

What's Rockin' at Rockhound State Park for
August and September, 2018

**AUGUST WEEDING WEDNESDAY...Wednesday, 15th ...8:00 AM...Native Garden.
AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING....Wednesday, the 29th ...Regular Meeting... 10 AM...Visitor
Center...**

**Local historian Bayne Anderson will be our guest speaker:
WORLD WAR II and the Deming Airfield.**

**SEPTEMBER MARIACHI EVENING...Saturday, September 15th ...6 to 7:30 PM...Visitor
Center.**

**Please come and see our talented Deming High School Mariachi students perform. They
will be led by instructor Gerard Flores.**

Please bring your lawn chairs and picnic dinner if you wish!

**WEEDING WEDNESDAY...September 19th9 AM (Please note later time!)...Native Garden.
SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING...Wednesday, September 26th ...10 AM ...Visitor Center.**

**This month we welcome New Mexico Humanities Council Chautauqua Speaker
Mary Diecker:**

White Hat Guys and Black Hat Guys of New Mexico.

**June's monthly meeting was fabulous, as always: Asombro Institute's
Program Coordinator Rink Somerday made her annual visit to Rockhound
and shared a lot of good information with us about desert plants and how
they have adapted to our Chihuahuan desert climate. We love to see Rink!**

The Annual July Friends Picnic/Potluck was a success! This year, we decided to give Chef /Ranger Robert a reprieve from cooking hamburgers and ordered in some DESERT J BBQ pulled pork, rolls, and beans. Friends' members brought their favorite side dishes. What a feast! We also wished Rockhound Park Tech David Bencomo, who will be leaving us at the end of July, a fond farewell with a Ron Wolfe picture of the Park. Thanks everyone for contributing to the fun and delicious event!

Please visit our Facebook site: Facebook/Friends of Rockhound State Park. We have posted pictures of the picnic and our guest speakers. Many thanks to Friends members Joe Karas, Jackie Nobles, and webmaster Lynn Eubank for taking care of our website and Facebook page. Remember: you don't have to belong to Facebook to visit our site, just type it in and visit!

The monsoon season has been a bit sparse up here on the mountain. Our rain gauge for July read just an inch and a half, so things have turned green but we haven't seen a lot of the wildflowers that are usually around this time of year. But no matter...stop by the park for a visit to our Native Garden, where the cactus are currently blooming and some of the coneflowers and desert zinnias are bursting forth with what rain we've had: aren't desert plants amazing?

Thanks everyone, for all you do for Friends!

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