 09/01/2024

Hours: 10am - 5pm. Daily 10am - 4pm Last Day

Venue: Tucson Expo Center

Address: 3750 E Irvington Rd

Tucson Expo Center

Tucson, AZ

Website: <https://jogsshow.com/>

Creede Rock & Mineral Show - 08/02/2024

Start Date: 08/02/2024

End Date: 08/04/2024

Hours: 10:00 - 5:00 FREE Admission

Venue: Underground Community Center & Mining Museum

Address: 13 Forest Service Road 503

Underground Community Center & Mining Museum

Creede, CO

Website: <https://www.creede.com/rock-mineral-show>

Buena Vista Contin-Tail - 08/08/2024

Start Date: 08/08/2024

End Date: 08/11/2024

Hours: 9:00 - 6:00 Daily, Free Admission, Free Parking

Venue: Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds

Address: CR 321 Gregg Dr

Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds

Buena Vista, CO 81211

Website: <https://bvrockshow.com/>

Gold Rush Days - 08/10/2024

Start Date: 08/10/2024

End Date: 08/11/2024

Venue: McPhelemy Park

Address: 506 E Main St

McPhelemy Park

Buena Vista, CO 81211

Woodland Park Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show - 08/15/2024

Start Date: 08/15/2024

End Date: 08/18/2024

Hours: 9:00 - 5:00

Venue: Ute Pass Saddle Club Grounds

Address: 19570 E HWY 24

Ute Pass Saddle Club Grounds

Woodland Park, CO 80863

Website: <http://woodlandparkrockandgemshow.com/>

Annual Lake George Gem & Mineral Show - 08/16/2024

Start Date: 08/16/2024

End Date: 08/18/2024

Hours: 9am-5pm

Venue: Field next to Lake George Post Office

Address: 37380 US Hwy 24 (Field next to Post Office)

Field next to Lake George Post Office

Lake George, CO 80827

Website: <http://www.lggmclub.org/>

Southern Colorado Rock & Mineral Show - NEW DATES - 08/30/2024

Start Date: 08/30/2024

End Date: 09/01/2024

Hours: 10am - 6pm

Venue: Colorado Springs Event Center

Address: 3960 Palmer Park Blvd

Colorado Springs Event Center

Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Website: <http://www.socorockandmineralshow.com/>

Wyoming Jade Fest - 08/09/2024

Start Date: 08/09/2024

End Date: 08/11/2024

Hours: 9:00 - 6:00

Venue: Jeffrey City Fire Hall

Nebraska Artifact Show - 08/17/2024

Start Date: 08/17/2024

End Date: 08/17/2024

Hours: 9:00 - 5:00

Venue: Seward County Fairgrounds

Address: 430 N 15th St

Seward County Fairgrounds

Seward, NE 68434

Website: <https://www.ozarksarrowheads.com/>

Northwest Nebraska Rock Swap - 08/30/2024

Start Date: 08/30/2024

End Date: 09/02/2024

Hours: 8:00 - 6:00

Venue: Crawford City Park

Website: <https://discoverwnebraska.com/crawford-rock-swap/>

Indian Nations Artifact & Fossil Show - 08/24/2024

Start Date: 08/24/2024

End Date: 08/24/2024

Hours: 8:00 - 5:00

Venue: Mabee Center

Address: 7777 S Lewis Ave

Mabee Center

Tulsa, OK 74171

Website: <https://www.ozarksarrowheads.com/>

Now for a lighter side of life as a Rock-hound

I have shared these in the past. I am reprinting them for the 'newbies'.

The rockpile in your garage is taller than you are.

The local university's geology department requests permission to hold field trips in your back yard.

There's amethyst in your aquarium