

What's Rockin' at Rockhound for January and February, 2016

Happy New Year!

NO Garden Care until Wednesday, February 17th at 9:00 AM in the Native Garden.

January Monthly Meeting...Wednesday, the 27th...Board Meeting / 9:00 AM...General Meeting / 10 AM
Visitor Center

Guest Speaker: Barb Staff, President of the Deming Gem and Mineral Society

February Garden Care...Wednesday, February 17th...9:00 AM

February Monthly Meeting..Wednesday, February 24th: Friends of Rockhound Birthday Party and Elections
Board Meeting / 9:00 AM
Election and Party / 10 AM...Visitor Center

The year 1966 was an important one in New Mexico history, with a significant founding taking place in two different locations in the state. One was the dedication in Santa Fe of our state capitol building, commonly called the "Roundhouse." The other was a little closer to home and a bit closer to all our hearts: the creation of Rockhound State Park. Therefore, this year we will be celebrating **Rockhound's 50th anniversary!**

We thought it might be fun to combine our annual Native Plant Sale **in April** with a Desert Alive/ "Rockhound 50" morning event. Several participants have already expressed interest in appearing: our favorite cowboy singer, Mike Moutoux, and birds of prey expert Laura McCan, who in past years has brought glorious hawks and owls to share with us. **If you're interested in being involved** in helping plan this event, please see one of the board members at the next meeting.

Speaking of board members, **elections** are coming up in February. If you're interested in helping steer this great "ship" of the desert that is Friends of Rockhound, let our board members know.

It is said that many hands make light work. There are a lot of important things that take place that make Friends of Rockhound the wonderful organization it is, and we are in need of a...

*****Director of Programs**...This is not a hard job and a lot of our monthly programs are set this year. This just includes contacting guest speakers and setting up the details of their talk.

*****Greeter**...If you attend most of our monthly meetings, you'd be perfect for the job! Greet people as they come in and make sure they sign the attendance sheet...easy.

*****Librarian**...We have a small collection of books of the Southwest and it needs to be kept orderly. Love books? You'd be perfect for this assignment!

*****Keeper of the Friends Scrap Book**...Like to clip things out of the newspaper? This one is for you!

***Finally, thanks to Friends member **Ben Kellogg** for becoming our "**Popcorn King**" at our Music at Rockhound events this year!

Thanks everyone, for all you do for Friends!

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