

A warm greeting to all you Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society rockhounds and pebble pups. We hope this little letter finds you safe and healthy. This year has brought challenges to every member - some small, some large. Know that our hearts go out to everyone - you are all FAMILY!

We know this year wasn't as filled with meetings or activities as we had hoped for. While members still gathered for some socially distant metal detecting, and some fossil pinecone hunting, we know that doesn't add up to a year of programs. So, to help encourage everyone's rockhounding resources - we're extending the 2020 club memberships through 2021. That's right - all members in good standing (who paid up their dues for 2020) won't have to renew until 2022. Hopefully our 2021 year will be a gneiss-er year than this last one!

If you haven't heard already, our 2020 Annual Rock Show has been cancelled. Our usual venue has run into some problems, and the COVID-19 pandemic is just causing general mischief.

At this point in time, our Christmas Party and gift exchange is still on the schedule - but with all the rapid changes and regulations rolling across the state, that may change. We will let you know if any big changes occur.

If anyone has any ideas for fun exchanges, activities, or safe socially distant programs - let us know! Drop a suggestion e-mail to: ndrockclub@gmail.com

As always our website is www.ndrockclub.org

If you're going stir-crazy, and just HAVE to get your hands on some rocks, minerals, crystals, or shells - remember that Treasures of Sea and Earth is still open!

https://treasuresofseaandearth.com/

Pebble Pups! We found a great website filled with geology activities. Rock candy, crystal structures, LEGO Earth, and more! Visit: https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/geology-for-kids/

If you're interested in learning more about local fossils, check out Fossils In North Dakota: https://www.dmr.nd.gov/ndfossil/kids/