

# What's Rockin' at Rockhound for May/June 2017

May Garden Care...Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>...8:00 AM...Native Garden  
May Monthly Meeting....Wednesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> ...Board Meeting / 9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting 10 AM...Visitor Center

**Special Guest Speaker...Geologist David Tognoni/American Magnesium Co.  
Magnesium in the Floridas**

June Garden Care...Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>...8:00 AM ...Native Garden  
June Monthly Meeting...Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup>...Board Meeting/9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting 10 AM...Visitor Center

**Special Guest Speaker...Local Author and Historian Jim Eckles  
Camp Cody: A World War One Training Camp**

**Our Native Plant Sale** last month was a success! We made a profit of just over \$1,800.00 and all of the plants eventually found good homes. Many thanks go to the **Plant Sale Committee: Shelley Perkins, Marilyn Gobles, Gene Jercinovic, Betty Griffin, and Donna Whitten**. Also, **Ranger Robert and David Bencomo**: thank you for picking up plants from Sunland Nursery. Finally, we are grateful to **all of you** who helped unload the plants, assisted at the Plant Sale, and to our **Rockhound Volunteers** who sold plants after the Sale. You are all appreciated!

**April Monthly Meeting**...Our state of New Mexico is third among states of greatest natural diversity, exceeded only by Texas and California. April's guest speaker, William W. Dunmire of the New Mexico Humanities Council, took us on a colorful slide-illustrated trip throughout our state, starting in the great southwest Chihuahuan Desert, and working our way up to the beautiful mountain forests, the Great Plains Grassland, and the Pinon-Juniper Woodlands of the Land of Enchantment. If you missed the show, Mr. Dunmire's book, "New Mexico's Living Landscapes" on which the presentation was based, will be in our library next month.

We are **STILL** looking for a **Director of Programs**. This is not a hard job and 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.

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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

**MINUTES** of the March 29, 2017 meeting were read; approved by Donna, seconded by Keith, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** for April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was reviewed, motion to accept by Barb F., seconded Keith, motion carried.

**ROBERT'S REPORT:** (a) Volunteers at park are changing. (b) A new seasonal position has 35 applicants and the top applicant starts May 6<sup>th</sup>. (c) New signs installed in Spring Canyon. (d) The inmate work crew helped out in the park. (e) Easter camping traffic at the park was good.

**OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:** The Native Plant Sale made a profit of just over \$1,800. Special thanks go to our park volunteers Marion and David Minor and Mister Barnes for helping sell the extra plants. Pros and cons of this year's sale will be discussed at a later date.

Friends hosting the Chamber's First Friday was proposed for September or October. Keith said the September slot is taken by the Republican Party...we will see about securing the October date. A \$500.00 scholarship will be given to Mr. Flores and the High School Mariachi Band.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Chamber of Commerce is holding First Friday at LaFonda Restaurant on Cinco de Mayo, May 5, from 5-7 PM. Next month, we hope to have David Tognoni of the American Magnesium, LLC give a presentation about the proposed magnesium mine in the Floridas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Our April program is by William Dunmire/Chautauqua NM Humanities Council/"NM Living Landscapes"

Respectfully submitted by Barb Fichtenmueller, Secretary