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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

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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, at 7105 W. 10th Ave., in Kennewick. Doors open at 6:30 pm for social. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

April 1st- General Club Meeting.

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

April 21st 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's enjoying the extra sun and warmth we've been getting lately. As spring and April moved towards us I hope people will keep our April show in their plans. Larry Hulstrom has done a tremendous job of organizing and preparing for our show and I think us club members should stand up and help him put on a great show this April so please volunteer where you can.

I would also like help from all the members to upgrade our website. It's my personal opinion that in the future, the website will be one of the most important ways our club can present itself to the community. In the past, our April show and the Benton County fair were our primary exposure to the public but overtime this has changed, especially for the younger computer, friendly generations. For this reason I am asking all the members to go to our website and look it over. Then, if there's something you think it should include or have or would improve it please write this down and bring it to the meeting and put it in the suggestion box. We'll collect all the suggestions through June and then collate them and see if we can upgrade our website this way. There are website development companies that we could hire that would do a similar thing, but I think our club has the knowledge and expertise to do this by ourselves.

At the next meeting, we'll have a sign-up sheet for anyone who is interested in bringing back refreshments to our meeting. See you in April Dave.

April's Meeting.

Covering the upcoming show and what it still needed. And introduce the bragging table concept. We will invite members to bring in stuff they found or worked on to share with the rest of the group at the meetings. The items will be placed on a table where members can look at them during the break. So all of you folks who have been hard at work collecting and or making stuff with your finds, by all means bring them in and do a little bragging.

Classes, Gatherings, Field Trips, and Groups

Field trip to: **Saddle Mountain**

Headed up by: Larry Vess vessel3755@gmail.com or (509) 473-3908

Social / Crafting Gathering Dates (Could change as needed)

This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and work on a project. There is no charge for these gatherings. * **Sandra Bryant will be teaching how to wrap small pendant with one wire. Everything supplied. \$20** Class times for all dates are from 1 until 4 PM.

2025 Dates

- April Social Crafting Group: *6th and 13th. Bring items made in class to put in display case. Stickers available to put on backs of your pieces
- May Social Crafting Group: 4th and 18th.
- June Social Crafting Group: 15th, and 29th.

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 (Could change as needed)

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.

2025 dates

- April 7th, 8th, and 12th and 19th, 21th, and 22nd
- May 12th, 13th, and 17th, 26th, 27th, and 31st
- June 9th, 10th and 14th, 23rd, 24th, and 28th,

If you're interested in learning how to make cabochons please call Mickee at 509-438-5798 to sign up or for more information. For newcomers to cabbing, you are given material to get you started.

These classes are for adult club members only. No children please. Please do not bring thunder eggs, 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. (\$10 fee is an annual fee)

Information on other Field Trips that are offered by groups outside of our club

Date	Host	Site	Mineral	Meet time/Place	Tools
04/12	Pow Wow	Saddle Mt.	Petrified Wood	8 am Boat Launch SW of Mattawa	Dig & light hard rock tools or Just pick up smaller pieces

Many trips need Discover Pass, Trailhead Pass & Forest Pass. Ask when you inquire about trip

ALWAYS contact host for updated info a week before trip !!!

HOST CLUB CONTACT INFO

Msvl - Nique Wicks nwhoppyfrog41@gmail.com Or (509) 670-0630
Pow Wow -Larry Vess vessel3755@gmail.com or (253)473-3908
Puyi Nate White (206)349-7054 nate.white77@gmail.com

Keep updated on <http://www.mineralcouncil.zoho.com> Land management changes, and roads close regularly. There is an area on web page with tool category in pictures and names of tools.

Always have proper cloths and gear for conditions. Be prepared with safety, first aid, food and drink.

A week before trips I (Ed Lehman) will have a pdf file with map and info for that trip I can send you on request. I will do the same for trip host.

Try to be at the meeting site 30 minutes before trip time for details and instructions with a full tank of gas. Use code of ethics, keep our lands open to rockhounding.

Reminder for those of you who would like to obtain a copy of the Washington State Mineral Council's Rockhounding Maps Booklet...

**April Meeting last chance to sign up to get one before I send in order
Price is \$20 Make checks out to Washington State Mineral Council
I will need to collect payment when you pick up**

The April Show is Almost HERE!!!

Thanks too many of you that signed up to help at the February and March meetings. But it wasn't enough!!! We still have open time slots for working in the silent auction (5), ticket sales (5), and geode cracking areas (3). We still need at least 13 more people to put in displays. We REALLY need your help with that. Don't be afraid to show off what you have been working on, collecting, or making! This is how we show the public what our hobby is all about and get them interested. We also need a few people to help set up the fluorescent mineral display room, no minerals needed, just hands!

Show Timeline

We STILL Need Your Help!

If you are available on Thursday April 24 we could use your help to tape the show layout on the building floor in the morning. Once that is done we will go out to the storage units in Finley and start loading up the rental truck. We really need more help to do this! After it is loaded we will take it back to the Fairgrounds and begin unloading. We could use your help at any time that day. Please sign up!

As a reminder, it is the expectation that all club members will help out in some manner with the show. Otherwise we will have to charge you to get into the show (which we would rather not have to do). After everything is set up on Friday there will be a general potluck for everyone. Members are expected to bring a side dish to share and the club will provide the main entrée.

Saturday and Sunday are a lot of fun, so come and help us make that happen. After the show closes on Sunday we need everyone to stay and help us dismantle and clean up after the show. This includes loading the truck back up and going out to Finley to unload it again. We are all tired by that time, but we need your help to make it go easier. Many hands will make it get done a lot faster.

WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

Larry Hulstrom
Lakeside Show Chairman

Remember, if you don't want to do a federation competition style case, you don't have to. You can make this display case a reflection of you and what you have learned, or get creative and show off your talent. Be an inspiration for someone else. Most of us know that the stones we find can be used in so many different ways. They can be sliced, shaped, made into cabochons; some can be faceted into gem stones, or whatever you can imagine. What you share can inspire someone else to want to see what they can create. Think of it as planting a seed in someone's mind, that can grow into something that they create, that intern plants that creative seed in someone else's. This is how you grow our club, and draw in creative individuals looking for somewhere they can grow and expand their skills and we in turn can pick up more skills.

General Club Meeting Minutes –March 4, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Dave Westland at 7:00 pm

No corrections or additions to last month's minutes – accepted as printed in the Geode

Old Business

- Refreshments Refreshments committee to Organize and Distribute – Club will pay for the refreshments, need the committee to pick up and set up
- Hiring Movers April Show at Fairgrounds – Sharon made a motion that we hire two movers for 3 hours each to help with breakdown on Sunday. Dave seconded, passed unanimously.
- Suggestion Box Will be used to collect suggestions for ideas to improve our website. Please include your name and contact info so that if we have and questions or more detail on a suggestion, we know who to ask.
- Bragging Table Bragging table being reinstated – participants will share when, where, what for whole clubs' benefit; between visitors and drawings.
- Club Display Case Club display case – educational, local rocks, cabbing, faceting, gem trees; fall back – asked to show; asked Mickee about the social/craft club participating; rotating – Let Larry or Dave know if interested in assisting.
- Repurposing Take-out containers – Shared how take-out containers can be used to transport materials.

New Business

- New section in Geode Vickie, our Geode Editor, has added upcoming field trips (field collecting) and shows to Geode; maps are available at \$20 per packet; there are books in the public library to help with identification – one is “Rocks of Washington.”
- At 7:23 pm we did Visitors, New Members, and Drawings
- Marty announced he had taken materials from Wayne to Junior Club. While there, he saw some picture books for sale.

UPCOMING SHOW INFORMATION:

Sign up sheets on back table

- Fluorescent Display Randy and Marty are coordinating the Fluorescent display set ups – anyone desiring to help is welcome, For safety reasons wear long sleeves and goggles to avoid eye damage and sun burn.

New Business (Cont.)

We want to thank the Snyder's for their generosity in donating the setup and materials for the fluorescent display. Stop by at the show to check it out.

Parking Parking will be further away this year due to parking lot upgrade being done., we are getting a golf cart that can hold 5 plus driver to assist handicapped and/or infirm guests needing assistance.

We currently have one volunteer to drive the cart. We could use an additional volunteer to cover for breaks and lunch. Please contact Dave or Larry if you could help

Rock identifiers needed. We could use rock identifiers for the show as we get a number of folks who bring specimens to the show hoping to find out what they are. It would be a great way to attract new members by striking up conversations, that not only identify, but share what can be done with them.

Had the "Stump the Experts" portion of the program. Let us know how we did, and if you would like to see more such opportunities in the future.

Member of the Month

Mike Zinski



Anyone that meets Mike Zinski and has the opportunity to see some of the products of his mechanical and technological skills will be impressed. As he relays, without much higher knowledge or education, every job he has held began at internship level, but soon he was selected for promotion and became a lead employee. The TriCities is his original home site; he graduated from Columbia High School in Richland, and in his lifetime has been employed at several companies in a variety of capacities. Of note, he worked for a cabbing machine company plating diamond laps, he demonstrated Ultratech machines, he was an electronic tech debugging Saturn Launch computers, and worked for General Motors inspecting crank pulleys and motors.

Mike has been a LGMC member since 2016. Today he has a variety of machines in his workshop and offers club members assistance with gem faceting, cabochon production on a vertical machine, and rock sawing to name a few. He has grown to be passionate about 3D printing and is very resourceful in designing new equipment for lapidary and gem work. He has communication and membership in the Faceters Guild, Spokane, Walla Walla, Yakima, and several other statewide Gem and Mineral clubs as well as relationships with many other individuals nationally and internationally.

Mike is becoming renowned for 3D fabricating inexpensive new equipment, including: rock saws, vertical cabbing machine and vibration laps, lap racks, dopping sticks and custom splash pans and covers for faceting machines. Mike is creating 3D patterns and to provide assistance to members to be able to print their own lapidary equipment and states that he has seen members lose their interest in gems and minerals due to the high cost of equipment. Other clubs are sharing his enthusiasm and are very appreciative of his ideas and fabrications. Mike states that he would really like for LGMC to increase communication and ties to other gem and mineral clubs.

Mike currently is making 3D character figures for handouts to children attending our April show at the fairgrounds. He states he usually is home and suggests that you first give him a phone call to schedule a visit.

2025 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>

<p>April 11th - 13th 2025</p> <p>Fri 9 - 6</p> <p>Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society</p>	<p>Golden Spike Event Center</p> <p>Weber County Fairgrounds</p> <p>1000 N. 1200 W.</p> <p>Ogden, UT 84401</p>	<p>Margie Miller</p> <p>(385) 205-9187 goldenspikegem.org</p> <p>FB: Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society</p>
<p>April 19th & 20th</p> <p>Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Idaho Gem & Mineral Society</p>	<p>Bonneville County Fairgrounds</p> <p>1542 E. 73rd South</p> <p>Idaho Falls, ID 83404</p>	<p>Tom Strong</p> <p>wildlandlapidary@gmail.com</p> <p>www.ifrockhounds.com</p>
<p>April 25th - 27th</p> <p>Fri 10 - 4</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Yakima Gem & Mineral Club</p>	<p>Modern Living Building @ Central Wa. State Fairgrounds</p> <p>1301 South Fair Ave. Yakima, Wa 98901</p>	<p>Marti Smith</p> <p>marthams@g.com</p> <p>509-910-3484</p>
<p>April 26th & 27th</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Show</p>	<p>Benton County Fairgrounds</p> <p>1500 S. Oak St.</p> <p>Kennewick, WA 99336</p>	<p>Larry Hulstrom</p> <p>rockhound132@charter.net</p> <p>lakesidegemandmineralclub.com</p>

<p>May 2nd – 4th</p> <p>Fri 10-5</p> <p>Sat 9-5</p> <p>Sun 10-3</p>	<p>Mt. Hood Rock Club</p>	<p>Kliever Memorial Armory</p> <p>10000 NE 33rd Dive</p> <p>Portland, OR</p>	<p>Roberta Hanson</p> <p>mhrcdc@gmail.com</p> <p>503-449-3543</p> <p>Mthoodrockclub.com</p>
<p>May 3rd & 4th</p> <p>Sat 10-5</p> <p>Sun 10-5</p>	<p>Everett Rock & Gem Club</p> <p>70th Annual Show</p>	<p>Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Weiukel Event Center</p> <p>18359 Cascade View Drive</p> <p>Monroe, WA 98292</p>	<p>everettrockclub@hotmail.com</p>
<p>May 3rd & 4th</p> <p>Sat 9 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p> <p>Dealer/Demo Contact:</p>	<p>Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club</p>	<p>Douglas County Fairgrounds</p> <p>2110 Frear Ave.</p> <p>Roseburg, OR 97470</p> <p>Jason Jakubos 541- 580-7584</p>	<p>Jay Thomas</p> <p>jrthoms2@gmail.com</p> <p>503-400-2090</p> <p>rockandwool@gmail.com</p>
<p>May 10th & 11th</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society</p>	<p>Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center</p> <p>1705 East Airport Rd.</p> <p>Hermiston, OR 97838</p>	<p>Mike Filarski</p> <p>stonemorlin1@netscape.net</p> <p>Hatrockhounds.org</p>
<p>May 10th & 11th</p> <p>Sat 10-6</p> <p>Sun 10-4</p>	<p>Bozeman Mineral and Gem club</p>	<p>Gallatin County Fairgrounds</p> <p>901 North Black, Bldg. 1</p> <p>Bozeman, MT 59715</p>	<p>Linda Johnson</p> <p>Bozemangemandmineralclub.com</p> <p>bgmcmnt@gmail.com</p>

<p>May 17th & 18th Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4</p>	<p>Butte Mineral and Gem Club</p>	<p>Butte Civic Center – Main Arena 1340 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701</p>	<p>Jerry D’Arcy 406-491-2054 jkdudding@gmail.com</p>
<p>May 31st & June 1st 2025 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4</p>	<p>North Idaho Mineral Club’s 64th Annual Show</p>	<p>Kootenai County Fairground’s Jacklin Building #25 4056 N. Government Way Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815</p>	<p>Mike McConnell nimcshowchairman@gmail.com</p>
<p>June 13th – 15th Friday 10-5 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4</p>	<p>Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society</p>	<p>Reedsport Community Center 451 Winchester Ave. Reedsport, OR 97467</p>	<p>Bambi Darling reedsportrockshow@gmail.com 541-420-8014</p>
<p>June 21st & 22nd Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5</p>	<p>Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society</p>	<p>Ravalli County Fairgrounds Event Center 100 Old Corvallis Rd. Hamilton, MT 59840</p>	<p>Amber Tyree Amber406142 @gmail.com Bitterrootgemandmineral.org</p>
<p>July 25th – 27th Fri 9-6 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5</p>	<p>Washington Agate and Mineral Society</p>	<p>Tenino City Park 300 Park Ave. W Tenino, WA 98589</p>	<p>Doug Shank wamsolympia@gmail.com</p>

Any new or updated information regarding Annual Shows will be added as provided.

Club Board Meeting Minutes –March 17, 2025

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Larry, Lisa, Sharon, Dave, Debbie, Vickie, Linda Spinner covering for Wayne Larson, Debbie, and Pauline

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Treasurer's report: Solvent ☺

Old Business

Lisa - Membership report - 144 members

Pauline – Junior Club

Will get their submission to Geode to Vickie next day or two

Doing Gem Tree class this weekend - Gave expenses to treasurer for reimbursement

Will tell Larry number of cases for show soon

Patrick had helped arrange a “Sand Collector” zoom for June meeting; facilitator sending supplies.

Larry – Show update:

Still lacking 13-15 display cases; if don't have enough, will need to redo layout – changes in 4' increments; permanent display cases (club) – 1 should be NW rocks – someone needs to lead – Sharon said she'd work on a small committee.

Randy & Larry inventoried the Fluorescent items received and feel there is probably enough for at least 6 cases!

Some Juniors are working on cases

Contracts are in place – Fairgrounds, rentals, tables, rental truck

Still working on Golf cart and Professional movers to help with Friday and Sunday set-up and take down. Voted on whether to get a 4-person or 6-person cart- Larry motioned, Debbie seconded, vote was 5 Yay and 2 Nay on 6-person (less trips required), we have a designated driver.

Advertising on FB and other Social Media requested

Fairgrounds are allowing “package” for vendors and club members with trailers for parking. Those that really need to park closer will be allowed, others please take that into consideration as that space is limited. No parking charge for members, others \$10 per day. Set-up, etc. can drive up and unload, then need to move.

Sunday Auction set-up at 7:00 a.m. runs from 8 to Noon; then all vehicles must be moved.

AGAIN – PUSH SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING – PICK UP SIGNS

NEW Business (Cont.)

Refreshment Committee – reiterate that Club is paying for the refreshments. Winco has trays, so could be a potential supplier, should have water and/or punch – we have a punchbowl, we probably still have cups, plates, and napkins.

Website committee – create sign up sheet, Dave will bring up/Talk about at next meeting

Tentative Schedule

Bragging Table – Mickee and Dave, Before Door Prize drawings

April – Show

May – Sand Show AND mini tool show – Mike Mineer, Larry will contact him

June – Tailgate

July – no meeting

August – Peter Kovich – Dino Dig, Wyoming

Sept –

Oct –

November – Project Contest

December – Party

New Business

Wire Wrapping Class

Vickie advised us that Kitty Cat Jewelry wire wrapping availability for classes was shrinking with only two dates left to choose from– we decided to request the second weekend in July (12th & 13th) and it would be held at Vickie’s house. The secret is out on how great the classes are with Kathy of KittyKat Jewelry. So we might want to think about when we would like to have her come back next year so that we can get our requested date in early. She will be offering projects in both copper and sterling silver and I will be placing signup sheets in the back with pictures and prices as soon as provided. You might want to check out her facebook page under the same name. If you see something you really like, let Vickie know and attach a copy of the picture, and we can ask Kathy if she has a tutorial for it, and if so if she could bring with her to the class.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p

2025 SILENT AUCTION RULES

Half Hour Auctions:

- White slips only. Please print the material, your name, and check box if item is a Donation or Consignment. If unchecked it will be automatically considered a donation. Put your opening bid on first line and leave name blank for first bidder.

2 Hour Auctions:

- There will be 3 two hour auctions each day (hour and a half on last one on Sunday) for higher value items, and a limit of two items per family, per auction for each session unless there is a shortage of material for the table. The bid sheets for this auction are on colored slips. Please print your name clearly on the slip as well as what the item is. Fill in the beginning bid price and leave the name area blank next to it. The 2 hour colored sheets have a BUY IT NOW price as well as the opening bid below it. **BUY IT NOW** seems to sell better if that price runs about \$10 to \$15 above opening **BID** amount.

- Bid slips will be available at the April meeting so club members can prepare their items for sale.
- Each sheet should be attached to its item with a rubber band.
- A 4% cover charge will be added to the buyer's total to cover card user charges.
- The first of the day will begin at 10:45 am, so as not to interfere with the calling of door prizes.
- NO BIDDING while working behind the tables and NO socializing with non-workers behind the tables.
- All items must be paid for at the end of the auction round & there will be no storing of materials for club members behind the tables.
- Only volunteers that are pre-signed up are allowed behind the tables unless someone is filling in for a no-show.
- The chairs behind the tables are for the auction-workers use only.
- If an item does not sell, it will be removed from the table and set aside for another sale round or set aside for the owner to claim later.

- **The payout on sales is 70% to owner, 30% to club. If you want a certain amount for your item, please figure out that amount in your 70% return and write that on your slip as the opening bid.**

Jr. Club Report – March 11, 2025

And now from our younger members of the club

The Juniors have been busy creating items to sell at the April show, so be sure to stop by our booth and do a little shopping to support the club. The show offers an opportunity to get the young people in your life connected to nature through rocks and minerals. Some kids discover interesting rocks while camping and fishing, others get hooked on rock collecting through the shopping experience. But either way, they are learning about our planet and its treasures! Many of our club members found us by experiencing all the show has to offer, including gorgeous display collections put together by members, fun games at the Junior booth, and having a geode cracked open.

At the next meeting on April 8, we'll begin a deep dive into the world of tiny rocks as we explore soil. Then in May we'll do a little "mining" to find gems in different kinds of sediment, and in June we'll have a presentation from the president of the International Sand Collector's Society.

Here's a photo of just a few of the affordable jewelry items made by the Juniors.



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

Garnet by Devan, age 9

Garnets are common gems that come in every color, the most common being red to the rarest being blue. They are also a group of silicate minerals. It can either have a cubic or rhombic dodecahedron structure. It has a hardness on the Mohs scale of 6.5 to 7.5.

There are also types of garnet like pyrope and andradite. It is used for jewelry, cutting steel (totally safe😊). It is formed in conditions like tectonic plates colliding. See you later!

Lepidolite Mica by Harper

Today my report is on a rock called lepidolite mica. It can have a pink or lilac color and only breaks in one direction. Other types of micas are muscovite with a hardness of 2.5 to 4, and biotite with a black color and radioactive elements. Abbe Hauy who lived in 1743 to 1822 was one of the few people to realize that crystals split into regular shapes along cleavage planes. Also lepidolite is a mineral of the core area of a lithium-bearing pegmatite. Lastly thank you for taking the time to listen to my report.

Classifieds

Mike Zinski's Workshop is available for any and all lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: gemmaermz@gmail.com or at 509-783-9337. (The email address for Mike is new, old one no longer good)

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, January 2025

Changes were made to the 9th Edition of the Rules to incorporate a single approved change made at the 2024 meeting held in Ventura, CA. Additional editorial comments have been included. Additionally, two documents entitled “Guidelines for Exhibitors”, and “Guidelines for Judges” have been updated and are now posted on the AFMS website at <https://www.amfed.org/contests/Rules>

- ***You might be a rockhound if . . .*** The rock pile in your garage is over your head.

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers Email: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

President	Dave Westland	Director(*)	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>
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