

What's Rockin' at Rockhound for June, 2015

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, FROM 6-8 PM...THE PANTASTIC PANTHERS STEEL DRUM BAND!

Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic dinner, if you wish...Group Shelter in the Campground

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 8 AM...WEEDING IN THE NATIVE GARDEN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH, 10 AM...MONTHLY MEETING AT THE VISITOR CENTER

Our guest speaker will be **Rink Somerday** from the Asombro Institute.....Topic: **Butterflies!**

MAY MUSIC AT ROCKHOUND...Once again Mike Moutoux, New Mexico's Enchanting Cowboy, kicked off our 2015 Music at Rockhound series for the summer. The weather tried to play some tricks on us with a windy afternoon and evening, but we just ambled down to the Rockhound Education Building (lovingly called, "The Garage") and had a rip-roaring time. Mike always captures the feelings of New Mexico with his music and poetry, and as he says, "puts you as close to being in the saddle as words and music will allow." He also paid homage to our Veterans on this Armed Forces Day. Thank you, Mike, for a grand evening!

MAY MONTHLY MEETING...Wednesday, May 27th turned out to be the first really warm day of the season. Good thing we had Friends member W. Lowell White to take us on a cool, soothing trip in pictures and music to the North Cascades National Park, which is located in the state of Washington. Lowell spent many years there as the superintendent of the park and told us about some of the history, too. He also donated several very sturdy walking sticks that he makes to our drawing that we have at the end of each meeting. Thank you kindly, Lowell, for the delightful tour and walking sticks!

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!...We wish to congratulate senior Erick Hernandez, who was awarded our \$500.00 Coleman/Spanish Stirrup scholarship at the Deming High School awards assembly in May. Friends of Rockhound provided this scholarship in honor of Kevin Coleman, a Friends member who passed away last year. This scholarship will continue to be awarded for the next three years.

ROCKHOUND IS MISSING A VOLUNTEER...We are sad at the passing of Norma Key, who volunteered at the park with Charles, her husband of 65 years. They began their camp hosting assignment in 2008 and Norma enjoyed helping out in the Visitor Center, where she loved meeting people and sharing her knowledge of the rocks found at Rockhound. She is missed greatly...

FRIENDS OF ROCKHOUND STATE PARK, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes -- May 24, 2015

Board Members Present: Sally Allen, President; Keith Harris, Vice President; Veronika Barnes, Secretary; Donna Whitten, Treasurer; Marilyn Goble, Director; Art Vasquez, Immediate Past President. Also Present: Robert Apodaca, Rockhound State Park.

1. Meeting called to order by President Sally. Minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting read. Motion to approve by Marilyn, seconded by Keith, motion carried.

2. Due to a health issue, the May Treasurer's report is deferred until next meeting.

ROBERT'S REPORT

1. Lover's Leap Trail being surveyed for archaeological purposes, and a trail planner/contractor to submit plan.
2. Robert was sad to report the death of long-time park host and volunteer Norma Key. Friends group has ordered a floral arrangement. Robert and Carlos to attend her memorial service in Las Cruces May 28th.
3. Both Robert and summer hire Vincent spent Memorial Day helping out at Elephant Butte State Park.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Lori Coleman presented a \$500 Coleman/Spanish Stirrup scholarship at the high school seniors' awards night to engineering major Erick Hernandez.
2. Rock-A-Thon update: 2016 will be the Park's 50th anniversary. We will look to plan a special celebration for next year.
3. July 29th's Friends' meeting will be in the form of the annual picnic/brunch at 10:30 a.m. Menu to be discussed at June's meeting.
4. A \$100 prize certificate was sent to Santa Fe.
5. The Friends group plans to have a booth at the 4th of July parade.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A \$100 prize certificate, redeemable at Spanish Stirrup Rock Shop, was sent to Santa Fe for its State Parks promotional/contest, "Find Your True Park."
2. Art reported on problems with the aluminum can recycling program at both City of Rocks and Rockhound State Parks: Tin cans and aluminum food containers are non-no's. Robert said his staff will attempt to sort before handing over the bags to Art for recycling and redemption.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general acclamation. Program: "A Trip to the Northern Cascades" by our own W. Lowell White.

Respectfully submitted,
Veronika Barnes, Secretary