

What's Rockin' at Rockhound in May, 2015

MUSIC AT ROCKHOUND Saturday, May 16TH...6-8 PM : Mike Moutoux

MONTHLY MEETING Wednesday, May 27th...10 AM:
W.Lowell White -"Trip to the Northern Cascades"

APRIL MEETING....A trip to southern Peru was our topic last month. Archaeologists Kyle Meredith, Joshua Reeves, and Greg Conlin of Silver City were quite the tour guides on a travelogue through pictures of some of Peru's more colorful cities and towns. The trio spent a month traveling through the southern cities of Lima, Ayacucho, Cusco, Arequipa, and Nasca, spending a few days in each place. Our tour included stops at many of the museums along the way and seeing examples of the cultures of the region. The Inca culture is usually what we think of when Peru is mentioned, but Kyle, Greg, and Joshua reminded us that there were many people there before the Incas. One such group was the Moche, who flourished between the 1st and 8th centuries and were masters of ceramics and metals. We saw pictures of sculptures equal to that of the ancient Egyptians.

A trip to Peru would be incomplete without seeing Machu Picchu...what extraordinary terraces and heights! Kyle said the roads were really scary and steep, and then showed us an example...yikes! True story!

Many thanks go to Kyle and his friends for sharing the history, colors, and landscapes of ancient Peru.



Joshua, Kyle & Greg

APRIL NATIVE PLANT SALE A SUCCESS!! Thanks to all of you who helped out at the sale and to the many folks who bought plants. We made nearly \$1300.00 dollars. Well done, Friends!

FRIENDS OF ROCKHOUND STATE PARK, INC. Board Meeting Minutes--April 29,2015

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 March 25, 2015 Board Meeting read. Motion to accept by Keith, seconded by Marilyn, motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report of April 29, 2015 read. Motion to approve by Marilyn, seconded by Keith, motion carried.

ROBERT'S REPORT

1. Park more full than usual for this time of year.
2. Seasonal hire is a local young man—Vincent Rodriguez.
3. A review of the park by ADA (American Disability Act) showed overall compliance, with some areas to continue toward greater compliance.
4. Spring Canyon's Lover's Leap trail assessment has resulted in flagging of areas needing attention. Contractors should begin in the fall.

OLD / CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. The signed store lease and amended bylaws have been sent to Santa Fe.
2. Applications for the \$500 Coleman scholarship have been reviewed by President Sally and Lori Coleman. Lori will make final decision and the winning student will be presented with the award at the May high school awards assembly.
3. A fundraiser "Rockathon" has been tabled for another time. (We have adequate funds to see us through the year.) Another event idea for 2016 was a kite festival.
4. Native Plant Sale of April 11th was a success, with @ 300 plants sold, and net proceeds of \$1300.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Friends of Rockhound website is looking good! The "Events" section has the calendar for Music at Rockhound.
2. FOR will have a booth in the park at Deming's 4th of July parade.
3. July 29th's meeting will be the annual picnic/brunch at 10:30 a.m.
4. Marilyn graciously agreed to regularly check Friends' email site.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general acclamation. Program: "Adventures in Peru" by Kyle Meredith, Joshua Reeves, and Greg Conklin, of Silver City, NM.

Respectfully submitted,
Veronika Barnes, Secretary

