



THE GEODE

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

November Meetings

Club: Wednesday Nov. 4, 2015– 6:30 social, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Board: Nov. 16th– 6:30

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7305 W 10th Ave.,
Kennewick

Junior Club meets Nov. 10, 2015 -- 6:30 pm; Banner
Bank, 203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick

Junior Club Leader Thora Trumbo (509) 582-4297

GEODE Submission Deadlines:

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

E-mail them to

mickeemadden@charter.net

or call (509) 438-5798 to make other arrangements

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There will be no Board or Club meetings in December.

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Member contact information updates:

Please notify Cindy Guettinger at clguettinger@att.net

Congratulations!

Yvonne Legare was elected to another term as Director.

Minutes – Club Meeting – October 7, 2015

Club President, Evelyn Cataldo, opened the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Secretary's Report

- The minutes stand approved as written.
- **Election of Officers:** Ballots were collected and counted.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Provided by Bert Kaé-Je (not published per historic Board policy). The Treasurer is in need of an apprentice to help out during busy times, and become aquatinted with using Quickbooks.

General Business

- Geode: Thanks to Mickee Madden for her wonderful work on the Geode.
- Federation News:** Judy Allison shared that there will be an early organizational meeting for next year's Federation Show on October 9 at 10:00 am at the Rice Museum in Hillsboro, OR.- Membership: It's time to renew your membership. Cindy Guettinger has distributed renewal forms, which are due by December 31. Cindy also has 2 Federation Directories available for \$10 each.

Walla Walla Show: Myrene Northy shared that the show was a nice mix of displays and vendors.

No old business.

New business:

- A Members only raffle is being held during every regular Club meeting. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each and the drawing will be held at the Christmas party. Proceeds going to the Church rental fund.

Bragging Table: Caroline shared carvings, textiles and jewelry she purchased during a recent trip to Peru. John brought Owyhee jasper and thunder egg cabs to share.

Door Prizes: Five door prizes were given out. Congratulations to all the winners!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 6:30 social, 7:00 p.m. Program: Show and Tell.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Lyon, Secretary**

Minutes – Board Meeting – October 20, 2015

Present: (Board Members) Evelyn Cataldo, Chris Sorensen, Larry Hulstrom, Marty Casto, Bert Kaé-Je, Wayne Larson, Yvonne Legare, Sally Lyon.

(Quorum present). (Members) Cindy Guettinger, Kathryn Larson, Mary Lou Omstead, Jerry Sorensen
Chris Sorensen called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Old Business:

- Larry Hulstrom has all the parts and pieces needed to make keychains. He will set up a possible date for assembly. He also reported the purchase of show brochures, bid sheets, Club business cards, a heavy duty hand truck, step stool and crates to store grab bags.
- Marty Casto is completing his research into a wireless microphone system and new setup for the florescent room. He will report his findings for discussion at the November general meeting.
- Bert Kaé-Je shared her research on a new saw oil, Superla White #7. MSDS and further information will be gathered and presented to the membership at the November Club meeting.

New Business:

- The motion was made and passed to approve the budget to purchase geodes and door prize material at Quartsite for next year.
- A Christmas party planning meeting will be held on November 17 at 5:00 pm at the Wendy's on Canal Street in Kennewick. Judy Allison is coordinating the committee.
- Evelyn Cataldo reiterated that The Reach has asked LSGM to participate in their Earth Day Event from 11:00 to 3:00 on November 7.
- Jerry Sorensen asked for consideration on the Club purchasing hand tools to be used only for Club offered classes, (gem trees, chain maile, silversmith). The motion was made and passed to have Chris Sorensen research tools to be used at the Clubs' active classes.
- Discussion on possible upcoming programs and classes.
- Club meeting – November 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m. (social at 6:30). Program – Show and Tell.
- Board Meeting – November 16, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted
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Junior Page

- **Julia Gifford** is the Assistant to the Junior Advisor

“Annual Rock Auction”

- Bring your piggy bank's contents to buy treasures for yourself or as gifts.

"Rock Swap"

- Bring your unwanted rocks to trade for desired rocks from others.
- In a carrying container bring your rocks & walk around to trade with others.

Come early!

This event will occur 15 minutes BEFORE club only.

If weather is good, this will be a parking lot/sidewalk affair. **Wear your coat.**

Annual dues: Please send your check along with the completed registration form located in the GEODE to membership secretary Cindy Guettinger at: 1609 W. 46th Ave., Kennewick WA 99337. \$25 per family (includes field Trip insurance) or \$5 per child (attendance at club only).

FAMILIES, PLEASE BRING AND BE PREPARED

to write a check to Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club. Membership dues are now due.

Election of Officers:

President, Vice President, Secretary, other?

PRACTICE YOUR SPEECH!

- **Dec. 8th Christmas Party and Potluck** will include a "Spend No Money" gift exchange. Start looking among your belongings and set aside one gift per person to bring in December. **No rocks please.** Students will exchange with students. Adults will exchange with adults.

NEXT MEETING, NOV. 10TH:



Jerry, one has to wonder if you encountered a fist-sized spider with attitude, a ravenous python, a rabid vampire-toothed oversized bunny –
or found the most spectacular rock specimen
EVER!

Curious minds need to know....

Classifieds

Rock saw oil. Max Hatfield - (509) 582-6028

Also Pat and Max will be rock-hounding so saw oil will not be available the last week of August 2015 and the whole month of September 2015. Please purchase ahead of time if you will need some saw oil during that period.

Saw oil purchasing information.

- Location: 26106 South Oak Kennewick WA.
- Phone: 509 582 6028 Home message phone.
- Cost at this time is \$14.00 per gallon. Price could change due to market value.
- Must be a LSGM club member in good standing to purchase saw oil. Membership forms are available at my shop if you need to join.
- Must have your own containers.
- If you call me and set a date and time to purchase saw oil be responsible and show up. To many people do not come on time and some do not even come at all.

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

• **Paul Toberg** is downsizing and has rocks, household items and antique cars for sale. See Paul for more information.

• **Cyndy Sharer** has a **4" trim saw** (in good condition) for sale. Asking \$125, firm. 375-4246. She also has a backless bookcase 36" square, 9" deep.

• When it is hard to get around, go very far, or get outside and see your rocks, try a **4 Wheel Electric Mobility Chair #110, new batteries and keys.** Good condition and ltd use. Generous markdown to \$349. Bert K-J 509-582-3766 act fast.

• **Automatic drop down door seals** which usually sell for \$95. Two are available for \$40 each. Great to promote confidentiality, cut down noise of rock tumbling, piano practice, noisy TV or music. 509-582-3766 Bert K-J

• Rock Hounds are known to be adventurous so try these. **Poles & Swed brand roller skis** which sell for about \$400 ea. Two pair now available @ \$199 ea. or 2 pr and poles for \$360. Nearly new. 509-582-3766 Bert K-J



**November Program “Rocking With The Stars”
Annual Show & Tell Awards**

It is that time of the year that we gather to share this past year’s rocks, projects and tales with members. This is always a fun, fun night for all. The more members that participate, the merrier the evening.

Time Period: Your entries must have been bought, found or made between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015. Remember: Only one entry per category per member. A member may enter one item in each category.

Category 1 – Collector of the Year: This award is for the best personal find of the year while out rock hunting. It can be a fossil, mineral specimen, gemstone or rock – either rough or finished. You need to have dug it or found it yourself.

Category 2 – Cabochon of the Year: Show us your talent by entering the best-looking cab (intarsia included) that you personally cut and polished. This cab **should not be set** into a mounting so the judges can see your technique on the edges and back. If your cabochon has been set, then it needs to be entered into Category 7.

Category 3 – Silverpicker of the Year: Bring something (cab, stone, carving, rock, jewelry, etc) that **you have purchased** at a rock show, rock shop, yard sale or from a hobbyist that will impress us.

Category 4 – Faceter of the Year: Bring your bling and treat us to the sight of the best gemstone of the year that you have personally cut. The gemstone can be in a setting.

Category 5 – Project of the Year: Show us your flair and skill by entering something that you have made between 11/1/14 and 10/31/15 and incorporates rock in some manner. It can be a sphere, bookends, a gem tree, a carving, and educational exhibit, or ????. If you made it using rock, it’s eligible.

Category 6 – Steal of the Year: Some of you have a real knack for finding “great deals”. Bring a rock or rock related item that you have purchased during the contest period that cost between \$1 and \$10. Free rocks are not eligible. Showcase your genius for searching out bargains.

Category 7 – Jeweler of the Year: Have you constructed/made something between 11/1/14 and 10/31/15 that is used for personal adornment? Then this is your category. This would include necklaces, belt buckles, rings, pins, earrings, bolas, bracelets, etc. This is the category for wire wrapping, beading, wire weaving, silversmithing, etc.

All entries will be presented to the judges (your fellow club members) prior to the refreshment break. Voting will be during the break. Often the story about your entry will sway the judges in your favor.

Emcee: Jerry Sorensen

December Class

Mickee is holding a gem tree class at the Omsteads' on December 5 from 12:00 to 5:00.

The project is a feather palm tree.

Please call her at 438-5798 for information on what to bring.

No walk-ins.

Material needs to be prepped prior to class.

Bert Kae-Je is looking for the owner of a rock in a black bag left at the last meeting.

Did anyone receive a call from Bert regarding this orphan rock?

She is also holding proceeds from one auction item collected at the picnic.

Did anyone donate an auction rock and have yet to be reimbursed for the sale?

- **The Reach** has asked LSGM members to participate in their Earth, Wind, Fire and Air Event. They are looking for 3 to 4 volunteers on November 11 from 11:00 to 3:00 to answer questions on the Earth portion of their show.

- A committee is needed to organize the Christmas party.

- Someone is needed to act as our April Show Chairman.

Raffle – Raffle – Raffle

We are having another raffle. This time only members can participate. We have great items.

A gem tree donated by Mickee Madden

Spear blades donated by Frank Omstead

A decoupage bottle donated by Chris Sorensen

A Montana agate donated by Evelyn and Dom Cataldo

Coprolite donated by Dom and Evelyn Cataldo

Onyx bookends

A crab concretion

An amethyst sage sphere created by Kerry Norton

Snow white calcite

Two pieces of pottery donated by Bert Kae Je

The drawing will be at the Lakeside Christmas party. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Get your tickets at the November club meeting or at the Christmas party.

We are going to have another raffle at the show in April so if you have an item that you would like to donate for that raffle we would appreciate it.

Pat Lambert is collecting items.

Greetings Fellow Club Members,

The changing leaves and crisp breezes are announcing that the Fall season has arrived and that the busy holidays are just around the corner. Now is the time to pencil the following happenings onto your calendar.

Upcoming Events.....

NOVEMBER 4th: Club meeting and our annual Show & Tell competition. Refer to the article in this issue of *The Geode* for all the details.

NOVEMBER 7th: Lakeside Gem & Mineral has been asked to participate in a special day at The Reach on November 7th from 11 am to 3 pm. The Reach is presenting an event called Elements. It is a quarterly event with one of the four elements (earth, wind, fire, water) featured. Earth is being showcased at the next event. Lakeside will have a display featuring rocks, gems and minerals. We are looking for volunteers to be available to talk with the public during the event. If you are interested in helping, please give me a call at 628-0170.

NOVEMBER 17th: The Christmas party committee is looking for a few more volunteers to help put on the event. If you would like to help, there will be an event planning session at 5:30 pm on November 17th at Wendy's on Canal Drive. Feel free to eat your dinner at Wendy's or just join the group to help with the planning. Can't make the meeting, but want to help, call Judi at 541-720-4950.

DECEMBER 5th & 6th: Feather Tree Class with Mickee Madden. This class is FREE; just bring your own supplies. Class is from 12 to 5 each day and will be held at 803 S. Edison. You may attend one day or both days. Call Mickee for additional information – 438-5798.

DECEMBER 13th: Mark your calendars for the annual Lakeside Christmas Luncheon & Festivities. The Club will furnish the entrée and drinks. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. More details will be forthcoming in a special flyer.

JANUARY 6th: Club meeting with ROCK BINGO!

JANUARY 18th: Organizational meeting for the 2016 Lakeside Annual Gem & Mineral Show. The meeting will be held at the Church at 6:30 pm. The meeting will last about an hour. All members interested in helping with the Show are invited.

See you at the Club meeting, Evelyn

Tile Saw by Mickee Madden

If you have slabs that are too big for the bed of your 4” or 6” saw, try using a tile saw. It also handles slabs that are too thick to use with most trim saw—that is, without taking out a little-used blade. I purchase 7” diamond blades online--no brand names--and average about 3-4 litter buckets of cut material to one blade. These blades are thicker so you have to space your template shapes a little further apart. I also cut a lot of small thunder eggs and geodes on this machine. I purchased it five years ago at Harbor Freight, and it still stands up to the workload I feed it.

I set my tile saw in a large pan atop a granite slab. It catches all the water run-off. To empty the pan under the cutting bed, I use a small hose to syphon it down until I can take out the pan without sloshing water everywhere. I use plain water and sometimes water-soluble oil, depending on the hardness of the material I plan to cut.

It’s a simple and relatively inexpensive solution to some cutting needs.



LGMC Board of Directors

Officers E-mail: lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com

President	Evelyn Cataldo – 628-0170	Director	Wayne Larson – 586-1203
Vice President	Chris Sorensen – 392-1362	Director*	Yvonne Legare – 585-5514
Secretary	Sally Lyon – 947-8443	Federation Representative	Larry Hulstrom – 783-6210
Treasurer	Bert Kaé-Je – 582-3766	Junior Club Leader	Thora Trumbo – 582-4297
Past President	Marty Casto – 628-3509	Bulletin Editor	Mickee Madden – 438-5798

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. 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. Call Evelyn Cataldo at (509) 628-0170 for details.



Club Affiliations:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) <http://www.amfed.org>

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS)

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

American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

<http://www.amlands.org>



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A Christmas Party

“planning” meeting will be held on November 17 at 5:00 pm at the Wendy’s on Canal Street in Kennewick.

Judy Allison is coordinating the committee.