



THE GEODE

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. (LGMC)

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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: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.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: See page 6.

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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.

October 1st - General Club Meeting.

October 5th - October 5th Riverfest in Columbia Park from 10 AM to 3 PM.

October 8th - Junior Club Meeting At the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

October 14th - Board Meeting At 6:30 pm.

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

The Board would like to implement a scholarship for the annual Rock hound Retreat. The cost is approximately \$400 for room and board for one recipient. Class materials may be extra. Transportation is on the recipient. If this sounds like something the membership would like to do, please bring your thoughts to the October meeting. A committee would be needed to select the recipient. Please let a Board member know if you are interested in volunteering for the committee. Thank you.

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 . . .



My tenure as President is almost up. Thank you all for your patience the past two years as I navigated unfamiliar waters up at the front of the general meetings, and thank you to the Board – and too many members to single out – for your comments, support, and subtle reminders of things that needed doing as we continued to grow our membership and find new ways to connect and share our hobbies with one another. The unending variety and facets of rocks, gems, and minerals in the world means there will always be something new to surprise us, and the ingenious ways everyone utilizes these natural materials means we will continue to wow each other for decades to come.

I hope you all find a new aspect of lapidary to delve into in the coming winter months, and find a new challenge you'd like to tackle. For myself, at our recent picnic and silent auction I won the bid for a fossil fish plate that I plan to stabilize and create a new display for in my home. I've never worked with fossils like these, and I'm already running down the rabbit hole of glues and preparation techniques and debating whether to try and uncover any more fish before creating a unique display for it. May you all find your own cozy rabbit holes to dive into when the cold weather hits.

Candidates for election 2025 Officer Ballot

- President: No Nominees
- Vice President: Sharon Louise
- Director: Bert Kae-Je

Voting will be held at the general meeting on October 1st

Classes, Gatherings and Groups

Flat Lap Cabbing Class Dates for the Remainder of the Year

Flat Lap Cabbing classes are going great guns. Following are the class dates for the remainder of the year. All Flat Lap Cabbing class times are from 6 until 8 PM.

- September Dates: the 9th and 10th, 14th, 23rd and 24th.
- October Dates: the 7th and 8th, 12th, 21st, 22nd and 26th.
- November Dates: the 4th and 5th, 9th, 18th and 19th and 23rd.
- December Dates: the 9th and 10th, 14th, 16th and 17th.

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.

Social / Crafting Gathering Dates for the Remainder of the Year

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.

- October Social Crafting Group: 13th and 27th.
- November Social Crafting Group: 10th and 24th.
- December Social Crafting Group: 15th.

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.

Interested in Joining a Wire Wrapping Class?

Vickie Elkins is interested in creating a wire wrapping class. The class would meet monthly with projects to be determined by the group. The intent of the class is to learn from and encourage each other, to share insights and techniques, and to have fun while you're creating something wonderful. For information, contact Vickie at velkins@charter.net.

General Club Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2024

September 3rd 2024

Patrick called to order 7:01 pm, Minutes accepted as published in Geode.

Old Business

- ✓ Elections in October, President (attend board meetings, run General meetings)
- ✓ Vice-President (run board meetings.
- ✓ One Director (Advisor role)
- ✓ Secretary – possible volunteer
- ✓ Geode Editor – filled by volunteer

Picnic – Sept 15, includes auction (up to 10 items/lots per seller), need to be set up by 11a. Set up at 10:00 a.m. Catered pulled pork, pulled chicken and mac & cheese.

- ✓ Club will provide buns, condiments, plates, utensils, water THIS IS A FUND-RAISER FOR THE CLUB (club = 30%, members = 70%)

Mickee – Cabbing Classes – 5 per month for the balance of the year Social Crafting classes!!!

- ✓ Saw Oil – James - \$15 per gallon
- ✓ Name tags on back table
- ✓ New/visitors – key chains

New Business

- ✓ Riverfest at Columbia Park Oct. 5th Saturday – at least 100 people last year Set up 8:30 a.m. Pop-up tent, folding tables, specimens to show off.
- ✓ grab bags for sale (cash only)
- ✓ Tabling from 10a – 3p
- ✓ Camp Hancock Jewelry Retreat in Oregon. Big deal, Week long Lots of classes!!!

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BREAKING – BREAKING – BREAKING

- ❖ Denise Williams is our new librarian.
- ❖ Walla Walla Rock Show details will be in the Geode.
- ❖ Opal Collection coming up for sale – over 10,000 carats.
- ❖ Recommend people look at fire information before you go rock hunting.
- ❖ Need another key chain making party.... holding Sept. 17/18 at Vickie's house.
- ❖ Larry informed us that sold approximately 300 at Fair.
- ❖ General Rock Club earned \$1420.
- ❖ Junior Club earned \$200.
- ❖ October will need to do Rock bagging party (have materials for approximately 300).

Mickee's house – Oct. 14/15 and again Oct 28/29

- ❖ Sign-up sheet in back.
- ❖ Door Prize drawings

Break at 7:40, look at auction items, then closing in 7 minutes.

After break there was a presentation "Ice Age Mega Floods of Pacific Northwest."

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>

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

January 20 – Feb. 16, 2025	Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows Multiple Showcases https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2025	Tucson, Arizona
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Club Board Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2024

Board Meeting Minutes September 16th 2024

Attendees: Patrick, Chris, Wayne, Larry, Sharon, Lisa, Pauline, Jane, Areti, Debbie

Old Business

- Chris will confirm with Jerry re: webmaster, Areti Kounalis is our new Geode editor. (thank you!)
- Picnic Auction proceeds given to the treasurer.
- Discussed the gift of fluorescent lighting AND specimen displays Storage & shelving, Chris recommended not waiting too long, Jane agreed and suggested Oct. Jane motioned to rent 3 rd. unit and purchase shelves to begin on Oct. 2 (so general meeting can vote on Oct. 1) Patrick seconded, passed unanimously
- Camp Hancock Jewelry Retreat sponsorship of a member next year – Lisa, Wayne, Kathy, Vickie, Jerry and Chris, Carlee attended this year. Would cost approx. \$400 for Room & Board (not classes or transportation).
- Committee – make guidelines, questionnaire, year active w/i club) In Geode – interested in being on committee
- VP Nominee – Sharon Louise, Director – Bert K’Jae – but to replace Jane or Wayne???
- Show Business – contract is complete and signed, down payment paid
- Dealers – who will attend ours, who will attend Yakima as they are both at same time next year JUDY does contracts; Lisa needs names of dealers and their attendees. There is currently a waitlist...

Riverfest is Saturday, Oct 5. From 10a – 3p

- Will have grab bags for sale, flyers, business cards Need volunteers!!!!
- Eichner Memorial Scholarship – treasurer acknowledged has now gotten contact information verified and will now process.
- Geode.newsletter@gmail.com
- Larry has continued work on Life Time Membership Roster, likely completion October (70 years of age and at least 15 years membership in Club) In the past, Judy made certificates to be awarded at Nov. meeting Club Case for shows – more formal, loan (to show attendees some of things done at club).
- Still need President nominees – ask Dave Westlund

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Junior Club

- Sign/Banner for Junior club – told kids looking for a logo and they are working on designing options
- Pauline provided new language on Operating Procedures and Appendix to P & P Proposing addition to parent/guardian responsibility – to remove line about background checks After discussion we decided we would prefer to actually do them Patrick proposed, Debbie seconded that we do a consent/acknowledgement form on the background checks, passed unanimously
- Larry will do amendments, board will sign

New Business

- Membership list updated – as of August: 240 Adults, 36 Juniors For 2025, already have 3 applications for Adults, 6 for Juniors
- Request recruit for dues by Dec. 31 st
- Larry proposed, Patrick seconded that we pay the caterer the full budgeted amount of \$125 for the excellent food provided – Passed unanimously
- Denise Williams has library
- Pauline will furnish Junior
- NW Federation Website has information on Camp Hancock

Picnic Results

- Larry suggested Treasurer not redeposit “bank” from Picnic, but keep it to provide “bank” For Riverfest Oct. 5th. Debbie will bring to Oct. 1 meeting for handoff.
- Lisa inquired if the paper(s) with the blocks on it had been turned in with the Picnic Auction funds, as these are needed if we get audited. Yes, they were/are there.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Juniors Club

This summer the Junior members enjoyed a rock swap and learned a bit about the many uses of minerals. Many Juniors continue to research and report on their Minerals of the Month...we'll feature some of these reports in future issues of the Geode.

October 9, 2024 is National Fossil Day!

Please credit the National Park Service

The dinosaur pictured in the National Fossil Day 2024 poster is *Dilophosaurus*, leaving footprints on a sand dune in what is now called Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. In October we will celebrate National Fossil Day with a fossil scavenger hunt around the museum. We will also be electing officers and sharing ideas for a **club logo**. The October meeting is at 6:30 on Tuesday October 8 at the REACH Museum. Don't forget to bring dues for 2025!

Questions about the Junior Rock Club may be directed to Pauline Schafer pauschafer@hotmail.com.

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Thank you.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

that annual membership dues are now due for fiscal year 2025 (October 2024 to September 2025). We ask you to please complete a form (found on the website, or available at the meeting) and bring it to the October meeting with your payment. Returning members pay full price, so might as well pay it now. We appreciate your prompt payments so we may provide an accurate count when we report in December.

Thank you

A central illustration of a large, brown, feathered dinosaur standing on a sandy dune. The dinosaur is facing right. In the background, there are rolling sand dunes, a small blue pond with green trees and bushes on the left, and a sunset sky with orange and yellow hues. Three smaller dinosaurs are visible in the distance on the right. The entire scene is framed by a brown border with four yellow diamond-shaped icons: a fossil in the top-left, a footprint in the top-right, a dinosaur head in the bottom-left, and a fossil in the bottom-right.

NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY

DISCOVERY • SCIENCE • PREHISTORIC LIFE
OCTOBER 9, 2024

Classifieds

Mike Zinski's Workshop is available for any and all lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: gemmakermz@cs.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 color co-ordinate your clothes and shoes to match your gemstone pendants.

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers Email: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

President	Patrick Donohue	Director	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Peter Kovich	Director	Jane Moore
Secretary	Debbie Muller	Federation Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Debbie Muller	Junior Club Lead.	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Chris Sorensen	Bulletin Editor	Areti Kounalis
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 numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer, and a Second Director begin terms in odd 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)

<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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