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NEXT MEETING...

THURSDAY – 8/15/2019

August - Review show results

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

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The President's Pen...

President's Message for 8/6/2019

Greetings fellow Rock Hounds,

As I'm writing this, I am looking forward to our upcoming August 10 & 11 show. There is a lot that goes into making an event like this successful. There is the planning, making sure we have insurance coverage, designing the show flier, contacting the newspapers for ads, writing and sending news releases, distributing and posting show fliers, posting show information on Facebook. And then there is the Show Chairman, Roy Wickman, who makes sure that our venue is secure for the dates. He also lines up show and food vendors, and decides how to set up the floor. He makes sure that everyone has power for their booths. Then there are the volunteers who help set up for the show the day before and take everything down at the end. Next are the people who volunteer for the Kid's Activity Area, this year it's Kris Martin and Joyce Jacobs, in the past it has been the Javners. We want to make sure the kids have fun projects that will keep them interested and which perpetuates the existence of our club. As a retired teacher, I know what a daunting task that can be, and I appreciate their hard work. We also have the volunteers who sit at the Visitor's Table who welcome people coming in the door. They make sure that people sign up for door prizes, answer questions and promote our club. Last but not least are the vendors and demonstrators who put together interesting displays and wonderful products that people can purchase. So what is a show? It's really all these people, club officers, club members and vendors who come together to share their love of the hobby we all have in common and their desire to keep it going. Thanks to all of you who make this happen. Thank you to those who go above and beyond to make this a fun and educational event. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all of you.

Peace,
Dave

p.s. Don't miss our August 15th meeting. Same place, same time.

1961 – 2019 OUR CLUB IS 58 YEARS OLD!!

July meeting minutes are provided by Laura Finley. We greatly appreciate your help, Laura.

Rock club meeting minutes of July 18th 2019. American Legion Hall in Cameron Wisconsin.

Meeting call to order by Dave Skrupky at 7:20 p.m. A number of Dirt Devil members are present as they did not have a meeting tonight. Discussions to include the upcoming Rock

Show in August and the Blue Hills Felsenmeer Rock formations in this area, including a slideshow of a previous hike that took place approximately May 2008, by Dave Skrupky & other club members.

Treasurer's report read by Roy Wickman. Included in report was \$24 collected for calendars by John Parks. Also, the club made \$62 on the silent auction from last month's meeting.

The sunshine committee sent out two cards for people with illnesses &/or medical conditions, Kristy Kringle and John Elbe. No new news at this time.

Name badges were handed out for those who bought them. Copies of posters were handed out to be copied & distributed in the area, to promote the Rock Show & Sale. Also, to promote the Rock Show, ads were placed in the Barron County News Shield, the Barron County Leader and the Chronotype. The theme of the Rock Show this year is volcanoes and rocks created by volcanic activity. Bill Lea has volunteered to chair the show committee. Volunteers were requested to work the visitors and kids tables at the Rock Show. Volunteers are also needed to help with set up of the Show, Friday, August 9th at noon.

Included in Dave's messages at the meeting was an invitation to run for office and what that particular office entails. Both the president's office and the treasurer's office will be available to someone willing to do it. "This club is 58 years old, please consider doing what you can to keep it going strong".

New news! The annual picnic/potluck will be held August 5th at Allen and Cindy Hanson's house. It will start at 5:00 pm. Maps to their house will be emailed to everyone. Bring your metal detectors if you have one, also a dish for the pot luck.

The next meeting will be at the regular time on Thursday, August 15th, at the Cameron Legion Hall.



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

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

The following is a segment from "A Year Full of Gems!" by KK

AUGUST

Natal stone.....	Carnelian
Guardian angel.....	Hamatiel
His talismanic gem.....	Diamond
Special apostle-James, (son of Alpheus)	
His gem.....	Sardonyx
Zodiacal sign.....	Virgo
Flower.....	Poppy

Wear a carnelian, or for thee No conjugal felicity;
The August-born without this stone, 'Tis said, must live unloved, alone.
She, loving once and always, wears, if wise,
Carnelian - and her home is paradise.

Carnelian is a red to brown-red microcrystalline variety of Quartz- in other words, a Chalcedony. They differ from Jasper in their translucency and are often confused with Agates of a stripey structure. Thru Carnelians show cloudy color distribution in transmitted light with no stripes, bands or color blocks/zones. The red-brown variety of Carnelian is sometimes called Sard and has no other distinction from true Carnelian except for this difference in color. Sard may be, by nature, a bit more opaque.

Some of the more translucent, bright orange-red Chalcedony/ Carnelian on the market is the result of heat-treating a less attractive specimen. This turns Iron-bearing minerals into Iron oxides which give the more desirable & popular colors. Of course, stones that exhibit those distinctive colors upon discovery have had the "treatment" done naturally by Mother Nature in her fiery furnaces deep below the earth, where temps are more than high enough to melt rock.

During the Renaissance, a Carnelian was engraved with a sword or image of a warrior. Then this magical amulet was placed in the home to guard it from lightning and storms, and carried as a protectant against enchantment. No mention was made as to whether there was an increased incident of lightning strikes or storm damage to the homes of those who had removed the amulet from the premises in order to take it with them as they traveled (tee-hee!)

The Carnelian was a favored stone in Ancient Egypt, as it symbolized the heart/soul which could be resurrected by its powers. It was also said to cleanse negativity from the environment and other stones and could balance the emotions, thus restoring ambitions and providing the wearer with additional energy to carry out plans directed at achieving personal goals.

Peridot is the traditional birthstone at this time for the month of Aug.

This gem has been known by many names over the years. It is called Olivine (its mineral name and the designation used for stones of a more olive-green color) by gemologists and those in the jewelry trade, & Peridot or Chrysolite only when referring to specimens of gem quality that exhibit the "classic" yellow-green to lime green colorations. In ancient times it went by the name of Topaz, as it was found in the greatest quantity on an island in the Red Sea which was called Topazios. It has been said that hunters of the gem would wait until dark to come looking for its hiding place, for stones were thought to glow a dark vivid green (hence the term "Evening Emerald") by fire or lamplight. The site would then be marked and those seeking would return the next day to dig up their "treasure." Thus Topazios came to be known as Treasure Island.

Olivine is a Magnesium Iron Silicate mineral which occurs in Basalts and Peridotite rocks. It is the amount of Iron that determines the depth and intensity of the rich "oily" green-gold colors this gem is famous for. It has a hardness of 6.5-7, plus Peridot is one of only a few minerals that have been discovered in meteorites. In 1749 one fell in east Siberia which contained a large enough quantity of the gem to yield several nice cut stones.

Another interesting fact is that Chrysolite is a doubly refractive mineral. This means that the facet edges of a cut gem appear doubled when viewed through the stone.

Many Peridots also contain inclusions that, when magnified, resemble the leaves ("pads") of waterlilies.

As mentioned before, the most important deposit of this mineral occurs on the island of St. John (once the fabled Topazios) in the Red Sea. It has been mined there for over 3500 years. The largest cut stone of Chrysolite was found there, weighs 310 carats and is displayed at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C.

Peridot was brought to Europe by crusaders in the Middle Ages and was often used for ecclesiastical purposes. It was very popular during the Baroque period. Another source for Peridot is the desert sands of the Western United States. Ants tunneling through the soil nudge out the Peridots and put them onto their anthills where the gems gleam in the sun.

In legend, Peridot (pronounced pear-eh-dough) was believed to be a gem of the sun and thus had curative powers linked with solar rays. These stones were used to dispel any perceived darkness, whether of the emotions (depression, fear or guilt) or those that had manifested in

physical form (such as diseases of the liver & reactions to insect bites.) Because it is calming to the nervous system, Chrysolite is also helpful in promoting sleep if worn to bed.

It is said that Olivine is a money drawing stone. Ring green candles with small pieces of the gem or wear one (or more) to bring money into your life. The Peridot was favored for earrings because of the belief it would make even the faintest sound more audible. This gem is also the National Stone of Egypt.

In the discussion on Carnelian, I briefly mentioned Sard, a reddish- brown Chalcedony which occasionally is found paired with Onyx, creating the Sardonyx, the alternate natal stone for August.

Onyx is a banded Chalcedony, usually with white streaks which alternate with black, Brown/white is called Sardonyx & red/white, Carnelianonyx. It is a popular stone for carvings (especially cameos), and as protection/defense against the effects of negativity.

Onyx has been used to help curb uncontrollable sexual urges and, if worn on the neck, was said to cool the ardors of love. If a Diamond (no matter what size), which is sexually arousing, is set in Onyx that completely surrounds the stone, the Onyx symbolizes control over our sexual natures.

The ominous character of the Onyx is especially noted in the Arabic name for the stone, El Jaza, which means "sadness."

submitted by KK

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THANK YOU.***

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Send \$8 for each adult member to:

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