



# THE GEODE

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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 Deadlines:

- 19<sup>th</sup> – member articles & photos

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## Club Meeting on Zoom December 2 at 7pm

Jerry Sorensen will be giving the program about his travels to Armenia. He will be discussing the people, culture, food, and collectable rocks.

If you have not used Zoom before, click on the link in Option 1 below and download the Zoom app to your device. You can use a laptop, computer, android, iPhone, tablet or iPad. After it is downloaded, create a username and log in.

How to Use Zoom overview video at: <https://youtu.be/5iap0Ffl5Lg>

**Option 1:** Use direct link to meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95861269849?pwd=VEkwNng0UGxraGt3NVQ5TXZESGJQU09>

**Option 2:** Login into zoom on device and enter the meeting id and the passcode

Meeting ID: 958 6126 9849

Passcode: 232250

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### **Minutes – Club Meeting – November 5, 2020**

Bill Hamel called the online meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

#### **General Business**

- **Treasurers Report:** Not printed per historic Club policy.
- **Secretary's Report:** The October minutes stand as printed.

#### **Old Business**

- Wayne and Sally will complete and drop off the necessary paperwork to confirm ownership of our post office box.
- Larry reminded us that the Northwest Federation is holding a Zoom meeting on November 14. Chris has volunteered to act as host for the hopefully large group meeting.
- Discussion on possible field trip locations. Wayne will contact the diatomaceous earth mine outside of Quincy to see if common opal collecting is possible; any information on who to contact for collecting in the Bickleton area is appreciated; Bill mentioned Blanchard Hill, which is northeast of Seattle, as a possibility. It looks like field trips are our best option to being able to meet in person right now.

#### **New Business**

- Mark Kidder is working on the Lifetime Membership list.

#### **Program:**

- The field trip to the Bears Mountain mine outside of Rufus, Oregon was a success. 30 members caravanned down with Wayne leading the way **at a steady 70 miles per hour**. We watched a slide show of our members working in the collecting area, and saw pictures of what this type of picture jasper looks like. Everyone also stopped off at the Wasco Rock Shop for a tour and a look at the high quality rough for sale there. Stay tuned to future meetings to see how this material cuts and polishes.

**Next Zoom Meetings:** December 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m.; Board meeting December 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

**Program:** Jerry Sorenson will give a presentation on his "Adventures in Armenia".

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Lyon, Secretary

### **Jr. Rock Club ZOOM meeting Nov. 10,2020 6:30pm**

A special thanks to Chris Sorensen for hosting our on-line ZOOM chatter. Seven students joined in the general chit-chat with Pat Lambert and myself. It was good to see the kids happy and healthy. Those who joined us were: TJ, Ezra Abagail, Arthur, Joy, Noah and Nadine, thus total attendance was 7 students and 5 adults (two parents count!)

We played a game called "I Have...Who Has?" We kept a tally of what gems and minerals we have in our personal collections, as I shuffled through a deck of cards featuring common and most sought-after specimens found in the USA. Younger and newer students enjoyed recognizing many they had collected. TJ, Arthur and Nadine surprised us all by tallying 17, 24 and 37 samples respectfully! Along the way many little tidbits were asked of the students regarding their knowledge of this hobby. I was pleased to see them share lots of information and display numerous specimens in their collections.

### **Jr. Rock Club ZOOM meeting continued**

We hope more will join us for the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Christmas on-line party! Mrs. Trumbo will have fun games for us to celebrate the holidays.

More wonderful gift bags will be prepared to help students celebrate Christmas. Don Snyder's exciting donation of specimens for students will be included. The bags will be filled with amazing surprises to add to students' collections, crafts and holiday fun!

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### **Minutes – Board Meeting (via Zoom Meetings) – November 16, 2020**

Present: (Board Members) Bill Hamel, Wayne Larson, Larry Hulstrom, Chris Sorensen, Patty DeForest, Sally Lyon; (Members) Jerry Sorensen

Wayne Larson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

#### **Old Business**

- Paperwork has been completed to prove ownership of the LSGM post office box.
- Further discussion of the 2021 show has been tabled until January due to the new and ongoing COVID-19 restrictions imposed this week.

#### **New Business**

- Larry reported that the Northwest Federation Zoom meeting on November 14 was a success with 39 people attending. He is now officially the First Vice President of the Northwest Federation. Congratulations Larry.
- The Federation is looking for a club to host their 2021 show in August or September. Due to restrictions going into 2021, it was felt that offering to host the show at this time wasn't possible.
- Discussion on whether the Club should purchase a supply of the material used in the geode cracking booth during our shows. It was felt that the cost of rough material will continue to rise, and so the motion was made and passed to authorize Don Snyder to buy 6 bags, or about 300 pounds of geodes to be held in storage for future shows.

#### **Field Trips**

- Wayne has tried to contact the diatomaceous earth mine with no success. He will try one more time, but a field trip to collect common opal isn't looking too good.
- Wayne showed a polished slab of the picture jasper he collected at the Bears Mountain mine. It looks close to Biggs jasper and took on a very nice polish. Thanks for sharing Wayne.
- Any suggestions for future field trips is appreciated.

#### **December Zoom Meeting Program**

- Jerry Sorensen will give a slide show presentation on his time spent in Armenia. Join the meeting and see Jerry wear a funny hat, maybe?

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sally Lyon, Secretary

## Greetings geology-oriented folks.

This note comes from the [Pacific Northwest Historians Guild](#), which brings together scholars concerned with the study and dissemination of regional history.

We are writing to let you know of a free virtual talk that may be of interest to your members.

**On Thursday December 3** our speaker will be Eric Wagner, author of *After the Blast, The Ecological Recovery of Mount St. Helens*, published this year by the University of Washington Press.

Many are familiar with the effect of the devastating 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, but what happened later? Scientists thought they would have to wait many years for life to return to the area. A few weeks after, small plants were bursting through the ash and animals were skittering over the ground.

Mount St. Helens has been surprising ecologists ever since. Eric Wagner will share with us a fascinating look through the blast area and beyond and how scientists began to think in new ways about how life responds in the face of seemingly total devastation.

Talk is at 7PM.

To register for the December 3rd event, here is a [link to the registration form](#)

Registration cuts off at 3pm on December 3.

Just to let you know, this is a one-time email to you and your group. We have not added you to our mail list and you will not be receiving any additional contact from us.

## Classifieds

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

Rick Tobin, 2767 South Lyle St., Kennewick, 509 572-7345

### 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: \$4.50 for 2# bag
- 220 grit: \$5.10 for 2#bag
- 600 grit: \$6.50 for 2# bag.
- Cerium Oxide Polish Powder: \$19.00 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.

## Greatest Memories from *The Geode* – December 2006

### THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

(A COMPUTER VISIT FROM ST. NICCOLITE)

(With apologies to Clement C. Moore)

By Larry Rush ([larryrush@att.net](mailto:larryrush@att.net))

'Twas the night before Christmas, when through the Rockhound's list, Not a subscriber was posting, neither mister nor miss; The e-mail was stored on the server with care, In hopes that the spammers would not visit there.

The rockhounds were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of emeralds danced in their heads. And I, clutching my Estwing and old collecting pack, Had just settled down for a long winters nap,

When down in the computer room there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the hallway, and crossing the floor, I tore down the stairs and threw open the door.

The light from the Gateway monitor below, Gave the luster of mid-day to objects aglow, When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But an internet graphic; a sleigh and eight rockhounds there.

With a little old webmaster, so lively and bright, I knew in a moment it must be St. Niccolite. More rapid than Microsoft his posters they came, And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name.

Now Kreigh, now Axel, now Pete and Lanny, On Keith, on John, on Margaret and Kitty! To the top of the screen, to the top of the list, Now mail away, mail away, mail away quick!

And, as subscribers to AOL often cry, When they meet with a virus, the tempers they fly, So on to Bett's home page the collectors they flew, With the screen full of slabs, and St. Niccolite, too.

And then in a twinkling, I saw on John's site, Beautiful images of fossils and rhodochrosite. As I clicked more on my mouse to surf around, Back onto my screen came St. Nick with a bound.

He was dressed all in denim, from his feet to his shirt, And his clothes were all stained with limonite dirt. A bundle of crystals he had flung on his back, And he looked like a miner with a full collecting pack.

His eyes twinkled like zircons, his dimples how merry! His cheeks like rose quartz, his nose like agate of cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up with an apatite, And the beard of his chin was as white as calcite.

The stump of a pipe he held firm with his bite, And the smoke encircled his head like hemimorphite. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed like a bowl of opal (jelly).

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old rockhound, And I laughed when I saw him, right out of the Red Cloud. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know he had galena and lead!

He spoke not a word but went straight to his right, And filled all the Perkies with beryl and wulfenite. And laying his hammer aside of the frame, And giving a nod, to the Escape key he came.

He sprang to his pickup, to his pals gave a whistle, And away they all browsed like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he faded from sight,

Good collecting to all, (and for the fluorescents, a Good Light!).

Merry Christmas to the Rockhound Group. May all your presents be crystallized!

Officers E-mail: lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com

President	Bill Hamel	Director	Ron Northey
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Secretary	Sally Lyon	Fed. Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Duane Shock	Jr Club Leader	Thora Trumbo
Past President	Chris Sorensen	Bulletin Editor	Patty DeForest

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](http://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com)

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**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>  
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