

What's Rockin' at Rockhound for October, 2015

WEDNESDAY, October 28th...10 AM in the Rockhound Ed. Building (Garage!)

State Park Ranger/Interpreter ALEX MARES...Navajo Storytelling

WEDNESDAY, October 21st, 9 AM...Weeding in the Native Garden

SATURDAY, October 31...Halloween Star Party....Native Garden next to the Visitor Center

Program: 7:25 PM to 9:55 PM...Come early to get familiar with the surroundings before nightfall.

SEPTEMBER MARIACHI EVENT AT

ROCKHOUND... The High School Mariachi students, led by instructor Mr. Gerard Flores, were delightful! About a dozen students, ranging from 5th grade to high school age, played their hearts out for us and they looked very professional in their "trajes" or uniforms. We plan to have them back next year. Many thanks to 1st New Mexico Bank and the Deming Lions Club for co-sponsoring this event!



SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Presentation: Favorite Places (Deming Based)...Thanks to local photographer Ron

Wolfe and members of the Deming Photography Club, we now know of dozens of cool places to visit within a day's drive of Deming. Thank you, Ron for sharing this wealth of information about our area!

SEPTEMBER SUPER LUNAR ECLIPSE...We had about 30 eager sky watchers out at Rockhound Sunday night, September 27th, to look through telescopes provided by the National Public Observatory. Thanks go to NPO president John Gilkison for bringing the 'scopes so that we could get up close and personal with the night sky.

FRIENDS OF ROCKHOUND STATE PARK, INC. Board Meeting Minutes: September 30, 2015

Board Members Present: Sally Allen, President; Keith Harris, Vice President; Donna Whitten, Treasurer; Marilyn Goble, Director; Art Vasquez, Immediate Past President; Robert Apodaca, Park Manager and Park Ranger. **Absent:** Veronika Barnes, Secretary.

- Meeting called to order by President Sally at 9 a.m.
- Minutes of August 26th, 2015 read and approved. Motion to accept by Donna, seconded by Marilyn, motion carried. Thank you, Veronika...good work!
- Treasurer's Report: September report reviewed. Ranger Robert recycled metal scrap and rebar from a campground project and \$51.00 was made in the process. Well done, Ranger Robert! Motion to accept report was made by Marilyn, seconded by Keith, motion carried. Thank you, Donna for the beautiful and accurate monthly reports!

ROBERT'S REPORT

Many things happening at the park: Trail assessment in Spring Canyon is being done by Santa Fe planner and trail advisor; one hundred tons of base course and field dirt is being brought in for park roads; the inmates here in November for three weeks for trail maintenance; Regional Manager Rolf Hechler is retiring; Friends of RH to donate \$200.00 to help sponsor annual State Park Fall Training event.

OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. It was decided to combine the April, 2016 Native Plant Sale with a Rockhound Park 50th anniversary celebration (Rock-A-Thon)... guest speakers, special Tee-shirts, etc.
2. Mariachi Event a big success! We plan to invite the High School Mariachi students and instructor Mr. Flores back next year to help showcase the students and this excellent program to the public. Many thanks to 1st New Mexico Bank and the Deming Lions Club for co-sponsoring the event! Let's add Flamenco dancers next year.
3. Our Cooperative Agreement, Declaration of Amendments, and Lease Agreement are FINALLY in the file box in the storeroom at the park. Hooray!

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1st Friday on October 2...Tharp's Flowers, 1205 Columbus Highway...5 -7 PM.
2. December Luminarias, minus the Angel Wings Catering...Marilyn to check with ladies from Balboa Restaurant about cookies, as well as contact Santa Claus (James Wylie)...Art is in charge of Toys for Tots arrangements...Sally for advertising, bell ringers, and 4H bag lighters.

Thank you, Friends Board!
Sally Allen