

What's Rockin' at Rockhound for March 2017

**NATIVE PLANT PRE-SALE...Thursday, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd....10 AM to Noon...
At the Deming Arts Center, corner of Gold and Pine Streets (NOTE NEW TIME AND LOCATION!)**

March Garden Care...Wednesday, March 15th...8:00 AM

**March Monthly Meeting...Wednesday, the 29th ...Board Meeting / 9:00 AM...Regular Meeting
10 AM...Visitor Center**

**Guest Speaker...New Mexico Humanities Council Presents Ralph Estes,
"The West: Singing Its Story"**

Happy Birthday to us! We enjoyed a 12th birthday party bash last month with a beautifully decorated cake from Peppers and ice cream, too. February was also election month and we have a new member on our Friends of Rockhound board: **Barbara Fichtenmueller** has joined the group, while board secretary **Veronika Barnes** has stepped down. We thanked Veronika for all her hard work with Friends these past many years and presented her with a framed Ron Wolfe canvas print of the park, and to Barbara, welcome aboard!



We are gearing up for our annual **Native Plant Sale** and **Desert Alive** Celebration, to be held next month on **Saturday, April 8th**. Help will be needed unloading the plant truck next month, as well as folks to assist buyers at the Plant Sale. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheets at the March meeting!

We are still looking for 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...please consider helping with this spot.

Our newly elected officers!



Art Vasquez, Sally Allen, Keith Harris, Barbara Fichtenmueller, Donna Whitten, Doc Edwards, Robert Apodaca

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—February 22, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sally Allen, President; Keith Harris, Vice President; Veronika Barnes, Secretary; Donna Whitten, Treasurer; Doc Edwards; Art Vasquez, Immediate Past President. Also Present: Robert Apodaca, Park Manager; Barb Fichtenmueller, Friends' Member.

MINUTES of the January 25, 2017 meeting were read; motion to approve by Keith, seconded by Donna, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT for February was reviewed; motion to accept by Veronika, seconded by Art, motion carried.

ROBERT'S REPORT: (a) KRWG (Public Television out of New Mexico State University) interviewed Robert, with the topic being Rockhound/Spring Canyon State Parks. Should be televised in some form within a couple months, and on YouTube. Needs to be put on the park's website, as well as the FOR site and Facebook. (b) The park continues to be full to overflowing! (c) The ranger-led hikes by Carlos continue to be popular.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. A tour bus from Samaritan Village Retirement Community in Las Cruces (where MaryKay Brady now resides) brought 25 people to visit the park. Carlos led 10 people on at least part of Lover's Leap Trail. Bob Rockwell spoke on Pancho Villa and Alex Mares gave a presentation on the Apaches. A good time was had by all, and the hospitality provided by the park and FOR was much appreciated!

2. Desert Alive! & Native Plan Sale is April 8, with a new start time of 9 a.m. until noon.

NEW BUSINESS: Keith suggested FOR host a Chamber First Friday event. To be considered.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:50 to the Annual General Meeting and Elections, and celebration of Friends of Rockhound's 12th birthday!

Respectfully submitted by Veronika Barnes, Secretary. *Veronika Barnes*

PLANT SALE

Friends of Rockhound State Park

Saturday April 8, 9AM to Noon
Rockhound State Park Visitor Center



Presale orders can be placed at
Deming Arts Center (corner of Pine & Gold)
Thursday March 9, 10:00 to Noon
Thursday March 16, 10:00 to Noon
Thursday March 23, 10:00 to Noon