

What's Rockin' at Rockhound for April 2017

NATIVE PLANT SALE/DESERT ALIVE!...Saturday, April 8th...9 AM to Noon...Visitor Center

April Garden Care...Wednesday, April 19th...8:00 AM...Native Garden

April Monthly Meeting...Wednesday, the 26th ...Board Meeting / 9:00 AM.

Regular Meeting 10 AM...Visitor Center

**Special Guest Speaker...William Dunmire/Chautauqua NM Humanities Council/
"New Mexico's Living Landscape"**

Our Native Plant Sale and Desert Alive! Celebration, on **Saturday, April 8th**, was fun! There were lots of native plants for sale, most between \$10 and 20 dollars. Doors opened at 9 AM (later time than in previous years...we're all getting older, you know!) *We had quite a few plants left that will be available for half-price at the visitor center this week.* The Desert Alive Celebration started at 10 AM with an encore presentation of a **live birds of prey** demonstration with **Laura McCann** of the **New Mexico Raptors**. Exhibitors in the Courtyard included local nature photographer **Joe Karas** and the **New Mexico Game and Fish** representatives.

March Monthly Meeting...We all got to take a ride through the Wild West last month with Ramblin' Ralph Estes, a Chautauqua New Mexico Humanities Council guest speaker, and what a ride it was: he told us stories, sang songs (we got to sing along with the ones we knew), and even shared some Cowboy poetry. The traveling started out long ago with the Anasazi and brought us all the way into the Atomic Age. Some young folks who were visiting the park and working on the Spring Canyon trails, part of the American Conservation Experience based out of Flagstaff, AZ got to enjoy the presentation, also. It was fun, entertaining, and informative. Thanks for the tour, Ramblin' Ralph!

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 29th, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sally Allen, President; Keith Harris, Vice President; Barb Fichtenmueller, Secretary; Donna Whitten, Treasurer; Doc Edwards, Board Member; Art Vasquez, Immediate Past President, Absent; Also Present: Robert Apodaca, Park Manager.

MINUTES of the February 22, 2017 meeting were read; approved by Donna, seconded by Doc, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT for March 29th, 2017 was reviewed, motion to accept by Keith, seconded Barb F., motion carried.

ROBERT'S REPORT: (a) Crew contracted by American Conservation Experience, Flagstaff, AZ, of 18 young adults, 18 to 25 years of age, were clearing trails this week. (b) Park is full! (c) St. Ann Church group youth walk went well. (d) Robert's crew offered to pick up plants from Sunland Nursery for Native Plant Sale. (e) Robert shared a map of trails of Spring Canyon.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS: Plant pre-sale orders went well, sale will be April 8th, 9 AM to noon, prices mostly \$10, \$20 dollars, approximately 420 plants ordered for sale.

NEW BUSINESS: (a) Announced that "Guitar Greg" Scarpella passed away ___ cards may be sent to wife Sandy Zalecki at 5590 Franklin Road SE, Deming, 88030. (b) We will give a \$500 yearly gift to the Deming High School Mariachi group from funds from the Coleman Memorial Fund. Keith motioned, Donna seconded, all accepted. (c) A fun, historical program was given by Ralph Estes of the NM Humanities Council. It was enjoyed by all!

Respectfully submitted by Barb Fichtenmueller, Secretary