

What's Rockin' at Rockhound State Park

January and February, 2018...Happy New Year!

JANUARY WEEDING WEDNESDAY...Brrrr! Too cold....We'll start next month.

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING...Wednesday, the 31st, at 10 AM at the Visitor Center...For the past several years, we have started off our first meeting with finding out what is going on up in our beloved Florida Mountains. This year, let's get the over-all big picture by having a speaker from the **New Mexico Game and Fish Department** to see just how they decide how many **Ibex** tags to distribute, when to have the hunts, why some hunts are bow hunts, why some are black powder, etc.

FEBRUARY WEEDING WEDNESDAY...February 21st....9 AM in the Native Garden.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING...Wednesday, the 28th, 10 AM...**Friends' birthday and annual election today...don't miss it...you may get nominated!**

Our annual Luminarias Night at the park last month was terrific! Every five years or so, we have perfect conditions for the Lumes...the night is calm, the moon doesn't come up until later in the evening, and there is just a little bit of a nip in the air (but not too much!). This was the year...delightful! We are so thankful to all who helped make the night a success....Friends member Betty Griffin made a colorful flyer to advertise the event, the Deming 4-H'ers got the candles lit in record time, Santa was a big hit, we went through FOUR big pans of delicious Biscochito cookies and lots of hot apple cider, and the Toys for Tots Marines took away more than two boxes of toys for local needy kids! Our Team Rockhound, led by Ranger Robert Apodaca, made sure that the 1,152 bags (filled with sand and candles by many of YOU) lined the roadway, walls, native garden, and labyrinth of the park. **Well done, everyone!**

2018: Here We Go...Golly, it seems like the time is passing at warp speed and we're into a new year. Friend's member Charles Bacon and I are setting up our speakers schedule for 2018 and our Native Plant Sale committee is already making plans for the sale and Desert Alive event in the spring. **We are looking for a host/hostess to greet folks as they come in and make sure they sign in at the meetings.** Interested? Please contact me at the meeting.

DUES ARE DUE! Please see Membership Chairman Barb Staff or Treasurer Donna Whitten... \$10.00...Such a deal!!!

Please don't forget to go to our wonderful website for information about our club...www.FriendsofRockhound.org

We're on Facebook, too! See us on Facebook/Friends of Rockhound State Park

Here's to 2018!.....Gratefully, Sally Allen

