



THE GEODE

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. (LGMC)

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Club purpose: Promote activities of mutual interest for collecting and displaying of gems and minerals.

Address: Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, Inc., PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336-0603

February Meetings

Club: Wednesday Feb. 3– 6:30 social, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Show & Board: Feb. 15– 6:30 & 7:00

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7305 W 10th Ave.,
Kennewick

Junior Club meets Feb. 9 -- 6:30 pm; Banner Bank,
203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick

Junior Club Leader Thora Trumbo (509) 582-4297

GEODE Submission Deadlines:

- 19th – member articles & photos
- Day after Board mtg. - officer & committee contributions

E-mail them to

mickeemadden@charter.net

or call (509) 438-5798 to make other arrangements

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February Program

Gold Exploration in Nevada

Marc Spinner will share his 8 years of experience exploring for gold in Nevada.

Bragging Table

Purple rock or gemstone (Amethyst is the birthstone)

Heart-shaped or red for Valentines Day.

February Refreshment Servers

Marc Spinner, Kathy Larson, Jean Smith, Mark Kidder, Chris Sorensen

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Member contact information updates:

Please notify Cindy Guettinger at
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Minutes – Club Meeting – January 6, 2016

Club President, Evelyn Cataldo, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

General Business

- Five visitors were welcomed.
- The minutes stand approved as printed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Provided by Bert Kaé-Je (not published per historic Board policy).
- **Editors' Report:** Mickee Madden would love membership contributions to the Geode. Articles and/or pictures of trips and rock experiences can be emailed to Mickee at mickeemadden@charter.net
- **Refreshments:** Volunteers are needed for the March general meeting. See Mary Lou Omstead.
- **Programs:** Kathy Larson reported that Marc Spinner will present "*Geology in Nevada*" at the February meeting.
- Evelyn Cataldo shared that the Board will be voting during the January 18, 2016 meeting as to the brand of oil LSGM will stock for membership purchase. Evelyn requested that anyone wishing to provide input, contact a Board Member before the January 18 meeting.
- Evelyn reported that the BLM mining claim at the Dugway Geode Beds has been forfeited by the Grapo family. There will be no further mining at that location, no party can re-file for the claim and the area will still be open for "casual use collecting". Please contact BLM with questions.

New business

- A Show Chairperson is needed as soon as possible, as well as Team Leaders and Assistants.
- Thora Trumbo asked for someone to step forward and shadow/mentor with her during this year's show. Guislen volunteered to step in, and Evelyn stressed that any help Thora needed would be provided by the membership.
- The first Show Committee meeting will be at 6:30 on January 18, preceding the Board Meeting. Members are welcome.
- Chris Sorensen volunteered to provide a presentation at Charbonneau Retirement Center. Residents have requested a program on local geology/rock hounding in our area.
- The Board is asking Members for input on starting sub groups within LSGM. Groups could be organized by areas of interest i.e. fossils, micro minerals, florescent rocks, spheres, faceting, petrified wood, etc. Other clubs have sub groups as a way to share experience and information with newer members, as well as getting to know each other better.
- Eunice Scott won the Calcite raffle prize at the Christmas party. It can be picked up at the February meeting.

Announcements

- A new raffle will begin in February. Tickets will be sold through the April show. Anyone interested in donating a raffle prize, please contact Evelyn.

Door Prizes:

- Seven lucky people won door prizes. Congratulations to all the winners!

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Lyon, Secretary

Minutes – Show Planning Meeting – January 18, 2016

Present: (Board Members) Chris Sorensen, Larry Hulstrom, Marty Casto, Mickee Madden, Wayne Larson, Yvonne Legare, Sally Lyon. (Quorum present). (Members) Jerry Sorensen, Judy Allison, Dave Westland, Cindy Guettinger, Kathryn Larson, Mary Lou Omstead.

Chris Sorensen opened the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Chris presented a checklist from Evelyn Cataldo of show planning topics needing to be addressed.

- Team Leaders & Assistants are needed. Signup sheets available at the Feb. meeting.
- Show flyer design and printing was discussed. Flier needs to be available at Feb. meeting.
- The fairgrounds have been booked, with the contract pending.
- Evelyn contacted the security company we used last year. J & J Security has closed. They recommended Tri-Cities Monitoring, Becky Magnuson, owner. Security was tabled until the new company can be contacted.
- Judy Allison reported that 10 of the 11 show vendors have paid for their spaces.
- Discussion on design of the florescent room. Marty Casto reported on cost, setup, size.
- The motion was made and passed to have Marty purchase the frame and materials needed to build the florescent room. Cost should be under \$200.00.

Minutes – Board Meeting – January 18, 2016

Present: (Board Members) Chris Sorensen, Larry Hulstrom, Marty Casto, Mickee Madden, Wayne Larson, Yvonne Legare, Sally Lyon. (Quorum present). (Members) Jerry Sorensen, Judy Allison, Dave Westland, Cindy Guettinger, Kathryn Larson, Mary Lou Omstead.

Chris Sorensen called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Old Business

- Discussion on membership input regarding purchase of saw oil. The motion was made and passed to purchase each type of oil, along with another pump.
- Chris Sorensen reported that Jerry Senn has begun work on the locking cabinet to be used as a permanent display at The Reach. Jerry Sorensen asked for approval by the Board to buy LED lights and power supplies to be installed in the cabinet at a cost of approximately \$250.00.
- The motion was made and passed to buy LED lights and power supplies for The Reach cabinet.
- Sally Lyon volunteered to assist Bert with financials during the show.
- Chris purchased 3 basic plier tool sets to be stored at the Omstead workshop for use during club sponsored classes. Chris will mark each box with LSGM, and add an inventory sheet.
- Pat Lambert is still collecting items for the raffle.
- Kathy Larson will confirm Marc Spinner as the speaker for the February club meeting.

New Business

- Cindy Guettinger has a new membership roster available. She also asked for assistance during the show in handing out club information packets.
- Interest was expressed on a program in glass fusion at a general meeting.
- Mickee Madden has most of the forms necessary for the silent auction.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Sally Lyon, Secretary

Jr. Rock Club Minutes for January

- Attended by 16 students and 15 adults, we elected our President Noah Miller, Vice-President Marcus Venegas and Secretary Olivia Vance with thankful applause.
- Four door prize drawings happen to go to the four officers and one others causing quite a laugh.
- 7 students wanted to select from the Mineral of the Month selections to do a report due at the next meeting.
- We celebrated Lukas' birthday in song and gift bag.
- Show-N-Tell of brought items from students' own collections was special; one brought a lovely treasure chest collection.
- The highlight of the night was a presentation done by Jerry Johnson, Master Gemologist, entitled "What Causes FIRE In Rocks". Mr. Johnson brought beautiful specimens to add to his fine photographs of other flashy samples as he discussed the reasons for the colorful light displays. He had both the students and adults stretching out of their chairs for closer, longer looks at his marvelous samples. Each student gratefully received a small fire opal cab from Australia to add to their collections.

Many thanks Jerry Johnson for the lesson tonight and answering our many questions!

Cyndy Sharer of Richland gifted the Jr. Club \$75 after selling some equipment. It was most kind of her to remember the students who shout out a big, "Thank you!"

Jr Club is looking for a speaker on April 12th. Please communicate your interest to Pat Lambert or Thora Trumbo ASAP. Thora's daughter will be in hospital for an extended stay so Junior's activities spring calendar needs filling. Thank you.

Mineral of the Month reports due Feb. 9th by students: Marcus, Noah, Eli, Mersadie, Katie, Olivia, and Alisan

The junior club thanks adults who contribute rock to us. We appreciate getting a label or note to know what it is and where its from, so we needn't guess. Don't be shy to identify yourself, as we like to say thank you to you all! A special thanks for the leftovers from your BINGO night and 2 anonymous donations recently.

Tempskya by Lukas, age 9

Tempskya was a tree fern diffused in the cretaceous period. Its large trunk was in fact the optical result of many fern stems growing tightly pressed one to each other.

Tree ferns were much diffused over the Mesozoic era and some of them survive today, evolved into more modern species, which can still be found in some tropical regions of today's earth but don't always look like their ancestors. With its distinctive and unusual (for us) appearance, Tempskya must have been a landmark of cretaceous landscape and it's fronds a good source of food for vegetarian dinosaurs.



FEBRUARY IS FOSSIL TIME!

At the February 9th Junior Rock Club meeting we are going to look at some old bones – like 193 to 136 million years old! We're talking dinosaur bones from the Jurassic era – that's right, Jurassic Park critters. Join Evelyn Cataldo to get an up close look at some dinosaur fossils including bones, teeth, claws, a footprint and more.



Note from our Treasurer

Store **receipts should be stapled to the needed request for reimbursement** and submitted promptly but for sure within **90 days** for payment. Don't hang on to your receipts because I would like to pay you promptly. I appreciate your investment, and don't want you to wait for your money. Not only will you help keep our books current, but they will be in better shape for auditing etc.

Then too, if you give me cash for anything, make sure that you **mark it** as to its source. So I can be sure to credit the appropriate account. **Many Thanks for ALL YOUR HELP IN THESE MATTERS.** Bert K-J

February Musings

Thanks to everyone that made Rock Bingo a fun evening in January. Winners had a wonderful selection of rocks from which to choose.

Our Annual Gem & Mineral Show is fast approaching. The Show Dates are April 16th and 17th with set-up on the 15th. The Fairgrounds has been reserved. Dealer contracts have been signed. We need some help with the advance planning for the Show. At the January meeting, several members stepped forward to be Team Leaders or Assistants for the various functions. We need a volunteer to be Show Chairman. Also, we still need Team Leader volunteers for Advertising, Camping, Demonstrations, Displays, Friday Lunch, Friday Dinner, Hospitality Room and Ticket Sales. Give me a call (628-0170) if you can help out in one of those areas.

We will have sign-up sheets at the April meeting for volunteers to help with set-up, during the Show and take-down.

At the January meeting, I introduced the idea of forming some subgroups within our Club. These would be groups of people who have similar interests and are interested in meeting outside of the usual Club meetings to further their knowledge on a specific subject. Some suggestions for sub-groups include fossils, minerals, petrified wood, lapidary, fluorescents, special projects, etc. Other suggestions for sub-groups are welcome. Right now, the concept is fluid and groups could setup their own parameters. The groups would need to meet at someone's home or shop. The frequency of meetings would be decided by each group; meetings could be monthly, semimonthly or quarterly. We are trying to gauge the interest in setting up subgroups. At the February meeting, there will be a signup sheet for those who are interested in participating in a subgroup of the Club.

Thank you Chris Sorensen for volunteering to present a gem and mineral program at the Charbonneau Retirement Center.

Happy Valentine's Day,
Evelyn

Classifieds

Rock saw oil. Max Hatfield - (509) 582-6028

Also Pat and Max will be rock-hounding so saw oil will not be available the last week of August 2015 and the whole month of September 2015. Please purchase ahead of time if you will need some saw oil during that period.

Saw oil purchasing information.

- Location: 26106 South Oak Kennewick WA.
- Phone: 509 582 6028 Home message phone.
- Cost at this time is \$14.00 per gallon. Price could change due to market value.
- Must be a LSGM club member in good standing to purchase saw oil. Membership forms are available at my shop if you need to join.
- Must have your own containers.
- If you call me and set a date and time to purchase saw oil be responsible and show up. To many people do not come on time and some do not even come at all.

Tumbling grit. \$2/lb. For every 5 lbs. of tumbled rock you donate, get 1 lb. of grit free. Frank & Mary Lou Omstead - (509) 783-2798

"The Seattle Regional Gem & Mineral Show Committee is surplusing some display cases. There are about 3 8-foot cases available in the Seattle area. These fold down flat, much as the Federation-style cases do.

Please contact Susan Gardner if you are interested: sgardner3@mindspring.com

Mark Your Calendar!!!

Cabbing Class at the Omsteads 5:30 to 9:00

February 16th & 17th
March 15th & 16th
April 19th & 20th
May 17th & 18th
June 14th & 15th
July 19th & 20th
August 16th & 17th
September 20th & 21st
October 18th & 19th
November 15th & 16th
December 20th & 21st (?)

Flintknapping at the Omsteads 5:30 to 9:00

February 11th & 25th
March 10th & 24th
April 14th & 28th
May 12th & 26th
June 9th & 23rd
July 14th & 28th
August 11th & 25th
September 8th & 22nd
October 13th & 27th
November 10th
December 8th

Memorial Weekend Annual Knapping.

Howard Amon Park, Richland. Saturday & Sunday with the Puget Sound Knappers.

**Americans for Responsible Recreational Access (ARRA) Washington Newsletter
Jan 2016**

An abridgement of material submitted by Andy Johnson

On the last day of the 1st session of the 114th Congress, there was a mad dash by most members to get out of town for the holidays. But leading up to that very last day, the pace was more like a wobble because those final days of the session had a cliffhanger feel as the House and Senate grappled with approving an omnibus appropriations measure for FY 2016. In the end, they got the job done. Here are some takeaways from the spending bill that I would like to share with you.

LWCF Renewal – The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) got a new three-year lease on life with a couple of policy changes included in the reauthorization. The use of eminent domain to secure new lands will no longer be permitted and funds will now be allocated at a state/federal split of 50-50. The funding level was set at \$450 million. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT), Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, vows that he will continue to work on a major restructuring of the fund, but for advocates of the program, knowing that they have at least three years of certainty is good news.

Wildfire Suppression – Congress provided a \$593 million boost in wildfire funding over what the government had spent previously. This infusion of additional funds will likely alleviate the need for the land agencies to reprogram funds in 2016 to cover the unexpected costs of fighting wildfires. This funding increase provides a bridge until Congress can work on a more extensive restructuring on how it provides funds to the Bureau of Land Management and the U. S. Forest Service for the containment of wildfires. This increase is welcome news, but a long term solution is still necessary and one we hope the Congress will address in coming days.

Sage Grouse Habitat – The spending bill earmarked \$60 million for the Bureau of Land Management to be used to conserve sage grouse habitat. Funds can be used to remove juniper trees, prescribed burns as well as the eradication of invasive weeds, all designed to improve sage grouse habitat. This is a substantial increase over previous years.

National Park Service – The Park Service received an appropriation of \$2.9 billion. This is a \$237 million increase over 2015 funding and part of this increase is to be used towards the Park Service's huge maintenance backlog, something that ARRA has been very concerned about.

Bureau of Land Management – The Bureau will receive an appropriation of \$1.2 billion, a \$117 million increase over 2015 funding levels. The \$60 million earmarked for sage grouse habitat comes out of the \$117 million increase.

U. S. Forest Service – The Forest Service will receive a \$1.5 billion appropriation, a \$69 million increase over 2015.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Larry E. Smith

Executive Director / Americans for Responsible Recreational Access (ARRA)

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Phone numbers are all Area Code 509. By-Laws specify two year elected terms of office for Board Members, beginning in November. President, Vice President and one Director begin in even numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer and one Director (*) begin in odd numbered years. Federation Representative, Junior Club Leader, Bulletin Editor and Committee Chairs are Board-approved volunteers. By-Laws at www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com

Rockhound Legislative Advocate

When notified by the AFMS, the NFMS, ALAA or club members about legislative issues that will affect rockhounding activities, forward that information to club members via email lists. Call Evelyn Cataldo at (509) 628-0170 for details.



Club Affiliations:

- American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) <http://www.amfed.org>
- Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) <http://www.amfed.org/nfms>
- American Lands Access Association (ALAA) <http://www.amlands.org>

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Silver Making Class

Begin thinking about attending a ***Silver Making Class*** class with Chris and Peggy Blickfeld which will take place the weekend after our April Show. You'll need to register ahead and pay your \$70 fee/day which will include all materials and education. Make a ring &/or Pendant or get help with your project if you are an advanced student.

Bert K-J