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Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. (LGMCI)

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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:

19th 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 LGMCI, PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA. 99336-0603.

Membership Forms: Link to form can be found on the club web site.

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Club Meetings & Upcoming Events

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

August 5th – General Club Meeting

August No meeting Junior Club Meeting at the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

August 18th Board Meeting. 6:30 pm.

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 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/>.

A Note from the President . . .

Just as I was getting used to summer, I realized that August is starting and soon fall will be upon us. As time goes speeding by, I would like to remind people of upcoming events and events that involve our club. Our displays and table for the fair will need to be put up and manned. The schedule of who is needed and for what and when you can help have been included in the geode and emails so you can check and sign up for these before the August meeting. Hopefully most of these needs will be taken care of by then. The space at the library or Grange has been reserved for September 20 so our annual picnic and auction will be taking place that afternoon, so if you have rocks you want to sell get them together before then. Also the Riverfest event will need helpers in October so start thinking of that and if you can help. I think they are also looking for pieces of work that have been finished or done by our members to show people what we can do, things like finished jewelry cabochons, gem trees, and others. At the last board meeting changes in our club having a meeting in July and also changing the hours of our April show were discussed. The board agreed to having a meeting in July would be a good idea, and changing the hours of the show were discussed and a tentative agreement was made to extend the hours of our April show so on Saturday it would run from 9 AM to 6 PM. Sunday's hours would stay the same. However, no decision was made on this and instead Larry and Judy. Allison are checking in with the dealers to get their opinions on the changes of the hours before we make any decisions. The board thought the club members could discuss both these issues in the next month or two then vote on these at our October or November meeting. A new group picture was brought up, but I don't think it was scheduled. I think it could be done when we have our vote in October or November. Also remember the entries for rocking with the stars will be coming up in November so if you plan on entering or making something, it would be best to start on that project now. See you all in August Dave Westland.

August Meeting.

For those of you who have not signed up for a slot at the fair yet, you still have a chance to do so. Just go to:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZbShupX8ybXw8RBIMLPnNkK15EVFUV7zrLMZfKH_VTQ/edit?usp=sharing

Mike Zinski will be giving a demo on 3-D printing and how you can create your own equipment. You can make everything from saws, cabbing machines, and vibrators. And for those of you who do casting for jewelry making print your own molds instead of cutting wax to make settings. Find new and creative ways to tools for cabbing. Mike has self-taught himself how to use several of the modeling programs that can be found on the internet. FreeCAD for designing and Cura for slicing and converting over to language used by the 3-D printer. Sign up sheets will be available for those interested in learning more about using the programs.

Classes, Gatherings, Field Trips, and Groups

Field trip to: Greenwater 8/16-17 Agate, Jasper, & Opal

Headed up by: Nate White nate.white77@gmail.com or (206) 349-7054

Social / Crafting Gathering Dates (Could change as needed)

This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and work on a project. There is no charge for these gatherings. Class times for all dates are from 1 until 4 PM.

2025 Dates

- Social Crafting Group: July 6th, 20th
- Social Crafting Group: Aug 3rd, 17th
- Social Crafting Group: Sept 7th, 21st

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. Look for future classes offered by Sandra Bryant, you can also check out her selection of classes offered at The Downtown Mercantile.

Flat Lap Cabbing Class Dates (Could change as needed)

Flat Lap Cabbing classes are going great guns. Following are the class dates Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays. All Flat Lap Cabbing class times are from 6 until 8 PM.

2025 dates

- July 7th, 8th, & 12th, 21st, 22nd, & 26th
- Aug 11th, 12th, & 16th, 25th, 26th, & 30th
- Sept 8th, 9th and 13th, 22nd, 23rd, and 27th,

If you're interested in learning how to make cabochons please call Mickee at 509-438-5798 to sign up or for more information. For newcomers to cabbing, you are given material to get you started.

These classes are for adult club members only. No children please. Please do not bring thunder eggs, 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. (\$10 fee is an annual fee)

Information on other Field Trips that are offered by groups outside of our club

Date	Host	Site	Mineral	Meet time/Place	Tools
8/16-17	Puyl	Greenwater	Agate, jasper, & opal	9:00 am @ Ranger Station in Enumclaw	Dig & hard rock tools

Many trips need Discover Pass, Trailhead Pass & Forest Pass. Ask when you inquire about trip

ALWAYS contact host for updated info a week before trip !!!

HOST CLUB CONTACT INFO

Msvl - Nique Wicks nwhoppyfrog41@gmail.com or (509) 670-0630

Pow Wow -Larry Vess vessel3755@gmail.com or (253)473-3908

Puyl Nate White (206)349-7054 nate.white77@gmail.com

Keep updated on <http://www.mineralcouncil.zoho.com> Land management changes, and roads close regularly. There is an area on web page with tool category in pictures and names of tools.

Always have proper cloths and gear for conditions. Be prepared with safety, first aid, food and drink.

A week before trips I (Ed Lehman) will have a pdf file with map and info for that trip I can send you on request. I will do the same for trip host.

Try to be at the meeting site 30 minutes before trip time for details and instructions with a full tank of gas. Use code of ethics, keep our lands open to rockhounding.

For those of you who missed the opportunity to go to the Poka-Dot mine last week, you have until the end of July to visit it before they close it down. Partners have parted ways, so they are closing the mine down.

For those of you looking for a good app to identify public vs private land, owner's info, tracking your location, etc. for rockhounding, check out the following app. Can be found for both apple and android phones: **Onx hunt app**

For those of us who like the thrill of the hunt and the excitement of the find, there are rules and regulations we must follow on public lands. Yes folks, like private land, public lands to have rules and regulations, not just to protect us, but also the land so that future generations can also enjoy the same . Go to <http://armlands.org>. There you can see how the public land is divided up and who oversees each. There are links to each of these organizations and the rules and regulations that apply to each as to where, when, how, and how much or what you can or cannot collect. If special permits are needed, where and how to obtain them and whether or not you can use a metal detector. Metal detectors are not allowed in some areas. Importantly, Public land does not mean a free for all, they have rules and regulations that we must follow

General Club Meeting Minutes No meeting in July

Old Business

Secretary

Librarian

Wire Wrapping

Riverfest

Free Rocks Dave Evans will be taking calls for those interested in obtaining any of the rocks he has until the end of the month, after which time will not, as other clubs have expressed interest as well. His interest was to share what he had across the different clubs

Poka-Dot Mine Polka Dot Mine will be closing down for good unless re-opened by new owners. Unfortunately the wildfires raging across Central Oregon forced closure earlier than planned. They'd like to thank their many customers over the years for their patronage.

Wire Wrapping I want to thank all those who signed up for the wire wrapping classes. I hope you enjoyed yourself as much as I did. I was excited to welcome our first Jr. member to join one of the classes and hope to see more in future classes. Our instructor Kathy Meuchel of KittyKat Jewelry has offered to provide classes to our Jr. Members as well as our adults. She is a talented artist herself and always happy to see young people pursue their interest in the arts.

New Business

Club Picnic Just a reminder to mark your calendar that the club picnic is September 20th at the Highlands Grange Picnic Shelter. Club will provide main course, the members are encouraged to bring their favorite side dishes and desserts. Members are encouraged to participate in the silent auctions. If you have something you would like to sell or donate, this is an opportunity to do so and have some fun as the summer season closes and the fall begins. Look forward to seeing everyone there

2025 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>

Sept 6 th & 7 th Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marcus Witman Gem & Mineral Society & NFMS Show	Walla Walla Fairgrounds Pavillion & Event Center 363 Orchard St. Walla Walla, WA 99362	Warren Rood (509) 876-7498 Janel Lacey (541) 276-9730 Warren.rood@yahoo.com Jclaw6461@gmail.com
Sept 6 th & 7 th Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Southern WA Mineralogical Society	Longview Fairgrounds – Cowlitz County Event Center 1900 7 th Ave. Longview, WA 98632	Greg Larson – 503 421-3877 Vicki Johnson – 360 751-8031 vikijrocks@msn.com
Oct 4 th & 5 th Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Evergreen State Fairgrounds 14405 179 th Ave. SE, Bldg. #500 Monroe, WA 98270	Brian Murril 425-346-9313 bmurriel@aol.com
Oct 3 rd – 5 th Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show	Wingspan Event and Conference Center (Westside Commons) 801 NE 34 th Ave. Hillsboro, OR 97124	Roberta Hanson Prgmsa.president@gmail.com (503) 449-3543
Oct 25 th & 26 th Sat 10 - 6:30 Sun 12 - 5:30	Chugach Gem and Mineral Society	Midtown Mall 600 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99514	Paul Burger cavemonpaul@hotmail.com
Dec 6 th & 7 th Sat 10 – 5 Sun 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196 th St. SW Edmonds, WA	Michele McGraw Shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.com info@maplewoodrockclub.com

Club Board Meeting Minutes –July 21, 2025

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Dave, Sharon, Kathy, Patrick, Bert, Wayne, Vickie

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

Treasurer's report: Not in attendance

Membership: Not in attendance

Juniors: no report, but however they will not meet in August and have been have been busy learning and having fun in the process

Geode: no report

Old Business

NEW Business

Gather input for possible changes for next year by as follows: Hold general meeting in July and extended hours for annual show time on Saturday. And options for the tailgating.

Upcoming Benton Franklin County Fair UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the Fair. All of the time slots have been filled, we have 6 volunteers to put in display cases, and helpers signed up to set up and dismantle things at the Fair.

I am hoping that admission tickets will be available to hand out at the August meeting, so please plan to attend the meeting. Setup will begin at 8am on Sunday August 17 when we meet under the Fairgrounds sign and then proceed to the storage units in Finley to pick up the supplies needed. That put's us back at the Fairgrounds around 9am to complete the setup. Cases can be filled after that, up until Monday afternoon prior to the start of the Fair on Tuesday. (Remember to leave your packing boxes for your materials underneath the case.)

I will have the signup list at the August meeting to remind everyone of the time slots that they volunteered to be at the Fair. After the Fair ends we will meet again at 8:30am on Sunday August 24 to dismantle things. People with displays need to remove their materials by this time or we will remove and box up the materials for you.

For those of you that haven't worked a shift at the Fair before I will review general details and expectations and answer questions at the August meeting.

Larry Hulstrom

Will be looking for a couple of individuals to mentor under Larry to learn the in's and out's of what it takes to make our club work.

Jr. Club Report – No Meeting for August 2025

At the July meeting, the Juniors had a rock swap and dessert picnic. Members had a fun time browsing through each other's collections and wheeling and dealing to take home some new treasures.



The Junior Club is taking a break in August, so the next meeting will be September 9 at the REACH Museum at 6:30. Marty will give an overview of some local collecting sites and what you need to know as a beginner rockhound.

Here's a recent Mineral of the Month report from Callan:

My report is on Tiger's eye. The color is brownish yellow or brown. Tiger's eye is not common but not rare. It is found in South Africa and western Australia. Tiger's eye hardness is 7 and it is used for jewelry.

Classifieds

Mike Zinski's Workshop is available for any and all lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: gemmakermz@gmail.com or at 509-783-9337. (The email address for Mike is new, old one no longer good)

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

WANTED: inexpensive slabs for sale. They can be seconds, any size or material, cast offs, pieces that didn't turn out as expected, unpolished, etc. I want to use them for rock wrapping, so mostly I am looking for a goodly quantity of them at a reasonable price. Are there members of your group who would have such things available, even if they aren't normally what they might sell? Contact: Peggy Hamilton (509-521-0199) or hamgarn@gmail.com

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/>.

▪ ***You might be a rockhound if . . .*** You describe your vacations by the rocks you brought home.

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers Email: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

Classifieds Continued

Tom and Eileen are looking to thin out their collection of rocks, minerals, etc. , running out of room. The have a large selection to choose from priced as follows:

Obsidian - \$1.50 per lb

Agates, Jaspers - \$3.00 per lb

Thunder Eggs - \$1.50 per lb

Petrified Wood Pieces - \$.50 per lb

Polished pieces are priced accordingly Cash only and offering discount on purchases totaling over \$100.

Tom and Eileen are located in Pendleton Oregon and ask that you call and schedule a time with them before coming , as parking is limited. Interested parties please call (541) 377-1013.



President	Dave Westland	Director(*)	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Sharon Louise	Director(y)	Bert Kae Je'
Secretary	Debbie Muller	Federation Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Debbie Muller	Junior Club Leader	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Patrick Donohue	Bulletin Editor	Vickie Elkins
Program Director	Vacant	Librarian	Denise Williams
Membership	Lisa Noland	Webmaster	John Wenskovitch
Sunshine	Vacant	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(y) numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer, and a Second Director begin terms in odd(x) 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.

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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