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

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Next Junior Club Meeting

Tues, Mar. 11, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
Banner Bank, 203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick, WA
Jr Club Leader: Thora Trumbo (509) 582-4297

Next Club Meeting

Wed., Mar. 5, 2014, **6:30 social**, 7:00 p.m. meeting
Seventh Day Adventist Church,
7305 W. 10th Ave., Kennewick, WA

Next Board Meeting

Mon, Mar. 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m. (same location)

Rock Show Organizing Committee Mtg.

Immediately following the Board meeting.

LGMC 2014 Gem Show - April 26-27, 2014

Event planning update with member involvement opportunities on page 4.

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GEODE Submission Deadlines:

15th - articles and photos
Day after Bd mtg - officer and committee contributions
E-mail them to carol.devine2@frontier.com
or call (509) 967-0589 to make other arrangements

Club Owned Equipment Inventory

The Board of Directors is confirming and updating the inventory list of Club owned equipment. Please complete and return the form on page 11 by March 5, 2014. Form on page 11.

Mar. 5, 2014 program:

Small Group Craft Demonstrations

- Choose the topics of most interest to you.
- Coordination: Kathryn Larson

Bragging table theme: something you have made (need not be rock related)

What is it? Members are invited to bring one rock or mineral per meeting for identification.

Thank you!

March meeting refreshments:

- Melanie Bruce
- Evelyn Cataldo
- Pat Harmon
- Marcia Monthey

Coordinator: Mary Lou Omstead

Happy St. Patrick's Day! 

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Minutes – Board meeting – Feb. 17, 2014

Present: (Board Members) Dave Westland, Marty Casto, Michelle Isom, Bert Kae-Jé, Larry Hulstrom, Steve Shoemaker, Yvonne Legare, Carol Devine. (Quorum present.)
 (Members) Mary Lou Omstead, Evelyn Cataldo, Kathryn Larson, Don Snyder, and Max Guettinger.

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

Old Business

- Treasurer’s report – Bert Kae-Jé. Treasury audit suggested separately reporting adult and junior club funds.
- Club owned equipment inventory – in progress; completed forms **due March 5, 2014**.
- Action plan to expend excess club funds – estimated annual budget in progress. Board is receiving suggestions verbally and in writing from members. They will be combined into a single list with estimated costs for Board consideration. Club members will be invited to vote on their preferences.
- **Motion passed** – Meeting site rental fees will be paid from the Club treasury, rather than donations.
- **Motion passed** – Bert Kae-Jé is authorized to purchase six cash boxes for Club events.
- **Motion passed** – The advertising budget for the Rock Show is increased by \$400.
- **Motion passed** – Evelyn & Dom are authorized to hire men from the mission to load and unload display cases for the LGMC 2014 Gem Show in April.
- All America Club – Evelyn Cataldo needs photos of the Club exhibits at the 2013 Benton Franklin Fair, and names of community organizations in which LGMC members participate. **Due March 5, 2014 or earlier.**
- New member welcome packets – Carol Devine provided suggested contents. In progress. Goal: 4/1/14.
- **Motion passed** – Carol Devine is authorized to expend Club funds to print new member welcome packets.
- LGMC 2014 Gem Show – Evelyn reported on event preparations and activities.
- Private rock sale in Selah was postponed until Feb 15th due to snow. Extended to Feb 22nd. Well worth the time as reported by Steve Shoemaker. Second e-mail notice to members authorized.

New Business

- Earth Month (April) exhibits in libraries: Pasco (Andy Johnson), and West Richland (Carol Devine) libraries have confirmed. Other libraries are being approached.
- **Motion passed** – Larry Hulstrom is authorized to commit LGMC to exhibit at the 2014 Benton Franklin Fair.
- Classified ad – Leon Howard is selling a Sapphire Faceting Machine with supplies. Free ad in Geode is authorized for LGMC current members.

Next Meetings

- Club meeting: Mar. 5, 2014, 7:00 p.m. (social at 6:30). Program: Small Group Craft Demonstrations (coordinator: Kathryn Larson). Bragging table theme: something you have made (not necessarily rock related)
- Board meeting: Mar. 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Club members are invited and welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m., followed by a Rock Show Organizing Committee meeting.
 Michelle Isom, Secretary

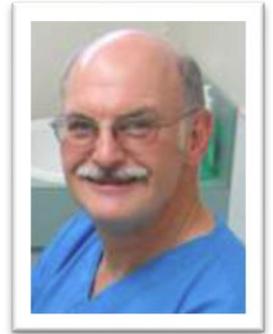
LGMC Board of Directors - March 2014			
Officers E-mail: lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com			
President	Dave Westland – 735-9678	Director	Steve Shoemaker – 521-5623
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Phone numbers are all Area Code 509. By-Laws specify two year elected terms of office 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. Club By-Laws at www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com			

Minutes – Club Meeting – Feb. 5, 2014

Dave Westland opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Guests and new members were introduced and welcomed. They included Dianne Ritana (jewelry making) and Don Phelps (flint knapping).

Treasurer's report: Bert Kae-Jé. Request for Payment or Reimbursement Form introduced. Copy in Feb. 2014 Geode. Forms available at meetings. The Food Bank thanks LGMC for its \$295 cash donation in Dec. 2013.



Dave Westland
Club President

Announcements

- **Private rock sale in Selah, Feb. 8, 2014.** Caravan leaves Save-On-Foods parking lot (800 N Park Center, Selah) at 11:45 a.m. Rough \$50/bucket. Slabs. Petrified wood. Contact: Darrell Watkins (509) 673-0085.
- **Multi-Federation Field Trip, Terry, MT, July 31-Aug 3, 2014** – If planning to attend, reserve your lodging or campsite accommodations now! Nearest sites are already booked per Larry Hulstrom.
- **NW Federation Show, Hermiston, Aug 15-17, 2014**
 - ✓ LGMC society competition cases will feature petrified wood, and jewelry making. Larry Hulstrom invites members to provide 2 items for consideration. Coordinators will prepare labels using provided info.
 - ✓ Hermiston club is arranging for featured speakers, demonstrations, special displays and a banquet. Judi Allison asks LGMC members to support the event and invites participation to help make it a success.
- **Bizarro! May 18, 2014** Hatrock GMS event, Hermiston Conference Center. Twenty vendors needed; can sell anything. Please reserve your table now. LGMC members are invited to support the event. Judi Allison

General Business

- **Club Owned Equipment Inventory** – LGMC members housing Club equipment are asked to complete and submit a brief form (page 11) **by Mar. 5, 2014.** Also need to locate all the rock show signs.
- **Action Plan to Expend Excess Club Funds** – Dave Westland invites member suggestions. Please provide in writing to Dave Westland or Marty Casto.
- **LGMC Field Trips** – Ammon Bruce is planning a club field trip to Bickleton for March.
- **All America Club** – 2013 photos and requested data (see Feb. Geode) is needed by Evelyn Cataldo **by Feb. 20.**
- **LGMC 2014 Gem Show, Apr. 26-27, 2014** – see February Geode for updates. Planning committee meets right after the Board meetings. All members are invited and welcome.

Next Meeting: Mar. 5, 2014, 6:30 social, 7:00 pm meeting

- Program: Small group craft demonstrations by LGMC members. Look at projects, ask questions, watch the process. Organizer: Kathryn Larson
- Bragging Table Theme: something you have made (need not be rock related)

Program

- **Bragging table** – red or naturally heart-shaped rocks, minerals, or fossils
- **Door prizes** – winners: Dave Westland and Carol Devine
- **Presentation:** The Art of Preparing Your Display Case for Competitive Judging – Larry Hulstrom
Get AFMS Uniform Rules at <http://www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm> or from the NFMS Supplies Committee

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Michelle Isom, Secretary



Spring Forward!
Daylight savings time
begins Sunday, March 9th



LAKESIDE ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW

APRIL 26th & 27th

Show time is rapidly approaching and your help is needed to make it a success. There will be sign-up sheets to help with the Show at both the March and April meetings. If you cannot make it to a meeting and would like to help, give me a call at 628-0170. We need help with the following:

DISPLAYS: We have 48 cases to fill with minerals, fossils, collectible rocks, lapidary crafts, gemstones and more. If you don't have a display case, not a problem. The Club has loaner cases available. Display cases can be set up Friday afternoon or early evening. Cases need to be taken down after 4:05 pm on Sunday. Sign up to display your treasures using sign-up sheets noted above.

THURSDAY LOAD-OUT: We will need pickup trucks and manpower at about 4:00 pm to go to the storage shed and pull out everything we need to set up the Show.

FRIDAY SET-UP: Starting at 9:00 am, tables and chairs need to be unfolded and put into place. Dealer tables need to be skirted. Display tables need to be erected and cases put together. All this needs to be done by noon. Lunch will be provided for the workers and afterwards we will finish up the details.

TICKET SELLERS: Two hour shifts both Saturday and Sunday. Involves taking money and passing out door prize tickets. Easy, sit down job.

SILENT AUCTION TABLE: Two hour shifts setting out rocks for bid and taking money. If action is your game, this is where you need to be.

GEODE CRACKING: Use the cracker to split geodes and take money. We will teach you how to use the cracker. Always a busy spot at the Show.

SUNDAY TAKE-DOWN: After all the fun, we have to take-down the Show at 4:05 pm. That means folding up tables and chairs and returning Club property to the storage shed. We will need those pick-up trucks again.

None of the tasks require prior experience, nor are they difficult. I encourage new and newer members to volunteer. It is an easy way to meet other members and be active in the Club. You will have an enjoyable time. It is not necessary to devote the entire weekend to the Show; a few hours of your time is all that we ask. Of course, if you are helping in any way, before, during or after the Show, Show admission is free all weekend to you.

Evelyn Cataldo, Acting Show Chair

Members of LGMC are its' greatest resource. To get acquainted, get involved. New talent always welcome!			
Field Trips	Ammon Bruce, Heather Moon	Memberships	Pat Lambert
Meeting Programs	Kathryn Larson	Historian	Mary Lou Omstead
Website Manager	Sean Hall	Meeting Refreshments	Mary Lou Omstead
Librarian	Ron Northey	Door Prizes/Speaker Gifts	Ron Passage
Junior Club Leader	Thora Trumbo	Sunshine Chairman	Pat Harmon
Club Workshop	Steve Shoemaker	Gem & Mineral Identification	Membership
Welcome Packets	Maurine Hansen & Carol Devine	Annual Club Events Scrapbook	Elody Mackey, Evelyn Cataldo

Minutes – Junior Club Meeting – Feb. 11, 2014

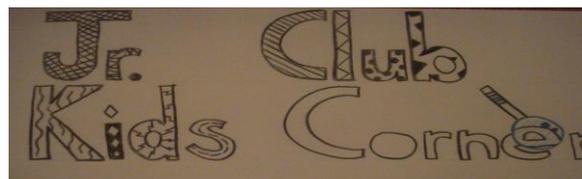
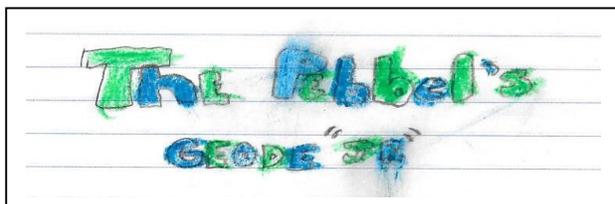
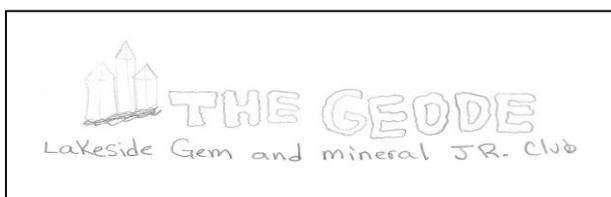
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Business -- We welcomed guests Aubrey, Chance and Samantha, who attended with their parents. Door prizes: **Teagan** and **Dessie** on Desert Rose and Garnet. Birthday celebration: **Teagan**. Show-N-Tell: **Amos**' fossil fish, **Ryanna**'s unidentified river rock. **Jaycie** received a special award (a fossil fish from Wyoming donated by Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker) for highest Jr. Club attendance in 2013. Great job! Upcoming regional rock shows were discussed. **Christian** and **Nathan** are asked to return overdue library books.

Mineral reports and homework -- Mineral reports next month: **Ian** and **Samantha**. Those who completed last month's homework received a reward. Optional new homework was distributed to keep in rock club folders.

Lesson -- Activity cards of various science interests, along with two worksheets to complete. Additional cootie catchers' games taught scientific vocabulary.

Junior Club Logo Contest -- **Grace, Dessie** and **Kevin** designed and submitted the great ideas for club logos and banners shown below. Mrs. Trumbo congratulated the students on the imagination and artistic creativity reflected in their designs. The students considered which logo best represented the Junior Club, and voted. The result was provided to Geode Editor Carol Devine for a final decision.



April 26-27th rock show preparation -- we discussed staffing the Junior Corner in time slots from 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday, displays (**Olivia, Ian, Dessie, Keven, the Trumbos** so far), set-up and take down activities. All members are invited to participate. Importance of preparing display cases well before the event.

Next meeting -- March 11, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Banner Bank, Kennewick, WA

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jr. Club Leader Thora Trumbo for Makenna, Club Secretary

UPDATE: At the March 11th meeting, Carol Devine will invite the members to adopt the following logo and newsletter banner.



THE GEODE JR GEMS

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Kid's Corner

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Dates		March 2014 Regional Events	
1-2	East King County Rock Club Annual Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pickering Barn 1730 – 10 th Ave. NW, Issaquah, WA	Robin Feiner (206) 579-8448
	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	O’Conner Field House 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID	Susan Beattie (208) 466-6184
7-9	Tualatin Valley Rock & Gem Club Annual Show, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Washington County FairPlex 873 NE 34 th Ave., Hillsboro, OR	Mitch Metcalf (503) 726-9168
8-9	Magic Valley Gem Club Annual Show 9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Twin Falls Co. Fairgrounds 215 Fair Ave., Filer, ID (east of Filer on US Hwy 30)	Jon Cromer (208) 308-3364
28-30	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane Annual Show 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Spokane Co. Fair & Expo Ctr. N. 604 Havana, Spokane, WA	David Rapp (509) 891-6533
29-30	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society Annual Show, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Sweet Home HS Activity Gym 1641 Long St., Sweet Home, OR	Joe Cota (541) 451-2740
	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club Annual Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Bloedel Donovan Comm. Ctr. 2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham, WA	Sheri Clark (360) 510-6483
Dates		April 2014 Regional Events	
5-6	South East Idaho Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Bannock Co. Fairgrounds 10558 Ifft Rd, Pocatello, ID	Anna Capell (208) 221-9458
11-13	British Columbia, Canada Gem Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Ag-Rec Bldg, Central Fraser Valley Fairgrounds 32470 Haida Dr., Abbotsford, British Columbia	
	Mt. Hood Rock Club Annual Show 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	National Guard Armory 10000 NE 33 rd Dr, Portland, OR	L.F. Smith mhrcshow@gmail.com
12-13	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	WA Nat’l Guard Armory 2501 Airport Lane, Yakima, WA	Marti Sondgeroth (509) 248-6401
	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Idaho Falls Recreation Ctr. B Street, Idaho Falls, ID	Gary Hayes (208) 754-0403
18-20	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Annual Show, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Polk Co. Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall, OR	Etheleen Flippo (509) 623-4247
26-27	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Society Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Sat.), or 4:00 pm (Sun.) NFMS Midyear Meeting 1:00 Apr. 26, 2014	Benton Co. Fairgrounds Bldg. 16, 1500 S. Oak St., Kennewick, WA	Mary Lou Omstead (509) 783-2798
	West Seattle Rock Club Annual Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Aiki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA	Lyle Vogelpohl (206) 932-3292
	Grays Harbor Geology & Gem Society Annual Show, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Grays Harbor Fair Grounds 43 Elma-McCleary Rd, Elma, WA	Gary Emberley (360) 533-6196

Club Learning Opportunities

- **Create your own cabochons.** Bring your own materials, or choose from those provided. Use the Club’s trim saw and cabbing machine. Instructor Rhea Bowerly. Have fun and make some new friends! Fee: \$1/hr. **March 18 & 19, 2014**, 5:30-9:30 p.m. (Third Wednesday and the preceding Tuesday each month.) Drop-ins welcome. 803 South Edison St., Kennewick. Questions? Mary Lou Omstead – (509) 783-2798
- **Flint knapping.** Make your own arrowhead or spear point from provided, shaped flint slabs. No fee. **March 13 and 27, 2014**, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Second and fourth Thursday each month.) Drop-ins welcome. 803 South Edison St., Kennewick. Questions? Frank Omstead – (509) 783-2798

Resources for Club Members

- **Will it fluoresce?** Club black light is available at the Omstead residence, 803 E Edison St., Kennewick. \$1/hr. Drop by on the cabochon or flint knapping nights listed above, or call to make other arrangements.
- **Rock saw oil.** Max Hatfield - (509) 582-6028; Ralph Eichner – (509) 582-9017
- **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

Competitive Exhibiting: A Step by Step Guide

Larry Hulstrom

An experienced competitive exhibitor at the Masters level, Larry Hulstrom began competing by assisting his sons Joshua and Jason at NFMS shows from 1999 through 2003 throughout the Pacific Northwest. They competed in Fossils (Classes F-1 and F-4) and Minerals (Classes BU and BT) Divisions. During that time and since, Larry has displayed in the Educational (Class EGC-1) and Minerals (Class BU) Divisions. He has served as the NFMS Competitive Exhibits Registrar, the Rules and Awards Chair, and the Judging Director, each for one year from 2010 through 2012. Larry's presentation at the February 5, 2014 meeting in Kennewick is expanded here to reach all Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club members.



Fossils exhibit – Larry Hulstrom

Why exhibit competitively? Develop an exhibit you will be proud of with support of high level rules and guidelines. Enhance your showmanship skills to attract attention of visitors to your collection. Accelerate your learning in your chosen area of the hobby. Exhibiting featured items from your collection helps you make contact with those who can enhance your knowledge. Refine your presentation skills with the benefit of constructive suggestions and critique of your exhibit. Exhibiting competitively gives you the opportunity to be recognized by your peers for your skills, and to share what you have learned with others.

What does competitive exhibiting do for our hobby? It communicates ideas and skills among the many individuals who participate in the show. Competitive exhibits promote public awareness of the diversity of specializations within this fascinating hobby. The quality of a show is always enhanced by its competitive exhibits.

General guidelines for excellence. We are never too old to learn. The learning process is very important to gain excellence in any discipline. The goal is to have the best display possible. Placing an exhibit in competition gives you the chance to learn from people who excel in exhibiting. Do not expect instant perfection. It takes time! Set yourself a personal challenge to improve your scores with each new event.

Eight Steps for Success!

Step 1: Get the guidelines

- Download the latest copy of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) Uniform Rules at <http://www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm> or request a printed copy from the NFMS Supplies Committee. If you are competing in Division B (Minerals), C (Lapidary), or F (Fossils), also get the reference list for that category.
- Organize your materials for ready and repeated access. You might choose a 3-ring binder with tabs for sections and competitive divisions.
- To get started, read Section I – General Rules and Definitions
- For general information, read Section II – Administration/Judging Requirements

Step 2: Choose your category

- Review the Divisions of most interest to you.
- Read the rules for each of those Divisions. Highlight and underline.
- Within the divisions of interest, choose the subdivision and class in which you may compete.
- Competition divisions (AFMS):

A — Open (mixed exhibits)

B — Minerals

C — Lapidary (carvings, cabochons, faceted gems)

D — Jewelry and Art Metalcraft

F — Fossils

G — Petrified Wood

H — Scrimshaw

I — Beading and Beadwork

E — Educational UV — Fluorescent Minerals

Step 3: Exhibitor experience level

Within these levels, almost anyone can find their niche and have lots of room for growth as exhibition skills improve.

- **Individual Exhibitor:**
 - ✓ **Novice** – recommended level for beginning exhibitors. Give yourself a chance to learn from your first competitive exhibit. Constructive criticism from your peers is invaluable. It helps you learn and improve your skills so your next display will be even more successful.
 - ✓ **Advanced** – intermediate exhibitors
 - ✓ **Master** – highly experienced exhibitors
 - ✓ **Junior** – youth
- **Society Exhibit** – a group of at least 5 (sometimes more based on the Division selected) collectors contributing in equal proportions to a single exhibit. Society exhibits are not in competition with individual exhibitors.



Petrified wood exhibit – Don & Pat Snyder

Step 4: Choose a show

- Competitive shows are spread throughout the United States.
- The AFMS is composed of seven similar regional organizations of gem, mineral, and lapidary societies. For more information, start with the AFMS website at <http://www.amfed.org/>
- Why not give your display case a trial run at the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club (LGMC) show April 26-27th [Geode page 4] in anticipation of entering it in the 2014 NFMS Show in Hermiston, Oregon August 15-17th?

Step 5: Submit your entry form

- For the show you choose, obtain the competitive exhibit entry form. Learn the deadline for receipt of completed forms, and calendar that date. Plan to submit your form at least a week in advance of the deadline.
- Re-read Section I of the AFMS Uniform Rules. Highlight and underline.
- Contact the NFMS Rules Chairman to seek clarification on rules you do not fully understand.
- Start planning your display case details.
- Prepare and submit your entry form to the NFMS Exhibits Registrar.



Fluorite exhibit – Larry Hulstrom

Step 6: Prepare your display case

- Talk with others who have exhibited competitively. Learn from their experience.
 - Attend shows and study competitive display cases there. Take photos if permitted. Pay attention to details. After the judging, talk with exhibitors whose cases were of interest to you. Learn from them what they would do differently with the benefit of feedback received. Ask lots of questions. Take notes.
 - From the show sponsors, learn on what date and by what time your competitive case must be set up and ready to view. When will the judging occur? Will you have an opportunity to talk with the judges afterwards? When should your display case be removed? Confirm the address of the show.
- Buy or build a display case, or borrow one from your club. If you are borrowing a numbered case, note the number so you will know which case your liner(s) fit. Set the case up at home at least a week before the show. Check that everything fits properly and the hinge screws are tightened. If needed, polish the wood front with a good quality furniture polish.
 - Make liners and risers for the case that complement and enhance your display. Have sharp edges and corners on the liners and risers. All should fit snugly in the case, and show no cracks or gaps. Be sure your lights are working.
 - Be sure all labels are neat, consistent, and made of material that will not curl under the heat of display lighting.
 - Carefully review Sections I and II of your guidelines once again. While there is still time to correct any deficiencies, verify that you have complied with each rule and guideline for your competitive class.
 - If possible, ask friends who have experience with exhibiting competitively to come look at your display case and offer you constructive advice and suggestions. Receive feedback graciously. Take notes. Ask questions.
 - When you are satisfied with your exhibit, take photographs and print them. Draw a diagram indicating locations of and spacing between each specimen.

- Verify that all the materials you intend to include in your case are packed and ready. Also consider including: a hand truck, clean tarp and tie downs, glass cleaner and soft absorbent lint-free cloths, extra hinge screws, a screwdriver, a ruler, canned air, Endust, a small paintbrush for lint and dust in nooks and corners and, if your case has internal lighting, a few extra bulbs. A microfiber cloth is great for quickly removing fingerprints from glass during the show. Anticipate inclement weather during loading, transport, unloading and reloading. Take your procedures guide, a copy of your exhibitor paperwork, a camera, paper and pen.

Step 7: Ready for judging!

- At the show site, set up your display case. Try to view it with the eyes of a competition judge. The other exhibitors are nervous, too. Be courteous, helpful and professional. Remember the judges are judging the exhibit, not you personally. Take pictures of your own display. They will be helpful later when you are reviewing judging comments.
- Relax and enjoy the show, paying special attention to other competitive display cases. Now that you have tried it yourself, you are likely to see details you never before noticed. Learn from others. Take photos if permitted.
- At the time designated by show sponsors, pack your exhibit and remove your display case.



Rock & gemstone spheres – a show photo

Step 8: Learn from the competition judges

- Who judges my exhibit? Experienced, skilled individuals who are familiar with the Rules of the exhibit. The judges are chosen by the organization that produces the show.
- Talk to the judges after your exhibit case has been judged. Ask them questions and learn more.
- Read and carefully consider the judges' written comments. Keep them for future reference. They are trying to help you learn.
- Build the collective knowledge base of active and future LGMC competitive exhibitors by sharing insight you have gained from this experience individually, at a meeting, and/or through the newsletter. Look at and provide constructive feedback for display cases others are developing. Talk with them after their shows to learn from their experience and judging comments.
- Incorporate what you have learned at this event in your next competitive display case. During the planning phase, review judging comments and your photos and notes from prior exhibits.



Summary. Larry Hulstrom of Kennewick, Washington, encourages competitively exhibiting featured items from your collection to accelerate your learning, refine your presentation skills, and help you share what you have learned with others. Exhibits promote awareness of the specializations within this fascinating hobby and enhance the quality of rock shows. Larry explains how to obtain the AFMS Uniform Rules, which define competitive divisions and classes. These written guidelines and rules support exhibitor success within youth, novice, advanced and master experience levels. The suggested eight steps for success as a competitive exhibitor are rich with personal insight gained from 15 years' experience as a rock and mineral show exhibitor.

Larry Hulstrom is one of several Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club members with extensive experience in competitive exhibiting who are happy to help Club members with advice and support.

A Great Chance to Learn from the Pros in LGMC

The 2014 LGMC Society Exhibitor Cases for the Hermiston show will be developed by a team of LGMC members, many of whom have extensive experience in competitive exhibits and judging. Participation in development of the cases would be a great learning opportunity for novice and advanced level exhibitors. As of late January, Society Cases are in planning for:

Division G – Petrified Wood and/or Wood Casts – We need a minimum of 10 specimens, with 2 specimens each coming from 5 people or families. This case will focus on polished flats, polished flats and/or contoured specimens, or petrified wood, wood casts and/or petrified plant life.

Division D – Jewelry and Art Metalcraft (with or without stones, in any proportion) – We need a minimum of 10 specimens contributed by 5 people or families, with a minimum of 2 specimens each. Could include necklaces, bola tie (intarsia or cabochon), belt buckle, rings, wire wrapped items, filigree, bracelets, etc. Let Larry Hulstrom know if you are interested in contributing to, or helping with either Society exhibit case. Contact information: Geode page 2.

Mexico's Cave of Crystals



Sean Hall has posted fascinating articles and photos about Mexico's deadly hot Cave of Crystals on Lakeside's Facebook page recently. A thousand feet beneath the Chihuahuan Desert's Naica Mountain, the two-story, football field size cave is filled with jewel-like giant crystals of gypsum. In this photo, three scientists in orange suits (tiny figures in left center) endure 90% humidity and 118° F. heat to briefly study the Cave. Visit the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club page administered by Heather Moon on Facebook. To learn more, see page 12 of the February 2014 Geode.



Library Feature of the Month

An Index of Mineral Species & Varieties Arranged Chemically (2nd ed). 1962. Max H. Hey, D.Sc. Norwich, Great Britain: Jarrold & Sons Ltd.

- Provides a ready answer for anyone inquiring what minerals of a given qualitative chemical composition are known.
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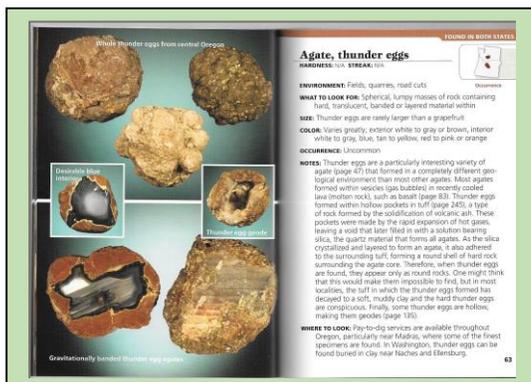
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Next Club Meeting: Mar. 5, 2014, 6:30 social, 7:00 p.m. meeting

- Program: Small Group Craft Demonstrations
- Bragging table theme: something you have made (need not be rock related)

Features this issue:

- Competitive Exhibiting: Eight Steps for Success – Larry Hulstrom
- March and April Regional Events; Club resources
- Library feature of the month: Chemical Index of Minerals



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