



# 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:

19<sup>th</sup> of each month for member articles & photos

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**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:** See page 6.

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## Club Meetings & Upcoming Events

**Club Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of each month. At the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7105 W. 10th Ave., Kennewick. Doors open at 6:30 pm for social. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

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**August 6** – General Club Meeting. Program: Contour Polishing by Jerry and Chris Sorenson.

**August 13** – Junior Club Meeting at the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

**August 19** – Board Meeting. 6:30 pm.

## A Note from the Editor. . .

Greetings Rockhounds.

This month's Geode will be very sort. A kind of mini-Geode, if you will. Because the Club or the Board do not meet in the month of July, there is typically very little to post to The Geode in the August issue, hence, there is usually no August issue.

Looking at the material that was included in the July issue however, I wanted to keep a number of items in front of you, check out IN THIS ISSUE on page 1.

In addition, I want to invite each of you to provide material for the Geode. This could be a field trip you've taken, a new tumbling, cutting or faceting technique you've learned, or some new geologic or lapidary bauble you stumbled across in your summer travels. This is after all, your Club and your newsletter.

I hope you've had a wonderful summer to-date and I hope to see you at the August meeting.

Cheers. . .

## 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](mailto: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/>.

### LGMC Members support The REACH

Several Club members supported The REACH's Community Free Day on July 9<sup>th</sup> by discussing the Club and showing attendees a variety of rocks, gems and minerals. Seated from the top is Cindy Sharer, Marty Casto, miscellaneous parts of Wayne Larson and Jerry Sorensen's hand. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Photo Courtesy of The REACH Museum's Facebook Page



## Help the Club and Get a Free Ticket to the Benton County Fair

Would you like a free ticket to the Fair the week of August 20 – 24? Lakeside will give you an adult ticket or a combination ticket and bus pass if you sign up to **help tend our club booth** for a 3-hour shift. We need two people in each of the 20 time slots or a total of 40 names.

Volunteers will be responsible for selling grab bags and other miscellaneous items, and for talking to people that stop by to ask about the club. This is one of the ways we get to interact with people to let them know about our club, so it is an important way you can contribute to the club.

**We also need volunteers to help with the setup on Sunday, August 18, and teardown on Sunday, August 25.** Both of these are easy jobs that are usually completed by noon.

And **we need people to fill six display cases.** The cases need to be filled before 9 pm on Monday, August 19 and materials need to be removed before 9 AM on Sunday, August 25th.

**An email was sent to all Club members on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> with online sign-up links.**

## Annual Maple Tree Lapidary Parking Lot Sale

Maple Tree Lapidary is having its Annual Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, August 10th, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Maple Tree will have over 300,000 pounds of rough material (40,000 pounds of it new) available for sale along with a large selection of used Jewelry and Lapidary equipment. Everyone is welcome.

Maple Tree Lapidary is located at 27034 SE Kent Kanglely Rd, Space 201, in Ravensdale, WA. 98051.

You can find them in the NE Corner of the equipment yard.

For more information, contact Maple Tree Lapidary at 206-618-9365. Or you can find more information, including directions, at <https://www.mapletreelapidary.com/parkinglotsale.html>.

## Mark Your Calendar: The Club's Annual Picnic is Scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The club's annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Highlands Grange Park Picnic Shelter by the Mid-Columbia Library on Union Street. Set-up starts at 10, lunch is at noon, with the auction to follow. More information will be available in the August meeting and, of course, in the August issue of The Geode.

**You might be a rockhound if** the sign on the side of the road says "Falling Rock" and you pull over to wait.

## 2024 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>

August 2 – 4, 2024	Far West Gem and Lapidary Society Contact: <a href="mailto:mcdeb1111@gmail.com">mcdeb1111@gmail.com</a>	Mill Casino (Salmon Room) 3201 Tremont Ave. North Bend, Oregon
August 16 – 18, 2024	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Contact: <a href="mailto:wamsriverofgems@gmail.com">wamsriverofgems@gmail.com</a>	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy, Rickreall, OR.
September 6 – 8, 2024	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Contact: (509) 522-2330	Walla Walla Co. Fairgrounds 831 Orchard St. Walla Walla, WA.
September 7 – 8, 2024	Southern WA. Mineralogical Society Contact: <a href="mailto:swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com">swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com</a>	Cowlitz County Fairgrounds 1900 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Longview, WA.
September 21 – 22, 2024	Clallam Co. Gem and Mineral Assoc. Website: <a href="http://www.sequimrocks.org">www.sequimrocks.org</a>	Burton Community Center 308 East 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Port Angeles, WA.
September 21 – 22, 2024	Billings Gem and Mineral Club Show Info: <a href="mailto:infor24@billingsgemclub.com">infor24@billingsgemclub.com</a>	Eagle Seeker Community Center 1125 Broadwater Ave. Billings, MT.
October 4 – 6, 2024	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Website: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/prgms">www.facebook.com/groups/prgms</a>	Wingspan Event Center 801 NE 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Hillsboro, OR.
October 5 – 6, 2024	Marysville Rock and Gem Club Show Website: <a href="http://www.marysvillerockclub.com">www.marysvillerockclub.com</a>	Evergreen Fairgrounds 14405 179 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE., Monroe, WA.

### Additional Non-NFMS Shows

September 6 – 15, 2024	Denver Gem and Mineral Showcase Multiple Showcases <a href="https://denvergemshow101.com/schedule-2024/">https://denvergemshow101.com/schedule-2024/</a>	Denver, CO.
January 20 – Feb. 16, 2025	Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows Multiple Showcases <a href="https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2025">https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2025</a>	Tucson, AZ.

## **Wear Your Name Badge at the Club Meetings**

Given the number of new Club members over the past couple of years, the Board would like to bring back a long-standing tradition that fell by the wayside during the COVID years - Badges. If you have a badge from the April Show, please bring it to the June meeting. If you have a purchased badge, please wear it.

### **Interested in Creating a Wire Wrapping Group?**

If you are interested in creating a wire wrapping group within the club, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the back table at the next club meeting. We would be looking at meeting once a month. Projects will be determined by the group. We can learn from each other, share our insights, and have a little fun while we are at it. It's always more fun when you when you can share with others. For more information, contact Vickie Elkins at [vlelkins@charter.net](mailto:vlelkins@charter.net).

### **REMINDER of Flat Lap Cabbing Classes and Social/Crafting Gatherings**

Cabbing classes are being held every Monday and Tuesday from 5:30 to 9 PM. Adult club members only. No children, please. Do not bring thundereggs or geodes to cut, or any thick material. An assortment of slabs will be available. Beginners are certainly welcomed!

The first visit is \$10. After that, the club charges \$2.00 an hour, which is to be paid at the end of each class. The fees go to replenishing the materials used for the class.

The classes will be held at Mickee Madden's workshop in Kennewick. You can call her at 509-438-5798 to sign up or for more information.

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Mickee would also like to form a social/crafting club within our club, meeting in her workshop. The initial gathering will be July 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1 to 3 PM, to choose what days would work best for everyone, and to choose a project to begin with. There is no charge for this. With each project, though, the members will need to have their own materials and tools.

Examples include, different forms of wire-wrapping; chainmaille, making rock buddy creatures from tumbled stones; gem trees; etc. It's about whatever the group wants to tackle, one project at a time.

## Classifieds

**Mike Zinski's** workshop is available for lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: [gemmakermz@cs.com](mailto:gemmakermz@cs.com) or 509-783-9337.

**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.

**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 Now Available**

Larry Hulstrom, AFMS Uniform Rules Chair for 2023, has announced that the rules for AFMS Display Case Contests have been updated. The 9th Edition of the AFMS Uniform Rules can be found at

<https://www.amfed.org/contests/Rules>

**You might be a rockhound if** the table on your patio is filled with rocks, just to hold down the table cloth.

## Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers Email: [lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com](mailto:lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com)

President	Patrick Donohue	Director	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Peter Kovich	Director	Jane Moore
Secretary	Debbie Muller	Federation Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Debbie Muller	Junior Club Lead.	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Chris Sorensen	Bulletin Editor	Randy LaBarge
Program Director	<b>Vacant</b>	Librarian	<b>Vacant</b>
Membership	Lisa Noland	Webmaster	John Wenskovitch
Sunshine	<b>Vacant</b>	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 numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer, and a Second Director begin terms in odd 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](http://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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