



# THE GEODE

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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

E-mail: [Geode.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Geode.newsletter@gmail.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:** See page 10.

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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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November 5<sup>th</sup> - General Club Meeting.

November 12<sup>th</sup> - Junior Club Meeting At the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

November 18<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting At 6:30 pm.

### **A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:**

The Board would like to implement a scholarship for the annual Rock hound Retreat. The cost is approximately \$400 for room and board for one recipient. Class materials may be extra. Transportation is on the recipient. If this sounds like something the membership would like to do, please bring your thoughts to the October meeting. A committee would be needed to select the recipient. Please let a Board member know if you are interested in volunteering for the committee. Thank you.

### **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/>.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

## **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!**

&& so is our Christmas party, On **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** Instead of our regular meeting we will be having a party! With lots of Games, prizes & food! **TIME: 6PM to 9PM** Wear your **ugly Christmas sweaters** and bring your appetites. The club will provide meatballs and punch. Members are asked to bring something edible to share, finger foods preferably. The party will start at 6PM. We will be meeting to set up & decorate at 5PM!! Please, Please, please stay after to help clean up!!

**See you all there!!**

### **Candidates for Election 2025 Officer Ballot**

- President: Dave Westlund
- Vice President: Sharon Louise
- Director: Bert K'Jae

***Voting was be held at the general meeting on October 1st***

## Classes, Gatherings and Groups

### Flat Lap Cabbing Class Dates for the Remainder of the Year

Flat Lap Cabbing classes are going great guns. Following are the class dates for the remainder of the year. All Flat Lap Cabbing class times are from 6 until 8 PM.

- September Dates: the 9th and 10th, 14th, 23rd and 24th.
- October Dates: the 7th and 8th, 12th, 21st, 22nd and 26th.
- November Dates: the 4th and 5th, 9th, 18th and 19th and 23rd.
- December Dates: the 9th and 10th, 14th, 16th and 17th.

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.

### Social / Crafting Gathering Dates for the Remainder of the Year

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.

- October Social Crafting Group: 13th and 27th.
- November Social Crafting Group: 10th and 24th.
- December Social Crafting Group: 15th.

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.

### Interested in Joining a Wire Wrapping Class?

Vickie Elkins is interested in creating a wire wrapping class. The class would meet monthly with projects to be determined by the group. The intent of the class is to learn from and encourage each other, to share insights and techniques, and to have fun while you're creating something wonderful. For information, contact Vickie at [velkins@charter.net](mailto:velkins@charter.net).

## General Club Meeting Minutes – October 2024

1 October 2024 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Patrick at 7:01 pm

No corrections to last months' minutes – accepted as printed,

New/Visitors, Old Business Riverfest Sat. Oct. 5 – set up 8:30 a.m. must be completed by 9:15 a.m. – hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – could bring something to show/talk about – will be selling grab bags \$3 – we're in spot # 70. Club Picnic and Auction was success. Special thanks to Mike Mineer for catering; Larry, Wayne and Jerry shouldered most of the burden for set-up; next year we need to set up a committee to organize. Key Chain party made approximately 400 Bag stuffing party will be at Mickee's on Oct. 14 & 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m., sign up on back table. We sell 350 – 400 of these grab bags at the fair each year. Schneider's have been donating bags and tumbled materials for several years; other material welcome.

Request pay dues for 2025 before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership coordinator sends our roster to National organizations and we want them as accurate as possible. Kingsley Covington Buff & Polish Chart Elections:

No one self-nominated for President, but Dave Westlund graciously accepted the nomination when asked. Thank you, Dave! Sharon Louise and Bert K'Jae became new VP and Director - Vote was unanimous. Christmas Party Volunteers – Kathy, Areti, Judy and Pat This party replaces the December meeting; normally everyone brings food – high proportion is dessert-y "Finger Foods" and games Larry told us that in the November meeting he will be awarded "Lifetime" Membership to those members who are over 70 years of age and have been in the Club for over 15 years. New Business Donations for next years' Raffle are being collected now. There is a Richland Rock club Rock Sale on Oct. 11, 12, 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Red Lion, Columbia Center. Worked on the categories for the November meeting contest, "**Rockin' with the Stars**" After much discussion, we agreed to decrease to 6 categories which are: Fossil, Jewelry, Project, Silver Picker, Find and Finished (faceted, Cab, Intarsia, for example) (via "show of hands"). Door Prizes Jerry Sorensen gave a presentation on Camp Hancock Jewelry Retreat. He showed pictures of last year and gave us information about the costs, accommodations, things to consider – tips and tricks, schedule, classes and estimated costs for them, and some things they did in the evenings. Additionally, Jerry told the membership that the Club Board has voted to provide one scholarship for next year's retreat for the fee to attend as well as room and board. This last retreat the fee was \$50 and room and board were \$375, so the Club would have paid \$425. The Club will pay the amount charged for those two items next year. Volunteers to be on the committee – predominantly to set up the rules and make a form – were Areti, Sharon, Wayne, Cheryl, and Debbie. The retreat is held by Walt and Gail Butler and will be announced in the NW Federation newsletter, usually in Feb. or March. A couple of the tips were to bring SAFETY GLASSES and bedding. NO A/C or FOOD in the cabins!

# October Fall Festival In The Park

Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2024



## 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>

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| October 4 – 6, 2024   | Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show<br>Website: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/prgms">www.facebook.com/groups/prgms</a> | Wingspan Event Center<br>801 NE 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Hillsboro, OR.            |
| October 5, 2024       | Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Show<br>Info: <a href="mailto:cbnopal219@gmail.com">cbnopal219@gmail.com</a>                            | Bonneville CO. Fairgrounds<br>1542 E. 73 <sup>rd</sup> South, Idaho Falls       |
| October 5 – 6, 2024   | Marysville Rock and Gem Club Show<br>Website: <a href="http://www.marysvillerockclub.com">www.marysvillerockclub.com</a>            | Evergreen Fairgrounds<br>14405 179 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE.,<br>Monroe, WA.        |
| October 19 – 20, 2024 | Hells Canyon Gem Club<br>Info: <a href="mailto:mlandjl@yahoo.com">mlandjl@yahoo.com</a>   | Nez Perce CO. Fairgrounds<br>1229 Burrell Ave.<br>Lewiston, ID.                 |
| November 9 – 10, 2024 | Skagit Rock and Gem Show<br>Website: <a href="http://www.skagitrockandgem.com">www.skagitrockandgem.com</a>                         | Sedro Woolley Eagles Hall<br>1000 Metcalf St.<br>Sedro Woolley, WA.             |
| December 7 – 8, 2024  | Maplewood Rock & Gem Club<br>Website: <a href="http://www.Maplewoodrockclub.com">www.Maplewoodrockclub.com</a>                      | Maplewood Rock & Gem club<br>8802 196 <sup>th</sup> St. SW<br>Edmonds, WA 98026 |

### Additional Non-NFMS Shows

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| January 20 – Feb. 16, 2025 | Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows<br>Multiple Showcases<br><a href="https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2025">https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2025</a> | Tucson, Arizona |
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## Club Board Meeting Minutes – October 2024

Minutes – Board Meeting, Oct. 21, 2024

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

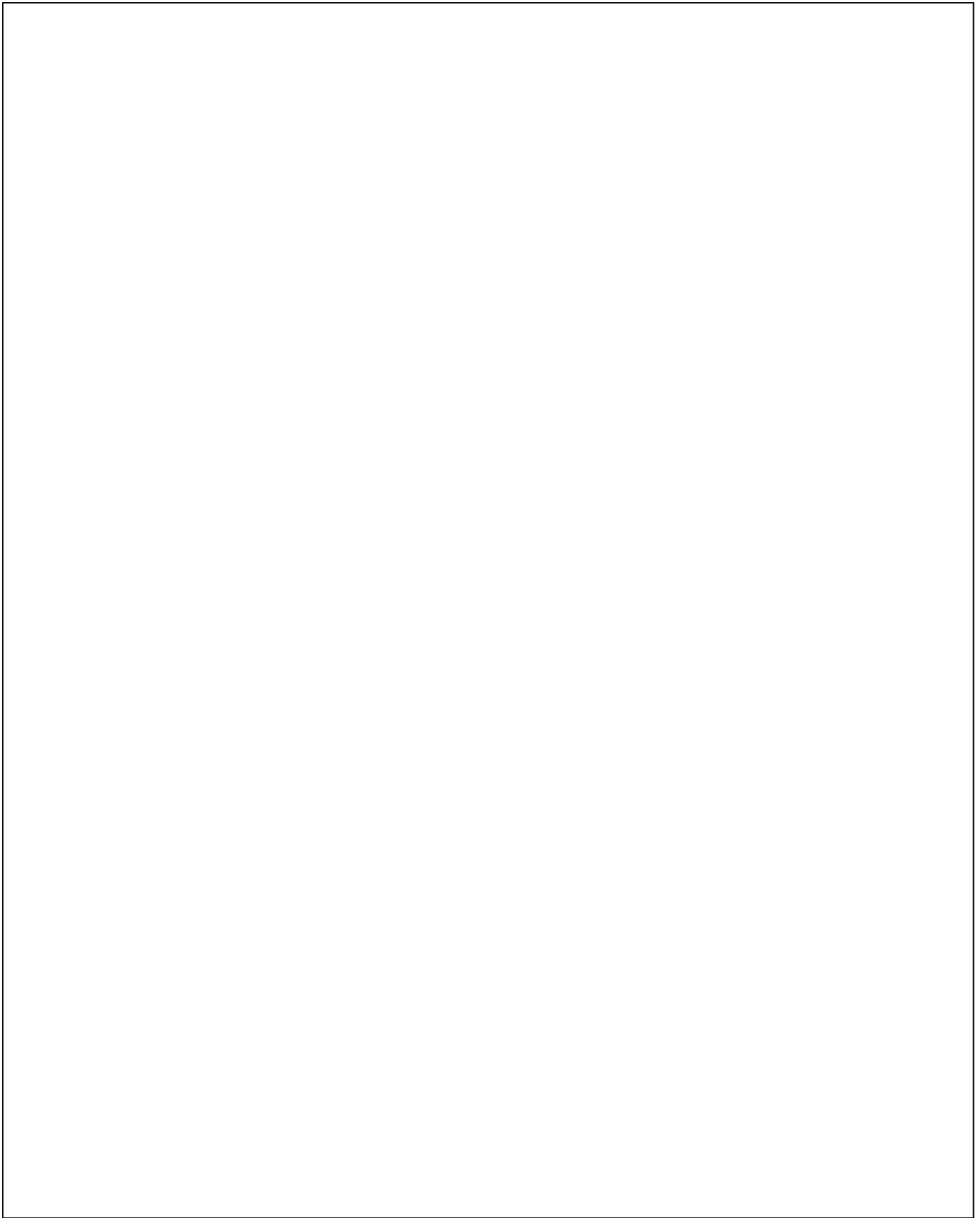
Present: Peter Kovich, Larry Hulstrum, Patrick Donahue, Wayne Larson, Lisa Noland, Bert Kae Je, Pauline Schafer, Sharon Louise, Dave W., Debbie Muller

Old Business Treasurer's report: Not published per historic club practices. Membership Chairman report: We need to have a membership drive; requests that all members pay their 2025 dues before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – this is to give the NW Federation as accurate number as possible. Junior Club report: Have voted on new officers; busy and happy membership. Contract for 2025 Show has been signed; still working on vendors as they need to decide which show to attend – Yakima is having theirs the same weekend as ours, due to Easter. Should be just a few spots left to fill, expecting 18 – 20 vendors; they pay \$7 per foot. There will be some shrinkage of the Silent Auction space, as agreed at previous meeting, to make improve management and oversight. Christmas Party – we believe that Areti, Kathy Larson, Pat Rolfing and Judy are the committee. The food arrangements indicate “finger foods.” Committee needs to meet, set budget(s) and get that info to the Board as soon as possible. Riverfest report by Wayne – we only had two cabs available to show attendees at Riverfest – no faceting, gem trees, silversmithing or anything. Need more involvement and/or display items loaned by the members. Also, everyone else was giving something away, so we need to discuss that option. We need to have a more formalized committee that plans ahead and works out the details on the club's behalf. New Business Larry submitted two invoices – 1 for name tags and 1 for the new storage shelves – for reimbursement. The grab bag work party filled 11 tubs with 524 grab bags! Thank you! Larry and Wayne are going to the storage facility in Finley to take the shelves and some other items (possibly the fluorescent displays and bulbs). They are planning to go Tuesday and again on Nov. 1 st at 10:00 a.m. Pauline is going to join them that day to see the units and determine what is available and might be useable for the Junior Club Discussed the questionnaire for the Scholarship to Hancock Camp. The criteria need to be decided and the questionnaire ready BEFORE February. Spaces fill quickly for accommodations and classes. Debbie will email Areti re: who volunteered to be on the committee at the Oct. membership meeting and then we need to get that committee going on the questionnaire. Someone suggested asking Chris and/or Jerry for input as well as information from other club scholarship applications for guidance. Patrick provided an updated description of the contest categories for Novembers' program. This was discussed and it was agreed that it would be printed in the Geode so all members have access to it. Additionally, there was an idea about possibly splitting each category into “Novice” entries and “Master” entries. It is too late to do so for this year, but it might help get more entries if the newer members knew that their competition would be other novices. Tabled for further discussion at a later date. Another idea brought up by Bert is to change the award from a plaque to a pin with rings to which subsequent awards could be attached. Again, this will be discussed at a later date. Discussed if we should have a November and/or December Board meeting. Decided would depend on the amount of business needing to be done. If they happen, they will be Nov. 18 and/or Dec. 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Muller, Secretary





**NOVEMBER PROGRAM**  
**“Rocking with the Stars”**

**Annual Project of the Year Awards**

Let’s get together and share the 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 October 31, 2023 and November 1, 2024. Must be a member to enter.

**Remember:** Only one entry per category per member. A member may enter one item in each category.

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

**Category 2 - Best Fossil:** Your fossil can be either found by you or purchased, and can be rough or in a finished presentation.

**Category 3 – Silver picker of the Year:** Bring something (cab, stone, carving, rock, jewelry, etc.) that you have purchased for under \$20 at a rock show, rock shop, yard sale or from a hobbyist that will impress!

**Category 4 - Jewelry:** This category includes jewelry made using wire wrap, chain mail, lost wax or sand casting, Viking weave, or bead weave. It can be a pendant, ring, belt buckle, brooch, earrings or bracelet.

**Category 5 - Finished Stone:** Show off your best individual piece of finished stone that you worked. It can be the perfect tumbled rock, a faceted gemstone, cabochon (including doublets and triplets), intarsia, carving, and more. *Note: If the number of entry warrants, sub-categories may be split off. If the piece has been set, then it must be entered in Category 4.*

**Category 6 - Project of the Year:** Show us your flair and skill by entering something that you have made between 10/31/2023 and 11/1/2024, and incorporating rock in some manner. It can be a sphere, bookends, a gem tree, a carving, an educational exhibit.

The Club Policies and Procedures document has been revised and approved as of the October general meeting. It will be on the club website.

**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

that annual membership dues are now due for fiscal year 2025 (October 2024 to September 2025). We ask you to please complete a form (found on the website, or available at the meeting) and bring it to the October meeting with your payment. Returning members pay full price, so might as well pay it now. We appreciate your prompt payments so we may provide an accurate count when we report in December.

Thank you

## Classifieds

**Mike Zinski's Workshop** is available for any and all lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: [gemmakermz@cs.com](mailto:gemmakermz@cs.com) or at 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.

**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 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* . . . you color co-ordinate your clothes and shoes to match your gemstone pendants.

## Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

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

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 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   | Areti Kounalis   |
| Program Director | <b>Vacant</b>   | Librarian         | Denise Williams  |
| 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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