



THE GEODE

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

March Meetings

Club: Wed. 6th – Social 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:00 / **Board Meeting 18th 6:30** Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7105 W 10th Ave, Kennewick

Junior Club meets 12th 6:30 pm; Banner Bank, 203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick
JR Club Leader Thora Trumbo (509) 582-4297

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Member contact information updates:

Please notify Mark Kidder at markkidder@msn.com

GEODE Submission Deadlines:

- 19th – member articles & photos
- Day after Board mtg. - officer & committee contributions

E-mail them to

mickeemadden@charter.net

- Please contact Mark Kidder with any changes to your street or email address for our membership list.

Bragging Table

Bring something you found (and maybe need someone to identify for you), a rock or fossil you find interesting or love, something you made...

ANYTHING YOU ARE WILLING TO BRING TO THE TABLE AND TALK ABOUT.

Minutes – Club Meeting – February 6, 2019

Wayne Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

General Business

- **Welcome Guests:** Welcome to everyone who paid a visit to our February meeting.
- **Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Treasurers Report:** Not printed per historic Club policy.
- **Federation News:** Check out the February Federation Newsletter for information on the Federation Show in Lewiston, Idaho on October 18 thru the 20th.
- **Refreshments:** Rhea Bowerly reported that enough members have volunteered to bring refreshments for the next few meetings. The signup sheet will be out again when necessary.

Old Business

- **April Show:** Larry Hulstrom updated everyone on the show preparations so far. Fliers are available to pass out to family, friends, coworkers, etc. Signup sheets are also available to help out with all aspects of the show. The 3 year fairgrounds contract has been signed.
- Mickee Madden shared that instead of having ½ day auctions at the show, there will be an auction every 2 hours this year, and that there will be a credit/debit card reader available at the auction table as well.
- **Competitive Case:** Marty Casto asked that members consider entering a competitive case in the Federation Show in Lewiston, Idaho this year. Lakeside has had a case in a number of Federation shows with outstanding results.
- **Program Chairman:** The Club still needs a volunteer to take over programs.
- **Website:** Kevin Fiedler and Mickee Madden are working on bringing our website up to date with current Geodes and updated contact information and a new calendar.

New Business

- **Reach Display:** Chris asked members to consider putting an item in a special display at The Reach running from the end of March through April. The display will showcase many of our members' talents and interests, and is a great way to advertise the April show.
- **Classes:** Mickee will be offering classes on making a tree of life pendant in March. See the Geode for more information.

Bragging Table:

Wayne Larson brought in examples of his finds from estate and garage sales. He brought up the point that we can find very good specimen pieces if we expand our search to include yard sales, Craigslist, the Giant Nickel, Facebook and even thrift stores.

Marty shared Youngite, Luna Agate and Montana Agate with 2 eyes. This is old and rare material that is hard to find now.

Mickee brought in a decorated deer skull with antlers that she's been working on for the past 6 months. She was inspired by a Turquoise skull she saw at the Tucson Show 2 years ago.

Program – 10 Minute Rockhound

Next Meeting: Club Meeting – March 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m. (social at 6:30). Board Meeting – March 18, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Show Planning, Board meeting to follow.

Respectfully Submitted, Sally Lyon, Secretary

Show Planning Meeting – February 18, 2019

- Larry Hulstrom, Show Coordinator, reported that show planning is moving along. He still needs volunteers in the following areas:
- Badges, display cases, demonstrations, lunch/potluck coordinator, hospitality room coordinator, geode cracking, camp host, library displays at West Richland, Richland and Prosser Libraries, and flyer distribution at the Spokane show, Richardson's Ranch and the Ginkgo Gem Shop.
- Discussion on display cases for the fluorescent room. Marty Casto has the ability to modify the size of the room to accommodate fewer cases if necessary.
- The ½ day silent auction will be modified to take place every 2 hours. Mickee Madden has offered to coordinate the use of a debit/credit card reader as a payment alternative during the 2 hour auctions only. Since there is a transaction fee associated with using a card reader, it was felt that when a purchase is made using this payment method, the buyer will bear this fee on top of the purchase price. Signs will be posted explaining the new silent auction rules and this fee. Buyers will also have the option to Buy It Now, i.e. pay the sellers' full asking price without going through the bidding process. A list of policies will be developed regarding the use of a card reader.

Tree of Life Pendant Classes



\$10 Class, includes pre-cut wires (choice of colors), a choice of stones, and a neck cord to have a finished product.

March 14th 10-12

March 15th 10-12 (Full)

March 16th 1-3

March 17th 1-3

I can only have 4 people per class. I can add more time slots if needed. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March meetings.

If you can't make these meetings and would like to take one of the class, please call:

Mickee at: 509-438-5798

Please bring needle nose and flat pliers if you have them. I do have spares I can loan out.

Minutes – Board Meeting – February 18, 2019

Present: (Board Members) Bill Hamel, Wayne Larson, Chris Sorensen, Duane Schock, Ron Northey, Rick Tobin, Larry Hulstrom, Sally Lyon (Members) Marty Casto, Jerry Sorensen and Mike Zinski

Bill Hamel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

- Bill is continuing to work on the club's non-profit status paperwork through the State of Washington.
- The Northwest Federation website has been updated with forms and information relating to the show in Lewiston, Idaho in October. Check out their site if you're planning on entering a competitive or noncompetitive case in the Federation Show this year.
- The Club insurance policy is in place with new stipulations which cover supplies and equipment in the Finley storage facility.
- Cabbing Committee: Ron Northey, Rhea Bowerly and Sally Lyon met with Mike Zinski to begin planning for Club sponsored cabbing classes at his shop. There was preliminary discussion on shop layout, class dates, policies and procedures moving forward. Another committee meeting is scheduled for February 19. Arrangements will be made with Mike to have the Board tour his facility as well.
- Larry and Wayne will schedule a meeting with Tri-Tech to see whether they would be interested in building new Club cases through their program.

New Business

- Rick Tobin will be ordering saw oil this month.
- Club meeting programs have been confirmed through May. We still need a volunteer to take over as Program Chairman.
- Larry will confirm with the fairgrounds that we are planning on manning a booth during the fair again this year. We will not be charged for a booth and they have accepted our insurance certificate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Sally Lyon, Secretary

Wire-Wrapping Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You're welcome to come to Mickee's house to play with wire-wrapping and wire-weaving. You can do your own thing or borrow one of my hundreds of tutorials. I've ordered a Delux Coil Gizmo for making those fabulous coil bezels that are so popular. My workshop is on the second floor in my house, so there are stairs. Pick one or both days. It's all about creative fun!

If you're interested, please call Mickee at: 438-5798

Check out this interesting website by Paul Gian on **HOW DIAMONDS ARE MADE AND FORMED.**

<https://beyond4cs.com/how-are-diamonds-made-and-formed/>

2019 SILENT AUCTION RULES

- A silent auction round will be 30 minutes in duration. The first of the day will end 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.

4) 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. **We will have a credit card reader available at the auctions. Please write your minimum bid in and also a BUY IT NOW price (if you want to use this option) in the area that will be made available on this year's colored sheets.**

- The bid sheets for the **2 Hour auctions** are on colored paper, the ½ hour auctions on white. Please print your name clearly on the slip as well as what the item is. A 4% cover charge will be added to the buyer's total to cover card user charges.

- **A minimum bid may be placed on an item. 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. If you have any questions regarding this new payout, please contact Wayne Larson.**

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.

5) Consignment Sales:

- Items may be consigned to sell at the half-hour auctions. Fill out a white bid sheet and attach it to the item with a rubber band or tape. **Print your name clearly and check the "consignment" box on the sheet.** If no box is checked, it is assumed that it is a donation. Bid slips will be available at the April meeting so club members can prepare their items for sale. We suggest you open your bids with at least a \$1.00 amount.

Raffle - Raffle - Raffle

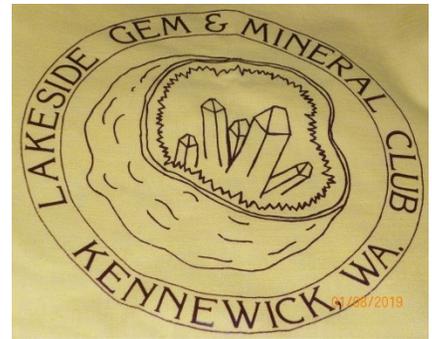
We are having our yearly raffle. We have 12 beautiful items that have been donated for this year's raffle.

- A belt buckle created and donated by Andy Johnson
- Pink Halite donated by Steve and Darla Shoemaker – Menschee LLC
- A Maury Mountain agate sphere created and donated by Kerry Norton
- Arizona Petrified wood donated by Don and Pat Snyder
- A sandblasted plaque created and donated by Kathy Larson
- A salt crystal lamp donated by the family of Floyd and Leona George
- Laguna Lace agate donated by Don and Pat Snyder
- An original Lakeside vest and 1 year membership
- Cabochons
- A coated crystal
- A piece of pyrite
- Peridot hearts

The drawing will be at the Lakeside general meeting in May. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Get your tickets at the March, April, or May club meeting or at the April show.

If you have an item you would like to donate for next year's raffle, Pat Lambert is collecting items.





FOR SALE!

Restored FranTom 8 inch lapidary grinding unit with saw and side wheel.

Gravity feed drip system with 5 gallon capacity.

½ horse power electric motor.

Three speed settings.

Wooden base with shelving.

Saw blades and grit wheels included.

Please call 509-582-3919 with inquires and offers.

\$1,200 obo.

Photograph on next page:

Classifieds

Rock Saw Oil -- The new oil contact is Rick Tobin 2767 South Lyle St.,
Kennewick 509 734 8357

Saw oil purchasing information:

- Must be a LSGM club member to purchase saw oil. Membership forms are available if you need to join.
- Must have your own containers
- If you call and set a date and time, please show up and show up on time.
 - Diala (the old oil) \$14.00/gallon
 - Superla 5 (the new oil) \$17.50/gallon

Tumbling grit. **New Prices! 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, get 2 lbs. of 60/90 or 220 grit free.
NO RIVER ROCK!!!!**

**Call Mickee Madden at 509-438-5798. Sold in 2 pound bags only. Pick up at her
house in Richland. **Exact change, please!****

- Larry has 2016/2017 Federation Directories available now for sale at \$10 each.
- Larry also has LSGM t-shirts and hats for sale at \$10 each.



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) <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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Club Cabbing Night

Rhea Bowerly, Ron Northey and Sally Lyon have been working with Mike Zinski to coordinate cabbing at Mike's shop. Details are being worked out, and we should be offering cabbing on a regular basis again this spring.

Club Sub-Groups:

Rick Tobin is still holding flint knapping at the Omstead's. Contact Rick for more information.