



# THE GEODE

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**Purpose:** To promote activities of mutual interest for collecting and displaying gems and minerals.

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## GEODE Submission Deadline:

19<sup>th</sup> of each month for member articles & photos

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**Membership:** Annual dues are due in October. Please pay at the monthly meeting or remit to LGMC, PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA. 99336-0603.

**Membership Forms:** See page 6.

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## Club Meetings & Upcoming Events

**Club Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of each month. At the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7105 W. 10th Ave., Kennewick. Doors open at 6:30 pm for social. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

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**September 3** – General Club Meeting. Program: Channeled Scablands with Bruce Bjornstad

**September 10** – Junior Club Meeting at the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

**September 15** – **Annual Club Picnic, Kennewick Grange Picnic Area, Edison Avenue.**

**September 16** – Board Meeting. 6:30 pm.

## New GEODE Editor URGENTLY NEEDED

The Club's Geode editor was forced to step down from his role at the end of August for health reasons. A new editor is needed. This position is a member of the Board and is critical to getting news and information out to the Club members. If you have any interest / desire to help the Club by taking on this role contact Randy LaBarge at 509-551-8886 or President Patrick at 1-315-243-6471.

## New Club Secretary (Still) Needed

Club Treasurer Sally Lyon left the area in June. To replace her, current Club Secretary Debbie Muller has taken on the Treasurer's role. That leaves the club in need of a secretary. If you'd like to join in planning the direction of the club by becoming the secretary, please contact a Board member or contact Debbie at [Stebduck8051@gmail.com](mailto:Stebduck8051@gmail.com) for more information. The Roles and Responsibilities can be found in the Officers and New Members section of the club website: <https://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com/>.

## A Note from The President . . .



A couple of hours after writing this message, I'll be sitting at the LGMC booth at the Fair. Thank you to all the volunteers and organizers for getting it set up and running smoothly. The Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club has been a fair staple for decades, talking rocks and selling grab bags and specimens to interested folks. Parents and grandparents took their kids years ago, and now those kids are bringing their children to see the pretty rocks.

Several hundred bags of rocks go out into the wild each year to help inspire a love of the natural world. This wouldn't be possible without everyone talking to folks about the club and their own love of rocks, and we greatly appreciate the time you all spend at the booth. It's also a great way to spread the word about the club. I've been surprised at the number of lifelong residents who had no idea we existed! I've also found the booth to be a good place to judge what the general public is most interested in, which helps inform decisions on where we should be taking field trips, and potential sites to visit or classes we might offer in the future. Feel free to email me your observations after the Fair. Also, we'll be having a bag-filling get together in the coming months to ensure we have plenty of grab bags for future years.

## Mark Your Calendar: The Club's Annual Picnic Will be Held on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The club's annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Highlands Grange Park Picnic Shelter by the Mid-Columbia Library on Union Street. Set-up starts at 10, lunch is at noon. Members are asked to bring a side-dish to share. Chicken and pulled pork will be provide by club member Mike Mineer's Smokin' Mikes Catered BBQ. The club will also provide water, plates and utensils. An auction will follow with a maximum of 10 entries per person.

## Classes, Gatherings and Groups

### Flat Lap Cabbing Class Dates for the Remainder of the Year

Flat Lap Cabbing classes are going great guns. Following are the class dates for the remainder of the year. All Flat Lap Cabbing class times are from 6 until 8 PM.

- September Dates: the 9th and 10th, 14th, 23rd and 24th.
- October Dates: the 7th and 8th, 12th, 21st, 22nd and 26th.
- November Dates: the 4th and 5th, 9th, 18th and 19th and 23rd.
- December Dates: the 9th and 10th, 14th, 16th and 17th.

New class openings will be coming available. The classes are held in Mickee Madden's workshop in Kennewick. Call her at 509-438-5798 to sign up or for more information.

These classes are for adult club members only. No children please. Please do not bring thundereggs, geodes or any thick material to cut. An assortment of slabs will be available. Beginners are certainly welcome!

The first visit is \$10. After that, the club charges \$2 an hour, which is to be paid at the end of each class. The fees go to replenishing the materials used for the class.

### Social / Crafting Gathering Dates for the Remainder of the Year

This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and work on a project. There is no charge for these gatherings. Everyone chooses what project they'd like to work on. With each project, though, the members will need to have their own materials and tools. Class times for all dates are from 1 until 4 PM.

- September Social Crafting Group: September 1st.
- October Social Crafting Group: 13th and 27th.
- November Social Crafting Group: 10th and 24th.
- December Social Crafting Group: 15th.

These classes will be held at Mickee Madden's workshop in Kennewick. To join the fun, call her at 509-438-5798 to sign up or for more information.

### Interested in Joining a Wire Wrapping Class?

Vickie Elkins is interested in creating a wire wrapping class. The class would meet monthly with projects to be determined by the group. The intent of the class is to learn from and encourage each other, to share insights and techniques, and to have fun while you're creating something wonderful. For information, contact Vickie at [velkins@charter.net](mailto:velkins@charter.net).

## General Club Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.  
Minutes stand as printed in the GEODE.

### Show and Tell

- Patrick spoke about the Spectrum Sunstone Mine Field Trip
- Chris and Jerry Sorenson spoke about the Emerald Creek, Hell's Canyon Rock Mine, and Star Garnets.

### Old Business

#### **Sept 15th is our annual Club Picnic.**

- Time from 10 am to 12 Noon is set up. Lunch will be at noon.
- Location: At the Kennewick Grange / Library Picnic Area on 10th & up Union Ave.
- There will be an auction – maximum of 10 entries per person.

Mickee – Club Historian

- Spoke about the Cabbing Group that meets Mon. and Tues. from 6 pm to 8 or 9 pm, and Saturdays from 1 pm to 3 or 4 pm.

- Mickee also mentioned the Social Club that meets every other Sunday.
- There will be more wire wrap classes @ 80.00 per day

New members introduced themselves and got a shiny new keychain.

### New Business

John Wenskovitch is the new Club Webmaster. Thank you, John.

The club Board has two Vacant positions - Geode editor and Secretary.  
Contact President Patrick if you can help out by taking on one of these positions.

Annual Club Elections will be in held October

- President – runs the general meetings
- Vice Pres – runs the board meetings
- Director – advisory duties

You'll need to put your name in soon, as ballot must be finalized in September.

Ralph Eichner passed away on July 7th at age 94. Jane Moore made a motion to make a donation to the FMS in his honor. Judy Allison seconded and the Motion was Passed

Larry Hulstrum's Facebook picture got hacked and someone was/is trying to impersonate him. Be careful to check the email address on anything you get from him.

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The Junior Club is working on amendments to the Club By-Laws and Regulations.

James McLean has volunteered to handle the Saw Oil storage and sales – Thanks James. Cost for oil is \$15 per gallon. Bring your own container!

- James can be contacted via Text at 509-989-1087. He is available for oil pick-up on Wednesdays and weekends by appointment.
- A limited number of small containers will be available for transfer at the General Club meetings.

Marty Casto informed us about three upcoming gem and mineral shows:

- The Portland, OR show is Oct. 4 – 6.
- The Prineville Show will be on June 19 – 22, 2025.
- The Madras show is scheduled for June 26 – 29, 2025

Notice: The NW Federation newsletter has gone digital only.

Judy Allison informed us that the Hermiston Rock Club's picnic is August 17th.

Larry Hulstrom informed us that he is working on the contract for our 2025 Gem show scheduled for April 26-27, 2025. We had to change the weekend because of the Easter holiday. Yakima went the same way we did and has scheduled their show for the same days.

There is a new sign-up sheet for name tags at the back of the meeting room. Choose either a Pin or a Magnetic back.

Updates on the Fair –

- Tickets have changed. Now it is free to take the bus to the Fairgrounds, so the tickets for volunteers are admission only and parking.

For new members, Larry went through the process and timeline for the Fair.

- Sunday before the Fair approximately 6 members will meet at 8 a.m. under the sign and proceed to the storage facility in Finley. They will load up the trucks with displays, etc. and go back to Building 1 at the Fairgrounds for assembly. They are usually done by noon. Then the display cases will be available to be filled until 9 pm Monday night.
- The following Sunday (8:30 or 9:30 am), follows the reverse – disassemble, put on vehicles, take to storage.

At 7:53 p.m. we took a break, looked at Silent Auction items, then had door prize drawings.

Jerry Sorenson spoke about Contour Polishing, giving us the whole process with samples.

He stressed safety issues – particularly using a mask and respirator. He also explained the two different grinders, the myriad blades used, and some of the chemicals. The presentation was very interesting and informative.

By the end of the evening, all the volunteer spots for the Fair booth had been filled. YAHOO!

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Muller

## 2024 Selected NFMS Club Shows - Schedule

The Shows listed below are a subset of the complete list of club shows provided in the Northwest Federation Newsletter. More complete and specific information can be found in the NFMS Newsletter or online at: <http://northwestfederation.org/Shows.asp>

September 6 – 8, 2024	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Contact: (509) 522-2330	Walla Walla Co. Fairgrounds 831 Orchard St. Walla Walla, WA.
September 7 – 8, 2024	Southern WA. Mineralogical Society Contact: <a href="mailto:swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com">swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com</a>	Cowlitz County Fairgrounds 1900 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Longview, WA.
September 21 – 22, 2024	Clallam Co. Gem and Mineral Assoc. Website: <a href="http://www.sequimrocks.org">www.sequimrocks.org</a>	Burton Community Center 308 East 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Port Angeles, WA.
September 21 – 22, 2024	Billings Gem and Mineral Club Show Info: <a href="mailto:infor24@billingsgemclub.com">infor24@billingsgemclub.com</a>	Eagle Seeker Community Center 1125 Broadwater Ave. Billings, MT.
October 4 – 6, 2024	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Website: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/prgms">www.facebook.com/groups/prgms</a>	Wingspan Event Center 801 NE 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Hillsboro, OR.
October 5, 2024	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Show Info: <a href="mailto:cbnopal219@gmail.com">cbnopal219@gmail.com</a>	Bonneville CO. Fairgrounds 1542 E. 73 <sup>rd</sup> South, Idaho Falls
October 5 – 6, 2024	Marysville Rock and Gem Club Show Website: <a href="http://www.marysvillerockclub.com">www.marysvillerockclub.com</a>	Evergreen Fairgrounds 14405 179 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE., Monroe, WA.
October 19 – 20, 2024	Hells Canyon Gem Club Info: <a href="mailto:mldnj1@yahoo.com">mldnj1@yahoo.com</a>	Nez Perce CO. Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Ave. Lewiston, ID.
November 9 – 10, 2024	Skagit Rock and Gem Show Website: <a href="http://www.skagitrockandgem.com">www.skagitrockandgem.com</a>	Sedro Woolley Eagles Hall 1000 Metcalf St. Sedro Woolley, WA.

### Additional Non-NFMS Shows

September 6 – 15, 2024	Denver Gem and Mineral Showcase Multiple Showcases <a href="https://denvergemshow101.com/schedule-2024/">https://denvergemshow101.com/schedule-2024/</a>	Denver, Colorado
January 20 – Feb. 16, 2025	Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows Multiple Showcases <a href="https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2025">https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2025</a>	Tucson, Arizona

## Club Board Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2024

### Attendance:

Board: Patrick Donohue, Peter Kovich, Chris Sorensen, Larry Hulstrom, Randy LaBarge, Wayne Larson;  
Members: Jerry Sorensen, Don Snyder, Pat Snyder, Marti Casto

Peter called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

### OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Patrick confirmed that John Wenskovitch has started his role as club webmaster. Patrick forwarded his contact information to Jerry to discuss domain registration and other financial matters related to the site.
- The Kennewick Grange picnic shelter has been reserved for September 15 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Patrick made the reservation for \$90 through the parks department. Members will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert. The club will work with member Mike Mineer to cater the entree with his business Smokin' Mike's Catered BBQ, which will be a mix of chicken and pulled pork. The club will provide water, plates, and utensils.
- Don and Pat Snyder have offered to donate their fluorescent lights and display collection to the club in the coming months/years, with the stipulation that it is kept together and maintained. The club gratefully accepted the donation and will work with the Snyder's to move material to a new unit at Finley Storage when the time is appropriate, possibly around the time of the next club show. We will need more volunteers to help set up the fluorescent tent and displays at the next show and moving forward.
- It was decided that we will likely need a new storage unit to hold the material, as well as alleviate other storage concerns that have been mounting, and Larry will work with Finley Storage on that.
- Pat Snyder raised the issue of safety when working with shortwave lights, especially their triple bright lights. If they are on while arranging a display, gloves, glasses, and long sleeves MUST be worn or you will get sunburned. Once the plastic guard is up, or the lights are off, it is completely safe.
- Camp Hancock Jewelry Retreat is held the week of labor day. Chris have gone in previous years and noted some clubs sponsor members or newer members to go, covering the cost of meals and the base price at around \$350-400. They suggested the club hold an annual sponsorship of a member to go, covering that price. It would not include material cost of classes (e.g., silversmithing requires participants to pay for the cost of silver used). Chris and Jerry are attending the upcoming retreat and will gather more information about what other clubs do for sponsoring a member to attend. The club will be asking volunteers to form a committee to decide on requirements and qualifications for the club sponsorship for 2025.

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- There have been no responses to the requests for volunteers for the Geode Editor, Librarian, or Secretary positions. Patrick will post a request to the Facebook group.
  - Show Business: April 26-27. The Fairgrounds contract has been signed for the club show for Building #2 (the same building as last year) at a similar rate as 2024. Larry has also reserved Building #16 for use on Saturday for the NFMS Mid-Year meeting. The 2025 Yakima Rock Club Show is also being held that same weekend, and there was some concern about vendors being spread thin between the two shows. Larry will start sending out contracts to vendors to make sure everyone is aware of their choices.
  - The RiverFest Exhibition is set for October 5th, and the club has submitted paperwork to have a booth again this year to talk about rocks and minerals with the populace. Larry will bring a sign-up sheet to the next meeting.
  - Wayne proposed the Junior Rock Club get their own large banner like the adult club has. Brief discussion on designs and possibilities ensued. The board decided the Junior Club should have input on what might go on it, including the possibility of a logo/banner design contest. Patrick will discuss with Junior club advisor Pauline.
  - Marty gave a saw oil update. The 55 gallon barrel is with member James McLean and he is ready to start fielding requests. Patrick motioned to increase the price of the oil to \$15/gallon from the previous \$12/gallon due to rising costs of the oil from the vendor. Randy seconded and the motion passed. An announcement will go out or be in the geode with details, and members can start contacting James soon. Members will need to bring their own buckets/containers, and should use caution on the types used – Jerry noted old milk jugs can deteriorate in the heat.
  - Larry has printed a letter to formally register treasurer Debbie with Banner Bank to facilitate her working with club money. Patrick signed the letter and Larry will get it to Debbie to sign before submitting it to the bank.
  - Updates to the Club Operating Procedures were discussed again. There were some minor concerns raised about verbiage and it has been tabled until the next board meeting.
  - Cabbing class update: Mickee reported her income and expenditures for the cabbing class, and is tracking hours and attendance for thorough reporting to the club. She asked for guidance and the board decided it would be helpful if these were received monthly unless it becomes onerous, with a small petty cash amount to be held on site. Reimbursements would then be made on a monthly basis.
  - Mickee has volunteered her space to be used for a rock bagging party to renew our supply of grab bags. The club will be asking for volunteers once a date has been decided; plan for September or October.
  - Patrick will follow up with Debbie to send the *in memoriam* donation for Ralph Eichner to the NFMS scholarship fund.
- Larry has started reviewing the Lifetime Membership roster and will have several candidates. These individuals will be noted in, likely, October.
- Larry facilitated an anonymous donation of a varied assortment of rocks and minerals to the Junior Club and will discuss plans for it with Pauline.

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The Club has apparently been included in a citizen's will to receive their extensive sphere collection upon their death. Hopefully not anytime soon.

- Larry suggested the Club solicit donations of material to create a "club case" for use at shows and the Fair, in which varied items will be gathered to highlight the wide-ranging interests and skill sets of the club membership. The consensus was this would be a good idea so long as we limited some materials so the collection did not become unwieldy.
- The club is still in need of officer nominations for President, Vice President, and one Director. The ballot must be finalized by the September board meeting, with elections to be held in October.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patrick Donohue, LGMC President

## Trace of the Mid-Atlantic Spreading Ridge in Iceland

Given the recent volcanic activity along the trace of the Mid-Atlantic spreading ridge near Grindivik, Iceland I thought I'd share a couple of photos of two locations of the spreading ridge trace from vacations with my wife to Iceland. The left side of both photos is the North American tectonic plate, and the Eurasian tectonic plate is on the right. Note the difference in apparent ages. (Both photos by Randy LaBarge).



Photo taken at Thingvellir National Park in the south-center of Iceland, north of



Photo taken along the southeast coast of Iceland near Grindivik, near the site of the recent volcanic eruptions.

## Classifieds

**Mike Zinski's Workshop** is available for any and all lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: [gemmakermz@cs.com](mailto:gemmakermz@cs.com) or at 509-783-9337.

**Tumbling Grit** is available to Club members through Mickee Madden and is sold in 2 pound bags only. Please have exact change at pick-up. Club members can contact Mickee at 509-438-5798.

- 60/80 grit \$5.25
- 220 grit \$6.55
- 600 grit \$8.00
- Cerium oxide polish powder \$18.30

NOTE: For every ten pounds of tumbled rock you donate to the club, you receive a 2-pound bag of 80/90 grit or 220 grit. Please, no river rock. Thank you.

**Saw Oil** is once again available to Club members. Cost is \$15 per gallon (bring your own container). Contact James McLean via Text at 509-989-1087 to schedule an appointment for pick-up on Wednesdays and weekends only. A limited number of small containers will be available for transfer at the General Club meetings.

**Reminder: Club Membership forms are available online at:**

<https://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com/officers---new-members-info.html>

### **New American Federation of Mineralogical societies Website.**

The AFMS has updated its website. It has a new look and is very usable. Check it out at:

<https://www.amfed.org/>.

### **Update— AFMS Display Case Uniform Rules, 9th Edition Now Available**

Larry Hulstrom, AFMS Uniform Rules Chair for 2023, has announced that the rules for AFMS Display Case Contests have been updated. The 9th Edition of the AFMS Uniform Rules can be found at

<https://www.amfed.org/contests/Rules>

*You might be a rockhound if . . . you color co-ordinate your clothes and shoes to match your gemstone pendants.*

### Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers Email: [lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com](mailto:lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com)

President	Patrick Donohue	Director	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Peter Kovich	Director	Jane Moore
Secretary	Debbie Muller	Federation Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Debbie Muller	Junior Club Lead.	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Chris Sorensen	Bulletin Editor	<b>Vacant</b>
Program Director	<b>Vacant</b>	Librarian	<b>Vacant</b>
Membership	Lisa Noland	Webmaster	John Wenskovitch
Sunshine	<b>Vacant</b>	Historian	Mickee Madden

By-Laws specify two year elected terms for Board Members, beginning in November. President, Vice-President and One Director begin terms in even numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer, and a Second Director begin terms in odd numbered years. The Federation Representative, Junior Club Leader, Bulletin Editor and Committee Chairs are Board-approved volunteers. By-laws can be found at: [www.lakesidegemandmineral.com](http://www.lakesidegemandmineral.com).

### Rockhound Legislative Advocate

When notified by the AFMS, the NFMS, ALAA or club members about legislative issues that will affect rockhounding activities, we will forward that information to club members via email lists.



#### Club Affiliations:

- American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)
- Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS)
- American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

- <http://www.amfed.org>
- <http://www.amfed.org/nfms>
- <http://www.amlands.org>



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