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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

June Meetings

Club: Wednesday June 3, 2015– 6:30 social, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Board: June 15th– 6:30

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

Junior Club meets JUNE 9, 2015 -- 6:30 pm; Banner
Bank, 203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick

Junior Club Leader Thora Trumbo (509) 582-4297

GEODE Submission Deadlines:

- 15th – member articles & photos
- Day after Board mtg. - officer & committee contributions

E-mail them to

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

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June Program “Project Night”

I will be asking people to share the things they like to do, wire wrapping, knapping, chainmail, beads, Viking knit and whatever else we can bring to display. So be prepared. It should be fun.

June Bragging Table

We hope to see material from the field trips to Saddle Mountain and China Hollow on the Bragging Table this month. If you were not able to participate in one of those field trips, please bring a lapidary find from a past Washington or Oregon field trip to share with the group. We would love to see your treasures!

Possible Field Trips

- Is anyone interested in visiting the Bruneau Wood Pile?
- Is anyone interested in a field trip to the McDermitt thunder egg site?

Upcoming Shows:

Prineville, June 18 – 21
Madras, June 25 – 28
Sisters, July 2 - 5.

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Member contact information updates:

Please notify Cindy Guettinger at
clguettinger@att.net

Club Minutes – May 6, 2015

Club President, Evelyn Cataldo, opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made and approved to accept the Secretary's report as written.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Bert Kaé-Je (not published per historic Board policy).

General Business

- Guests were welcomed.
- Federation News: Larry Hulstrom recommended reading the Northwest Federation Newsletter article on the Ogden, UT show. Cindy Guettinger has copies of Federation Directory for \$10.

Show Report

- Evelyn reported that attendance at the 2015 Rock and Gem Show was down slightly. Larry shared results from the advertising survey taken at the door with at least 54% of responders learning about the show through brochures passed out by club members. Members present affirmed reserving the fairgrounds for next year.

Old Business

- Funds from the current raffle will go to sponsor upcoming speakers. Still time to sign up for the drawing at our June 3 meeting.
- Signup sheets are available for those interested in attending a Club night at a Dust Devils game. See Heather Moon for details.

New Business

- Steve Shoemaker is holding a *rock yard sale* at his home on May 30 and 31. His address is 296 Paradise Drive, Burbank.
- Marty Casto reported that Mapletree is holding a warehouse retail sale. Information and fliers are available.

Bragging Table: Ed Thornton brought in crystals collected near Topaz Mountain, as well as specimens he purchased during his time at the Ogden, UT National Federation Show.

Door Prizes: John Silko won a screening system (or "pasta strainer"). Terry Dreaney, Rene Lopez and Carl Miles each won a mystery rock, and Kathy Larson finally won! She got to take home a collection of rock stands.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 6:30 social, 7:00 p.m. **Program:** Project Night
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Sally Lyon, Secretary

Board Minutes – May 18, 2015

Present: (Board Members) Evelyn Cataldo, Chris Sorensen, Larry Hulstrom, Marty Casto, Bert Kae-Jé, Yvonne Legare, Wayne Larson, Sally Lyon. (Quorum present). (Members) Mary Lou Omstead, Kathryn Larson, Cindy Guettinger, and Jerry Sorensen.

Chris Sorensen called meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Old Business

- Treasurer's report – Bert Kae-Jé. (not published per historic Club policy).
- Discussed how the April Rock Swap, went.
- June meeting will include raffle drawing. Tickets available 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Drawing to follow.
- Chris Sorensen will gather info & suggestions for special speakers at an upcoming Club event.

New Business

- Members discussed the LSGM liability insurance policy of our current coverage.
- LSGM has been contacted by SCRIBE regarding membership and submittal of our Editor and Webmaster information for their publications.
- Marty Casto will complete estimate for a new florescent room and a wireless stand or lapel microphone system.
- Chris Sorensen made motion to renew membership in the Washington Mineral Counsel. Motion passed.
- Jerry Sorensen asked about having a permanent display case at The Reach. Motion passed.
- Bert Kae-Jé made motion that receipts & requests for reimbursement be made within 90 days of transaction. Motion passed.
- Bert made the motion to construct new audit policy. Motion passed.
- Oil should be here by May 28, 2015.
- Bert needs support developing procedures/guidelines to make the Treasurers' job easier at high volume times during the year.
- A committee is needed to coordinate September picnic.
- Fair volunteers are needed in August.

Next Meeting

Club - June 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m. (social at 6:30).

Board – June 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Club members are invited and welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sally Lyon, Secretary

Jr. Club Minutes, April 14, 2015

- Our guest speaker Linda Spinner presented a marvelously well prepared lesson on mineral identification. 12 student mineral identification kit sets were passed out. All the kits had been assembled by Pat Lambert and students were so excited to receive their own kit to take home. Mrs. Spinner taught the students how to safely use each of the items in their kits to test minerals. Students practiced using their own tools after each demonstration. Students excitedly used the scratch test method using their finger nail, glass or ceramic tile. The room's noise level rose when the smell and later the acid tests (safe vinegar) stimulated their senses. Mrs. Spinner kept everyone involved as she passed around samples of many of her fine minerals for students to hold and examine allowing understanding her many examples. It was a marvelous lesson and the students were so grateful to learn how to use their own mineral identification kits. Many thanks to Linda Spinner and Pat Lambert for the time and effort put into preparing the lesson and wonderful kits. You are both appreciated greatly. Mrs. Spinner also gave students a glazed tile to add to their kits.
- Students and parents signed up to volunteer at the Rock Show. The invitation was given to help with set up, work in the Juniors Corner and to later assist with clean up, and of course to enjoy the potluck dinner with everyone.
- We expect a great show for the public and other rock hounds in the Juniors Corner this year. Mrs. Trumbo has prepared a new activity to add to this year's show. A "Dinosaur Dig" will allow visitors a simulated field geologists experience digging to "discover, excavate and identify bones". Each participant will go home with a memento of their work. We hope it will be a real hit at the show.

Junior Club Minutes May 12, 2015

- The meeting was called to order by President Makenna at 6:35pm. Mrs. Trumbo was on vacation so Mrs. Gifford was the adult leader. 14 juniors and 18 adults attended.
- Our guests for the evening were Mrs. Sorensen, Olivia, Morora, Sofia, Alex, Lila and Devine.
- There was no old business. There were no May birthdays.
- A field trip to Holleywood Ranch Oregon on June 5 was announced.
- Mrs. Gifford had very nice rocks that Mr. Gifford prepared, to present to guests. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Gifford.
- 4 door prizes were awarded.
- Mrs. Sorensen presented a program on Washington Rocks. She had lots of different kinds of rocks from different places in the State of Washington. She also gave us a geological map of the state to show us where the rocks came from.
- Beth and Gage brought Washington rocks for show and tell.
- Everyone got to pick a piece of snakeskin agate from Oregon to take home. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04. Respectfully submitted, Mersadie Secretary





April Lakeside Gem & Mineral Show

Kevin Miles & Grace Trumbo proudly show their ribbons and awards won in the case competitions. Congratulations to both winners who did a fantastic job!

Junior Rock Club Program Announcement

June 9, 2015 6:30 pm

Banner Bank Basement

203 West 1st Kennewick WA



TUMBLING ROCKS

Pat Lambert will present a program on the method she uses for tumbling and polishing rocks. See some different types of barrels. Learn about the different grits. See some rocks that didn't turn out as planned. Tumbling rocks is fun and interesting.



Mineral of the Month Report

Stibnite is a mineral. Its hardness is a 2. Stibnite's color is lead gray with pale blue. The mineral contains sulfur. The mineral Stibnite forms some of the most outstanding natural crystals that exist.

Samantha

Recap of May's Rock Swap

By Kathy Larson

About 15 people participated at the rock swap. We have a wide variety of items including an electronic keyboard Bert brought that played a lively tune which stayed in my head long after the music stopped. I swapped a slab of unknown material I had found for an adorable statue of an old man with a slice of birthday cake and hat and blowing a horn.

The number of items ranged from small collections to multiple tables. Our new member Sandra Bryant had a large collection of handmade necklaces that attracted multiple groups of people gathering around her car.

It was fun visiting, looking at what everyone brought & watching the swapping. There is a young lady, I don't know her name who was very good at finding and negotiating for items.

It was with reluctance that we finally stopped and join the meeting inside. The weather could have been a little warmer but still it was a fun event. Thanks to everyone who participated.

A Silver Opportunity

Don't miss the silver smithing Class with Peggy & Chris Blickfeld on June 20 and 21. You may register for one or two days. Payment of \$70 / Day will include materials needed to complete one project each day (pendent and ring). This workshop will be held in the Omstead Garage on Edison Ave. in Kennewick.

Questions or registrations are welcome, call Bert (509) 582-3766 --if no answer please leave a message I'll be happy to hear from you as we must have a certain number to hold the Class. All levels of students are welcome. Advanced students will continue to be challenged. All students are asked to bring a pair of magnifying glasses--those from the drug store are just fine.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

To Be Refreshment Coordinator

- * Solicit Club Members to Provide Refreshments
 - * Submit Monthly Provider List to Editor
 - * Remind Monthly Volunteers
 - * Purchase Cups, Plates, Etc. as Needed
 - * Store Supplies at Your Home
 - * Bring Supplies to the Meeting

Call Evelyn at 628-0170 if you can help the Club by being our Refreshment Coordinator



LAST CHANCE !

Raffle tickets will be available between 6:30 and 7:00 at the June meeting. We will be drawing for the prizes during the meeting. So, if you haven't purchased your tickets, plan on doing so prior to the start of the meeting. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes.

CHINA HOLLOW FIELD TRIP REPORT

About 20 of us, including 3 from the Walla Walla club, enjoyed near perfect collecting conditions at the China Hollow picture jasper mine on Saturday, May 9. Mine owner and host Don Hilderbrand graciously entertained us with stories of his experiences developing the mine. All who went found something that they liked in the two digging sites we visited. There was plentiful picture jasper and agate in a wide variety of colors including, tan, pumpkin, brown, black, white, blue, cream, and red. Don was also very generous with us when it came to checkout time. At the end of the day, he gave us a little 'test' with some China Hollow samples to see if we could identify which digging site they came from. We had a great time and look forward to visiting again next spring.

-- Kerry Norton, Trip Leader

Resources for Club Members

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

INVITATION FROM MARCUS WHITMAN CLUB

Jim Brain, the President of the Walla Walla club, has invited Lakeside members to join with his club on some upcoming field trips. If you are interested in going on any of the field trips, please contact Jim and he will get you in touch with the trip leader. Jim can be reached at jrbrain@frontier.com or 509-522-2261.

May 23-24 – trip to Kaner Flats. This area, 45 miles west of Yakima, offers thundereggs and colorful lillypad rhyolite.

June 5-7 – trip to Hampton Butte/Glass Buttes area. This site offers a variety of obsidian and petrified wood.

June 11-14 – trip to Plush, Oregon to search for sunstones. Some time will be spent on BLM free digging areas as well as some stops at the fee-digging mine claims.

LITTLE NACHES THUNDEREGG RHYOLITE TRIP

August 8-9, 2015

Contact Info: Heather Moon E-mail: h_moon39@hotmail.com (Put Naches in subject so I can see it)

Home Phone: 509-586-1978 Cell Phone: 509-845-2687

- I will be leaving Friday afternoon, August 7th, and will be camping at Kaner Flatts Campground. Last year they advertised as \$12 per night for camping. This is the cheapest fee-camp area there and the spaces seem to be bigger. I have a large blue tent and a red Ford Taurus, unless I get to borrow my dad's truck again :). We are going to try to get the group camp spot which is located to the left when you enter the campground. It's near the restroom with running water. It is first come, first serve. It's a large open area where several tents can camp. There are a few pull in spots for those who have RVs that are not far away, also.
- We will meet at Kaner Flatts Campground at 10:00am, Saturday August 8th, and leave from there. I would like a list of those planning on attending so I don't leave before you all arrive. You will need rock picks, shovels, buckets, sack lunch, and plenty to drink. If you want to hunt for fossils, the best way to break the shale apart is with a metal paint spatula.
- There are three locations we will go to. There is an area with blue thundereggs which you have to walk in about ¼ mile, up hill. The second is for the green rhyolite with tiny thundereggs. This is right in the road cut, so no hiking long distance. The third is in between these two locations which is for fossil leaves, pine needles and flowers.
- For those planning on staying overnight, we will go to a fourth location Sunday morning, which is river walking for agate, jasper and thundereggs. Overgrown and can be hard to maneuver in spots. Bring plenty of bug repellent.
- Please contact me to be put on the list. If you send me an e-mail, I'll forward the map of the area to you. Hope to see you there!

Rockhound Rendezvous

Saturday, July 18th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Lakeside July field trip is a new concept. – an in-town rockhound experience! No long travel times, no overnight stay, no digging fees. Join your fellow Lakesiders to socialize, look at shop equipment, discuss lapidary techniques, and view a member's collection. Although the collection is not the Rice museum, it is probably in the top five collections for the Tri-City area. Bring any rock(s) that you would like to get identified. Bring a project you have recently completed or are working on to share with others. Come spend an hour or four hours – come and enjoy the company of your fellow rockhounds. At noon, we will have hot dogs and drinks. The Rendezvous address is 99509 E. Brandon Drive, Kennewick. Need directions? Call 628-0170.



**Have you seen a Didymoceras lately?
Or some Clay Canyon Variscite?
No? Come on over and take a look !**



**Lakeside Field Trip
To the Hollywood Ranch For Petrified Wood
June 5th, 6th & 7th**

The Hollywood Ranch (www.hollywoodranch.com) is located just outside of Sweet Home, Oregon. Sweet Home is approximately 315 miles from Kennewick; about 55 miles south of Salem. This is a fee dig area. The charge is \$1.50 per pound for the wood that you want to take home. So far, sixty-five different species have been identified. Rounds ranging from 1 inch to 3 feet in diameter have been found plus the chunk wood ranges from beautiful landscape wood to very rare, high-grade sycamore. The wood has great cell replacement and takes a wonderful polish. The ranch has been featured on the Travel Channel's show, Cash & Treasures.

Digging for petrified wood on the ranch is relatively easy, since the owner has an area where they have already dug trenches. You simply pick where you think looks good and dig out the walls of the trench to see what you can find. They also have exposed piles of wood that you can choose from. Suggested equipment to bring with you are pick, small hand shovel, pry bar, soil probe, rock hammer, gloves, knee pads, food and water.

The ranch directions from I-5 are...

Take the OR-228 exit, EXIT 216, toward Halsey/Brownsville - .2 mile

Turn east onto OR-228/Halsey-Sweet Home Hwy. – 14.7 miles

Turn right onto Old Holley Rd. – 1.8 miles

End at 26250 Old Holley Road, Sweet Home, OR

The Cataldos are planning on leaving Kennewick at 8 AM on Friday, June 5th. If you want to travel along with the Cataldos give them a call at 628-0170.

Dry camping is available at no charge at the farm. The Cataldos are planning on camping at the farm. Camping with hook-ups is available at Foster Lake near Sweet Home. There are two hotels in Sweet Home. Check the internet for additional camping options and directions plus information on hotels.

If you are camping with the Cataldos, we will plan on having potluck dinners both Friday and Saturday evenings. Of course, if you are staying in a hotel or at a campground, you are welcome to join us for the potlucks.

**WE NEED TO LET THE RANCH KNOW APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY
PEOPLE TO EXPECT.**

**PLEASE CALL CATALDOS AT 628-0170
BY JUNE 1st IF YOU PLAN ON GOING.**

Also, we will call the ranch prior to departure to make sure that it is not too muddy to dig; another reason for us to know that you are planning on participating in the field trip.

LGMC Board of Directors

Officers E-mail: lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com

President	Evelyn Cataldo – 628-0170	Director	Wayne Larson – 586-1203
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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

Available Club Officer Positions

Assistant Junior Club Leader

The Junior Club meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July. The Club is generally designed for children between the ages of 8 to 16 years. Call Thora Trumbo at (509) 582-4297 to express your interest.

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>

Member: Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau



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Classes

- **The Lakeside Knappers** will be at Howard Amon Park in Richland on Memorial weekend for their annual Knap-In. Come and learn how it's done, see the tools needed, and talk with members who love to knap.
- **Steve Shoemaker** is offering a class in knife handle making on either June 6 or 7 from 10:00 to 4:00. Cost is \$30. He can accommodate 6 people for this class.
- **The Blickfields** would like to hold basic silversmith classes on June 20 and 21 at the Olmstead workshop. They will teach how to make a pendant on day one, and a ring on day two. Cost is \$70 per day and payment should be made in advance to Bert.
- **Sandra Bellinger** is offering to hold wire wrapping classes for anyone interested in learning. Sandra can accommodate a class size of 5 or less students.