



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.

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GEODE Submission Deadline:

19th of the month for member articles & photos

E-mail: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

Membership: Please pay at meetings or mail in.

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Update your email address on your Membership Application so that you don't miss out on Club Communications.

Club Meetings & Upcoming Events

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7105 W 10th Ave, Kennewick

Social at 6:30pm – Meeting at 7:00pm

February 1, 2023 – Club Meeting – Video presentation of the Stonerose Interpretive Center and Eocene Fossil Site. Also, bring a heart shaped or red/pink rock for a valentine show and tell.

February 14, 2023 – Junior Club Meeting – 6:30pm
Park Middle School cafeteria, 1011 W. 10th Ave. in Kennewick.

April 29-30, 2023 – Annual Gem Show

Raffle Donation Items

If you have an item you would like to donate for the club raffle held at the rock show, please bring it to the February club meeting or call Pat Lambert to have it picked up. (509 582 6028)

Minutes – Club Meeting, January 3, 2023

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

- Minutes of the previous meetings stand as printed.
- There was no new correspondence.
- New members and visitors Vince, Sharon, Ben and Michael were welcomed.

Old Business

- Thanks to the Christmas party committee for organizing an amazing get together. \$192.00 was raised for our Second Harvest donation.
- Thanks also goes out to everyone who helped with marking and organizing our table skirting. This will really speed up and simplify set up at the show.
- Dues can still be paid. Mark Kidder is filling in for Kathy Larson as membership coordinator this spring.
- The club still needs volunteers for programs and door prize coordinator.
- Remember to bring in your finished pieces from Don Snyder's donation bags for show and tell. Everyone can pick up a new selection of Montana agates once you've shown your finished work.

New Business

- Larry and Judi are already working on the show for April 29 and 30.
- Pat Lambert is accepting raffle items for the show.
- Patrick asked for a show of hands regarding who would be interested in attending a wire wrapping class this spring. Plenty of members raised their hands and so Kathy Larson will coordinate with Kit Kat Wire Wrapping to offer this class, possibly in May. More information coming soon in the Geode.
- The Board will discuss bylaw review at their next meeting.
- Check out YouTube for a tour of Mike Zinski's shop on the "Currently Rock Hounding" channel.
- Larry Hulstrom and Mike Zinski were recognized as our Rockhounds of the Year! Congratulations and thank you for the hours of work you each give to the club.
- Happy Birthday to Caroline Bowdish!

Program: BINGO

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sally Lyon, Secretary

Annual Review of Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Bylaws

The Board would like members to read the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Bylaws and our Rules and Operating Procedures which can be found on our website at Lakesidegemandmineralclub.com, Officers and New Members Info tab. There will be discussion at the upcoming meeting in February regarding changes or additions to these documents.

Click this link for the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Web Page: [Officers and New Members Info](#)

Stamps -- Stamps -- Stamps

We have new volunteers running the stamp program. They have chosen to donate the stamp money to the federation youth scholarship program. They do not want flag stamps but want commemorative stamps (the non flag stamps) or stamp collections. The stamps need to have 1/4" of paper around them if you are taking them off an envelope. You can just tear off the end of the envelope if it is handier for you. Bring your stamps to a meeting and give them to Pat Lambert.

Thank you again for taking the time to collect stamps for a good cause.

Minutes – Board Meeting, January 16, 2023

Present: Patrick Donohue, Peter Kovich, Chris Sorensen, Larry Hulstrom, Patty DeForest, Caroline Bowdish
Sally Lyon

Peter called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Old Business

- Treasurers report: Not published per historic Club practices.
- Larry reported that Don Snyder will purchase geodes for the cracking table at the show.
- Larry will be meeting with the new fairgrounds contact to confirm that all the old contract stipulations which were agreed on are still intact. He reported that dealers have been contacted, and checks are coming in.
- Kathy is coordinating with Kit Kat Designs to offer a wire wrapping class in May. The motion was made and passed to reimburse Kit Kat Designs for their mileage at the current federal rate.

New Business

- Sadly, club member Rod Coler has passed away. The motion was made and to send a \$50 donation to the Northwest Federation Scholarship Fund. After discussion, the motion was amended to raise the donation amount to \$75 due to inflation and education costs. Motion passed. A condolence card will be sent to the family on behalf of the club.
- Larry received notice from the storage unit manager that rental fees were due. It was apparent that the fees have gone up and the Board agreed to pay for 6 months rent at this time and will discuss future storage options. Caroline paid the 6 months rental. Additional new units are becoming available which are bigger. Discussion regarding the best use of space for the items we store, the shelf systems we currently have in place, and our future storage needs. It was felt that the shorter units are easier when loading items in and out, and more cleaning and reorganization will free up space. Larry will also check whether there is a smaller unit close to our current spaces available, and what rent could be negotiated.
- The Northwest Federation has proposed to have their midyear meeting here once again during our show. Larry will propose that the club split the cost of additional chairs and tables with the Federation. The meeting could also be broadcast via Zoom, with Chris and Larry acting as host. Larry will check with the fairgrounds to verify WIFI service in building 3.
- Chris reported that the junior club needs a new membership coordinator. Eight juniors attended the November meeting, and there were 12 plus at their Christmas party. The next junior meeting will be held at Park Middle School.
- Paperwork has been received from the Northwest Federation to pay our dues. Sally will deliver the forms to Mark Kidder to be completed.
- The Board needs to review our roles for lifetime membership.
- Discussion on bylaw review. The Board would like members to read the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Bylaws and our Rules and Operating Procedures which can be found on our website at Lakesidegemandmineralclub.com and clicking on the Officers and New Members Info tab. There will be discussion at the upcoming meeting in February regarding changes or additions to these documents. It was felt that an addition needs to be made to the Rules and Operating Procedures to allow for a member in good standing to stand in for a board member who is unable to attend meetings, as well as adding rules for silent auctions and that there is no silent auction in December and January at the regular meetings.
- Discussion regarding whether we should investigate ordering club vests and name badges. It was felt that t-shirts would probably be worn more than vests. As we have a number of t-shirts in stock, the proposal was made to sell them at a reduced price in the future. Larry will check on pricing for name badges and will have signup sheets available for anyone interested in ordering a badge.

February program: Video presentation of the Stonerose Interpretive Center and Eocene Fossil Site. Also, bring a heart shaped or red/pink rock for a valentine show and tell.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Sally Lyon, Secretary

Minutes – Junior Rock Club, January 10, 2022

On Jan 10th the Junior rock club met. Present were Ahziah, Wyatt, Tyler, Martin, Arthur, Cinda, Alex, and Ryan.

Rock reports:

Hedenbergite by Cinda

Hedenbergite is a brownish-green or black, dull, opaque and brittle mineral that is in the clinopyroxene subgroup or pyroxene group. It has the monoclinic crystal system and is in the 2/m prismatic class. It's about 5.5 to 6.5 on the Moh's scale and is found in geological settings like metamorphosed iron formation and alkaic granites. It has the chemical elements Ca, Fe, O and S. The chemical formula is $\text{Ca,FeSi}_2\text{O}_6$ and some of the common impurities are Mn, Zn, Ti and Al.

Moracco stromatolites by Ahziah

The name of my rock is Morraccon Stromatolite. It is the oldest known fossil to man.

This type of rock was first discovered in Australia 3.9 billion years ago. They were abundant two to 3 billion years ago, but now they are very rare. For a stromatolite to grow you need warm, shallow, high salt seawater with low circulation. They grow less than a millimeter a day.

Mine is probably from the Aboran Sea in Morocco. They can get 3 feet tall. The hardness is 6.5. It got its name from the Greek word stroma which means layered. Through photosynthesis, stromatolites are able to change carbon dioxide into oxygen, They help oxygenate the world.

I did not know that there were so many fun facts about Morocco stromatolites. I hope you liked learning about my rock.

Upcoming Junior Rock Club Meeting, Tuesday, February 14, 2023

The next Junior Rock Club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 pm. The location is Park Middle School cafeteria, 1011 W. 10th Ave. in Kennewick.

It's time for elections, and members have stepped up to run and help lead the club. Here is the slate of officers:

President: Wyatt, Ryan, Arthur

Vice President: Ahziah

Secretary: Tyler

Once elections are settled, it will be time for Rock Bingo. This fun game will help us learn the names of many of the rocks we like to collect, and also help us win some!

Many thanks to Laurie Sorenson who has been organizing membership for the Junior club for several years. Laurie is stepping down and so we'll need a new volunteer to take on this important task. Please contact Pauline at pauschafer@hotmail.com to learn how you can help with the Junior Club.

Membership Application
Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Dues are prorated according to the month you join. Date _____

___ Family - \$25.00 Join date (Jan-Mar) \$20 (Apr-Jun) \$15 (Jul-Sept) (List all of the Members of the immediate family to be covered by the family membership)

___ Individual - \$20.00 Join date (Jan-Mar) \$15 (Apr-Jun) \$10 (Jul-Sept)

___ Junior - Member only (is not a part of a family membership) - \$5.00 join date (Jan-Mar) \$4.00 (Apr-Jun) \$3.00 (Jul-Sept)

Please mail to: Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Attn: Membership
PO Box 6652, Kennewick WA 99336-0603

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Junior Member(s) _____ Age _____ Birth Month _____
(6 - 16)

_____ Age _____ Birth Month _____

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I would like to receive the Geode newsletter by: ___ mail ___ email

May we list your contact information on our local membership list?

(available to Lakeside members only) ___yes ___no

May we list your contact information in the NW Federation Directory?

(available to Federation members) ___yes ___no

Suggestions for meeting programs:

I would like to see a program(s) on _____

I would like to help with

Field trips ___ Membership ___ Newsletter Articles ___ Programs ___

Publicity ___ Junior programs ___ Mailings ___ Other _____

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Lakeside Hat and T-shirts are on Sale Now!

It's going to start warming up outside. Do you have a Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club hat or T-shirt yet? They would be great to wear during the April Show coming up! It also helps to advertise our club, and deter would be shop lifters. The T-shirts are available in a variety of adult and children's sizes. If you already have one why not buy another so when one gets dirty you will have a spare.

The Club Board of Directors has approved a reduction in the price of the T-shirts which are now \$5.00 each. Hats are in short supply and remain at \$10.00 each. Help support your Club. See Larry Hulstrom to get yours today! They will be available at club meetings the next few months.

Classifieds

Mike Zinski's Workshop for lapidary arts:

Rock Saw Oil and Grit: Please have exact change and contact for pickup:

Mickee Madden.

Saw oil purchasing information:

- Must be a LSGM club member to purchase saw oil.
 - Membership forms are available if you need to join.
- Oil \$12 per gallon.
Available in 5-gallon buckets, or bring your own containers

Tumbling grit all sold in 2# bags only:

- 80 grit: \$5.00 for 2# bag
- 220 grit: \$5.50 for 2#bag
- 600 grit: \$7.00 for 2# bag.
- Cerium Oxide Polish Powder: \$23.00 for 2# bag.
- For every 10 lbs. of tumbled rock you donate (no river rock), get 2 lbs. of 60/90 or 220 grit free.
Contact: Mickee Madden -

Selling Items at Club Shows, Auctions and Other Club Related Activities

Items that could be sold at club shows, auctions and other club related activities:

- Rocks, Minerals, Fossils (specimens, rough).
- Lapidary and carving rough and associated equipment and supplies.
- Rockhounding equipment and supplies.
- Faceting rough and associated equipment and supplies.
- Gold Panning/Metal Detecting equipment and supplies.
- Flint Knapping equipment and supplies.
- Jewelry equipment and supplies.
- Magazines, books, DVDs, CDs, associated with any of the above items/topics.

In short, the items you sell **must be directly related to minerals, rocks, and fossils or jewelry.** Please remember what we sell reflects upon our club and tells the public what we are about!

Note: No auction during the December and January meetings.

Officers E-mail: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

President	Patrick Donohue	Director	Wayne Larson
Vice President	Peter Kovich	Director	Jane Moore
Secretary	Sally Lyon	Fed. Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Caroline Bowdish	Jr Club Leader	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Chris Sorensen	Bulletin Editor	Patty DeForest

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

Other Contact Info:

Program Director:
 Librarian: Walther Rohlfing
 Membership Coordinator: Kathy Larson
 Mark Kidder
 Refreshments:
 Historian: Mickee Madden
 Sunshine Chairman: Sally Lyon

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)
 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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Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club YouTube Channel

Did you know the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club has a YouTube channel? To date we have presentations from select Zoom meetings and most recently videos from our annual show. In order to learn more about our members and to share your stories we would like to create a series of member videos highlighting your interests in rockhounding, jewelry making, mineral collecting, and whatever else brought you to the club. These would be short features – five to ten minutes – and could be recorded before or after club meetings, in your studio or workshop if you want to showcase your setup, or even at a convenient meet-up location like a park.

Fill out an interest card at the next meeting, or email the club if you would like to be profiled.