

# HUI PŌHAKU 'Ō HAWAI'I

## Rock & Mineral Society of Hawai'i, Inc.



### Meeting Times

#### MEETING

Wednesday

August 24

6:15-8:00 pm

Makiki District Park

Admin Building

#### NEXT MONTH

September 21

Blue Minerals

#### LAPIDARY

Every Thursday

6:30-8:30pm

Makiki District Park

2nd floor Arts and  
Crafts ldg

#### MEMBERSHIP

#### DUE COSTS 2011

Single: \$10.00

Family: \$15.00

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### My Favorite Mineral, Gemstone, or Rock By Dean Sakabe

This is a show and tell topic, and not a lengthy article topic, so this month's article will be short and sweet. We want you folks to bring in something and share with us. If you happen to like mineral specimens, then great. If you happen to prefer gemstones, then by all means show us your favorite gemstone and let us know why it is your favorite. Bring in your favorite rock, because we want to hear about it!

If you have a favorite, then bring it to the meeting and let us know what makes it your favorite. The reasons are endless and quite personal. It could be your favorite because you collected it. It could be a rare specimen. It could be worthless to someone else, but it can mean the world to you.

Other members know that I have a weakness for Fluorites and Quartz. If the specimen looks interesting, or it is different, it could be from a classical locality or an odd locality, chances are good that one will end up in my ever decreasing space in my display case. Some fluoresce intensely, most always they are cubic in habit, and they just look nice.



Those in the Lapidary Arts class may think that my favorite mineral is agate because I have hundreds of pounds of it around the shop. Maybe it's an understatement that I have an affinity for them!

However, I do tend to gravitate to the mineral Hydrated Silicon Dioxide or Opal. The reason being is that only rarely are two pieces of opal identical. Even though the

The Candalabra Tourmaline, Tourmaline Queen mine, Pala, CA.

## My Favorite Mineral, Gemstone, or Rock



Biggs Picture Jasper, Biggs Jct., OR



Lander Blue Turquoise



Benitoite and Neptunite, San Benito Co., CA

Eilat Stone, King Solomon's mine, Israel

specimens could come from the same mine in close proximity to each other, they are almost always different and unique. It is the uniqueness of each opal from other opals that intrigues me the most.



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Opal, Cooper Pedy, Australia

We want to encourage more people to bring something for the show-and-tell part of our meeting, and to tell us why it is your favorite. The reasons are widely varied and all have a story to tell, which is just what we would like to hear.

- The specimen could be the first mineral you were given.
- The specimen could be the first decent rock you collected.
- The specimen could be the best specimen you collected from a particular area.
- The specimen could be the one most visually pleasing to you.
- The specimen could be your biggest and most dramatic one around.
- The specimen could be one carved in a very nice way (*i.e. carved septurian nodules, carved water agates, Jade carvings*).
- The specimen could be a very unusual combination of minerals.
- The specimen could be your latest find.



Pietersite, Namibia

The point is any reason imaginable can determine what your favorite is!

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The Rock & Mineral Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except for adjusted dates in November and December) at the Makiki District Park, 6:15-8 pm. Enter from Keeaumoku Street. Parking is free but limited.

The Newsletter is published monthly, some days prior to the meetings and is distributed in electronic format by email (Adobe Acrobat PDF file attachment). Printed copies are "snail" mailed to those who do not have email. The electronic format usually contains full-color images; the print version may be limited to B&W due to reproduction costs.

## DOOR PRIZES

Please note that we have instituted door prize drawings at our monthly meetings. Because of Hawaii's gambling laws, these drawings cannot be conducted in the common "raffle" format where tickets are sold. Rather, each *paid* member attending the meeting will receive a drawing ticket upon request. A voluntary donation of \$1.00 is requested and encouraged. Drawings will be conducted at the end of the meeting with available prizes awarded in random order. You must be present to win. Please remember: if you win a prize, please bring one to the next meeting. This helps to keep our drawings going. Thank you.

## Parking at Makiki Park

Parking along Keeaumoku St. starts at 5:30

After that, good luck because it drops off really fast!

## Hawaii Rock Show!

We have some tentative dates for this year's rock show. It looks like it's coming up, soon!

Outrigger Waikiki Hotel

October 22 and 23, 2011

## Have an idea for the newsletter?

We welcome all articles and ideas, and we want to make you a contributor. Feel free to send your idea to [elise.thomasson@gmail.com](mailto:elise.thomasson@gmail.com). It would be wonderful to share stories, pictures, tips and tools.



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