

ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS
January, February, March 2008

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RENEWAL DUES ARE DUE

If you have a smiley face sticker here:

your dues are current to 1/1/2009. No sticker-----this is your last newsletter, no more postcard reminders either—soooooooooo please send your dues in. We need your continued support.

JANUARY MEETING

For those unable to attend, but wanting to know the answers, the special presentation was a framed picture of the luminarias program December 8th last year. The picture was taken by Ron Wolfe. He and his wife Sue printed, matted, and framed the picture. It is hanging in the Visitor Center until we have our classroom. Thank you so much. It is a wonderful photo. It is also in our new brochure.

Sandy Zalecki aka Sandy Scarpella is the queen of the sewing machine. A quilt she made for Jim & MaryKay was displayed at the meeting. Visit her website: www.rembrancequilts for details on how you could have her create a special quilt for you or your family. What better way to commemorate a special event.

Other really big news is that we have our very own website domain name and site. Visit www.FriendsOfRockhound.org. It is easier to find than before and updated by our special friend, Lynn Eubank. He may be digging his way in the snow up at Angel Fire but he keeps our web site hot and fresh!

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you to those of you who responded to our inquiry for a bit of personal information. One member said that we are a really cool group. Another values their membership as a way to protect beautiful areas so they will be there for future generations to enjoy. They like to go on nature walks, collect rocks and bird watching. Several of our members are part time residents who travel and “vacation” here in the Land of Enchantment. All of our members, sponsors and supporters are important to the life of the Park and our commitment to preserve, promote and protect Rockhound/Spring Canyon State Parks.

FEBRUARY MEETING

When you need a decorated cake for a special occasion, think Pepper’s Supermarket. It was a real beauty with cream frosting covering a half chocolate half white cake. Sally ordered it without fat and calories!

President Jim reviewed our 2007 year. Did you know that the gift shop volunteers sold \$5,783 in promotional materials? Or that our two native plants sales grossed \$10,000? We recycled \$54 in aluminum cans, sold Gary and June Loudon’s polished gemstones to the tune of \$503 in donations!

2007 was a great year with good member attendance and participation. Garden Care averaged 15 members, meeting averaged 30 members and special events 30 members also. Remember, with volunteering the more you give, the more you get!

We appreciate all of you—both your time and your money ☺ Together WE do make a difference.

SPRING CANYON TRAIL

The Garden Care crew will gather at Spring Canyon on Wednesday, March 19th at 9:00 a m (Winter hours yet).

The Boy Scouts created this ½ mile trail in the 1980's. It has been ignored since then. We will be doing some maintenance and trimming some growth that is in the way. Gloria, Park Ranger, will be making a sign so the public can use the trail rather than just hiking about.



3rd ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 22nd

Helpers needed at 8:30 a m

1st hunt 10:00 a m

2nd hunt 10:30 a m

Once again, Hope will be the Rockhound Bunny, Julie and Skruffy are the official photographers; Greg S and Sally are the “starters”. We have lots of candy, handmade pinwheels and some really neat prizes for the children this year. Remember to say thank you to First New Mexico Bank for sponsoring this event again. It has grown from 1,000 eggs to 3,000 eggs!

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 26th

Special guest speaker, Dave DeWitt author of “Avenging Victorio” will be sharing his research about the Apaches. This fiery foods host has lots of stories to share!

DESERT ALIVE!

SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE

It's that time again. Oh where oh where is the truck? All those Latin names on the pots—will we ever get it sorted and marked in time. Yes, it all comes together for a great sale. We have many, many programs and events planned. Check out the web site for times and details.

www.FriendsofRockhound.org.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

APRIL 23 Wednesday

We will have 40 Martin School 4th and 5th graders (ages 10-11). They are scheduled to be at the Park from 9-1.

We will provide 3 stations: owl pellet discovery, wildlife tracks and butterfly sipping stations.

MAY 13 Tuesday

Another Martin School program!

We will follow the same schedule as long as the owl pellets hold out! Thank you to Les and Mary Bass for the supply!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 30 Gary & June Loudon

What is geocaching? Travel bugs? Using a GPS? State Parks celebrate 75 years

May 28 Joe Saenz

By request, Joe returns to share more Apache history and customs

June 25

Creepy, Crawly Critters of our Chihuahuan Desert home presented by the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park in Las Cruces.

July 30

Summer Picnic

STARS IN PARKS

Once again our own Sally Allen will help us tour the skies with programs March 8th

GARDEN CARE

The third Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:00 a m spring and summer; 9:00 a m fall and winter

REGULAR MEETINGS

The last Wednesday of each month. Board meets at 8:30 am; General Meeting at 10:00 am; Program at 10:30 am. All meetings are free and open to the public. Coffee and donuts are provided.

New Brochures

Several of our members are helping to circulate and stock our new brochure at local stores, hotels and RV parks. If you know of a location that would like a display, you may pickup a supply at our meetings or garden care sessions.



Store Inventory

When you need a gift for someone, please checkout the Visitor Center gift shop. The display has been expanded with new items added. Your purchases help support the Friends and the Parks!

Ron Wolfe has created some dynamite note cards with Rockhound/Spring Canyon photos.

Jim H continues to provide mounted thundereggs and rattlesnake earrings.

Gary and June keep polishing gemstones.

FYI

We have lost 2 Friends this year- James Bear and Stanford Good. Many of you knew James as the snakeman-he died as the result of an accidental bite from a canebrake rattlesnake. Stanford was the husband of our Marion aka the muffin lady! May they both rest in peace.

Joan Day-Martin will not be banding hummingbirds in the foreseeable future. She has returned to Michigan and her family. She hopes to return by June 2009.

Jesus Jimenez has accepted a promotion and is leaving us!!!!!! He will be transferring to Elephant Butte Lake State Park towards the end of May.

While we congratulate him, we are saddened by his leaving! We just got him trained!

Board of Directors

Jim Brady	President
Art Vasquez	Vice President
MaryKay Brady	Secretary/Treasurer
Sally Allen	Publicity
Nancy Grinnell	Native Plant Sale
Jim Hazelton	PR/Fundraising

Committee Chairs

Art Vasquez, Fundraising, membership
Greg Scarpella, Music in the Park
Sandy Scarpella, Hostess/Greeter

Sponsors:

Be sure to say thank you when you visit these locations:

Baca's Funeral Home

Sam Baca

Edward Jones

Jimmy Enriquez

Jack Key Motors of Deming

Jim Schuyler

Tinley Tee Tire

G G Gore

2008 Members

Allen, Bill & Sally

Barnes, Veronika & Charles

Bass, Les & Mary

Brady, Jim & MaryKay

Damron, Lovie

Dunn, Diana & Sarah

Elmore, David & Kathleen

Foster, Larry & Joan

Grinnell, Nancy & Greg

Art Padilla

Hanson, Bob & Barb

Harrison, Ray & Pat Jones

Hays, Jess & Debbie

Hazelton, Jim & Sandy

LeMaster, Dale & Charlene

Loudon, Gary & June

Orban, Armand, Julie, Skruffy

Owens, Jerry

Pelton, Ellen

Perkins, Shelley

Scarpella, Greg & Sandy

Schwarzer, Keith

Seale, Ed & Joyce

Sherman, Skip & Pat

Smith, Keith & Ruth

Story, Ted & Melinda

Sundin, Norm & Mitzi

Teague, Susan

Thomas, Jimm & Barbara O'Leary

Vasquez, Art & Brenda

Walsh, Mike & Barbara

Williams, Diane

Wolfe, Ron & Sue

Zahn, Armand & Janet

New Members:

Shepherd, David

Clark, Betsy & Wayne

Wootton, Dick & Carol

Howell, Craig & Russ

White, Bradley

Friend (\$25)

Nan Molchan Fitzgerald

Best Friend (\$100)

Daniel & Moira Moga

Special Friends-over \$100

Jerry Owens

Howard & Patty Roth

Honorary Members

Green, Chris & Beverly

All the Park Volunteers

Supporters:

Be sure to say thank you when you visit these locations:

Pepper's Supermarket

First New Mexico Bank

Deming Headlight

KOTS Radio

Special thanks:

Dollar Tree

2 bags full's of goodies for our Easter prize table.

Comments from visitors

Rockhound State Park is my favorite park because of the cows, birds and remarkable sunsets!

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