

What's Rockin' at Rockhound for April, 2016

NATIVE PLANT SALE/ROCKHOUND 50 CELEBRATION..Saturday, April 9th...8 AM to 1 PM...Visitor Center

April Garden Care...Wednesday, April 20th...8:00 AM...

**April Monthly Meeting....Wednesday, the 27th ...Board Meeting / 9:00 AM...Regular Meeting
10 AM...Visitor Center**

Special Guest Speaker...Local photographer Ron Wolfe....Day Trips around the Deming Area

Our Native Plant Sale and Rockhound 50 Celebration, on Saturday, April 9th, should be grand! There will be lots of native plants for sale, including cacti and roses. Doors open at 8 AM sharp and will remain open until 1 PM or we sell out. The Rockhound 50 Celebration starts at 10 AM with some of the High School Mariachi band performing. There will also be a live birds of prey demonstration with Laura McCann of the New Mexico Raptors, New Mexico's Enchanting Cowboy Mike Moutoux singing, pony cart rides for the kids, a Deming Gem and Mineral Society display in the Visitor Center, as well as a deli express food truck.

March Monthly Meeting....Last month there was a major focus in our area on a historical character named Pancho Villa. It was the 100th anniversary of the raid on Columbus, and to end the month we had local author Bob Rockwell give us a run down on the life and times of Villa. No one tells a story better than Bob Rockwell! We enjoyed his presentation and thank him for sharing the morning with us.

We are still looking for a **Director of Programs**. This is not a hard job and our monthly programs are set this year. This just includes contacting guest speakers and setting up the details of their talk...please consider helping with this spot.

Thanks everyone, for all you do for Friends!

Gratefully, *Sally Allen*, Friends of Rockhound State Park, Inc.

FRIENDS OF ROCKHOUND STATE PARK, INC.

Board Meeting – March 30, 2016

Board Members Present: Sally Allen, President; Keith Harris, Vice President; Veronika Barnes, Secretary; Donna Whitten, Treasurer; Doc Edwards. Absent: Art Vasquez. Also Present: Robert Apodaca, Park Manager.

Minutes of February 24, 2016 meeting read; motion to approve by Keith, seconded by Donna, motion carried.

Treasurer's report of March 30, 2016 read; motion to approve by Doc, seconded by Keith, motion carried.

ROBERT'S REPORT: (a) The park's campground has been operating at capacity since January. (b) Inmates will be working for two weeks on park maintenance. (c) Ranger Carlos Tafoya has been attending classes in Mesilla to become certified as an Interpretive Guide (flora, fauna, etc.)

OLD BUSINESS: The Friends group continues to seek a Programs Coordinator volunteer.

SPECIAL PROJECTS / EVENTS

1. Plant pre-sales good, at 23. Sale to be held Saturday, April 9th.
2. "Rockhound 50" April 9th celebration planning going well. A meeting to fine-tune plans to be held following today's general meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation to the general meeting and speaker Bob Rockwell, local author of "Riding with Villa!"

Respectfully submitted by *Veronika Barnes*, Secretary.