

## MGMC Meeting 10-24-17

### **Elections:**

Alan H. will take charge of organizing open positions for offices. President and secretary positions open, otherwise the current president and secretary will continue in those positions.

### **Show Update:**

Signs are available for yards

Consignments - 20% goes to the club. Set-up fill begin at noon

Still in need of volunteers:

- ticket sales
- club sales
- gold and sapphire panning open
- security
- exhibits
- setup Friday, clean up Sunday
- in need of trucks or vans to transport equipment
- door prizes
- carving demonstrator (soft stone carving or sculpting)

**Competition:** Light tricks from rocks

1st Place: Iridescent specular Hematite (Nevin)

2nd Place: Chatoyant Onyx (Bernie)

**Speaker:** Stephanie Sobczak

Mineral Museums Across the U.S. picture show

Museums - important for the rock and gem hobby.  
promotes the sciences & are care takers for history

Types of museums:

Large and small universities and colleges

Nonprofits

Private collections

Museums visited across the U.S.: What special about each

- Franklin and Sterling Hill (Sterling Hill Mine Tour & Museum of Fluorescence, Ogdensburg, New Jersey): fluorescent minerals
- A. E. Houghton (A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum, Michigan Technological University): copper and agates
- Harvard Mineral Museum (Mineralogical and Geological Museum at Harvard University (MGMH)): minerals, gems, rocks and ores, and meteorites.
- Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG), Montana Tech, Butte, MT: sapphires
- Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, Hillsboro, OR: orbs and petrified wood
- Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston, TX:

Just for fun: things that look like other things

- copper nugget that looks like a t-rex
- rock that looks like mickey mouse...

Answers to questions:

Most of the museums charge something for admission

Yes, it's a nice big cube of salt

**Other happenings:**

Zompocalypse at the Treinen Farm Corn Maze, Saturday, October 28th, 7pm - Midnight. Rick will be taking fossilized brains.