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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:

19th of each month for member articles & photos

E-mail: lgmgeode2025@outlook.com

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: Link to form can be found on
the club web site.

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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.

January 7nd- General Club Meeting. Rock Bingo! Everyone bring 5 stones/parcels

January 14th Junior Club Meeting at the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

January 20th Board Meeting. 6:30 pm.

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 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 . . .

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and we're all able to enjoy all that offers us. I would like to express my appreciation to several members who have worked to keep our club functioning and running well. Our webmaster John Wenskovitch helped getting us coordinated with the MFMS and now we're getting its digital newsletter along with updating the Hancock scholarship application to our website. Vicki Elkins deserves a big thank you for taking over as our GO editor after we lost the last one. Things weren't very well organized and just taking her and help from several members to get everything back together so you can read this. As I mentioned, the scholarship application for the Hancock rock retreat is on our website for anyone who might be interested in applying. I think this is a great opportunity to be exposed to and to increase your ladder skills along with rubbing shoulders with people who have similar interest in our hobby. Looking forward to next year I think our club would benefit if we could get some members responsible for a field trip and program committee. From the interest expressed in our newsletter field trips and instruction on laboratory skills are things our members would like to see our club provide. I think having several 2 to 4 members to work on these areas would make it easier and more successful than having one single member responsible for this. At the present time we do not have anyone that is doing this from what I understand the programs each month are done by the Board of Directors and members tend to go on field trips by themselves or with one or two friends. I think our club has members that could help with this. They just have to volunteer and spend a little time getting these done. Remember this month program is rock bingo so I've been told that everyone is supposed to bring five rocks to enter the bingo game. See you there.

An interesting and timely article for your consideration

For those of you that have collections that someday will need to be dispositioned by family, friends, or relatives, it is never too late to begin thinking about and providing some guidance to those individuals as to what your wishes are for that collection. Some helpful guidelines have been provided via an article entitled "**Recommendations Regarding the Handling and Sale of Your Collection**". It was published in the Mineralogical Record (Vol 41, No. 6, 2010). Acknowledgement and thanks are given to the Mineralogical Record and the authors for providing permission to republish this article. Thanks are also given to Don and Pat Snyder who provided me with a copy. The paragraph that follows is the preface to that article. The article is provided in its entirety and in Word format on the club website. It contains a form that can be filled out and used by anyone.

Every year we hear stories of fine mineral collections mishandled, thrown away or sold for pennies by heirs. Most of us will someday pass our collection on to another person who will be required to deal with its disposition, even though he or she may know little or nothing about minerals. After all the time, labor and money that we have invested in our collections, it behooves us to take the steps that will save headaches and (perhaps costly) confusion for our heirs and executors.

Larry Hulstrom

Classes, Gatherings, Field Trips, and Groups

Social / Crafting Gathering Dates

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.

2024 dates

- December 29th

2025 Dates

- January Social Crafting Group: 5th and 19th.
- February Social Crafting Group: 2nd and 16th.
- March Social Crafting Group: 2nd, 16th, and 30th.

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.

Flat Lap Cabbing Class Dates for the Remainder of the Year

Flat Lap Cabbing classes are going great guns. Following are the class dates Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays. All Flat Lap Cabbing class times are from 6 until 8 PM.

2024 Dates

- December 30th, and 31st.

2025 dates

- January 13th, 14th, and 18th and 27th, 28th
- February 1st, and 10th, 11th, 15th, and 24th, 25th
- March 1st and 10th, 11th, 15th, and 24th, 25th, and 29th

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.

General Club Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2024

5 November 2024

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Dave W. at 7:01 pm

No corrections to last months' minutes – accepted as printed

New/Visitors

Old Business

Request pay dues for 2025 before Dec. 31st. Membership coordinator sends our roster to National organizations and we want them as accurate as possible.

Riverfest – LGM was underrepresented. We could have used more participation. Would like to have a Volunteer to organize next year. Sold \$261 in grab bags.

Christmas Party Volunteers – Kathy, Ardeti, Judy and Pat – Reported we will have punch, meatballs, forks & spoons and plates provided by the Club. Please bring food – “Finger Foods” to share. There may be games, there may be an ugly sweater contest.

New Business

Lifetime Memberships were awarded. YAY!!

Chris is proposing a Wire Weaving class.

Drawing.

Federation Newsletter has gone “digital” only.

Contestants showed and explained their entries.

Voting ensued.

Meeting was adjourned.

The 2024 Rocking with the Stars completion was held at the November meeting. Thanks to all that entered. The winners are:

Category 1 – Best Find Chris Sorensen

Category 2 – Best Fossil Patrick Donohue

Category 3 – Silverpicker of the Year (We had a tie!)

Chris Sorensen and Wayne Larson

Category 4 – Jewelry Vickie Elkins

Category 5 – Finished Stone Patrick Donohue

Category 6 – Project of the Year Kerry Norton

Start thinking of next year entries.

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Camp Hancock Jewelry Retreat in Oregon Scholarship: Link to application can be found at the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club web site at: lakesidegemandmineralclub.com on the home page. Complete instructions, submission due date, and info can be found with it.

Newest Members to achieve Lifetime status: Larry Hulstrom, Kay Hulstrom, and Kathy Larson



We would like to send a special thanks to Pat & Don Snyder for their contribution of dealer table skirting. Also thank those members who helped with the laying out, measuring, cutting, and folding of the material for future use.

Correction was made to the Volume number of the Geode: As it came to my attention that up until the beginning of 2024 that the Volume number changed each month along with the Issue number. The Volume number remained the same at 176 for the entire year of 2024. I counted through each issue to see what the Volume number would have been for that month so that I could pickup at what it should have been.

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: swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com	Cowlitz County Fairgrounds 1900 7 th Ave., Longview, WA.
September 21 – 22, 2024	Clallam Co. Gem and Mineral Assoc. Website: www.sequimrocks.org	Burton Community Center 308 East 4 th Street Port Angeles, WA.
September 21 – 22, 2024	Billings Gem and Mineral Club Show Info: infor24@billingsgemclub.com	Eagle Seeker Community Center 1125 Broadwater Ave. Billings, MT.
October 4 – 6, 2024	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Website: www.facebook.com/groups/prgms	Wingspan Event Center 801 NE 34 th Ave. Hillsboro, OR.
October 5, 2024	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Show Info: cbnopal219@gmail.com	Bonneville CO. Fairgrounds 1542 E. 73 rd South, Idaho Falls
October 5 – 6, 2024	Marysville Rock and Gem Club Show Website: www.marysvillerockclub.com	Evergreen Fairgrounds 14405 179 th Ave SE., Monroe, WA.
October 19 – 20, 2024	Hells Canyon Gem Club Info: mlandjl@yahoo.com	Nez Perce CO. Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Ave. Lewiston, ID.
November 9 – 10, 2024	Skagit Rock and Gem Show Website: www.skagitrockandgem.com	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 https://denvergemshow101.com/schedule-2024/	Denver, Colorado
January 20 – Feb. 16, 2025	Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows Multiple Showcases https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2025	Tucson, Arizona

Club Board Meeting Minutes –November 5, 2024

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Larry Hulstrum, Patrick Donohue, Wayne Larson, Lisa Noland, Bert Kae Je, Pauline Schafer, Sharon Louise, Dave Westlund, Debbie Muller

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business

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

Membership Chairman report: We discussed which numbers go to NFMS and determined that it was the number enrolled as of Dec. 31, 2024. Discussed amount of dues we pay that goes to National – it is \$3.50 per adult and \$1.00 per Junior. Larry will forward the reporting forms to Lisa.

Discussed Board communications – set up a Text Group of Board Members.

Discussed the Scholarship Application for NW Rockhound Retreat for 2025. Debbie motioned, Larry seconded that we have the application completed and available by the Dec. meeting.

Passed Unanimously. We will ask Webmaster to put information and application on the website. We will also send to Geode Editor to include. Will have paper copies available at December meeting.

New Business

Discussed options for soliciting funding from the greater community where we live, work and rockhound.

Don Schneider provided a document to share about “Handling and Sale of Your Collection” for preparing before we pass on, so our wishes for our collections can be made known and handled legally.

Discussed some potential things that we might work on for 2025.

- Gifts to club

- Programs for next year – request volunteer to direct and/or head committee

- Field Trips – request volunteer to direct and/or head committee

- Suggestion box

- Juniors attending Field Trips

- Preparing an educational program, possibly with script included.

- Bringing back Refreshments to the meetings – returning to pre-Covid “social” part of club

- Possibility of changing time for Tailgating at April show

For January meeting – Everyone please bring 5 rocks each for BINGO

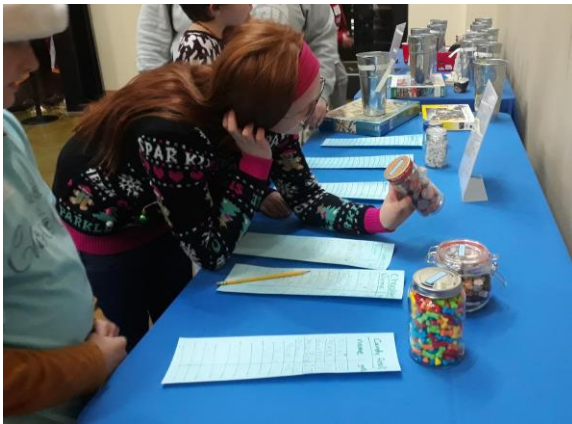
There will be a Board meeting on Dec. 16th

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Jr. Club Report

The Junior club has elected new officers for the year. We welcome Ahziah as president, Juni as vice president, and Mara as secretary. They got a great start running our November meeting, where we investigated the science and mathematics of crystal shapes.

January's meeting on the 14th will be a chance to explore the traditions and folklore around gems. We often hear or read about the mystical properties of gemstones, but where do these ideas come from? Are they the same for everyone's experience of that stone? Do you have a rock that has special meaning to you? You are welcome to bring one rock from your collection that contains a story or memory to share, and we will explore the history of some common gemstones.



The Junior Rock Club met December to celebrate the holidays. They enjoyed a potluck dinner, games, and crafts. Many enjoyed guessing how many candies or rocks filled the jars, and the closest guesses went home with the whole jar.

They also had fun adopting a pet rock and creating faces and accessories for their pets.

Juniors also continue to do great work researching and sharing about various rocks and minerals through the Mineral of the month program. – **January**

Pyrite by Jamison

Pyrite is also called “Fool’s Gold” because it resembles gold to the untrained eye. It is 6 to 6.5 on the Mohs hardness scale. It can help protect against negative energy.

Classifieds

Mike Zinski's Workshop is available for any and all lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: gemmakermz@gmail.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 can't pass a business establishment that has rocks in their landscaping without checking them out.

President	Dave Westland	Director ^(x)	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Sharon Louise	Director ^(y)	Bert Kae Je'
Secretary	Debbie Muller	Federation Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Debbie Muller	Junior Club Leader	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Patrick Donohue	Bulletin Editor	Vickie Elkins
Program Director	Vacant	Librarian	Denise Williams
Membership	Lisa Noland	Webmaster	John Wenskovitch
Sunshine	Vacant	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^(y) numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer, and a Second Director begin terms in odd^(x) 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.

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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