



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

September Meetings

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

Board Meeting 18th 6:30

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

Junior Club meets 12th 6:30 pm; Banner

Bank, 203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick

Junior Club Leader Thora Trumbo (509) 582-

GEODE Submission Deadlines:

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

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

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September Program

The Purchase, Care, and Use of Lapidary Equipment by Max Hatfield

Information about selecting the proper size and type of rock saw. Approximate cost, size needed, cost of oil, and blades. What to look at and expect for added expense fixing a used saw. He will also provide question time for the use of horizontal flat lap/ polisher, vertical grinding and polishing, and Tumbling machines.

Please Come pre-pared with your questions to help you pick and maintain your rock equipment.

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Juniors!

Sept. 12th CBC Planetarium film "Super Volcanoes" Juniors/family before 6:25pm, then adult club mem-bers until doors close at 6:30pm. This is a free event. All welcome until every seat is filled.

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Minutes – Club Meeting – August 2, 2017

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

New Business

- Larry Hulstrom provided condolence cards for members to sign in memory of Floyd George who passed away in July. The motion was made and passed to make a contribution to the Federation Scholarship Fund in Floyds' name.
- Mickee Madden volunteered to take over the storage and sale of grit to club members, as well as handling our donated tumbled rock used for grab bags and keychains at the fair and show.
- Rosann Ferris outlined the upcoming Opal Day Event set for October 7.
- Chris put forth a vote by show of hands regarding membership preference as to location/venue for the Christmas party. The use of a catered site, restaurant or buffet, and grange/church hall type setting were voted on. Chris will bring the information to the Board for consideration at the meeting later in August.
- Because of our hot weather and the smoky conditions, the Little Naches fieldtrip has been postponed until possibly September.

Old Business

- Larry also asked for volunteers to participate in a keychain making party at the Omsteads' workshop prior to the Benton/Franklin County Fair.
- Sign-up sheets were also passed around asking for volunteers to fill cases, help set up/tear down displays and man the information table at the fair.
- Rhea needs volunteers to provide refreshments for the September meeting.
- Make plans to attend our annual picnic and auction on September 23. Further details will be published in the next Geode.
- Chris read thank you letters from the Northwest Federation and the American Federation regarding our donations to their Scholarship Fund in the name of Patricia Richardson.

General Business

- Marty Casto shared "what I learned this summer" regarding the use of hammers and chisels for rock collecting. Marty brought examples of different types of chisel guards and a unique chisel holder which prevents injury when hammering rock. He also emphasized the importance of using safety glasses at all times. He and Max Hatfield also explained how to prevent a vapor lock when starting up a new propane tank.
- Door Prizes: Mary Early, Sally Lyon, Rhea Bowerly, Laurie Weed, Tom Guettinger and Bert Kae-Je were the nights' lucky winners.

Program – Doublets and Triplets: Thanks to Kathy Larson for the presentation on making doublets and triplets. Also thank you to Wayne Larson, Jerry Johnson, Jerry Sorensen and Chris Sorensen for sharing their expertise and examples of their work. Great information!

Next Meeting: Club Meeting – September 6, 7:00 p.m. (social at 6:30). Board Meeting – September 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sally Lyon, Secretary

Minutes – Board Meeting – August 21, 2017

Present: (Board Members) Chris Sorensen, Bill Hamel, Larry Hulstrom, Bert Kaé-Je, Mickee Madden, Sally Lyon
(Members) Marty Casto, Steve Madden, Jerry Sorensen

Bill Hamel called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business

- **Picnic/Auction:** Chris Sorensen has reserved the Grange Park, which is adjacent to the Library on Union Street, for our September picnic. Discussion on power options, as well as club supplied food, drink and paper products. More information will be published in the September Geode.
- **Badges:** Larry Hulstrom has ordered badges. They should be ready to pick up in September.
- **Lifetime Membership:** Past and current rosters are being reviewed to get an outline of members who qualify for lifetime membership. Mickee Madden will publish the requirements and a format to nominate individuals.
- **Show Vendors:** Continued discussion regarding show vendors and preliminary confirmations. The Board will revisit this topic, as well as tailgating and membership participation during the September meeting.
- **Treasurers Report:** Bert Kaé-Je clarified her report from the June Board meeting, as well as reporting the need for an audit prior to a new treasurer being named.
- **Keychains:** The motion was made and passed for Larry to purchase supplies to make keychains. He reported that over 500 keychains were completed prior to the Benton/Franklin Fair.
- **Grit Supply:** Mickee Madden has taken over the sale of tumbling grit to club members. Chris will forward information regarding suppliers.
- **Historian:** Discussion on appointing a new Club Historian with regard to specifics of the position.
- **Christmas Party:** Chris will contact the Christmas party committee to get specifics on venues, pricing and menus.

New Business

- Discussion on the logistics of the October special speaker meeting and workshop. Chris has developed signup sheets for the workshops, which will be available at the September general meeting. Further discussion regarding the specific timeline. More information will be published in the September Geode.
- Authorization was given for Cindy Guettinger to purchase a book on the lapidary arts to be added to the library.
- Marty Casto mentioned that an elections committee needs to be formed for the upcoming Director and Treasurer positions.
- Marty also asked for an appeal to the membership for donations to the silent auction which funds our meeting space at the church.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sally Lyon, Secretary

Junior Rock Club Meeting Minutes June 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sorensen. Mrs. Trumbo could not attend the meeting.

- 15 juniors and 11 adults attended the meeting. There were 6 mineral of the month reports. Mineral of the month reports from previous months were returned. Mrs. Sorensen announced there would be no meeting in July. Arthur and Sawyer had show-and-tell items for us to see. There was one birthday. Three door prizes were given out. August mineral of the month reports will be: Samantha – golden topaz; Andrew – stilbite and calcite; Marcus – Aragonite; Kylie – Apoolite; Trey – green calcite; Lukas – black?? india; Jesse – chrysocolla and azurite; ZJ – chrysocolla and azurite; Sawyer – stilbite.
- Mrs. Lambert passed out information about Junior Achievement Awards. The program was “Gemstone Lore and Legend”. We also made cootie catchers. Mrs. Sorensen passed out limestone that Mrs. Trumbo had collected at Lake of the Ozarks MO. Mrs. Lambert brought geodes and agate from Red Top Mountain and carnelian agate that Mr. Barger had donated to the club and Mrs. Lambert had polished. She also passed out some magnetite she and Mr. Hatfield had collected in California along with some magnets that Mr. Hatfield had donated so we could see the magnetite and magnets together.
- Thank you Mrs. Sorensen for doing an excellent job of leading the club meeting tonight.

Jr. Rock Club Report of Aug 8, 2017

By Mrs. Trumbo

Great thanks to Charlene Martinez and Harry Mainard for a generous supply of petrified wood. You two created a lot of excitement when courier Pat Lambert opened her car trunk at the end of the evening to reveal all the donations. Students dug through bags and bags taking all they wanted, with leftovers to be taken to the picnic fundraiser. THANK YOU Charlene and Harry!

Students started the evening learning more about the 3 types of rock: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic using Cootie-Catcher's flip-type folded papers. Students were tested on their new knowledge and given pink, yellow and grey specimens of igneous granite from Denver CO area Mrs. Trumbo brought from recent travels. Door Prizes went to Andrew, Marcus and Kylie. Aurora and Samantha enjoyed birthday song and gifts. Kylie and Joy did Show-N-Tell on garnet and carborundum. Mineral of the Month reports were read by Kylie, Samantha and Marcus (see below.)

Regarding the September 12th meeting: invitations and information was shared. We'll meet at Columbia Basin College Planetarium to see the film "Super Volcanos." Doors open at 6:00 and all juniors must complete seating before 6:25. At 6:25, we welcome adult club members to fill any leftover seats not used by junior members and their families. Again, we will NOT meet at the bank; please arrive early to CBC and take a FREE seat before the film begins! Note your calendars!

The September Junior Club meeting will be at the CBC Planetarium where we will see the film "Supervolcanos". It is free of charge.

The program will start at 6:30 and **YOU MUST BE SEATED BY 6:30**. The doors will be open at 6:00.

From Argent Road, enter the CBC campus via Farm Road. Follow the blue and white signs for the Planetarium. You will find the Planetarium and the parking lot on your left. The entrance to the Planetarium (a large cylindrical structure) is on the east side of the building.

September Mineral of the Month Reports due by Marcus, Kylie, Arthur and am. Bring reports with you to CBC.

Mrs. Trumbo shared a 4.5x2x2" sample of carborundum crystals and its history, a man made synthetic silicon carbide, mass-produced after E.G. Acheson heated clay and carbon together attempting to manufacture artificial diamonds in 1890. He named his blue crystal product after the similar corundum. Produced since 1893 as an abrasive (9.5 on Mohs scale!), carborundum is used today in many products: disc brakes, clutches, grinding discs, bulletproof vests, and gem quality simulated diamonds. Able to maintain physical stability in extreme temperatures fluctuations (up to 1800 C. degrees) , it's used in firing kilns, aeronautics, aerospace, automobiles and micro-electronics, even in your own computers and cell phones! Dispelling heat so well, carborundum is in lightning arresters for electric power systems. Sadly, you can't collect it due to its extreme rarity in nature, found only in minute quantities as "moissanite" in only some meteorites and star dust.

Golden Topaz by Sam -age 11

Golden Topaz is one of the two birthstones for November. The amber colored version of topaz is the one most commonly known for being the November birthstone, since it is similar in appearance to one found was in Brazil just under 23-thousand carats. And is called the American golden topaz.

Aragonite by Marcus, age 9

Aragonite is a carbonate mineral, one of the two most common, naturally occurring crystal formation. I did this at the last minute so that is all for my report.

Apophyllite and Stilbite, by Kylie, age 9

My minerals are Apophyllite and Stilbite. The name Apophyllite comes from the Greek word, apophylliso, meaning "it flakes off". Its streak is white and its luster is pearly. The color is usually white or colorless but can be many other colors as well. The crystal is tetragonal. Stilbite crystals grow as thin columns. It can be colorless, white or pink. The luster is vitreous, and its crystal is monoclinic.

Tiger Eye – by Sam, age 10

Did you know tiger eye may form together with brownish-red or metallic-gray? When cutting and polishing tiger's eye gem stones, skillful orientation to the fibrous structure must be applied to achieve the best chatoyancy.

Tiger eye is in the quartz family and is known for its beautiful tiger like color and patterns.

Pyrite – by Lucas age 11

The mineral pyrite, or iron pyrite, is also known as fool's gold. Pyrite is brass-yellow and mostly comes in chunks of squares. Pyrite is found in Italy, France, and Spain.

Pyrite by Kylie age 9

Pyrite is often called fool's gold. Pyrite is iron sulfide. It is mostly found in cubes. And its rock type is igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. Pyrite is very common. It can be found anywhere in the world. Its luster is metallic and its streak is black with a slightly green tinge.

Selenite Rose by Marcus age 9

The selenite rose has many names such as sand rose, rose rock, selenite rose and gypsum rose. The name selenite rose is given to this rock because it looks like a rose. Some minerals form rose shapes. The selenite rose rock is also called the desert rose. It is often confused with the barite rose. Some of the edges can be sharp. That is all for my report.

Dino Bone by ZJ, age 8

Dinosaur fossils have been found on every continent on Earth, including Antarctica. Fossils help us understand what the dinosaurs were like. Information can be gathered from sources such as fossilized bones, footprints, stomach stones, feces, internal organs, soft tissues, eggs, and feathers. Over 1000 different species of dinosaurs have been named and the list continues to grow as new fossils are discovered.

Pyrite or Iron Pyrite - by Sawyer age 8

- Pyrite is the most common sulfite mineral. It can be found in sedimentary rock, metamorphic rock, and in coal beds. It can form from different types of crystals.
- In ancient Roman times, it was discovered that pyrite can create sparks when it is struck against steel.
- The name pyrite means “of fire” or “in fire”. In the 16th and 17th centuries, pyrite sparks were used to help fire guns.
- Pyrite is sometimes called “fool’s gold” because it is similar in color and shape to real gold. In the mining days, some people would mistake it for real gold.
- Pyrite releases a natural acid when it oxidizes which can cause spontaneous combustion (which is basically a small explosion). In the mining days, they would call these ‘dust explosions’ because they would cover the coal in the mines with limestone dust to neutralize the acid that pyrite releases. The explosions could be dangerous because they could make the ceiling or walls of the mines cave in.
- Pyrite is a very useful and dangerous mineral.

Walla Walla Annual Show Sept. 9&10

- **Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society, Walla Walla County Fairgrounds; Community Center, 363 Orchard Street; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5;**
- **Adults \$3, Children free**
- **Rocks, minerals**
- **Fossils**
- **Demonstrators,**
- **Exhibits**
- **Silent auction**
- **Children activities**
- **Retail dealers.**

Mark Your Calendar

Cabbing Class at the Omsteads

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

Sept.: 19-20
Oct.: 17-18
Nov.: 14-15
Dec.: 19- Christmas

Flintknapping at the Omsteads

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

Sept.: 14-28 Heritage Days/
Sacajawea Park
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.

Free club showcase. Call Mickee @ 509-438-5798

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!

Please see Rhea about volunteering for a meeting slot to contribute to the refreshment pool.

Unless members step up as volunteers, there will be no snacks or drinks available at our meetings.

***** Opal Special Event *****

October is opal month and the President of the American Opal Society, Peter Goetz, will be visiting from Southern California to share his knowledge and skills with us. Because there are more activities than can be shared during a regular club meeting the events have been scheduled on a weekend.

Presentation: On Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. there will be a presentation on opals including slides and personal opals that Pete will bring with him. It will be held at the Benton PUD community meeting room. All members are invited to attend, free of charge.

Workshops Dates and times: On Saturday, October 7th from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 8th from 9:00 a.m. to about 12 or 1p.m. there will be hands-on workshops with opal. Each session is expected to last 1.5 hours depending on how many people sign up. The workshops are for club members due to limited available space and free of charge. The club held raffles to help pay for the event and our guest speaker is taking care of his airline tickets.

Workshop details: Peter will demonstrate various techniques and club members will have an opportunity to work with low grade opal material to get the feel of the stone. Unfortunately, there won't be enough time for everyone to finish their cabs. To sign up for a workshop session, a club member must know how to cab. Exact details on the workshops are still being worked out, but it looks like Saturday will be for those participants who want to work on Genie-style capping equipment at the Cataldo residence and Sunday will be for those who want to work on flat lap machines at the Olmstead residence.

Workshop Sign Up: Begins at the September 6th club meeting!!

Rosann Ferris

Thank you to everyone who is saving stamps.

Thank you to everyone who is saving stamps. We took 3 large bags of stamps to the Federation show at Hamilton.

This year, it was decided that instead of writing a check to the American Cancer Society, the money from the stamps would be donated to Knitted Knockers to buy yarn for the volunteer knitters to use.

Knitted Knockers are special handmade breast prosthesis for women who have undergone mastectomies or other procedures to the breast. Traditional breast prosthetics are usually expensive, heavy, sweaty and uncomfortable. They typically require special bras or camisoles with pockets and can't be worn for weeks after surgery. Knitted Knockers on the other hand are soft, comfortable, beautiful, and when placed in a regular bra they take the shape and **feel** of a real breast. Special volunteer knitters provide these free to those requesting them. Knitted knockers can be adjusted to fill the gap for breasts that are uneven and easily adapted for those going through reconstruction by simply removing some of the stuffing.

The yarn used for Knitted Knockers is very important as they are to be worn against scarred, sensitive skin. Knitted Knockers has compiled a list of yarns that have been tested and approved as appropriate for Knitted Knockers. Most women prefer cotton as it is breathable so the yarn listed is mostly cotton or cotton blends. The acrylic yarns listed are only for swimming as they are not worn daily. Crochet requires a finer yarn than knit as it can be a bit stiffer so they have identified the yarns appropriate for crochet.

**August 2017 Fair
By Marvin Barger**

Every year when the Fair is over, you can hear remarks " I couldn't volunteer to help because all the spots were taken by old members of the Club." In fact the old members of the Club seem to be the only one's available to help.

I started in 1951 and am still going strong. That is 66 years. At the present time I am participating in seven events each month, plus several others during the year.

Look at the schedule this year because very few offered or volunteered when asked to step forward and help.

Alphabetically with the number of hours, they are:

Diana Barger 3, Marvin Barger 3, Bear Bentrup 3, Karla Black 6, Caroline Bowdish 3, Rhea Bowerly 6, Terry Dreaney 3, Linda Guell 3, Pat Harmon 6, Max Hatfield 3, Larry Hulstrom 9, Joshua Hulstrom 3, Kay Hulstrom 3, Andy Johnson 6, Mark Kidder 3, Kim Kinder 3, Jessica Klug 3, Pat Lambert 3, Mickee Madden 3, Jane Moore 6, Frank Omstead 3, Mary Lou Omstead 3, Tracy Rabon 6, Walther Rohlfing 6, Duane Schock 6, Tonda Steele 3, Jean Smith 3, Thora Trumbo 3, Bonnie Tobin 3, Rick Tobin 3, Linda Vance 3, Robert Vance 3, Alex Williams 3, Jon Zarzoza 3, and four Juniors Aurora 3, Olivia 3, Samantha 3, ? 3.

This is a total of 150 hours donated.

Any one of these would have let you have their spot. That was 43 opportunities.

We desperately need more participation from **all** our membership.

NOTICE Larry Hulstrom is also in charge of our participation at the Fair. He spent 150 hours during the Fair, plus set up time, plus probably another 150 hours at other plannings, and notifications.

SO I SAY THANK YOU LARRY.

Editor's Note: And I thank **you**, Marvin, for submitting this! And I would also like to thank everyone who helped to set up our area at the fairgrounds this year. It was the quickest and smoothest process I've experienced! But my appreciation goes especially to Larry Hulstrom because he is a master coordinator and puts very long hours into these events. But like many of us who are getting into or who are already firmly into our golden years, it gets a little harder every year to do the lifting required to set up and take down for our April show and our participation at the fair.

The reality is, folks, you younger generations NEED to participate more because you ARE the future of this club!

Field trip to Glass Butte and Hampton Butte



Figure 1. Lisa showing off some of the gold sheen material while Andy gathers tools to dig.

We followed the road further to the tri-flow area to collect interesting obsidian. This material has midnight lace, mahogany and sheen to it. Some digging was required for larger pieces. Many smaller pieces were on the surface. We decided to call it a day, it was quite warm, and headed back to camp.

Several members of the Marcus Whitman club met up with Lisa at the Chickahominy Reservoir to collect at Glass Buttes and Hampton Butte over Memorial holiday. Lisa, Andy and Walter collected a few pieces of serpentinite and fossils along the way to the reservoir. Jay, Janelle, and Andrew had already collected some interesting materials on Friday to show everyone. Chris and Jerry arrived on Friday afternoon and our group decided to go to Glass Buttes on Saturday.

We went to several collecting sites at the Glass Buttes. According to a Simon Skiles article in Oregon magazine the Glass Buttes are 5 million years old and form one of Oregon's largest obsidian deposits. Obsidian is a glass composed of silicon dioxide with minor metal impurities that provide the colors and patterns that rock hounds like to collect. This area is managed by BLM and there were many places that other clubs were camping within a short distance of the Glass Buttes.

Everyone found something to take home from each obsidian site on our list. At the gold sheen site some dug in the holes and pulled out some great material for spheres. Close by a few of us collected the gray stripe material. Down the road and around the curve was the silver sheen material. No digging was required here. Unfortunately Janelle and Andrew had some troubles with their pickup and had to get it towed. Thankfully Jay was able to pull the vehicle to the main highway for help.

LGMC Board of Directors

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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>

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<http://www.amfed.org/nfms>

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September 23rd Potluck Picnic & Auction NEW LOCATION!

Our potluck picnic this year will be at Grange Park behind the Kennewick Union Street library

Set up: 10:30

Eat: 12:00

Auction: 1:00

Bring a dish to share, a chair, your favorite beverage and rocks to sell. Families are limited to ten items to auction. The owner gets 70 percent of the proceeds and the club gets 30 percent.

There is no shade at Grange Park. Anyone with pop up tents or canopies, please bring them during set up.

There will be some tables available to place auction items.