

NEVADA MINERAL & BOOK COMPANY MARCH, 2019 EMAIL NEWSLETTER

After a long hiatus due to an extended rainy season, our field trip schedule is set. We have three fields trips to the Oceanview Mine for gemstones on the following dates:

Sunday, March 24

Sunday, April 28

Sunday, May 19

Please contact me if you would like to participate on one or more of the tours. Please include the names of all attending (and ages if 12 or under), how many adults (18+) would be interested in doing the underground mine tour, and best contact information. Send to: minbooks@aol.com

OCEANVIEW GEM MINE TOUR AND DIG SUNDAY, MARCH 24.

We are looking forward to our Spring Oceanview gem mine field trips of starting on Sunday, March 24. The last trip of 2018 was well attended and morganite (the pink variety of Beryl) was abundant.

Jeff and his crew always take good care of us and everyone has a great time. The Oceanview Mine tour is recommended for novices, children and those with minor mobility issues. Please contact me directly at minbooks@aol.com or text me on my cell phone (702-630-9526) to let me know if you would

like to go. Let me know how many people are in your group, like to go. Let me know how many people are in your group, their names, and if there are any children under 12 years old. We will be heading down to Pala to tour and collect on the dumps of the Oceanview Mine. Our group has had very good luck at these mines the past few years, finding spodumene (kunzite and triphane), aquamarine, morganite, quartz (citrine and smoky), lepidolite and occasionally nice tourmalines. The miners have been working in a new gem zone, and some very nice kunzite, aquamarine and tourmaline specimens have been found recently.

These tours are to working gem mines. Much of the information you need can be found on the Oceanview Mine's website at www.digforgems.com. Use the word "rock" to access the secure part of the website, so that you can download the map and the liability waiver form which you will need to bring.

Cost:

To collect at the Oceanview Mine in the mine waste dump is \$65.00 for adults and teens 12 and older (\$10.00 more for adults going on the underground mine tour), \$60.00 for children under 12. Fees are payable in CASH, directly to the mine personal on site. You will pay for the tour when you sign necessary paperwork on the mine property. For this fee you can keep whatever you find in the dump material.

Accommodations:

Some people are traveling a fair distance to visit the mine. There are a lot of hotels and motels in the area. The closest is the Pala Casino, less than 3 miles from the mine. There are a number of hotels in Temecula (15 miles north of Pala) and also several in Fallbrook (10 miles west). The Pala Casino has a great buffet, so you may want to have breakfast or dinner at the casino.

Activities and Equipment Needed:

For the Oceanview Mine tour all necessary collecting tools (including hard hats and lights for the underground tour) will be provided by the mine owners. Cameras are allowed on site. You should bring you own sunscreen, water, lunch or snacks, hat, work gloves, long pants, closedtoed shoes (no sandals, flipflops or heels), wrapping materials and zip lock bags or other containers for your finds. Nice bathrooms with flush toilets are on site, as well as a seating area with shade.

We will be using large, stationary screens (provided) to sift through mine waste rock, looking for tourmalines, kunzite, morganite, aquamarine, quartz, feldspars, and lepidolite. You can keep whatever you find in the waste rock. Underground collecting is not allowed. At some point you will be toured through the underground mine in small groups (10 people) to look at the interior of a working, pegmatite gem mine. The area will be dusty, so if you wear contact lenses you may want to wear your glasses or eye protection.

Note: Group will meet in the Gas Station Parking Lot at the Pala Casino on Hwy. 76 in Pala, San Diego Co. (Approx. 8 miles East of I-15, Hwy. 76 Exit). <http://www.palacasino.com/about-us/directions/>

Times:

Please arrive at the Pala Casino Gas Station parking lot at 10:00am. We will leave the Parking Lot by 10:15AM, and arrive at Oceanview Mine at 10:30AM. Depart mine at 3:00PM.

Please keep in mind that although I have arranged the mine tour with the owner, the tour is hosted and operated by Oceanview Mines, LLC, not Nevada Mineral & Book Company. All fees are paid directly to the mine operator. You are not obligated to meet at the Pala Casino, that is simply a courtesy for people who are uncomfortable trying to find the mine on their own. You are more than welcome to go to the mine on your own. Directions are given on the www.digforgems.com website. Please read them carefully so that you do not get lost. There are other property owners on the mountain, and trespassing on their properties is prohibited.

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