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- 19th – member articles & photos

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Season's Greetings to all of our friends and fellow rockhounds. Even though we are not able to get together and celebrate this year we would still like to know how you are doing. We have tried to stay in touch these past months via the newsletter and now with virtual Zoom meetings, but have not heard from many of you. Please reply to this email with a few words to let us know how you are doing and what you have been up to. We will compile responses and post it in an upcoming newsletter.

It will likely be this coming spring perhaps before we can get together again and we would like to hear from you, even if it's just to say "we're doing okay". We look forward to hearing from you.

Board members of the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club

Club Meeting on Zoom January 6 at 7pm

Larry Hulstrom will present a program entitled "The Colorful World of Fluorite" and describe a means of creating a personal collection inventory and have fun doing it.

If you have not used Zoom before, click on the link in Option 1 below and download the Zoom app to your device. You can use a laptop, computer, android, iPhone, tablet or iPad. After it is downloaded, create a username and log in.

How to Use Zoom overview video at: <https://youtu.be/5iap0Ff15Lg>

Option 1: Use direct link to meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95861269849?pwd=VEkwNng0UGxraGt3NVQ5TXZESGJQUT09>

Option 2: Login into zoom on device and enter the meeting id and the passcode

Meeting ID: 958 6126 9849

Passcode: 232250

December 8, 2020 Jr Rock Club ZOOM Christmas Party

Submitted by Thora Trumbo

16 students and some parents met on ZOOM to celebrate Christmas together from our homes on-line. Thora Trumbo, Pat Lambert and Chris Sorensen (thanks again for hosting ZOOM) had fun with the students playing a Christmas Trivia Game testing the students' knowledge of Christmas traditions. This included who, what, when, where, why, and how we traditionally celebrate Christmas. Movies, decorations, foods, activities, beliefs, etc. all are different yet special to families everywhere. It was delightful to see how much students know! They wrote their answers to 30+ questions, tallied their scores and surprised themselves with amazing totals. General chatter occurred between classmates as well, entertaining themselves with technological skills while we played. What a delightful evening! Merry Christmas to everyone. Be blessed with health, peace and hope in 2021.

Our Jr club members are amazing and endearing souls I am pleased to have known in 2020 and many years past. As a member of the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club since 2003 if I remember correctly, I began assisting the Advisor Leona George shortly thereafter. As Leona's health declined, she and her husband Floyd assigned me as the future teacher/advisor of the Jr Club. Reflecting now, these 17 years have been so enjoyable with hundreds of students, teaching more than 200 lessons! What a privilege!

Many parents reserved and received Christmas gift bags for their children which Mrs. Trumbo assembled for them, using many of Don and Pat Snyder's donations; again, many thanks to the Snyders for beautiful specimens! Bags also included craft supplies, a family booklet on fossils, and of course treats!

Parents are encouraged to RSVP for February Valentine gift bags for their students before the end of January so that enough bags are assembled and none remain unclaimed (as has happened -so sad!) Leftover bags were donated to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission where some children reside with their mothers.

Geode Greatest Memories - September 2006

Sparkley-ite . . . and more intriguing Mineral Names

from rockhounds@lists.drizzle.com

Asphaltions : The black tar counterpart to "concretions" as in cement mixed with gravel usually found along a black top road. -- Jeanette Wimpee

Broccolite : At a mineral show a few years back, several of the dealers had gone to dinner. One of them wanted broccoli with his meal, but the restaurant would not allow a substitution for the vegetable that came with the particular meal. This dealer made quite a fuss.

The next morning, in his case was a new fold up mineral box with a neat label "Broccolite" and a piece of raw broccoli in it. -- Gene Hartstein

Chuckerite / Tossierite / Kidsboothite : Even some of us old hands pick up a piece of leaverite on occasion and bring it home or at least back to the vehicle, thinking it is something else. Then it becomes Chuckerite or Tossierite as in "Chuck Er Right There." Or Toss Er in the Trash.

A so-so specimen collected along with others becomes Kidsboothite for our annual show. -- Gene Hartstein

Cementite / Leaverite / Roadite / Yatelmeite / Xite : Early in April I found labeled specimens of white Cementite and black Roadite in my collection that my kids thought I should have. There is the classic Leaverite. I've also run into Yatelmeite and Xite for unknowns. -- Kreigh Tomaszewski

Concretite : Over the last few years, during the annual Franklin, NJ, digs at the Trotter Dump, visitors discovered foundations which had been made with Portland cement (I think) as well as crushed fines of calcite and willemite, as well as occasional chunks of hardystonite and esperite, etc... These were non-ore minerals and so were junk at the time, but now some of them are rare collectibles. Of course the concrete fluoresces, and it became quite a collectible phenomenon, appearing on the market as chunks and sliced slabs, especially for those hoping to find a tidbit of the rarer minerals within. We named this cool material "concretite." -- Don Halterman

Driveway Rock : I have a slight variation. In my case it's "driveway rock", since I have a long gravel driveway that is the recipient of my castaways.

Incidentally, it has become an educational tool -- when my great-grandson walks over from his house, he's always looking at the rock in the driveway. If he sees something that doesn't match the white limestone, he brings in in to me -- "Hey Poppa, look what I found!" I then put it under the microscope and explain what it (really) is. -- Jim Daly

Dunnoite : As in don't-know-ite. -- Kitty & Bill Heacox

@%&#ing / Crapite : One of the old-timers I used to rock hunt with had a nice rock term.

It went like this:

Me: "Hey Vince, what's this rock."

Vince: "That's sexstone."

Me: "What is that?"

Vince. "It's just a @%&#ing rock."

I later learned this was similar to crapite. -- Frank J. Daniels

Fornicite : I've used the name "fornicite" for the same types of rocks [@%&#ing/ crapite]. -- Dave Guin

Frgok : Many decades ago, as an undergraduate geology student, I was told that there were several professional research papers, published in esteemed journals, which referred to "Frgok:" Funny Rock; God Only Knows. -- John Junkroski

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Fuhgeddabowditite : And then there's that really expensive material from New Jersey (Franklin, maybe?) that no one can afford to own... -- Michael Schmidt

Gawkite : "God Only Knows What It Is." -- Frederick Olmstead

Goshdurnite : As a part of an undergrad internship I was assigned a job as Assistant to the Assistant Curator in the college's natural history museum. One of my jobs was to prepare wood mounting blocks and labels for the mineral exhibits. When a bottle of epoxy glue fell from a shelf and shattered on the floor, my boss picked up a handful of the golden yellow glue shards and had me prepare a label that read: "Goshdurnite, 3M District, Minnesota." These "crystals" were mounted on a block and added to the display. When I returned for my college reunion 30 years later, Goshdurnite was still on display there among the other silicates... -- Donald L. Tuttle

Gumballite : For spheroid minerals? I "made" a specimen using an actual gumball, and glued it into a cavity, which I sometimes take to local shows with the label: "Gumballite from the remote Gumbystan Valley...Rare, not for sale." -- Erich Kern

Herniaite / Lumbagite : Some of the heavier minerals. -- Axel Emmermann

Impertinence : It took days for this to resurface in my so-called mind, but I remember hearing about a professor from Penn State who, upon being presented with a fragment of a cow salt lick by a student and asked to identify it, had this reply: "It is a piece of impertinence." -- Earl Verbeek

Invisiblite : In setting up our annual rock and gem show, we try to line up volunteers to fill exhibit cases with specimens. This particular year, one of the volunteers did not come through as promised, and consequently, we had an empty display case. One of our members had the brilliant idea to put a few labels only (no specimens) in the case: "Invisiblite" and "Invisiblite" on matrix, and "Invisiblite" cluster. It was a big success, and we always have that to fall back on should we come up empty-handed again! -- Anita D. Westlake

Junkite : Often, with glare, dust, mud, and old eyes, you just can't be sure in the field if that chunk in your hand will tumble-polish nicely or not. After you get it home and wash it, maybe even tumble-grind it a little to remove the surface crud, you can decide if it's junkite or something better. -- Alan Silverstein

Leaverite : Common usage. -- Frederick Olmstead As in leave er right where it lays. -- Kelly Hanson
When I first started collecting, I thought "leaverite" was a real mineral because people kept saying it. -- Don Halterman

Meteorwong : Classic reference to suspected meteorites which aren't. -- unknown

Mudivugite : For all those of you digging out cavities of muddy material, this rare mineral is the stuff you throw away and therefore don't have in your collections. -- Neil A

Omigodite : This is usually exclaimed when the first time collector hands you one of the best specimens ever collected at a given locality and asks "is this anything good?" -- Gene Hartstein

Pickerite and Leaverite : Pickerite and leaverite here. -- Steve & Marilyn Travis

Rabbit Stone : We did not know agate from any other rock when we joined our local club. We were "baby" rock hounds learning the difference between rocks and semiprecious minerals. A senior member took us under his wing to teach us the various minerals. He would say, "This is agate, jasper, thunder egg," and so on. Then he pointed out the rare "rabbit stone". We lapped all this education then he told us if we found one like it we should pick it up and toss it at a rabbit! -- Kelly Hanson

Shuddalefterite / Beatsmeite / Damifinoite : We also pick up a lot of "shuddalefterite" specimens. There's also "beatsmeite" and "damifinoite" -- Jeanette Wimpee

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Smasherite / Smasherleft / Smasherdownthemiddle : The melange of rock flour, shards and broken crystals for those with more energy than patience in exploiting a pocket. -- Elton Jonee

Radiolites / TV-lites : And of all things, I just heard this in a talk that a visiting scientist gave for us at the USGS yesterday; a geologist from Israel, and he gave a very good talk on "Geology of Israel".

Reviewing the rock formations of different ages, he showed a picture of a slab of Cretaceous sandstone, covered with intermingled ammonite fossils; what are called "steinkerns" (you fossil folks know this well), interior casts of the ammonite shells, now just made of hard lithified sand.

He said that those steinkerns weather out and there are not so many to be found on the surface as there once were because collectors have picked them up, and the geologists refer to them as them "radiolites", because people take them home as a souvenir and keep them on top of their radio. (He guessed that this term has becomedated, and maybe now it should be changed to "TV-lites".) -- Pete Modreski

Sparkley-ite ("Siebelite") : When we find a mineral in crystal form that we don't recognize, we call it sparkley-ite. -- Julie Siebel

Urbanite : On geology trips I used to help run four intro geology classes, it almost always happened that someone would pick up a piece of asphalt and exclaim "I think I found a conglomerate." We used to make it worse by telling him/her that that was an unusual type of conglomerate called urbanite, and then explain its rarity. -- Andrew Turner

Utelmeite : I always thought that the correct spelling was Utellmeite, but perhaps that is a different mineral all together. -- Nate Martin

Wabbit Wock : Is a wock you whip at wabbits. -- Kelly Hanson

Wutthuh**isthatite** : -- Michael Schmidt

Yardrocks / Yardite : When highgrading at home, we call those "yardrocks". (Perhaps it should be yardite?) Many of our yard rocks are what we call "almost-jasper." -- Julie Siebel

Yechinoids : For the fossil collector these are fossil echinoids that have weathered just a little too long. -- Gene Hartstein

Classifieds

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

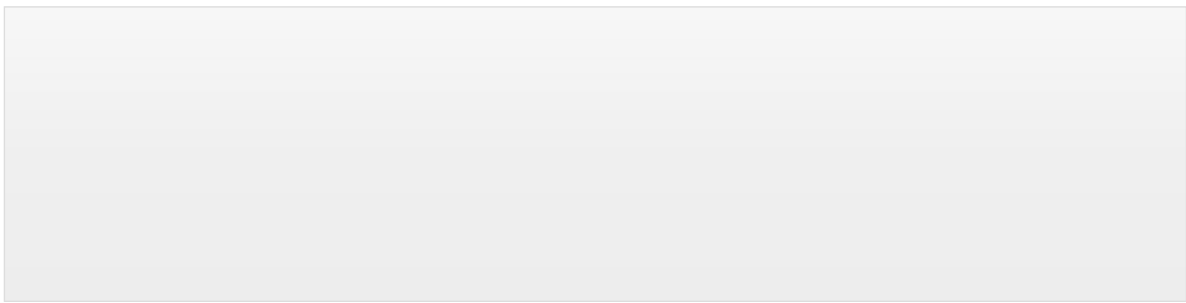
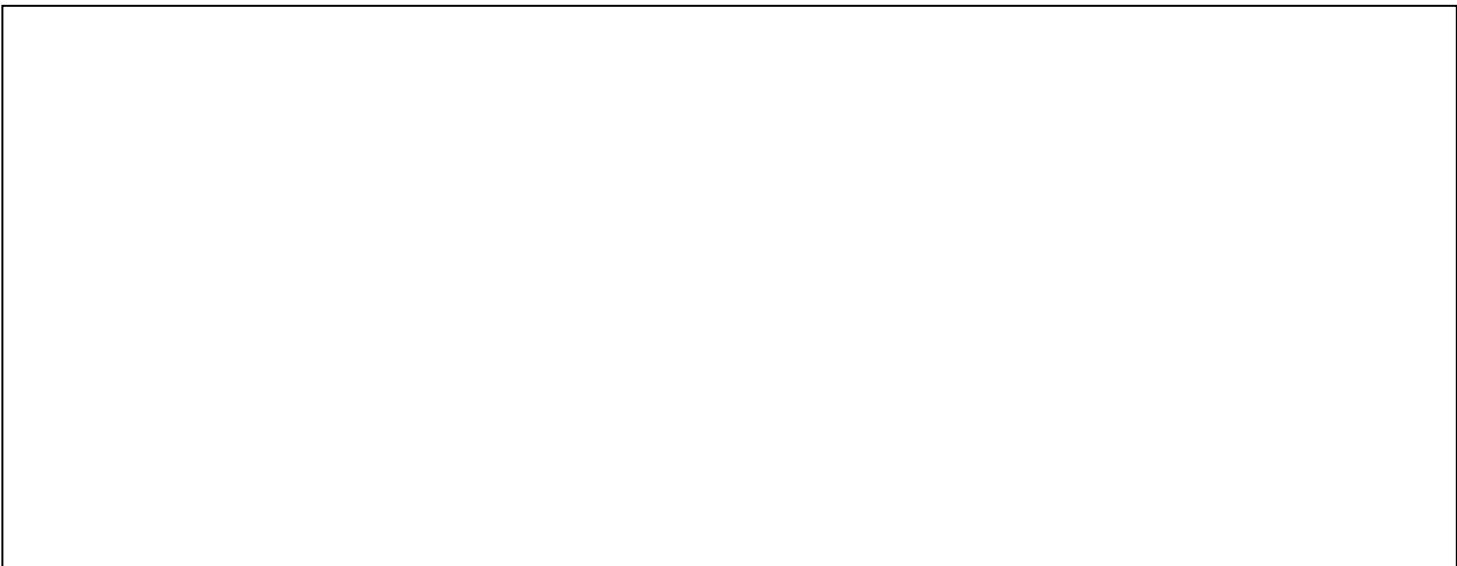
Rick Tobin, 2767 South Lyle St., Kennewick, 509 572-7345

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: \$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 (no river rock), get 2 lbs. of 60/90 or 220 grit free.



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>
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