



THE CONGLOMERATE

JULY, 2017

A nonprofit 501c3 corporation, the Reno Gem and Mineral Society belongs to both the California and American Federations of Mineralogical Societies. Its **mission** is to create, develop, and encourage interest in the Earth Sciences and to locate and identify various material through field trips. A General Meeting, open to the public, is held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at Baldini's Casino, Second Floor, 865 S. Rock Blvd, Sparks, NV. Board meetings are open to all members and are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the clubhouse. Annual membership dues: student: \$25, Individual: \$35, and Family: \$50.

WEDNESDAY, July 5, 2017 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting

**Baldini's Casino, Second Floor
865 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV**

WEDNESDAY, July 12, 2017 7:00 p.m.

RGMS Board Meeting

480 S. Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The snow is slowly melting in the mountains, birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and the pollen count is up. Yes, it is hunting season for us rockhounds. The weather is warm enough that you do not need to break ice to get at a specimen, but cool enough that your clothes will not get dripping wet. We have already had two field trips—to Wonderstone Mountain and Texas Springs. If you missed those trips, we have several more already planned or in the works. Consult Kevin Colvin, our Field Trip Director, or check the *Conglomerate* for more trip information.

For me, there has always been a thrill that comes with discovering interesting crystals and other specimens in their natural state—in the ground, so field trip time is always my favorite time of the year.

In the May *Conglomerate*, our field trip director posted the required safety gear and recommended tools for trips. New field trippers could benefit by checking that article so they can be safe and prepared for the collecting “level” they are comfortable with. They also often ask “What should I collect?” and while pictures or specimen samples at our clubhouse often give guidance on the most common finds, the final answer really is “whatever you find interesting.”

What people find interesting can vary quite a bit! For some it is anything with nice color or crystals. For glow-hounds, crystals are optional if the sample fluoresces brightly enough under the UV lamp. For the hard-core hunter, most are searching for that beautiful and rare display piece. Others are just in search for the artistic yard rock.

Whatever your taste might be, if you like collecting outdoors, then join us on a fieldtrip.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Yours Truly,

Robin DeVisser