

THE ROCKY READER



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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to February!

There is so much going on at the club. We have work ongoing at the new craft center and we are about to start packing up the current craft center.

We need club members to step up and help at the new facility more than ever. We cannot expect a few volunteers to do all the work so that the entire club can benefit. If we are going to get our groups back up and running, we must have volunteers. Michelle has been coordinating the work at the new facility and Angela Williams and myself will be coordinating the packing up at the current craft center. Contact information for all of us is at the back of this newsletter.

If you are unsure what you could help with, please call any of us and we will gladly discuss what can be done.

Its time for us to pull together as a club and makes this move happen.

Holly Smith

BUILDING UPDATES

First off, a big Thank You to those who have volunteered in the construction work at the new craft center.



Our volunteers have been working for 11 weeks at the new building. All the stud walls are up, insulation is in the roof, concrete work on the floors and walls are close to completion, and the electrical work is finishing up. Once the rough plumbing is done, drywall will need to be placed on all the new walls and framed out windows. That's a job where we need a lot of help so please contact Holly if you can help— no previous experience needed.

Craft Center work projects will continue on Mondays in February from 11 to 3 till the drywall phase. For drywall, we need someone with experience to step up and lead those work sessions. Individuals who can lead in the evening would help to open up more work sessions. Contact Holly if you can lead one or more of sessions.

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 7th – Board Meeting 6:45pm at the current craft center.
- February 19th – Club Meeting 7pm at the Common Space Center for Creativity - 1700 N Reynolds Rd. There will be an auction to benefit metal crafters so bring your items to auction.
- February Mondays – New craft center work sessions 11am to 3pm led by Michelle.
- February Tuesdays – Current craft center packing 6pm to 9pm led by Holly.

OPEN POSITIONS

- Juniors Program – This is a Co-Chairs position. One chairperson to handle the elementary juniors and one chairperson to handle the junior high and high school juniors. This program meets once a month.
- Open House – Chairperson to take over the open houses. They will need to head up the planning and location of a Spring and a Fall open house.
- Club Photographer – Individual to attend club events and group meetings to take photographs.
- Rocky Reader Editor – Individual to communicate with all groups, the board, and chairpersons to gather information to produce each month's newsletter.

If anyone is interested in one of the above positions, please contact Holly Smith for more information or to let her know of your interest.

CUB SCOUT PACK 149 STEM DAY

The club has been invited to have a table at Cub Scout Pack 149's STEM day event March 1st.

The goal for the day is to promote BSA's STEM Nova awards program and to encourage youth to learn about STEM topics. The event is designed for children in grades 1 through 5, and will be promoted mainly in their feeder schools, including Central Trail Elementary, Hawkins STEM Academy, and Grove Patterson Academy.

This is an incredible honor to have been invited by the Pack to be a part of this event with them. The event will be March 1st from 1pm to 4pm but we will be able to setup starting at 12:30pm. We will have one 8-foot table to be able to have specimens for the kids look and learn about. If anyone is interested, please contact Angela Williams as she will be the one coordinating our table.

It is very exciting for the club to be able to reach these young minds and encourage their learning about the rocks and fossils we love already. It is also a great opportunity for the club to begin expanding our educational programs in the community.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Membership Directory- TGRC issued a membership directory in the past, which was a great aid in finding contact info for other club members. **If you would not like your family's names and contact info published please contact the membership secretary (Michelle at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com) by February 28, 2020.** We anticipate an email version of the 2020 directory will be available in March. Printed versions should be available at the April club meeting.

GROUP UPDATES

Currently all craft groups are on break until the new craft center is complete. Please volunteer to either lead a work session or participate in one. More volunteers the quicker we can get our move complete and get back to crafting.

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VOLUNTEERS

All club members are needed for scheduled work sessions and to lead addition sessions. Please contact any board member if you are willing to lead a session. Also please call the session lead if there is bad weather to make sure the work session is still taking place.