



# Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

JULY 2009

Club Mailing Address—P.O. Box 1643 Hayden, ID 83835

Meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM

At Post Falls Senior Center, in the Dougall Room— 1215 E. 3rd. St. Post Falls, ID

The public is welcome.

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## POT LUCK PICNIC—JULY 16,

AT THE PARK RIGHT BEHIND THE CITY HALL

AT DALTON GARDENS—

GOOD PARKING—

SOUTH EAST CORNER OF HANLY AND  
4TH

BE THERE AROUND 5:30 (OR BEFORE)



Meat will be furnished by the club and we'll make sure that cold water and lemonade are supplied. Please bring salad or dessert, and your eating utensils and plate.

A short meeting will be followed by supper, and a great silent auction of some of the lovely material recently acquired by the club (see next page)

Any questions —contact Bockmans at 773-5384

(Guests are welcome —just have them bring plates, etc.)

**North Idaho Mineral Club meeting for June 18, 2009, called to order by President Mike Rose at 6:37 PM**

Maria McDonald and Warren Price brought refreshments.

Our summer picnic meeting will be at Dalton Park, and the regular meeting night was proposed, which was approved after discussion.. The picnic meeting will be on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-

Treasurer's report: Balance at May meeting was \$9,385.69. Deposits since then are \$3,786.31.

Bills since then are \$3,279.72. Balance to present-- \$9,892. Still need to pay security at \$224.00. Mike Rose got the rent on the storage unit dropped so we get 4 months free. Paid up till August of 2010. There was some question whether we were in arrears with rent for the meeting room, so Mike Rose checked with Marie Fish and we are paid till November 2009.

Bev Bockman asked for comments about show—any suggestions for improvement.

Diane Rose said "Bev did an awesome job". Also said we should get donations for hourly prizes from the vendors

Bev Bockman said that 5 copies of each page of the vendors tax forms was so thick that the writing didn't go through each page so she had to fill out each copy to turn in.. Diane Rose said there used to be only 3 copies.

Bev has information and applications for the Rockhound Retreat in Oregon in Sept.

Everett Headrick said that the Pitmans worked very hard for our club during the show and he suggested making them honorary members, and for the secretary to write a thank you note. This came as a proposal and it was voted on and approved.

Everett also said Bill Allen did an excellent job on the black light display and we should do the same for him. This was also voted on and approved, so Bill will also be an honorary member of our club.

Bob Riley, a former member, has donated his rock collection to the club. The quality and quantity of the rocks donated are very impressive. Bob and his wife Sally were active members of our club several years ago until health problems prevented them from attending meetings. Now they are giving up their home for residence in a duplex at Good Samaritan in Spokane Valley.

Bob said he donated his rocks so they could be used and appreciated. He also sold some of his equipment to members at very reasonable prices. The suggestion was made and approved that our club offer him a check for \$700 for the rocks. Mike Rose said there was more than a ton of rocks moved to the Rose's shed and that they are much better quality than the material we got from the Murray Museum. Aside, he said there are still a dozen or so buckets of the Murray rocks up at the Keith's storage unit that we need to retrieve. (which has been done—ed). It was decided that Mike Rose and Bev Bockman will go through some of the rocks and pick out ones to take to the picnic for a silent auction for our members. Motion voted on and passed.

Diane Rose will assist Bi8ll in writing a letter of thanks to Bob Riley to send with the check. (cpn't page 3)

**REGARDING THESE ROCKS!!!~!~** there will be everything from polished slabs to rough rock from a collection that has been already pared down to the best. So be prepared to "OOO" and "AHHHH" at the picnic auction, July 16th, 5:30 to whenever.

Someone suggested we look at Fighting Creek for petrified wood. A discussion followed where Bob Bockman said he had heard of petrified wood along the St Joe River and someone said that Fighting Creek is on tribal land and you would need to talk to Matheson to get permission to look there.

Karl Mrazek said that the Panorama club is out this weekend looking for selenite and bornite minerals on a field trip to an old mine. They are meeting on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> at Harvest Foods in Kettle Falls, Washington.

The rockhounding license plate was on a bill that passed the legislature—maybe it will be available next year???

Bev Bockman represented the Panorama Club at the mid-year meeting of the NFMS at Kennewick, and Rocky McCall was promoting tickets for each club to offer to members to enter the raffle at Billings for the AFMS scholarship Endowment Fund. Most were sold at the last meeting of the Panorama Club but there were still 13 to sell. The prizes for the raffle are exceptional pieces of lapidary art, made by top notch national artists. No takers from this club, but almost 50 from the Panorama club.

Billings show is a **combined American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and Northwest Federation convention and show. The Canadian Federation will also be represented, though in guest capacity.**

**It is on July 30th through August 2.** There will be an *outstanding show followed by seven days of field trips*. First day is for blue and black fortification agate. Fossil pinecones one day. Tour of a mine and Pryor Mountains geology trip also, Montana agate, invertebrate fossils and petrified wood.

We've had a lack of local field trips and classes lately. Maybe we'll do a class in September and one in October.

Maybe do a trip for thulite. The field trip chairpersons are off this weekend for a trip to Lolo pass I think.

Jim Rauch mentioned Huckleberry Mt., east of St. Maries for garnets.

Also go to the sapphire claim in Montana with the Provosts. (Has been all but ruled out) Everett Headrick can put on a PMC class this fall.

Mike Rose said that a Showcase Auction on Friday has some PMC, jewelry and equipment for sale if you want to check it out. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 Submitted by Bill Johnson, Secretary

At least three of our members plan to join the field trip recently front-paged In this newsletter to Eden Valley in Wyoming—I hear Bill Johnson, Rick Buchheit and Donni Moen have plans that include this trip. Am I ever envious!!! That was one of the most exciting places Bob and I have ever been In over 13 years of rock hunting together BB..

**New and Returning club members: Welcome to Betty Williams of Silverton (and Arizona), Sylvia Davies and son Al from Post Falls, .Cheryl Ellicott from Sagle, ID. .and returning members Karel Mrazek from Banchard, Tom Chermnsnok from B.C., Donald Mckenzie and Kathy Kopp from Philipsburg, MT.(new at the show) Rob Moser from Post Falls, and Joanna Petridou from Spokane. At this moment in time we have 59 adult members and two "junior" members. Plus three honorary members. The address list I promised for this issue of the newsletter has been postponed—so I am going to ask that anyone who wants one please let me know and I will just print them for those who really want them.**

**ALSO—LET MIKE ROSE KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT HAVING A LIBRARY FOR THE CLUB.** The senior center will let us store our books in a safe place for \$5.00 more a month. We could also get some DVD's and videos for people to enjoy at home. Any Comments??? For or against??? Most of us have books that we could loan for a library.

## **LIVINGSTONES ROCK RANCH**

### **2009 SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **AUG. 29 & 30**



FREE ROCK & MINERAL SWAP  
TALL TALE CHAMPIONSHIP  
SAT.NITE BEAN JAMBOREE  
IT'S THE 2ND ANNUAL  
**ROCK RANCH ROUNDUP**

**NOV. 28 & 29**  
**HOLIDAY CRAFTS & MINERAL SHOW**  
LOCAL ARTISTS & VENDORS INDOORS  
**SPECIALS ON COLLECTIBLE MINERALS**  
**FREE ADMISSION & DOOR PRIZES**  
**LOCATED IN THE SPOKANE**  
**VALLEY**  
**CALL FOR MORE INFO:**

PUT THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR, FOLKS. Sounds like fun.

I offer this information because every time this fellow offers this DVD it has improved exponentially! When I did the Northwest Newsletter a few years ago he was just starting out. Read on and see what you think. BB —**Check out the web site** at the bottom of the information **before making a decision.**

### ORE-ROCK-ON ON DVD NEW VERSION 5.0

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**FOR SALE: Two Versalume black lights (used at the rock show.)** Both are in full operating order with instructions and informational book. I bought these without authorization of the club—so cannot be compensated for their purchase for use at the fluorescent display we had. However I will sell them at a loss to anyone who would like to have one or both. They cost \$88 apiece.

Will accept any reasonable offer. Bev Bockman 208 773-5384

If you have access to the internet be sure to **keep up with our website.** Mike Burton is doing a great job of staying up to date with what we've been doing. **We'd like some feedback from the club** on our efforts with the web site and the newsletter also. Any suggestions??? BB (I could use some contributions from the members for the newsletter!!!)

## Safety—tick season

The best way to prevent tick-borne disease is to protect yourself and your family from tick bites. It is also important to remember that less than 1 % of the ticks actually contains infected organisms. Ticks do not transmit disease while crawling on you. Do not panic if you find a tick attached. If a tick is attached, it should be removed following the directions presented below. Keep close watch for any possible symptoms of the diseases caused by ticks and, if they occur, see a doctor immediately. All of the tick-borne diseases are usually easily cured with use of antibiotics, especially if treatment is started early.

### Methods of Protection From Ticks

#### 1. Wear protective clothing.

\*Wear light colored clothing so ticks can be seen easily and removed before they attach. \*Wear long pants and tuck pant legs into boots or into high socks.

\*Wrap tape around the cuffs of your pants with the sticky side out to capture ticks on the tape. \*Wear boots or closed shoes.

#### 2. Use a repellent that indicates it is good against ticks.

Many repellents contain DEET, which can be placed on the skin or on clothes. Higher concentrations, 20 to 40% or greater, of this repellent work best against ticks.

\* Additional tick repellents contain the insecticide permethrin, which should be sprayed onto clothing where it remains effective for up to three washings. Do not apply to the skin. Read instructions, as it is harmful to some fabrics.

#### 3. Frequently inspect yourself and your family members for the presence of ticks, especially children, at least every two or three hours, if you are in a tick-infested area.

\*Examine the head and hairline especially close:

\*Crawling, unattached ticks cannot transmit disease and are easily removed.

#### 4. Properly remove attached ticks.

\*Use tweezers to grasp the tick at the surface of the skin.

\*If you do not have tweezers, use tissues or a cloth to protect your fingers and to grasp the tick firmly. Protection of your fingers is necessary because you could accidentally introduce the organism into mucous membranes or a scratch or wound.

\*Pull the tick straight out with a steady pull. \*Do not try to remove ticks with a match or other hot objects, as this may cause the tick to salivate and actually pump organisms into the bite.

Via Rockhound Special—8/2003

Shop Hint - A good way to tell how solid a slab is, is to heat it in hot water. The surface will dry immediately. If there are holes or fractures, every one will be lined with water. These can then be marked with a pencil and used to orient your stone.

Via The Rockytier 7/03;Tule Smoke Signals; The Geode; Tulip City Conglomerate

### OFFICERS FOR 2009

Mike Rose—President

Warren Price—V.P.

Secretary - Bill Johnson

Treasurer — Susan Rekow

Federation director—Everett Headrick

Federation Delegate—open

WSMC Delegate-Open

### Committees for 2009

Hospitality - Bertha McPherson and Bob Bockman

Field Trips—Dennis and Pam Hicks (with Roses')

Membership-Susan Rekow

Show Chairman-2010???????

Newsletter Editor—Bev Bockman

Program Chairman-Bev Bockman AND CLUB MEMBERS

Webmasster—Michael Burton

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2009 Rock and Gem Shows in WA., OR. , ID. & MT

July 17-19 Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary at Reedsport OR.

July 25-26 Wa. Agate and Mineral Soc.—Tenino, WA

**2009—JULY 29-30 AUG. 1-2 BILLINGS MT. AFMS/NFMS SHOW**

PLAN TO ATTEND

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