

Rough 'n Tumbled Times



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Due to the corona virus our April Meeting has been cancelled. Meetings will be determined month by month.

Business Meetings are normally held the third Thursday of each month, March – November

<http://www.cameronamericanlegion.org/rockclub.html>





The President's Pen...

President's Message for April 2020

Greetings fellow Rock Hounds,

Well the unthinkable has happened. As a Biologist and Teacher I always taught my students about the possibility of a future pandemic based on previous world experiences like the Bubonic Plague and the Spanish Flu was a real possibility, but you hope it will never happen. I hope everyone is well and staying safe by follow the recommendations by the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization. Unfortunately this is real and it's life threatening. The daughter of a good friend has covid 19 and is struggling to get past it. She and her husband have small children so it has been a tough unpleasant slog. She doesn't know how she got it. So please be safe, I want to see you all in person when this gets over, whenever that might be. Life has been very different and may not change soon. I am hoping we can have our show in August, but I wouldn't count on it.

As most of you know, I asked about club interest in establishing a Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Facebook page. The response was overwhelming in favor of a page and most people said they would use it, or learn how to use it. I will be posting photos and texts about our hobby and I am counting on you to view and participate by adding your own contributions. Most people feel that this will help us all get through this pandemic as we think about more pleasant things and encourage each other in our individual pursuits. Social distancing is really important in combating covid 19 and being out in the field looking for specimens is doing just that while getting fresh air, exercise and maintaining our mental health. So take some photos or write a short story about your time outside. You might show photos of outside yard projects where you incorporate rocks in your landscaping along with flowers or birds or fishponds, etc. You get the idea. Use it to stay in touch with all your RockHound friends. [I will send out an email when the Facebook page is up and running and perhaps a short set of instructions on how to get on the site.](#)

Stay well and Peace,
Dave

The Treasure Hunt **Penned by Kristie Kringle**

April 12th, Easter 2020

*Spring has sprung; the grass has riz
I wonder where the flowers is?*

*I say that now as my eyes gaze
Upon a scene of snowy haze*

*Instead of buds and flowers bright
My world, my yard glows sparkling white*

*But I won't let that get me down
Instead, I'll dream of muddy brown*

*For I am one who hunts the things,
The beauties death of winter brings*

*A spongy field the frost has left
Does not leave me at all bereft*

*Instead, rejoicing at the sight
Of ancient tool or agate bright*

*I keep my gaze upon the ground
Where the earth's gems can oft be found*

*And I don't mean a diamond rare
But still, a treasure's hidden there*

*In gravel pit or furrowed field,
Each Spring great riches are revealed*

*Which are sought by common folk
Who've heard each and every joke*

*"Did you lose something?" drivers cry
As they laugh while passing by*

*But much too busy to take offense,
The rockhound squeals when a prize presents*

*All pain forgotten - no more aching back -
The fossil hunter unzips his pack,*

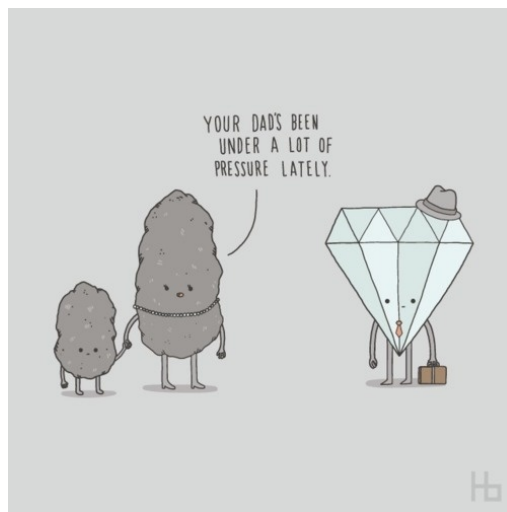
*Unearths his prize, grins from ear to ear
And says, "I'm sure glad that Spring is here!"*

Very good, Kristie, thank you. We are always looking for more contributions. Don't be afraid to try your hand at anything you think others might enjoy.



Then
Before Safer at Home

Now
During Safer at Home



Geology joke from Pinterest

1961 – 2020 OUR CLUB IS 59 YEARS OLD!!



OUR SUNSHINE PERSON:

Laura Finley

If you know anyone that has been ill or could use some sunshine in their lives – please contact us.

MEETING TIME -- 7:30 p.m. -- During the adult meeting



Dirt Devils Chairpersons:

Kris Martin, Joyce Jacobson

If there will be children attending, please let us know BEFORE the day of the meeting.

For further information contact Kris at kristine.e.martin@hotmail.com

***PLEASE PAY YOUR 2020 DUES NOW
THANK YOU.***

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – pass to anyone that might join

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ PH _____

Email Address _____

(CHILDREN ARE FREE WITH EACH PAID MEMBERSHIP)

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