



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: lgmgeode2025@outlook.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: 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.

February 4th- General Club Meeting. Rock Bingo! Everyone bring 5 stones/parcels

February 11th Junior Club Meeting at the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

February 17th 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/>.

As this is February, the month that we remember those who are the special people in our lives, that saying thank you to the special people that make our club what it is.

To Mickee Madden and Mike Zinski who have opened up their workshops and given of their knowledge and time to teach and provide workspace for those wanting to learn lapidary and crafting skills.

To Mickee for keeping and distributing the grits for tumbling, and James McLean for storing and distributing the oil used for the saws.

To Don and Pat Snyder for all the contributions of materials and stone that they have and continue to donate to the club and it's members. The very first piece I cabbed came from them.

To Larry Hulstrom for the tireless work he does behind the scenes to make our shows and so many or things happen.

And to the board members for the endless hours given and who are the glue that holds everything together, getting the necessary and boring things done that make our club great.

And of course all our wonderful members who step up to help when needed. I look forward to another great year of learning, and sharing with our wonderful and talented rockhounds

February's Meeting

Marty Costa

Will be providing a follow-up/update to the Central Oregon shows and what types of rocks can be found in Oregon. Like Washington, you can find a number of different types of stones in Oregon, some, like our Ellensburg Blue, that can only be found in Oregon.

Have questions? Bring them with you to the meeting.

Time permitting: Larry will provide information regarding Displays at the show. Information regarding rules for those both new displayers and past displayers who are interested in entering displays in national competitions. Displays are a great way to show off what you learned, to share information, and for our artist, their art. Show off the many different many characteristics, uses, and beauty of the rocks.

Classes, Gatherings, Field Trips, and Groups

Field trip to:

Headed up by:

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. 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.

2025 Dates

- January Social Crafting Group: 5th and 19th.
- February Social Crafting Group: 2nd and 16th.
- March Social Crafting Group: 2nd, 16th, and 30th.

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

- January 13th, 14th, and 18th and 27th, 28th
- February 1st, and 10th, 11th, 15th, and 24th, 25th
- March 1st and 10th, 11th, 15th, and 24th, 25th, and 29th

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.

General Club Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Dave Westland at 7:01 pm

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

A number of new members and visitors were greeted.

Old Business

Dues are still being collected. Please get your payment in to avoid being dropped from the rolls.

A representative from "My Friend's Place" visited the club to thank us for the \$349 donation that came from the Christmas party. He described their program and answered questions.

The April show (April 26-27) was discussed by Larry Hulstrom. Dave Westland reminded everyone to begin thinking about what they will display at the show. Spaces for 19 dealers are available, most have committed already. Flyers will be available in February to begin distribution. Lots more details will be coming.

The NFMS newsletter for January was sent to members, If you did not receive your issue, please notify Geode Editor at lmggeode2025@outlook.com, Please provide email address so that can check to insure listed correctly on mailing list. The December issue had lots of interesting details. Friends Mary Lou and Jerry Northrup from Lewiston have been selected as the Scholarship Honorees for 2025. The Northwest Rockhound Retreat application form should be available on the NFMS website after March 1. A discussion was held regarding the NFMS Stamp program. All members are urged to save older stamps or collections to donate to the NFMS. Pat Lambert is the Lakeside contact for this effort. The Junior Achievement Award application was found in the December issue. Pauline Schafer was made aware and encouraged to get our juniors to consider it. The deadline is February 15.

Camp Hancock (Northwest Rockhound Retreat) – applications received will be reviewed by the Board at the January Board meeting. An announcement will be made at the February general meeting.

New Business

Mike Mineer will lead a field trip to Saddle Mountain on January 11. Information will be posted to the club Facebook page.

Enough material was brought in for 3 rounds of Bingo. Everyone went home with something new to enjoy or work with.

Meeting was adjourned.

Just a reminder to all our members who have not yet paid their annual dues, that this will be the last issue they will receive of the Geode they will be receiving, followed by removal from the membership list.

Congratulations to Rhea Bowerly our first Retreat Scholarship Winner!

January 11th Field Trip to Saddle Mountain

I would like to extend a great big thank you to Mike Mineer for taking the time to share his passion for rock hounding with other members, and leading the field trip up to Saddle Mountain in search of petrified wood. Below are pictures of some of the treasures that were found on the January 11th field trip. If there are other members who are knowledgeable of some of the different places to go to hunt for other rock treasures, and are willing and able to head up a field trip to share with other members, please send an email to the lgmgeode2025@outlook.com with the type of rock or mineral, location for the field trip, what type of vehicle would suggest to get to location, what tools should be brought, and importantly the date, time, and location to meet at to meet up with you and those looking to participate in the field trip. That way I can post future field trips here in the Geode, with the information needed. We can place signup sheets out for those who are interested, and provide the leader with a copy so that they know how many, and who will be joining them.



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>

Feb 22nd & 23rd Sat 10 - 7 Sun 12 - 6	Idaho Gem Club 85th Gem Show	Expo Building 'South Wing' 5610 Glenwood Boise, ID 83714	Brent Stewart Willa Renken idahogemclub.com
Feb 22nd & 23rd March 1st & 2nd Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Chugach Gem and Mineral Society Show	Midtown Mall 3 Large Show Rooms! 600 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99514	Paul Burger cavemonpaul@hotmail.com
March 1st & 2nd Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society	O' Connor Field House 2207 Blaine Street Caldwell, ID 83605	Paul Deveau devidaho@outlook.com 208-994-8025
March 1st & 2nd Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	E. King Co. Rock and Gem Show	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave. NW Issaquah, WA 98027	Kim Villines earthlightgems@gmail.com 425-828-3872
March 7th - 9th Fri 10 - 4 Sat 10 - 4 Sun 10 - 4	Oregon Agate & Mineral Society	OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) 1945 SE W Portland, OR 97214ater Ave.	Rose Cohen nwcohenfamily@gmail.com

The NFMS annual meeting and show this year will be in Walla Walla on September 12-14. Plan and book early if you plan attend and stay in the area. Reservations fill fast this time of year.

Club Board Meeting Minutes –January 20, 2025

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Larry Hulstrom, Patrick Donohue, Bert Kae Je, Pauline Schafer, Sharon Louise, Dave Westland, Debbie Muller, and Vickie Elkins, and Linda Spinner covering for Wayne Larson

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's report: Solvent – have 2 new membership applications, 3 months grit sales, 3 months,

3 months cabbing classes.

Bills to pay: Yearly Insurance

Geode question by Vickie New List had a number of people missing – do I send them copies of Geode? No

Exception is Webmaster

Old Business

February Program Marty Costa will do a follow-up/update to Central Oregon shows, If time allows, Larry will run through his “Showmanship” presentation – want to stoke Interest in people displaying at the show!

Scholarship applications to Hancock Camp in 2025

Read and discussed, voted w/one abstained – **Rhea Bowerly** is recipient of 2025 Scholarship

Plaques or Pins Bert brought back up the conversation regarding changing from plaques to pins or something else for winners of contests (AND expressing appreciation to contributor members) Agreed we need to bring up for the membership to have input opportunity.

Also agreed might be nice to have occasional entries in the Geode about individual members – what they are doing, their specialties, interests, hobbies, etc. **(This is endeavoring to build connections)**

Day/Time of Bert brought back up the discussion about potentially changing day/time of tailgating at the April show. After discussion, we agreed to leave as is for this years' show

Club Library Denise Williams, librarian, is close to being done with inventory of Club holdings...how do we want to handle items that are “lost”? Money for new items? Simpler method for moving and displaying at meetings? Patrick will check in with her.

Suggestion Box It was brought up to put out a suggestion box giving members the opportunity to submit ideas /suggestions to the board for things they would like to see, activities, events, guest speakers, etc. that they would like to see, hear, or participate in.

NEW Business

Request for additional Cabbing machines Mickee asked the board to vote on the Club purchasing two additional cabbing machines – there are 5 new members, in addition to Linda Spinner
Quotes were provided, discussion ensued, Dave motioned, Patrick seconded, passed unanimously to purchase two new machines. Agreed that Sharon would advise Mickee and they would let Treasurer know if her assistance was needed for the purchase or merely to reimburse Mickee once she purchased.

NFMS Meeting Show Bert suggested we should try to build excitement for the Regional Show in Walla & Walla this year (Sept.) – maybe hire a van so people can travel together.
As an aside, Larry reiterated that it will be VERY BUSY in Walla Walla at that time and people who want to stay overnight should book their accommodations EARLY Further discussion next meeting.

March program – “Stump the Experts” need to recruit said experts 😊

SHOW Business (Report)

Larry reported that there are 19 dealers set up for this year!
Security is done
ATM is done
Flyers are in process
Forms are in process

Larry is requesting assistance from members to get the word out via social media – Pauline will ask the Junior Club teens to assist with some of that.

Tentative
Schedule:

Thursday a.m. before show – set up layout in building, then go pick up Lift Truck, then oad from storage and possibly do some set up

Friday – full set up

Sunday it all goes in reverse

**** Members Participating - Please stay and help with the take down****

Still to do: Order extra uprights, lights, stands, etc. Need two new urns, Larry will buy and get reimbursed

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Jr. Club Report – January 14, 2025

Pauline reported that there is still a lot of members, they are planning a mini field tri to “Fir” (?) Road.

The Junior Club met in January and shared some of the stories behind their favorite rocks. We also put together a 2025 calendar of birthstones, made with downloadable coloring pages from the Gillespie Museum in Florida. (Their webpage of resources is <https://www.stetson.edu/other/gillespie-museum/geology-resources.php>)

If anyone in the club wants to color their own birthstones calendar, let me know! I have extra copies to share or I can send you a file to print.

We also brainstormed ideas for gem crafts we can make to sell at the show...and that's our activity for the February 11 meeting. On the topic of crafts, Juniors are invited to a gem tree workshop to be held in February...more details to come.

There's a lot of creativity going around in the club as the Juniors design our club logo. These photos are a few ideas that they sketched out so far. We're going to compile these ideas into one design so we can have our own club *banner on display at the show*.



I am updating the Junior Club's library with some new and lightly used books on rock and mineral identification, rockhounding, fossils, and beginner lapidary work. If you have good books for a young audience that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to the club. I can be reached at pauschafer@hotmail.com, or 469-371-3256.

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

Black Tourmaline by Juni

Black tourmaline is a type of mineral made mostly of elements like iron, aluminum, and boron, and it forms in long, thin columns or needles. It has a hardness of 7 to 7.5 on the Mohs scale so it can scratch glass. It can be found in granite and can handle high temperatures. Scientists study it to see what weather the rock formed in.

Classifieds

Mike Zinski's Workshop is available for any and all lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: gemmaformz@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 . . . you find yourself chizeling out ones you find in your steps

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>
<http://www.amlands.org>



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