

What's Rockin' at Rockhound for November/December 2016

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, EVERYONE! LET'S TAKE NOVEMBER OFF!

DECEMBER EVENTS....It's Luminarias time! The candles, bags and gallons of apple cider for the special evening have been ordered. We'll need helpers for "Bag Rattling" day...**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th, at 10 AM behind the Visitor Center...**folding bags (2 folds), two scoops of sand, and one candle each (wick up!)...that's all there is to it! The big event is **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th, from 5 to 6:30 PM.** Former Angel Wings Lady **Cheryl Fontane** has graciously offered to bake our Biscochitos cookies and the **Toys for Tots Marines** will be on duty again this year to collect toys for local kids. Santa should make an appearance, too. **The Deming 4-H'ers** will again light our candles...young backs...hooray! And finally, **Ranger Robert, Carlos and David of Team Rockhound** will place the luminarias around the Visitor Center. **Many thanks to you all!**

Our October guest speaker was **Leasburg Dam State Park ranger and interpreter Alex Mares.** What a treat to hear his stories about the native people, flora and fauna of southwest New Mexico! We appreciate his visits and we also got to wish him a happy birthday with a "yuge" birthday cake.

STILL NEEDED!!

Next year we will be in need of a few dedicated volunteers to take over several important jobs for Friends of Rockhound. These jobs need to be filled soon. These jobs are not hard...just **NEED** to be done.

***Program Director**

***Publicity Person**

****"What's Rockin' at Rockhound" writer.**

***Monthly postcard writer and sender-outer.**

Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to help out (see October newsletter). Many hands make light work! Thanks, y'all!

Thanks everyone, for all you do for Friends!

Gratefully, *Sally Allen* Friends of Rockhound State Park, Inc.



Ranger Alex Mares and Friends member Jim Hazelton

FRIENDS OF ROCKHOUND STATE PARK, INC.

Board Meeting—Oct 26, 2016

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

MINUTES of the Sep 28th meeting read; motion to approve by Keith, seconded by Donna, motion carried.

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

ROBERT'S REPORT: (a) Season is picking up—virtually full RV park. (b) Theresa Fresquez is the new Regional Administrator, with Evaristo Giron the new manager for the eight State Parks Southwest Region. (c) Lover's Leap Trail at Spring Canyon maintenance to begin November 28th. Inmates currently working on trails at Rockhound. (d) Robert will have law enforcement training Nov 15-17. (e) Requested \$200 for the Regional Awards Luncheon on December 6th: Donna made the motion for the expenditure, seconded by Keith, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. No November meeting due to Thanksgiving.
2. Luminaria Holiday Lights is Saturday, Dec 10th, from 5-6:30 pm. 4-H kids to do the lighting. Cheryl Fontaine will volunteer her time in the baking of 35 dozen biscochitos. Assembling (aka "Bag Rattling") 1152 luminarias will happen Wednesday, Dec 7th behind the Visitor Center; many hands make for "light" work! We will again be requesting donations for Toys for Tots at the Dec 10th event; Art will coordinate with Marines.
3. Stars-N-Parks Star Party at Rockhound is Sat, Dec 3rd, 6-8 pm.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:45 to the general meeting and program by Alex Mares.

Respectfully submitted by Veronika Barnes, Secretary.