



# 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

## October Meetings

**Club: Wednesday 4th**– 6:30 p.m. meeting.

**Board Meeting 16th** 6:30

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7105 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
Kennewick

**Junior Club meets 10th** 6:30 pm; Banner

Bank, 203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick

Junior Club Leader Thora Trumbo (509) 582-

## GEODE Submission Deadlines:

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

**E-mail them to**

**[mickeemadden@charter.net](mailto:mickeemadden@charter.net)**

- **Please contact Mark Kidder with any changes to your street or email**

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## October Program

### Tumbling: rocks or metals by Chris Sorensen

Rotary tumbler maintenance and operation for rocks or metals will be presented. Comparisons to vibratory tumblers and advantages for each will be made. Topics will include using tumblers for jewelry preparations. Tips and discussion with members is encouraged.

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Member contact information updates:

Please notify Mark Kidder at

[markkidder@msn.com](mailto:markkidder@msn.com)

I would like to thank the following for their contributions for the items to sell for support of the fund which help support the club money that we donate to the church to hold our club meetings.

Thank you to Don and Pat Snyder, Mickee Madden, and Robert Forsyth.

Please view the sale items at the meeting and make some bids, as new material will be for sale.

Any new contributions will still be accepted.  
Marty Casto

## **Minutes – Club Meeting – September 6, 2017**

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

### **New Business**

- Chris welcomed guests and new members.
- Chris asked for volunteers to head up an Election Committee. Jane Moore, Wayne Larson and Judy Allison will canvas the membership, asking people to fill the positions of Treasurer, Director and Club Historian. Elections will be held during the October meeting.
- The Board is also looking for someone to audit the books prior to a new Treasurer taking over.
- Since Cindy Guettinger was unable to attend the September club meeting, she has extended the library book return deadline to October 4.
- November 1st is Club Competition Night. Details on specific categories will be published in the October Geode.
- Elmer Ringering has rocks/specimens for sale at his home in Pendleton. See the Geode for further details.
- Larry Hulstrom thanked everyone who made nearly 500 keychains, filled grab bags, and helped out at the fair this year. The Club sold 423 grab bags and 106 keychains!

### **Old Business**

- Larry has the new LSGM badges. Anyone who ordered a badge and was not at the September meeting, please contact Larry.
- By a show of hands, the membership would prefer to have the Christmas party at the church on our regular first Wednesday meeting night in December. Kathy Larson will coordinate with the church. Look for more details in upcoming Geodes.
- Signup sheets were passed around for the Opal Workshops and Special Speaker Meeting on October 7. Chris asked for volunteers to help with setup/teardown and members' preference in participating in demonstration workshops at Dom and Evelyn Cataldo's and Frank and Marylou Omstead's workshops. See the October Geode for more information on dates and times.
- Discussion on the September 23 picnic and auction.
- Larry has 2016/2017 Federation Directories available for sale at \$10 each.

### **General Business**

- Door Prizes: Dave Westland, Marvin Barger, Larry Hulstrom, Wayne Larson, Laurie Weed, and Andy Johnson were the nights' lucky winners.
- Program – The Purchase and Care of Lapidary Equipment: Thank you Max Hatfield for the power point presentation and great tips on buying and maintaining lapidary equipment. Also, thanks to Marty Casto and Jerry Sorensen for sharing different types of saw vices and their use.

**Next Meeting:** Club Meeting – October 4, 7:00 p.m. (social at 6:30). Board Meeting – October 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sally Lyon, Secretary

## Minutes – Board Meeting – September 18, 2017

Present: (Board Members) Chris Sorensen, Larry Hulstrom, Evelyn Cataldo, Wayne Larson, Myrene Northey, Sally Lyon  
(Members) Marty Casto, Jerry Sorensen, Dom Cataldo, Andy Johnson, Mary Lou Omstead, Frank Omstead

Chris Sorensen called the Board Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### Old Business

- **Club Competition Night:** New and old contest categories and descriptions were reviewed and finalized. See the October Geode for further details. Award trophies will be given out at the November general meeting.
- **Special Speaker Event:** Rosann Ferris is finalizing the signup sheets for each of the two special workshops on working with opal on a flat or vertical lap. Signup sheets will be available at the October general meeting for any remaining workshop openings, as well as reminders on the meeting and workshop times and locations.
- **Christmas Party:** The Christmas Party Committee is finalizing details with the church regarding date, time, setup, and other party details. See the Geode for more information.
- **Show Vendors:** Larry Hulstrom reported that nearly all the vendors contacted have responded on their intention to participate in the 2018 show. The Board discussed adding a stipulation to each contract regarding vendors subletting their space. The Board will continue with this topic at the October meeting.
- **Fair:** Proceeds from the sale of grab bags, keychains and specimens sold at the fair have been deposited.
- **Keychains:** Larry has received keychain making supplies, but we do need tumbled material in order schedule another keychain making party to replenish our supplies.
- **Elections:** Wayne Larson, Judy Allison and Jane Moore are contacting potential candidates for the positions of Director and Treasurer. Elections will be held during the October meeting. If you are interested in helping the club, *please* let us know.

### New Business

- **Rockhound of the Year:** Topic floored until the October Board meeting.
- **LSGM Website:** Andy Johnson brought it to the attention of the Board that our website has several issues which need to be addressed. Specifically, contact information is incorrect and website links are not working. Larry will look into the problems.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sally Lyon, Secretary

### **Rock Swap with Club in Arkansas**

Back in June and again recently I received emails from members of the Spring River Gem & Mineral Club in Cherokee Village, AR that are interested in swapping rocks with fellow rockhounds. They swap varying sizes of mineral/fossil specimens that were collected on club field trips, and individual club member's field trips. Each specimen is individually wrapped and identified. The swap box should be a minimum of 10#. It can be shipped in a medium size, flat rate, USPS box for approximately \$12.00. They have been doing this for some time and have received unbelievable amounts and kinds of rocks from all over the country. The pictures that follow are examples of some of the specimens that you might receive. Contacts within the AR club are the following: Pat Kimball [kimballp.lpga@gmail.com](mailto:kimballp.lpga@gmail.com) and Mary Kocz [cty31470@yahoo.com](mailto:cty31470@yahoo.com). If you are interested in sending them some local materials please feel free to contact them.

### **Opal Special Event Weekend Sat. October 7<sup>th</sup> and Sun. October 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Presentation:**

- 9:00-11:00 a.m. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Opal Presentation at Benton PUD in Kennewick
  - Presentation by Peter Goetz, President of the American Opal Society
  - Open to all members

#### **Workshops:**

- 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m. Sat. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Cataldo Residence, 99509 E. Brandon Drive, Kennewick. Hands-on Workshops on Genie style equip. Demos and coaching by Peter Goetz.
  - 12:00-1:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:00 p.m. These Workshops are full
  - 3:00-4:30 p.m. and 4:30-6:00 p.m. Space Available
  - Note: if we don't fill the workshop 4:30-6:00 p.m. time, then the first three sessions will be extended to 2 hours each. Participants will be contacted.
- 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. Sun. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Olmstead Residence, 803 S. Edison, Kennewick. Hands-on Workshops on Flat Lap style equip. Demos and coaching by Peter Goetz.
  - 9:00-11:00a.m. Space Available
  - 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Space Available

#### **General Information:**

- **To sign up for any workshop, participants must know how to cab.**
- Peter Goetz is bringing low-grade opals to practice on in the workshops. Also, bring your own opals if you have questions on how to work them.
- **Workshops are free to club members.**
- Sign up at the October club meeting OR call Rosann Ferris (509)591-1212.

## Mark Your Calendar

### **Cabbing Class at the Omsteads**

**5:30 to 9:00**  
(509) 783-2798

Oct.: 17-18  
Nov.: 14-15  
Dec.: 19- Christmas

### **Flintknapping at the Omsteads**

**5:30 to 9:00**  
(509) 783-2798

Oct.: 12-26  
Nov.: 9- Thanksgiving  
Dec.: 14- Christmas

### **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. 80 grit-\$2/lb. 220 grit-\$2.50 lb. 600 grit-\$3.75 lb.**

For every 5 lbs. of tumbled rock you donate, get 1 lb. of grit free. Call Mickee Madden at 509-438-5798

- 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.
- A sign-up sheet was made available for anyone interested in purchasing a Club badge. Badges are \$5.50 each, and Larry will be placing the order soon.

**5 gallon buckets of agate, jasper, limb cast and petrified wood for sale! Please call Marilyn & Elmer Ringerring @ 541-276-1235**

**No Saturday calls, please!**

**Chris Sorensen would like to offer a class on making a chain maille & handmade glass bead bracelet. Contact Chris if you're interested.**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> will be a gem tree class at Mickee Madden's house. Further information will be available at the November meeting and in the November Geode.**

## November Program

### “Rocking With The Stars” Annual Show & Tell Awards

It's the time of the year that we gather to share the past year's rocks, projects, triumphs and tales with fellow club members. The more members that participate, the merrier the evening.

**Time Period:** Your entries must have been purchased, found or made between November 1, 2016 and October 31, 2017. **Only one entry per category per member. A member may enter one item in each category.**

**Category 1 - Best Find of the Year:** This award is for the best personal find of the year while out rock hunting. It can be a fossil, mineral specimen, gemstone or rock – either rough or finished. You need to have dug it or found it yourself.

**Category 2 - Cabochon of the Year:** Show us your talent by entering the best-looking cab (intarsia and doublet or triplet included) that you personally cut and polished. This cab should not be set into a mounting so the judges can see our technique on the edges and back. If your cabochon has been set, then it needs to be entered into category 9, 10 or 11.

**Category 3 - Silverpicker of the Year:** Bring something (cab, stone, carving, rock, jewelry, etc.) that you have purchased at a rock show, rock shop, yard sale or from a hobbyist that will impress us.

**Category 4 - Faceter of the Year:** Bring your bling and treat us to the sight of the best gemstone of the year that you have personally cut. The gemstone can be in a setting.

**Category 5 - Project of the Year:** Show us your flair and skill by entering something that you have made between 11/1/2016 and 10/31/2017, and incorporates rock in some manner. It can be a sphere, bookends, a gem tree, a carving, an educational exhibit, or ?? **PLEASE NOTE – JEWELRY YOU HAVE MADE MUST BE ENTERED IN EITHER CATEGORY 9, 10 or 11.**

**Category 6 - Steal of the Year:** Some of you have a real knack for finding “great deals”. Bring a rock or rock related item that you have purchased during the contest period that cost between \$1 and \$10. Free rocks are not eligible. Showcase your genius for searching out bargains.

**Category 7 - Most Unique Rock:** Do you have a rock with a story to tell? Can you see a picture in it, or does the shape remind you of something? Bring your unique piece and let us know what you see.

**Category 8 - Best Fossil:** Your fossil can be either found by you or purchased, and can be rough or in a finished presentation.

**Category 9 - Silversmith of the Year:** This category includes jewelry made using a torch on metal. It can be a pendant, ring, belt buckle, brooch, earrings or bracelet. Mixed metals are great too, as long as they are torch welded.

**Category 10 - Wire Art of the Year:** Show us your best wire work. This can be wire wrap, chain maille, Viking weave or any jewelry piece made using wire and cold connections. No torch work allowed in this category.

**Category 11 - Cast Piece of the Year:** If casting is your thing, bring the best cast piece you made this year using the lost wax or cuttlefish method.

## LGMC Board of Directors

Officers E-mail: lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com

President	Chris Sorensen 392-1362	Director	Wayne Larson – 586-1203
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Past President	Evelyn Cataldo 628-0170	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](http://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com)

### Other Contact Info:

**Program Director:** Rosann Ferris – 628-0381

**Librarian:** Cindy Guettinger - 582-3919

**Membership Coordinator:** Mark Kidder - 206-478-3685

### 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>

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**We need more donations for the silent auctions at our club meetings.  
Lapidary books, specimens, rough, slabs, tools, etc. Bring your donations to any of our meetings.  
Thank you!**