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

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GEODE Submission Deadline:

19th of the month for member articles & photos

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Membership: Please pay at meetings or mail in.

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The Membership List is being updated for 2023 of paid members. Make sure your dues are paid so that you don't miss out on Club Communications and The Geode.

Club Meetings & Upcoming Events

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7105 W 10th Ave, Kennewick

Social at 6:30pm – Meeting at 7:00pm

May 27 or 28, 2023 – Class on Glue-on Stone Gem Trees – Mickee Madden

June 7, 2023 – 6-7pm – Parking Lot Sale & Swap (Tailgating)

7pm – Club Meeting – general business meeting **No Silent Auction**

June 10-11, 2023 – Wire Wrapping Classes, Chris Sorenson is contact person.

June 24 or 25, 2023 – Class on Drilled Stone Gem Trees – Mickee Madden is contact.

July, 2023 – No club meeting

July 1, 2023 – Coyote Canyon Mammoth Dig, meet in parking lot by Fred Meyer on 10th Ave between 9:00 and 9:30 and caravan to the dig site. Walther Rohlfing is contact.

July 8, 2023 – Wild Turkey Mine, A volunteer is needed as contact for this trip. Mine is about 8 miles from Chewelah, WA. Noble Serpentine can be found here.

July 17, 2023 – Board Meeting

Minutes – Club Meeting, May 3, 2023

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

- Patrick Donohue, President, made the motion that Sally Lyon replace Caroline Bowdish as Treasurer. Caroline has agreed to become Assistant Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Larry Hulstrom and passed unanimously. Signatory authorities for LSGM accounts at Banner Bank will be Sally Lyon, Caroline Bowdish and Larry Hulstrom.
- Patrick Donohue also made the motion that Debbie Muller replace Sally Lyon as Secretary. The motion was made and passed unanimously.
- Welcome guests Jason and Stacey, Nancy, Lori, Mindy and Chad, Kerry and wife, Wade, Jody, and Bobbie.
- Steve Madden, Pat Harmon, Jane Moore, Lisa Nolan, and Bill Watson were the lucky door prize winners this month.
- LSGM t-shirts are still available for \$5 each, as well as the new rockhound bumper stickers for \$8. Also, if you ordered a name badge, please pick it up from Larry.

Old Business

- Kathy Larson will be hosting wire wrapping classes on June 10 and 11 put on by Kitty Kat Wire Wrapping. Sign up sheets will be available at our regular meetings. Classes are \$40 for copper and \$45 for silver which includes the wire and a cabochon. Check out the Geode for further information.
- Patrick and Marty took part in Earth Day at the Reach on April 22nd. They gave out brochures, and talked with attendees about what LSGM is all about. Thank you, Patrick, and Marty, for taking part in this activity and spreading the word about our club.
- We are having trouble contacting 3 winners from the raffle. If anyone knows Rex Williams, Greg Hegic or Mazie Marvin, please let them know they are winners.

Show Rundown

- Ticket sales were 1064 on Saturday and 586 on Sunday.
- Heather Moon was chosen as best case for her display “Recreation of the Lion King”, and Junie and Tate Jones won the best junior case for their display “Minecraft vs Real Life”. Congratulations!
- Larry has 4 rocks that were left on the *Touch and Feel* table which will become yard rocks unless they are picked up.
- Please bring in your street signs to the next meeting.
- The informal poll taken at the ticket sales table showed that Facebook and social media were by far the most mentioned way that people heard about the show.
- Larry is looking for feedback regarding ways we can improve the show, or make things run more smoothly next year, or if anyone saw improvement this year, please let him know.

New Business

- The Coyote Canyon Mammoth Dig fieldtrip has been changed to July 1. We will meet up at the parking lot by Fred Meyer on 10th Ave between 9:00 and 9:30 on that Saturday and caravan to the dig site. Walther Rohlfing is the contact, and signup sheets are available at the June meeting.
- Katherine Larson is stepping down as Membership Coordinator and Lisa Nolan has volunteered to take over that position. Thank you, Kathy, for your hard work with memberships, and thank you Lisa for stepping up.
- Due to the announced increase in postage rates by the US Postal Service, \$10 will be added to your membership dues next year if you prefer that the Geode be mailed to you. There will be no increase in dues if you receive the Geode by email.
- Mickee Madden is hosting classes on making gem trees. She will teach the glue-on stone method on May 27th or 28th, and how to make a tree using drilled stone chips on June 24th or 25th. Please contact Mickee for more information.
- We need a volunteer to take over selling tumbling grit and oil. Please talk with Patrick if you’re interested.
- Jerry Johnson has donated a number of Metzger Maps to the LSGM library.
- The church contract is due to be renewed in July and Larry was asked whether LSGM would be willing to change our regular meeting night to either the first Tuesday or the first Thursday of every month. After discussion, a show of hands indicated that a change to either night would be agreeable.

Program: 5 Minute Rockhound

The meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted by Sally Lyon, Secretary

Junior Club News

The Junior's booth at the show was a busy place. Thank you to all the families who showed up to make it happen. The junior members did a great job helping customers and running the games, and the parents' support was appreciated.

The juniors' display cases were exceptional this year! Ahziah's showed over 50 specimens organized into categories such as igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary, and homemade crystals. Ryan's featured a sunstone river, thundereggs, and several stones that he faceted. Arthur's had a rainbow of rocks and minerals as well as gem trees he made. Martin's had amazing crystal specimens, and the Christiansen family showed the adventure of rock collecting with a treasure chest and dragon sleeping in a cave. The Jones family's display won the prize for its creativity and educational value, showing real rocks alongside their Minecraft models. Congratulations, Tate and Juni!

At the May meeting we welcomed many new members as well installed a new display at the REACH Museum. Pauline is still adding some finishing touches, and we'll add even more specimens at the June meeting (for anyone who missed the May meeting.) This "3 Types of Rock" display will be in place until July.

Juniors Fluorescent minerals talk and demo on June 13th at 6:30 pm

Juniors join us on June 13th for a talk and demo about fluorescent minerals at the REACH. Fluorescence is a property of some minerals where they will glow due to a certain wavelength of light that is absorbed by an ion or activator present in the mineral. Chris Sorensen will bring some minerals and lights so that you can see this property in action.

Do you have a fluorescent mineral at home? Check out the list here <https://uvminerals.org/minerals/common-fluorescent-minerals/> and bring your specimen to show and share with others.



Best Display Junior Division – Tate and Juni

Minutes – Board Meeting, May 15, 2023

Present: Officers – Patrick Donohue, Caroline Bowdish, Patty DeForest, Larry Hulstrom, Peter Kovich, Wayne Larson, Sally Lyon, Pauline Schafer, Chris Sorensen, Debbie Muller.

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Old Business

Treasurer's report: Not published per historic club practices.

Church had inquired if we would consider changing the day of the week for our meeting – possibly Tuesday or Thursday.

Larry informed them the membership had not shown a preference for either day, but were willing to consider the change.

Church has not made a decision yet.

Show Business

- Larry declared the Show is over. He has some signs and stuff to put away. Receipts and invoices being finalized and paid.
- Larry has had several discussions with Fairgrounds and Camping people:
 - Talking about revamping parking and possibly building another building.
 - Most things will be different next year: if we want to have building 3 in addition to building 2, we will probably be charged; cost for building 2 will probably increase.
 - We DO have our dates locked in: April 20-21, 2024.
 - When negotiations begin, Larry would like a couple of people to go with him as additional ears and support.
- Requests/considerations for next year:
 - Would like to have a vendor that sells supplies; possibly Irv's Lapidary from Spokane?
 - 3-4 vendors backed out late this year, so the cancellation policy has been revamped.
 - Larry would like input on vendors to keep and/or NOT invite to return.
 - Space around the Silent Auction area should be cordoned off to avoid people getting back behind the space.
 - Discussion about taking credit cards for entry fees/tickets: credit card transactions are costly to the club; possible to have an ATM brought in? Potential suppliers could be credit unions, banks, or possibly the Fairground has one?
 - Fairgrounds people were talking about us raising our cost of entry and giving them \$1 per ticket sale, as well as the possibility of selling tickets electronically. Larry informed them we have our own tickets and weren't planning to raise our ticket price.
 - How were the bumper sticker sales? Sold most, but not all. Was price too high?

New Business

- Chris has arranged a guest speaker for the October 4th meeting; Bob Carson, Professor Emeritus at Whitman College. She requests an update when church makes decision about our meeting day change, so she may inform Mr. Carson ASAP.
- Discussion around confusion on the membership form regarding the pro-rated amounts. Decided to amend the form with "For new members only..." in an attempt to show that renewing members don't receive that prorated amount in subsequent years of membership. Additional discussion concerned the possibility of changing the pro-rated amount/time frame to once per year (say, June), rather than 4 times per year. Decision was to try the "For new members only" first.
- This change to the membership form brought further items to be changed: Juniors ages changed to read from age 8 to 16; include \$10.00 cost for paper Geode starting Nov. 2023 issue and, on brochure – change Reach information, meeting day/time (when/if changes).
- Ron Northey donated 5# tumbled rock. Discussion of potential key chain party.
- June meeting – Tailgating from 6 to 7 p.m.
 - Meeting from 7 to 8 p.m.

Minutes – Board Meeting, May 15, 2023 – Continued

Junior Club Business

- Pauline reported 11 new members, with 2-4 returning members. Intended to fill Reach display case with items brought by returning members, but needed to fill in on their behalf. Next month Tate and Juni will fill display with the Minecraft exhibit from the Show.
- Chris spoke with the Hermiston Junior Club while attending the Hermiston show and they indicated an interest in joint meetings/activities with our Junior Club. Since they have pre-planned their entire year, there may be some switching around to be done – also considering possibly getting together on a Sunday, rather than midweek.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Muller, Secretary

Wirewrapping class with Kathy Muechel

Have you signed up for the wirewrapping classes on June 10th or 11th? Chris Sorensen has the signup list and will bring it to the June 7th tailgating. Please contact her to get the location and time for the classes.



Best Display – Heather Moon

Lakeside Hat and T-shirts are on Sale Now!

It's going to start warming up outside. Do you have a Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club hat or T-shirt yet? They would be great to wear during the April Show coming up! It also helps to advertise our club, and deter would be shop lifters. The T-shirts are available in a variety of adult and children's sizes. If you already have one why not buy another so when one gets dirty you will have a spare.

The Club Board of Directors has approved a reduction in the price of the T-shirts which are now \$5.00 each. Hats are in short supply and remain at \$10.00 each. Help support your Club. See Larry Hulstrom to get yours today! They will be available at club meetings the next few months.

Classifieds

Mike Zinski's Workshop for lapidary arts:

Rock Saw Oil and Grit: Please have exact change and contact for pickup:

Mickee Madden -

Saw oil purchasing information:

- Must be a LSGM club member to purchase saw oil.
 - Membership forms are available if you need to join.
- Oil \$12 per gallon.

Available in 5-gallon buckets, or bring your own containers

Tumbling grit all sold in 2# bags only:

- 80 grit: \$5.00 for 2# bag
- 220 grit: \$5.50 for 2#bag
- 600 grit: \$7.00 for 2# bag.
- Cerium Oxide Polish Powder: \$23.00 for 2# bag.
- For every 10 lbs. of tumbled rock you donate (no river rock), get 2 lbs. of 60/90 or 220 grit free.

Contact: Mickee Madden -

Selling Items at Club Shows, Auctions and Other Club Related Activities

Items that could be sold at club shows, auctions and other club related activities:

- Rocks, Minerals, Fossils (specimens, rough).
- Lapidary and carving rough and associated equipment and supplies.
- Rockhounding equipment and supplies.
- Faceting rough and associated equipment and supplies.
- Gold Panning/Metal Detecting equipment and supplies.
- Flint Knapping equipment and supplies.
- Jewelry equipment and supplies.
- Magazines, books, DVDs, CDs, associated with any of the above items/topics.

In short, the items you sell **must be directly related to minerals, rocks, and fossils or jewelry.** Limit of 5 lots per seller. Please remember what we sell reflects upon our club and tells the public what we are about! Note: No auction during the December and January meetings.

Officers E-mail: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

President	Patrick Donohue	Director	Wayne Larson
Vice President	Peter Kovich	Director	Jane Moore
Secretary	Sally Lyon	Fed. Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Sally Lyon	Jr Club Leader	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Chris Sorensen	Bulletin Editor	Patty DeForest
Program Director		Librarian	Walther Rohlfing
Membership	Lisa Nolan	Refreshments	
Sunshine	Sally Lyon	Historian	Mickee Madden

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.



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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