

What's Rockin' at Rockhound for May, 2016

MUSIC AT ROCKHOUND SEASON OPENS THIS MONTH!

Saturday, May 21st, from 6-8 PM at the Park's Group Picnic Shelter

Deming's own popular performer **Greg Scarpella**, also known as "**Guitar Greg**," will treat us to country, oldies, and some good time rock 'n roll. Always a hit!

Wednesday, May 18th – May Garden Care.....8:00 AM...

Wednesday, May 25th -- May Monthly Meeting.....Board Meeting 9:00 AM...Regular Meeting 10 AM...Visitor Center
Special Guest Performer...NM Humanities Chautauqua Actress **VanAnn Moore...**
"Amazing Women of the Wild West: Territorial New Mexico"

Our Native Plant Sale and Rockhound 50 Celebration, on Saturday, April 9th was FABULOUS! The annual Plant Sale, which is also our only annual fundraiser, was a success: we sold well over \$1200.00 worth of plants. Thanks to all who helped out, as well as those who purchased the many native plants at the sale. The **ROCKHOUND 50** Celebration was a delight, also. The weather was perfect: a light breeze and temperature of a comfortable 75 degrees ruled the day. Former Rockhound park manager Jesus Jimenez, who is now manager of Elephant Butte S.P., was our guest speaker. New Mexico Raptor lady Laura McCann brought not one or two birds of prey, but FOUR! Enchanting Cowboy Mike Moutoux soothed the group with his cowboy poetry and songs, and the High School Mariachi Band, led by instructor Gerard Flores, opened the festivities for the day. It's safe to say that a good time was had by all...

April Monthly Meeting....Last month our resident award-winning photographer Ron Wolfe led us through Deming and surrounding areas by pictures and vivid descriptions...lots of places to visit around here, folks! Many thanks, Ron!

Chautauqua actress and presenter **VanAnn Moore**, who brought the story of the Harvey Girls to us last year, will be here on the 25th to again enthrall us with her show, "**Amazing Women of the Wild West: Territorial New Mexico.**" Don't miss it!!

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 – April 27, 2016

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

Minutes of the March 30, 2016 meeting read; motion to approve by Keith, seconded by Doc, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report ending April 27, 2016 read; motion to approve by Veronika, seconded by Keith, motion carried.

ROBERT'S REPORT: (a) Seasonal (May-Sep) park hire candidate has been selected and awaiting approval from Santa Fe. (b) Robert had law enforcement/arms training, and passed with flying colors! (c) Luna County inmates will be working at the park beginning May 12th, for three weeks.

OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Still seeking a program coordinator. Sally will contact a possible candidate.

SPECIAL PROJECTS/EVENTS: **Rockhound 50 Celebration & Native Plant Sale** on April 9th event was a great success. Thanks to all the workers and contributors who helped make it so!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. May 25th program speaker is Van Ann Moore. Lodging for the night of the 24th will be required. Motion to approve funds made by Donna, Doc seconded, motion carried.
2. Keith, scholarship coordinator, reviewed eight applications, and shared with the board his recommendation. He will now meet with Lori Coleman / Kevin Coleman Memorial Fund to determine the awardee of the \$500.
3. Keith is on Deming's 4th of July committee. Invited FOR to have a booth at County Park. Will consider.
4. Veronika reported that lineup for the 2016 season of Music at Rockhound is set and schedule is printed.

There being no further business, the board adjourned by acclamation to the general meeting and program presenter, award-winning local photographer Ron Wolfe.

Respectfully submitted by secretary *Veronika Barnes.*