

# Golden Spike News



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## Gemshow Edition

### Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society



Members of  
*Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies*  
and  
*American Federation of Mineralogical Societies*



The Purpose of this Non-Profit Organization is to stimulate interest in the collection of minerals and gem materials, and in the cutting and polishing of gem materials, and related arts; to disseminate knowledge of lapidary arts, mineralogy, collecting and classification of minerals and fossils, and their application in the arts, so that greater pleasure may be derived from these hobbies, and to actively protect gemstone and mineral resources for hobby use, including the location and acquisition of mining claims and properties for noncommercial purposes.

**General Meetings** are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (except April, August & December) at 7:00 PM at George Eccles - Dinosaur Park, 1544 E Park Boulevard, Ogden, Utah, in the Dinosaur Museum.

**Guests are Welcome!**

**Board Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month.** Currently they are on zoom. Members who wish to attend can request a meeting link from President Deborah Blake

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual	\$15.00
Couple	\$20.00
Family	\$25.00
Juniors	\$5.00

Payment for 'Renewal' of dues is required by **December 31st**.

## GOLDEN SPIKE GEM &amp; MINERAL SOCIETY - GOLDEN SPIKE NEWS

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P.L.A.C. -----	Evan Day	PUBLIC RELATIONS -----	<b>- OPEN -</b>
PROPERTIES -----	Richard Gabel	REFRESHMENTS..... -	Ken & Donna Bloom
PROPERTIES -----	Les Tryon	EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH -----	Diane Ingle
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STEAK FRY -----	<b>OPEN</b>		
CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025 -----	Margie Miller,		
-----	Jeanette Parrott		

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☼ IS THE **24<sup>TH</sup>** DAY OF EACH MONTH ☼  
☼ FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S ISSUE ☼

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1 Page \$15.00 - ½ Page \$10.00 - ¼ Page \$5.00  
Payment for advertisement must be received prior to publication.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### It's Show Time!!!

Break out your running shoes. It's show time and we need all hands on deck. Our April show which is upcoming on April 11-13, is our key fund raising event of the year. The costs to put on the show are higher this year and rising every year. I really appreciate everything our members do to help.

As a board, we really appreciate the time and materials you donate to the club. The club is truly a group of like-minded people who love rocks. Our goal as a club is to promote and educate people about our great hobby, and all of you help in some way. We hope it is a fun and educational activity for you to enjoy the wonders our earth has to offer.

We value your opinions on how you felt about the club efforts in 2024, and what you would like to see the club do in 2025. Please come to the May meeting prepared to let us know your feelings. As officers and board members we want to serve you better.

Thanks, Deborah Blake  
President GSGM



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**Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2025**

**Welcome:** President Debbie Blake welcomed members and guests to the club meeting.

**Silent Auction:** The monthly silent auction was held prior to the meeting. The proceeds from the silent auction are used to purchase prizes for the drawings at the steak fry and the Christmas party.

**Minutes:** Motion by Jan Rogers to accept the February 2025 general meeting minutes as published, 2nd by Kirk Spencer. Passed.

**Announcements:**

**Newsletter:** If you are not receiving the newsletter see Bruce Blake to verify your email.

**Refreshments:** Ken Bloom had sign-up sheets for refreshments for upcoming meetings. The schedule will be posted in the newsletter.

**General Meeting:** There will be no April meeting due to the 2025 Gemstone Junction

**Door Prize Winners:** Trevor Alters, Chris Howell, Marilyn Harris, Don Stanger, Ken Bloom, Rich Dunaway

**Program:** Margie Miller: 2025 Gemstone Junction overview. Margie spoke about show finances, man power requirements, club booths and demonstrations. There were examples of door prizes, spinning wheel prizes and rock bags to see. A sample exhibit case was on display for club members to see how to set up a show case.

Motion by Terry Wilberg to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirk Spencer. Meeting adjourned  
Diane Collins, Secretary



**Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2025**

**Welcome:** President Debbie Blake welcomed everyone to the virtual board meeting.

**Attending:** Debbie Blake, Bruce Blake, Rod Miller, Margie Miller, Mike Rhodes, Rich Dunaway, Diane Collins, Evan Day, Jeanette Parrott, Dianne Ingle, Chris Howell, Les Tryon

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Evan Day to accept January 2025 Treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Rhodes. Passed.

**Minutes:** Motion by Mike Rhodes to accept January 29, 2025 board meeting minutes as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evan Day. Passed. Amendment as follows: Change January 29, 2024 to January 29, 2025

**New Business:**

**NUPA request for donations:** NUPA has made a request for specimens to use at their meetings as door prizes. After discussion, the board agreed to donate 10 door prizes to NUPA.

**Old Business:**

**Donation of items from Tom Burchard's estate:** Les Tryon: Les and Evan met with Brenda Burchard and Rod Burchard. Rod would like the club to empty the storage unit on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025. The unit contains primarily lapidary equipment and rough rock. Chris Howell suggested the club take over the storage unit rental for a couple of months so the club could have access to the rough and equipment prior to the upcoming show. Les thinks the rental is \$140 per month and will contact Rod Burchard about taking over the storage unit. Les suggested the club reimburse Evan Day for the lunch that facilitated the meeting with Brenda Burchard, Evan declined the offer.

**NFMS Representative and Director:** The club needs a representative and director for upcoming mid-year and annual NFMS meetings. Debbie will place the request for volunteers to fill these positions in the bulletin.

**Club Phone:** The club phone has been replaced and is activated

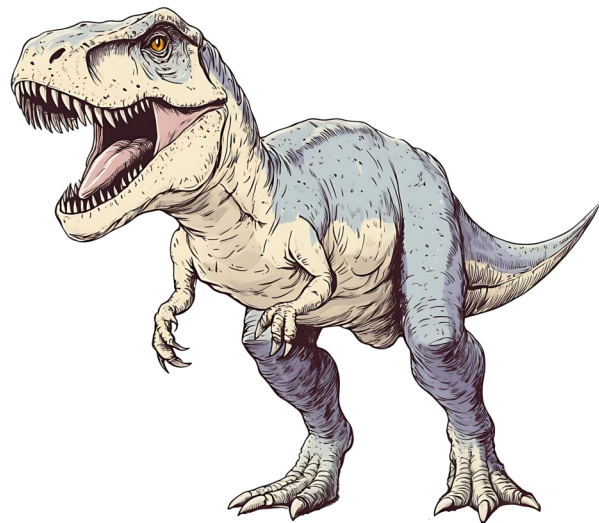
**Show Update:** Margie Miller: Margie has most of the vendor contracts back. The show pins have been ordered.

**Club Events:**

**February 28, 2025:** STEM days at the Orchard Springs Elementary school.

**March 19, 2025:** Club meeting – program by Margie Miller. Program will be an show overview of the upcoming show, and how the club is doing.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Rhodes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evan Day.  
Meeting adjourned.  
Diane Collins, Secretary



## Donation of Lapidary Equipment and Rough to our club

We owe a huge thank you to the estate of former club member Tom Burchard. Tom was truly a genius when it came to both his lapidary work and his expertise in identifying rock samples. His brother has donated the contents of lapidary equipment and rough in his storage shed to our club. We also owe a debt of thanks to Brenda Burchard for her part in extending this donation.

Equipment and rough were the main contents of the shed. As a board, we felt the best way the donation could help the club was to make items available for purchase at the upcoming show. Information on how the equipment will be sold.

Some of the used equipment includes cabbing machines, trim saws, arbors, polishing equipment, and miscellaneous other items.

### Used Equipment Selling Information

Equipment is sold "as is" with no guarantees and no returns.

Some items are "Buy it Now" and are marked with the price.

Equipment that is on the "Silent Auction" has a minimum starting bid.

Bids must be increased by a minimum of \$5.00.

The Silent Auction equipment auctions will end Sunday at 2 P.M. If items are not picked up by 3 P.M. the next highest bidder will be notified.

Equipment must be picked up by 4:00 PM no delivery.

Payment for all items must be cash or credit card.





## Club Bulletin Board



### FOOD CONSUMPTION AT THE SHOW

Per our Contract: The Golden Spike Event Center does not allow anyone to bring outside food or drink into the building. However, if you have a medical issue that determines the food you eat or do not eat, you can request consideration for a "Special Needs Exemption" by contacting the Golden Spike Event Center at 801-399-8257. You will need to make the request before April 6, 2025.

If you need a special snack during the show like saltine crackers or a candy bar, please get an exemption (free), since you cannot always break free and go to your car. The club has been fined in the past for violations. Thank you for your cooperation.

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### 87th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2025

Walla Walla, Washington September 12-14, 2025

Hosted by the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society

If you can help our club still needs a representative and delegate. This year the meeting might be offered on Zoom.