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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

August Meetings

Club: Wed. 1st– Social 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:00 / **Board Meeting 20th 6:30** Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7105 W 10th Ave, Kennewick

Junior Club meets 14th 6:30 pm; Banner Bank, 203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick
JR Club Leader Thora Trumbo (509) 582-4297

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GEODE Submission Deadlines:

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

E-mail them to

mickeemadden@charter.net

- **Please contact Mark Kidder with any changes to your street or email address for our membership list.**

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Please notify Mark Kidder at

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No program information was submitted for the August meeting.

Minutes – Club Meeting – June 6, 2018

Chris Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

General Business

- **Welcome Guests:** Jodi Brewster, President of the Gila County Gem and Mineral Society, and the Mitchelltree family were welcomed as visitors.
- **Refreshments:** Rhea needs volunteers to bring refreshments for the August, September, October, and November Club meetings.
- **Fair:** Signup sheets will be available at the August meeting to man the booth at the Benton/Franklin County Fair on August 21 through the 25th. Each shift lasts 3 hours, and we need 2 volunteers per shift to give out information and sell grab bags and polished rock. We also need volunteers to help set and tear down cases.
- **Treasurer's Report:** (Not published per historic Board policy).
- **Nominating Committee:** Jane Moore, Kathy Larson and Judy Allison are working to secure a nomination for Club Vice President. Nominees need to be presented to the Board in August.
- **Wire Wrapping Class:** Kit Kat Wire Wrap is offering classes in September for 2 to 3 days (2 classes per day). The cost is \$30 per class, and she will be teaching 2 styles of pendants and a bracelet design. Kathy Larson has signup sheets available, and will have more information at the August meeting.
- **Door Prizes:** Congratulations to Charlene Martinez, Rosann Ferris, Sam Johnson, Max Mitchelltree and Steve and Darla Shoemaker's guest on their door prize wins.

Program – Advanced Lapidary Tips by Mike Zinski: Thank you Mike for sharing your years of experience in working with, and on lapidary equipment.

Next Meeting: No Club or Board meeting in July. Next regular Club Meeting – August 1, 2018, 7:00 p.m. (social at 6:30). Board Meeting – August 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Lyon, Secretary

September Club Picnic and Auction

Kathy Larson has reserved the gazebo at the Union Street Library for Sunday, September 16 for the potluck picnic and auction. The Club will provide fried chicken and drinks. Bring chairs and shade if necessary. More information will be available at the August meeting.

Minutes – Board Meeting – June 18, 2018

Present: (Board Members) Chris Sorensen, Bill Hamel, Duane Schock, Wayne Larson, Larry Hulstrom, Rick Tobin, Sally Lyon
(Members) Jerry Sorensen

Bill Hamel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business

- Programs: Jerry Sorensen reported that the Program Committee is working on presentations for the August, September and October Club meetings. The November program is Club Contest Night.
- Washington Non-Profit Registration: Chris has completed the necessary paperwork for the State, and fees have been paid for the year. Duane Schock will confirm that correct payment has cleared the Club account.
- Picnic/Auction: The gazebo at the Library on Union Street has been reserved for September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Wire Wrapping Class. Kathy Larson is looking at locations to hold the class in September. She will update her progress at the August Club meeting.
- Timeline of Events: Sally Lyon developed an outline of critical events that need to be addressed each month. The timeline will be updated as necessary and made available by email to Board members.
- Lifetime Members: Chris Sorensen has compiled the list and will coordinate recognition during the August Club meeting.
- Show Location: Discussion on possible venue sites, cost, necessary room size, room configuration, sponsorships, power considerations and site visibility. Larry will contact the Visitor and Convention Bureau to enlist their help in locating venue sites. This is an ongoing project.
- Nominations: The Nominating Committee is still looking for a member interested in being Vice President.
- Fair: Volunteers are still needed to fill several time slots during the fair. Signup sheets will once again be available at the August meeting.

New Business

- Rick Tobin reported that he will need to order the Diala oil soon. He will contact Pat Lambert to get the specifics on ordering oil.
- Chris and Jerry Sorensen delivered items to the storage unit that were donated by Floyd George's family.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Sally Lyon, Secretary

Junior Club Program

Pauline Schafer, Educator from The REACH Museum, will bring activities to help the juniors learn about Crystal Science: what are crystals, how do they form, and how are they used in technology.

We'll look at many examples, build crystal shapes, and make piezoelectricity with candy! Please bring any examples of crystals you have in your collections to show your fellow club members.

Benton County Fair August 21 - 25

We need your help! At the August meeting we need to get people to sign up to work at the Benton County Fair during the week of August 21 - 25. Each shift is only 3 hours running from 10 am to 10 pm each day. We need 2 people to work each shift. The club will give you a ticket (and bus pass) to get out to the Fair. Before or after your shift is over you can enjoy the rest of the Fair! Of the 40 time slots only 18 were filled at the June meeting, meaning we still need 22 more people to sign up. If we can't fill the time slots we will need to seriously consider dropping our participation at the Fair which our club has been a part of for over 40 years. The Fair and our April show are the main ways we let the public know our club exists. Please volunteer your time to help out at the Fair and have fun doing it!

If you can help set up our display for the Fair we meet at the Fairgrounds at 8:30 am under the Reader Board on Sunday August 19, go out to Finley and pick up things, then return to the Fairgrounds to complete setting things up at our booth. We are done by noon. We do the same again the following Sunday August 26 to take everything down and return it all to storage.

Larry Hulstrom and Wayne Larson, Fair coordinators

Key Chains and Grab Bags Making Party Results

During 2 nights in June a small group of volunteers met at the Omstead's home and made up 900 new grab bags. With the ones already in storage we should have enough grab bags for a few years to come. At the same time as bags were being filled other club members were making key chains, some of which went into the grab bags. By my estimate we made over 500 key chains!

Many thanks to those that came out and had fun doing it.

Larry Hulstrom

Free Form Cabbing

by Dave Westland

- Most people learn to cut and polish cabochons using some type of template to draw the outline of the cab. As their skills progress they find patterns and designs in slabs that don't easily fit into a preformed shape, so the need for a "freeform" cabochon arises. When starting these, a triangle is easy to use and can be drawn directly on the slab. They look good either symmetrical or asymmetrical, and if well-designed can use most of a slab (for rare or expensive material). For more complex shapes I've found cutting them out of contact paper is easier and quicker than drawing on slabs.
 - I've found that by folding the contact paper and cutting out the pattern (like making snowflakes in grade school) then applying the contact paper to the slab makes the process almost easy. I've found the following sequence works well for me. First I roughly outline the cab shape I'd like on the slab in pencil, and mark the middle of the pattern I've drawn. Then I take my contact paper and fold it in half, place the fold in the center of the pattern and draw on the contact paper where I think I want the pattern on the slab. Then cut out the pattern, unfold it and check to see it's the correct size and shape. If it is, remove the paper backing and stick it to the slab. It makes a great guide for trimming and getting outlines done well, and if you leave it, it will give you a great visual guide where you've cut, so you can control the "center" of an asymmetrical cab.
 - I've found 4 and 5 sided shapes work well with just folding the paper in half, round and oval shapes are easier when folded in fourths.
- Have fun, hope this helps some.



