

CEDAR VALLEY GEMS

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DECEMBER 10 HOLIDAY POTLUCK — EAT AT 6:30



Tuesday, Dec 10 - 6:00 to ??? at Guaranty Bank - Fairfax (same as past few years). Mark your calendars - note that it is the 2nd Tuesday of December - not the normal 3rd Tuesday of our meetings. **Eat at 6:30.** Dell and her crew will fix the turkey - which the club will pay for. Everyone else bring a dish to share.

Bill Desmarais will be showing slides from some of his past adventures at the potluck. Julie will have some games as will Dell - if past performances hold true. Dell also usually makes sure that everyone gets a small gift (so if you would like to contribute to the gift pile - bring some small gift and contribute to her arsenal)

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 7, at 7:15 pm at the home of Marv and Sue Houg.

Elections: Unfortunately the November newsletter arrived at most houses after the meeting - due to either our printers or the post office. The election of officers which was to happen at last month's meeting was postponed to the Christmas party because of this. The following slate will be presented by the Nominating Committee of Sharon Sonnleitner, chair, Dell James, Dave Roush and Tom Whitlatch:

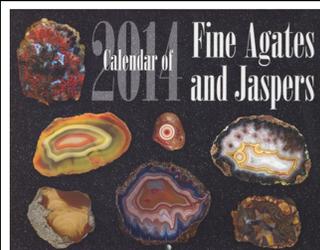
President: Marv Houg or Tom Whitlatch
Vice President: Bill Desmarais
Secretary: Dell James
Treasurer: Dale Stout
Editor:
Webmaster: Sharon Sonnleitner
Liaison: Joy Cummings
Director through 2015: Dave Roush

Note: the other directors who are not up for election now are:
Director through 2014 - Tom Whitlatch
Director through 2015—Jeff Kahl

Christmas baskets: In the past we always got some names from HACAP and collected money and food and presents and delivered Christmas baskets to the families right before Christmas. For a number of reasons - but mainly because of the buying power of the organizations as opposed to what we can buy with the donated money - we have decided to just pass the hat at the meeting and take donations from anyone who cares to contribute by sending money if they can't make the potluck—and just give money to 2 local organizations: HACAP and Meals on Wheels. It is felt that we can do more good with our money this way since their buying power is greater than ours and because most of these organizations are really facing a lack of funding coupled with an increased need.



Dues are due in December: Check your mailing label to see when your dues expire. (If you joined in the last half of this year, your dues should not expire before Dec. 2014). Dues are \$15 per family. Please pay at a meeting or send dues to Dale Stout. His address is on the back. If your dues are not paid by April 1, your membership will lapse.



Agate Calendars Are In
If you ordered them - you can pick them up and pay for them (\$8) at the potluck. Dale ordered a few extra and they will be available on a first come-first serve

basis at the potluck.

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Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society was organized for the purpose of studying the sciences of mineralogy, geology, and paleontology and the arts of lapidary and gemology. We are members of the Midwest (MWF) and American (AFMS) Federations. Membership is open to anyone who professes an interest in rocks and minerals.

Dues are \$15.00 per family per calendar year and can be sent to Dale Stout, 2237 Meadowbrook Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

Visit us at:
www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org

The club meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September through November and from January through May at 7:15pm at the Rockwell Collins 35th St Plant Cafeteria, Cedar Rapids, IA. The December meeting is a Christmas dinner held on the usual meeting night. June, July, and August meetings are potlucks held at 6:30pm at area parks on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Washington High School
 Annual Meeting Nov. 19



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