

What's Rockin' at Rockhound for June, 2016

MUSIC AT ROCKHOUND FOR JUNE!

Saturday, June 18th, from 6-8PM at the Park's Group Picnic Shelter.

Rockhound State Park welcomes the "Ramblin' Rangers." South Dakota's **Bonnie Jo** and **Brad Exton** were genuine rangers until they retired and hit the road with their "**Cowboy, Country, & Collectible Tunes.**"

This will be their first time on our Rockhound stage.

Wednesday, June 15th - Garden Care.....8:00 AM

Wednesday, June 29th - June Monthly Meeting....Board Meeting / 9:00 AM...Regular Meeting - 10 AM...Visitor Center

We welcome back one of our favorite speakers: **Rink Somerday** of the **Asombro Desert Institute!**

(She'll be talking about some of our large, four-footed desert friends)



VanAnn Moore

May Monthly Meeting....Chautauqua actress and presenter **VanAnn Moore**, who brought the story of the Harvey Girls to us last year, enthralled us with her show, "**Amazing Women of the Wild West: Territorial New Mexico.**" One of the most dramatic eras of New Mexico's rich history is the Territorial period, which began when our flag was first raised in the plaza in Santa Fe in August of 1846. VanAnn helped us to learn more about this exciting time through the lives of three women: Dona Tules Barcelo, who opened Santa Fe and New Mexico to America; young Susan Magoffin, through her extensive journals we understood the beginning of New Mexico as a territory; and Lydia Spencer Lane, a military wife through whom we experienced frontier life and the beginning of the American Civil War out west. VanAnn's singing, acting and beautiful costumes took us all right back to those days of New Mexico's beginnings.

MAY Music at Rockhound...About seventy-five music-loving folks joined us at Rockhound last month to hear Guitar Greg Scarpella entertain us with his songs and stories. Greg was one of our very first performers at the park a number of years ago and it was sure good to hear him again. Thank you, Greg for a delightful evening!

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 May 25, 2016

Board Members Present: Sally Allen, President; Keith Harris, Vice President; Veronika Barnes, Secretary; Donna Whitten, Treasurer; Doc Edwards. **Absent:** Art Vasquez, Immediate Past President. **Also Present:** Robert Apodaca, Park Manager.

Minutes of the April 27th meeting read; motion to approve by Donna, seconded by Keith, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report ending May 25th read; motion to approve by Veronika, seconded by Doc, motion carried.

ROBERT'S REPORT

1. Inmates have begun a three-week gig on parks/trails maintenance.
2. Summer hire is Jonathan Poppenberg.
3. Robert will leave Thursday, to provide Ranger reinforcement at Elephant Butte State Park for the Memorial Day weekend.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Keith reported that Maria Fierro is the recipient of the Kenneth Coleman \$500 scholarship. Awards night is May 31st, which Keith will attend.
2. "Music at Rockhound's" first program of the season on May 21st featuring Guitar Greg was a great success, with over 70 attending. Veronika suggested that ending programs at 7:45 pm would allow folks to have some post-program visiting time as well as driving home before dark. The board concurred.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On May 23rd Sally proposed (via email) the expenditure of \$100 for a flower arrangement to be delivered to Deming's Holy Family Catholic Church, for the May 26th funeral of Brenda Vasquez. All board members concurred. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Art Vasquez and his family.
2. July 27th will be the FOR member appreciation picnic. Ranger Robert will again grill burgers and dogs; cake and beverages will be provided. Members are asked to please bring a side dish.
3. Discussion regarding 2017 board; who would be willing to run again; need for more volunteers, i.e. program chair, membership chair, photographer, etc. President Sally has been carrying the lion's share, but more people need to get involved if the Friends group is to not only thrive, but, indeed, to continue as a viable entity.

Respectfully submitted by secretary *Veronika Barnes.*