

# Beehive Buzzer

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## Beehive Rock & Gem Club Meeting Program

Golden Hours Senior Center, 650 East 25th St., Ogden, UT

**April 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 — 7.00 PM**

Everyone invited



The April meeting will have a visual program on “*Rock-hounding*” sites in Wyoming (from the Rocky Mountain Federation Library) and also info and samples of our next field trip.

“Rocky” Ray, Program Chairman

## **2015 Beehive Rock & Gem Club Field Trip Tentative Schedule**

April 18th - Club Trip - Topaz Mountain

May 23 - Club Trip - Memorial Day Weekend

June 20 - Club Trip

July 11 - Club Trip

July 17-19 - Rocky Mountain Federation Show in Cody, Wyoming!

August 8 - Club Trip

Sept - Club Trip - Big Fall trip to Floy/Henry/Yellow Cat area?

October 10 - Club Trip - Moab Gem show and Floy Wash weekend!

November - Club Trip - I HOPE

December - Club Trip - I WISH

So far, we have the days picked out. More details to come later. Stay posted.

Dave Offret, Field Trip Leader



## **Calendar**

### April

**18**

**Topaz Mt Field Trip**

**22**

**Earth Day**

**21**

**Monthly Club Meeting**

**Golden Hours Center**

**7 pm**

### May

**7**

**Board Meeting**

**Golden Hours Center**

**7 pm**

**10**

**Mother's Day**

**16**

**Armed Forces Day**

**23**

**Field Trip TBD**

**25**

**Memorial Day**

**26**

**Monthly Club Meeting**

**Golden Hours Center**

**7 pm**

## **New Members**

**Jason & Shaun Meyer**

West Point

**Bob & Jenny King**

West Haven

**Dave Crocket Numbers**

Centerville

## Club Gear

### Club Shirts

We located a vendor who will make club shirts for \$10-\$11, More details forthcoming.

### Name Tags

Name tags are \$14 each from Ogden Stamp Company. Place your order with Jim Alexander, 801-399-0785.

## Golden Hours Lapidary Shop

Tuesday Nights: 5:30 - 9:00.

You need to bring your own supplies, your eye and ear protection, **and also a water spray bottle**. There is a \$2.00 lab fee and always remember to check in at the front desk.

**Note: The water spray bottle is a new item on the "bring-with-you-to-the-lapidary-shop" list.**

## Spring Song

By Elizabeth Shafer

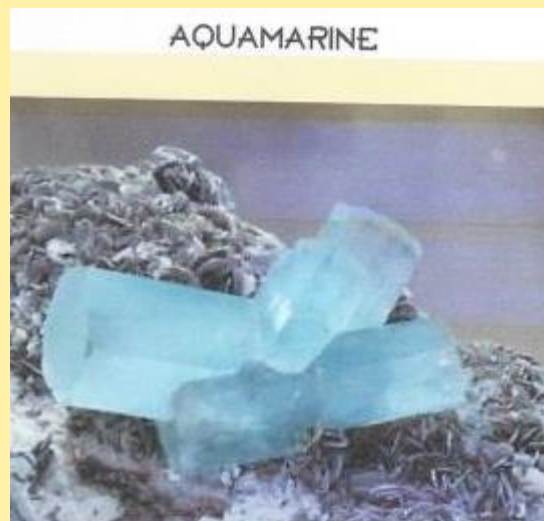
April can't make up her mind—  
First she laugh and then she cries,  
Now she's sulky, now she's kind,  
One moment weeping, next blue skies  
  
Confused, she smiles a summer smile,  
Then turns toward winter, quickly cools,  
Her moods last such a little while—  
She makes us all her April Fools.

Via Golden Spike News 4/79,  
Owyhee Gem 4/96, Beehive Buzzer 3/98

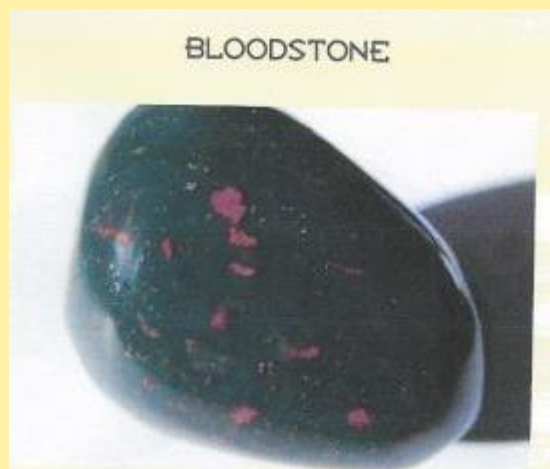


## March Birthstones

**I missed getting the March Birthstones in the newsletter: Aquamarine - blue to blue-green beryl . Sister to Emerald**



**Bloodstone- dark green jasper with red sploches.**



## April Birthstones

**Diamond - a beautiful stone in brilliant white.**  
**White Sapphire - usually seen in blue shades - But, many other colors come from Montana as well.**

**White Topaz - We find them at Topaz Mountain. - Sun-bleached beauties! Did you go on the trip the 18th? Did you find some? (save the amber/yellow ones for November birthstones).**

**White Zircon- one of the newer stones for April**

**Leora Alexander, Associate Editor**



## **Annual Auction Night March 24<sup>th</sup>**

By Leora Alexander, Associate Editor











## The Moral of the Story...Bring Cash

By Dan Siler

Once upon a time on a hot August day, we headed for that perfect rock hunting location. (All stories with morals start that way!) After all the discussion of what we would find on the long ride out, I could hardly wait.

We arrived at our destination and I just knew that a diamond in the rough, that gold nugget, that perfect-banded agate, was just waiting to be scooped up. I jumped from the truck, grabbed my rock hammer and with bucket in hand rushed up the hill. In all that excitement I forgot my basic Boy Scout training: "Be prepared".



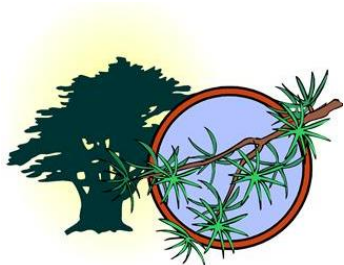
As I wandered through the sagebrush, now fifty miles from the truck, Mother Nature called, and called, and called. She can be rather insistent at times. I looked around for a private

place and to see if anyone was around. There was nothing but sagebrush.

At the top of the ridge, I saw a lone cedar tree and no fellow rockhounds. So trying to look like I had spied that perfect stone, I headed (*I ran!*

*She was pretty insistent now!*) for that poor looking tree. I looked around to make sure no one had followed me and tried to look like I was just checking out the tree.

I settled down and finished my business and that is when I realized I had ignored my basic Boy Scout training. Oh no! No paper!



I frantically checked all my pockets. Nothing! I looked around. No leaves. (*It was a cedar tree!*). There was nothing but sagebrush, sand, and rocks. I checked the rocks I had collected but

everything had a lot of dirt, very sharp edges, and little points everywhere.

What to do?

Then I thought, "What about my wallet?". I pulled it out looking for any old receipt, a scrap of paper... anything. Again, nothing!

I then looked to see what money I had. (*Now don't get ahead of me!*). No, I had no intention of using the money to some way buy some toilet paper since the nearest store was 200 miles away!

I looked in, let the moths fly out, and spied two one-dollar bills.



And that ends the story, except for the morals.

Moral 1: Remember your Boy Scout training. Always "Be prepared"!

Moral 2: It pays to be poor. They could have been twenties.

Moral 3: If you see two one-dollar bills under a cedar tree, you haven't found the mother lode and would be advised to leave them there.

PS: I told this story on one of our next trips out and we all laughed. The next day, we walked from camp to a new location. My fellow rock hound had done some research and written several pages of notes on what to look for in this location which he carried with him. He also ignored his Boy Scout training, so when he had the same call from nature, he found himself in the same predicament. I can just imagine his dilemma, "do I use the notes or the money?". To make a short story long, we completed the rest of the trip without the notes.



Also, when you see me carrying a backpack when collecting, you now know that it is not just to carry my treasures back. So if you feel the need, let me know. I am now always prepared!





## In Honor of Mother's Day (May 10)....

*"It would seem that something which means poverty, disorder and violence every single day should be avoided entirely, but the desire to beget children is a natural urge."*

*Phyllis Diller*

Why are computers so smart?  
Because they listen to their motherboards

Daughter: "Mom, what's it like to have the greatest daughter in the world?"

Mom: "I don't know dear...you'll have to ask Grandma."

There is a legend that if you go take a shower and scream out loud "Mom" three times...

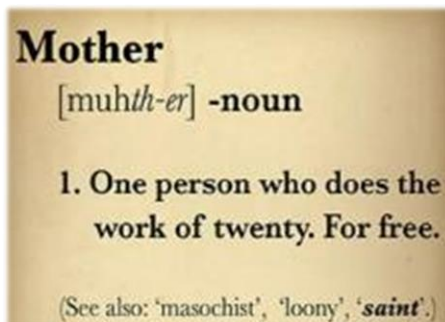
That a nice lady appears bringing the towel you forgot.

It's not easy being a mother...if it were easy, fathers would do it.



### Things Mom Would Never Say

- "How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"
- "Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too"
- "Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery"
- "Let me smell that shirt -- Yeah, it's good for another week"
- "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day"
- "Well, if Rahul's mamma says it's OK, that's good enough for me."
- "The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."
- "I don't have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve"
- "Don't bother wearing a jacket - the wind-chill is bound to improve"



For two solid hours, the lady sitting next to a man on an airplane had told him about her grandchildren. She had even produced a plastic-foldout photo album of all nine of the children. She finally realized that she had dominated the entire conversation on her grandchildren. "Oh, I've done all the talking, and I'm so sorry. I know you certainly have something to say. Please, tell me... what do you think of my grandchildren?"



### Our Humor Page

Silence is golden...unless you have kids, then silence is just suspicious.

There are only two things a child will share willingly: communicable diseases and his mother's age.



### To Mom:

I'm hungry...  
I'm cold...  
I'm hot...  
Can I have...  
I want to watch...  
Where are you?  
Can you ask Dad?  
Can you help me...  
He hurt me...  
She hurt me...  
I want to go there...  
When are we...?  
Why are we...?  
Why can't we?

### To Dad:

**Where's Mom?**

Mothers of teenagers know why animals eat their young.

My son burst into the room and excitedly announced he had won a prize in his 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class. After telling him how proud of him I was, I asked what he had achieved. "I won," he said, "for having the oldest mom in the whole class!"

### Mother's Dictionary of Meanings

**Dumbwaiter:** One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.

**Feedback:** The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

**Full Name:** What you call your child when you're mad at him.

**Grandparents:** The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

**Hearsay:** What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.

**Independent:** How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.

**Puddle:** A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

**Show Off:** A child who is more talented than yours.

**Sterilize:** What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it, and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it and wiping it with saliva.

**Top Bunk:** Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

**Two-Minute Warning:** When the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar-grunting noises.

**Whodunit:** None of the kids that live in your house.



## Every 4th Grader and Their Families to Get Free One-Year Pass to Nat'l Parks

by [Good News Network](#) - Feb 24, 2015

With young people spending more time in front of screens and not getting outdoors enough, the Obama Administration announced last week that every fourth grader in the United States will be given a free one-year family pass to America's National Parks.

Next September every fourth-grader in the nation will receive an "Every Kid in a Park" pass that's good for free admission to all of America's federal lands and waters — for them and their families — for a full year. The free annual pass is valued at \$80, and includes admission to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites, including Yosemite, Yellowstone and Grand Canyon national parks.

"Because we know that a big reason many kids don't visit these places is that they can't get there easily, we will also help schools and families arrange field trips and visits by providing key trip planning tools and helping to cover transportation costs for schools with the greatest financial need," said a White House release.

For full article: <http://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/every-4th-grader-gets-free-parks-pass/>

For official White House press release on "Every kid in a park" Initiative: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/02/19/fact-sheet-launching-every-kid-park-initiative-and-designating-new-natio>

## Entrance Fees Rising in Some Nat'l Parks

By Kevin Freking, Associated Press, April 1, 2015

WASHINGTON (AP) — Be prepared to pay a bit more if you're headed to some national parks and recreation areas this summer.

The federal government is increasing the price of admission at some public lands and raising the fees charged for camping, boating and other activities after a six-year moratorium.

The National Park Service says it hoped to generate as much as \$45 million annually from the increases. But that total is just a fraction of the \$11.5 billion needed to repair and maintain roads, trails and park buildings.

Some lawmakers have expressed concern about the increases. National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis says visitors are still getting an incredible deal when compared to other recreational pursuits.

Fees have increased in eight parks, including Yosemite. Several dozen more are pending.

For full article: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/features/south-florida-parenting/travel/sfp-entrance-fees-rising-in-some-national-parks-20150408-story.html>

## Mysterious, Wavelike Cloud Hugs Grand Teton Mountains

By Shannon Hall, livescience Staff Writer, Feb 19, 2015

Jackie Skaggs snapped this stunning photo of a lenticular cloud embracing the summit of the Grand Teton Range from the park's headquarters in Moose, Wyoming, on Feb. 12, 2015. Credit: Jackie Skaggs, National Park Service, Grand Teton National Park [View full size image](#)



For full article: <http://www.livescience.com/49865-lenticular-clouds-grand-teton.html?cmpid=559128>



In this awesome artwork by Craig Alan, people are the pixels in this tribute to the iconic portrait of Audrey Hepburn.



## Mastodon Bones Discovered In Michigan Man's Yard

The Huffington Post, By Ed Mazza, Jan 14, 2015



Photo: Rod Sanford Lansing State Journal

You never know what's lying just beneath the surface in your own yard.

Most people find some old coins or a rusty bicycle chain. But two men in Michigan hit the jackpot when they discovered the remains of a massive Ice Age mammal.

Contractor Daniel LaPoint Jr. was working in Eric Witzke's Bellevue, Mich., yard when he noticed a giant rib sticking out of the ground, according to the Lansing State Journal. Over four days in November, the two worked together to pull 42 bones out of the ground.

At first, they thought they had found a dinosaur. As it turned out, they had uncovered a mastodon -- a 5-ton animal that was the slightly smaller cousin of the woolly mammoth and distant relative of the modern elephant.

The two plan to keep a few of the bones, but donate the rest to the University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology.

Full Story:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/14/mastodon-bones-michigan-n\\_6467974.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/14/mastodon-bones-michigan-n_6467974.html)

### SAFETY REPORT: EYE SAFETY

By Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

Eye hazards include ultraviolet light from the sun on the way to and while on field trips, protection from

flying particles at collecting sites, and from chemicals, fumes, vapors, gases, dust, and particles back at home in the shop.

Safety glasses, also known as spectacles, have heavy frames and impact resistant lenses, usually of polycarbonate, to provide protection from flying particles and if tinted will also provide protection from lasers, ultraviolet light, and sunlight. Do not use tinted lenses indoors where vision may be impaired. Safety glasses can be fitted with the same corrective lenses as available in normal glasses. Safety glasses should be fitted with side shield or have built in side shields to provide protection from particles entering the eyes from a side angle. Safety glasses should be fitted to the eye and bridge size and temple length and should fit comfortably over the eyes. The frame should be close to the face and supported by the bridge of the nose. Keep safety glasses clean and clear of scratches and if damaged, discard. Store in a dry clean place where they cannot fall or be stepped on.

Safety goggles provide a secure shield around the entire eye area to provide against hazards coming from many different directions and spread the force of impact over a larger area around the eyes and are worn in addition to safety glasses.

Safety Goggles should also have impact resistant lenses and are available tinted or with fog free coatings if required, and can be vented or indirectly vented to provide protection from splash hazards.

Face Shields are required when pouring hot liquids, using acids to clean rocks or fossils, breaking rocks with hand or mechanical equipment, and while dressing grinding wheels. Face shields are worn with Safety Glasses and Safety Goggles and are available with protective headgear and chemical hoods.

Select the proper level of eye protection prior to starting any activity. Remember that bypassing a level of eye protection because "it will only take a second and I will be careful" could cost you one of your most precious possessions, your eyesight.



From EFMLS News, 2/07, via T--Town Rockhound 11/07, via The Post Rock 12/07, via Wasatch News & Views Jan 2014

## MINERAL MUNCHIE – ROCK CANDY

By Elizabeth LaBau, About.com Guide: [http://candy.about.com/od/hardcandyrecipes/r/rock\\_candy.htm](http://candy.about.com/od/hardcandyrecipes/r/rock_candy.htm)  
via Diamond Dan's Mini Miner Monthly Dec 2014

Ingredients: 2 cups water, 4 cups granulated sugar, 1/2-1 tsp of flavoring extract or oil (optional), Food coloring (optional), Glass jar, Skewer or thread (see below)



1. Prepare your materials: wash a glass jar thoroughly with hot water to clean it. Cut a length of thick cotton thread a few inches longer than the height of the jar, and tape it to a pencil. Place the pencil across the lip of the jar, and wind it until the thread is hanging about 1 inch from the bottom of the jar. Attach a paper clip to the bottom of the thread to weight it and ensure it hangs straight down. Alternately, you can use a wooden skewer as the base of your rock candy, and use clothespins balanced across the top of the jar to clip it into place.
2. Wet your thread or wooden skewer, and roll it in granulated sugar. This base layer will give the sugar crystals something to “grab” when they start forming. Set the thread or skewer aside to dry while you prepare your sugar syrup.
3. Place the water in a medium-sized pan and bring it to a boil. Begin adding the sugar, one cup at a time, stirring after each addition. You will notice that it takes longer for the sugar to dissolve after each addition. Continue to stir and boil the syrup until all of the sugar has been added and it is all dissolved. Remove the pan from the heat.
4. If you are using colors or flavorings, add them at this point. If you are using an extract, add 1 tsp of extract, but if you are using flavoring oils, only add ½ tsp, and make sure you don't stand right in front of the pan—the scent can be very strong as it rises in the steam. Add 2-3 drops of food coloring and stir to ensure even, smooth color.
5. Allow the sugar syrup to cool for approximately 10 minutes, then pour it into the prepared jar. Lower the sugared string or skewer until it hangs about 1 inch from the bottom.
6. Carefully place your jar in a cool place, away from harsh lights, where it can sit undisturbed. Cover the top loosely with plastic wrap or paper towel.
7. You should start to see sugar crystals forming within 2-4 hours. If you have seen no change to your skewer or thread after 24 hours, try boiling the sugar syrup again and dissolve another cup of sugar into it, then pour it back into the jar and insert the string or skewer again.
8. Allow the rock candy to grow until it is the size you want. Don't let it grow too large, otherwise it might start growing into the sides of your jar! Once it has reached the size you want, remove it and allow it to dry for a few minutes, then enjoy or wrap in plastic wrap to save it for later.

Via Stockton Rock Chips, Jan 2015



## Officers & Club Information

### 2015 Board of Directors

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### Federation Representatives

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Utah Federation Delegate	Open
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Public Land Advisory Committee	Jim Alexander
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### Club Affiliations

The Beehive Rock & Gem Club began in April of 1970 and is a member of the following:

Utah Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Scribe

### Advertising Rates:

For sale ads are permitted for members at no charge. Business advertisements will be charged at the rate of \$5.00 for ¼ page or 15 cents per word for less than ¼ page.

### General Objectives of the Club

The purpose of our club is to stimulate interest in the collection of rocks, minerals, gem materials, and legal fossils. To discuss and impart our knowledge of the different phases of collecting, cutting, polishing and displaying them. Also to organize

educational meetings, field trips and similar events while enjoying and protecting our natural resources.

### Membership Dues

Yearly membership dues are for adult members are

Single \$11

Couple or Family \$16

Junior (Under 18 not part of family membership) \$5

Dues are due October 1 of each year.

### Meetings

General club meetings are held at 7 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Golden Hours Senior Center located at 650 E 25<sup>th</sup> St, Ogden, Utah.

All visitors are welcome!

Board Meetings are held at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Golden Hours Senior Center located at 650 E 25<sup>th</sup> St, Ogden, Utah.

### Newsletter

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