



# THE GEODE

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:

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

E-mail: [lgmgeode2025@outlook.com](mailto:lgmgeode2025@outlook.com)

**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.

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**May 6th-** General Club Meeting.

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

**May 19th** 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](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/>.

## A Note from the President . . .

I hope everyone had a good time at our show enjoyed themselves and the show was a great success.

Along this line, I think Larry Hulstrom should receive some special recognition and appreciation for all the work and the organization he brings to our show each year. In a volunteer organization like ours it's hard to get people to volunteer some of their own time for the club, and Larry has been doing this for many years.

I think one of the reasons our show has been successful and well run is because we have members like Larry and all his helpers that step up and volunteer their time and skills to help put on the show.

It's time to start planning for the fair coming in August. We don't have a July meeting so it helps to start planning on who and what our club will do at the fair early. We usually have 4 to 6 display cases and have people who sell rocks and provide information about our club. You should start thinking about how you might want to help now so that we can get this started in June. So hopefully this will help us to get organized early and avoid having a rushed to, put together the appearance for the fair. Look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting.

## May's Meeting.

Guest speaker Julian Gray will present "The World of Sand."

The World of Sand: Science, Beauty, and Utility

Everyone has some idea of what sand is. It often conjures visions of warm tropical beaches. But not all sand is alike; in fact the differences are often as amazing as they are beautiful. Sand is the most abundant natural resource on Earth, almost as abundant as the stars in the Universe. It is essential to construction, industry, and technology. Forensic scientists solve crimes by matching sand from crime scenes with sand from known sources. Geologists study sand to unravel the Earth's history. As a hobby, sand provides endless hours of educational fun. Join us as geologist Julian Gray takes us on a tour of the World of Sand. Through stunning photographs of his personal collection, Julian will show the diversity and beauty of this common and underappreciated natural material.

## Classes, Gatherings, Field Trips, and Groups

Field trip to: [See listing](#)

Headed up by: Nique Wicks [nwhoppyfrog41@gmail.com](mailto:nwhoppyfrog41@gmail.com) or (509) 670-0630

### 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. \* **Sandra Bryant will be teaching how to wrap small pendant with one wire. Everything supplied. \$20** Class times for all dates are from 1 until 4 PM.

#### 2025 Dates

- April Social Crafting Group: \***6th** and 13th. Bring items made in class to put in display case. Stickers available to put on backs of your pieces
- May Social Crafting Group: 4th and 18th.
- June Social Crafting Group: 15th, and 29th.

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.

### 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

- April 7th, 8th, and 12<sup>th</sup> and 19th, 21th, and 22nd
- May 12th, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 17th, 26th, 27th, and 31st
- June 9th 10<sup>th</sup> and 14th, 23rd, 24th, and 28th,

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
05/10	<b>MSVL</b>	Racehorse Creek	Leaf fossils &b Morel Mushrooms	9:00 am I-5 exit240 Mini Mart	Shovel and rock splitting tools
5/24	<b>MSVL</b>	Wild Turkey Mine	Nobel Serpentine	9:00 am 3515 Waitts Lk Rd. Valley, WA Pay dig	Hard rock and surface picking
5/31	<b>MSVL</b>	Walt Bailey Trail	Rainbow Cert	9:00 am Verlot Ranger Station Collecting along roadside	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](mailto:nwhoppyfrog41@gmail.com) Or (509) 670-0630

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

Puyl Nate White (206)349-7054 [nate.white77@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Just a reminder to those signing up for field trips, if something happens or plans change and you can't make it, please be courteous and let the host know as soon as possible.

**If you sign up for a field trip and something comes up and you can't make it, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOST TO LET THEM KNOW. These folks take time out of there day to show us where we can find stones and fossils. So saying or signing up to go and then be a no show is not right.**

**There will be no NFMS newsletter for the month of May**

## General Club Meeting Minutes –April 1, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Dave Westland at 7:02 pm

No corrections or additions to last month's minutes – accepted as printed in the Geode

### **Old Business**

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| Secretary         | There is still a need for a club secretary. Anyone interested, please contact Dave Westland or Sharon Louise.   |
| Librarian         | We have a need for a club librarian. Anyone interested please contact Dave Westland or Sharon Louise. There is a computer list of available Martials.   |
| Refreshments      | Anyone interested in being on the refreshments committee to organize and distribute refreshments during meetings, please sign up on the signup sheet on the back table – Club will pay for the refreshments, need the committee to pick up and set up   |
| Website           | Still looking to put together a website development committee to come up with creative ways to improve the look of our web page.<br><br>Look at website, put suggestions/ideas in suggestion box<br>We can have pictures of members doing activities, bios of members or the club, educational, content (where? How?), emphasize Juniors Club, video links, geology links, Zinters Site, wire wrap... |
| Show              | We have materials for fluorescent cases – need a couple of volunteers to arrange them – please talk to Randy.   |
| Club Display Case | We would like to build a permanent club case for future shows, education, etc. The club display case would include – educational, local rocks, cabbing, faceting, gem trees; as fall back – asked to show; asked Mickee about the social/craft club participating; rotating – Let Larry or Dave know if interested in assisting.  |
| Library Display   | The Mid-Columbia Library needs a display – Part is locked, part is not.<br><br>Please pick up signs for the show.   |

### **New Business**

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| Wire Wrapping | Vickie informed us about upcoming wire wrapping classes with KittyKat Jewelry scheduled for July 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> . Limit of 8 to 10 per class. Pictures and prices for projects will be provided prior to, see signup sheets on back tables. |
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### **New Business (Cont.)**

Show	Discussed arrangements for help to take down show on Sunday. If we hire commercial movers, it will cost \$450. - \$900
River Fest	October 4 <sup>th</sup> , We need 4-6 volunteers to man our table
Fair	Preparations should be completed at the June meeting.
Bragging Table	Return of the bragging table. Have a cabochon, gem tree, wire wrap jewelry, faceted stone, or other project you have done that you would like to share with the club? Bring it on in to share on the bragging table.

Had drawings, no new or visitors, or silent auctions or sign ups

Those of you who ordered the Washington State Mineral Councils "Rockhounding Maps booklet," You can pick them up at the May's meeting. Please make payment to me, Vickie Elkins; I paid up for the booklets

## Members of the Month

### Don and Pat Snyder



Don and Pat Snyder are key formative and foundational members of our club. They joined Lakeside when the Richland Three Rivers Club and Lakeside merged in the 1960s. The couple's story and long standing relationship is applause worthy. They have known each other for 73 years, when Don, who was in high school, moved from California to Richland and began working for Pat's father's laundry, dry cleaning and linen supply company, which today is US Linen and Uniform. Don and Pat married in 1956, and in time took over ownership and management of the linen supply company. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren spread throughout the country.

Don is a second generation rock hound. He was just a tyke when his father took him rock hounding in Southern California. He remembers having a rock collection at five and that was the start of an incredible desire to get outdoors and explore the earth's bounty. Don reminds us that the Northwest, which encompasses Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Oregon and Northern California, has a wide range of geological material. Many times he and Pat have camped out with friends for several days and rock hounded at such places as Madras Or., the Deschutes River, and Quartzite, to name a few. They also collected material from afar while traveling and attending rock shows.

Don and Pat have been extremely generous to the club, continuously donating door prize material, bags of rocks to sell at the LGMC show, or material for class work. Don has always enjoyed cutting and polishing rocks; he often has gifted material with the only stipulation being that he would like to see what people have worked with the material. Recently he donated a 24" rock saw and other lapidary equipment for club classwork. Pat, with her warm and friendly smile, shows the sacks that the couple makes from retired linen for the door prize and other club donations; these recycle the cloth and provide safe and easy material storage and transport.

Don says he hopes the club will be able to offer even more scholarships for members to attend and gain skills at the Hancock Rock hound Retreat. He believes everyone should explore what they like and to discover what they are capable of doing. We appreciate Don and Pat's contributions as well as their continued involvement, experience and knowledge. Thanks for everything Don and Pat! We appreciate you!

## 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>

May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 10-5 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-3	Mt. Hood Rock Club	Kliever Memorial Armory  10000 NE 33 <sup>rd</sup> Dive Portland, OR	Roberta Hanson  <a href="mailto:mhrcdc@gmail.com">mhrcdc@gmail.com</a>  503-449-3543 Mthoodrockclub.com
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Everett Rock & Gem Club  70 <sup>th</sup> Annual Show	Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Weiukel Event Center 18359 Cascade View Drive Monroe, WA 98292	everettrockclub@hotmail.com
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4  Dealer/Demo Contact:	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds  2110 Frear Ave.  Roseburg, OR 97470  Jason Jakubos 541-580-7584	Jay Thomas  jrthoms2@gmail.com 503-400-2090  rockandwool@gmail.com
May 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society	Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center  1705 East Airport Rd.  Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski  stonemorlin1@netscape.net  Hatrockhounds.org
May 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Bozeman Mineral and Gem club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black, Bldg. 1 Bozeman, MT 59715	Linda Johnson  Bozemangemandmineralclub.com  <b><a href="mailto:bgmcmnt@gmail.com">bgmcmnt@gmail.com</a></b>



**Any new or updated information regarding Annual Shows will be added as provided.**

May 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Butte Civic Center – Main Arena 1340 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701	Jerry D’Arcy 406-491-2054 <a href="mailto:jkdudding@gmail.com">jkdudding@gmail.com</a>
May 31 <sup>st</sup> & June 1 <sup>st</sup> 2025 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club’s 64 <sup>th</sup> Annual Show	Kootenai County Fairgrounds Jacklin Building #25 4056 N. Government Way Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815	Mike McConnell <a href="mailto:nimcshowchairman@gmail.com">nimcshowchairman@gmail.com</a>
June 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Friday 10-5 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society	Reedsport Community Center 451 Winchester Ave. Reedsport, OR 97467	Bambi Darling <a href="mailto:reedsportrockshow@gmail.com">reedsportrockshow@gmail.com</a> 541-420-8014
June 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairgrounds Event Center 100 Old Corvallis Rd. Hamilton, MT 59840	Amber Tyree Amber406142 @gmail.com Bitterrootgemandmineral.org
July 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Fri 9-6 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	Tenino City Park 300 Park Ave. W Tenino, WA 98589	Doug Shank <a href="mailto:wamsolympia@gmail.com">wamsolympia@gmail.com</a>
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Southern WA Mineralogical Society	Longview Fairgrounds – Cowlitz County Event Center 1900 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Longview, WA 98632	Greg Larson – 503 421-3877 Vicki Johnson – 360 751-8031 <a href="mailto:vikijrocks@msn.com">vikijrocks@msn.com</a>
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Evergreen State Fairgrounds 14405 179 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Bldg. #500 Monroe, WA 98270	Brian Murril 425-3469313 bmurril@aol.com

## **Club Board Meeting Minutes –April 21, 2025**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Present: Larry, Lisa, Sharon, Dave, Debbie, Vickie, Wayne, Bert, Jane  
Debbie, and Pauline

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

Treasurer's report: Solvent ☺

### **Old Business**

Lisa - Membership report - 167 members, 147 adults, and 20 juniors. There are some people who are volunteering, but haven't paid their dues.

Vickie – Is sending Geode to “active” list

Larry – Federation meeting & show in Sept. More information later.

Vickie sent email letter that there are a few volunteer spaces left to fill – approx. 3 in ticket sales

Jane will be providing the entrée for the Friday night potluck – pulled pork & buns, and drinks  
Larry will bring coolers

Discussed two committees we still need – website and refreshments; we discussed possibly Styling it differently; helps to have social time; Dave has talked to a lady that bakes for the Pasco Center and she has agreed to supply refreshments for us.

Discussed that the bragging table appeared to be a success – interest shown and energized the membership.

Sharon suggested we all ask people to be secretary, or call from a list, since no one is volunteering.

### **NEW Business**

Larry asked treasurer to bring a check to the May meeting to pay Finley Storage for July 2025 through and including January 2026.

Wayne told us about a computer program that was presented to the Arizona Club he belongs to – possible future presentation for our club. Wayne will get us the name of the software and we will figure out how to find someone to present.

## **Upcoming Program Schedule**

### Tentative Schedule

May – Sand Show AND mini tool show – Mike Mineer, Larry will contact him

June – Tailgate and start prep for the Fair – need 6 display cases

July – no meeting, but tow days of wire wrapping classes on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

August – Peter Kovich – Dino Dig, Wyoming, and Fair, will need volunteers

Sept –

Oct –

November – Project Contest

December – Party

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p

## Jr. Club Report – April 8, 2025

Juniors learned how to make gem trees at a Sunday "crafternoon" session. It took a lot of work, but they all persevered and made something beautiful!



The junior club learned about soil at the April meeting: what it is made of, how it forms, and why it is so important. We even explored the colors and textures of various soils by doing a little painting with soil.



For the May meeting, we will be doing a little bit of "mining". We have sapphire gravel from Montana, pyrite gravel from Oregon, an assortment of fun minerals donated by Steve and Darla Shoemaker and some sunstones. We will pick through the gravel at the meeting and then send the gravel home with juniors so they can explore it in more detail. They will go home with a nice assortment of gems and minerals!

## Classifieds

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

**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, January 2025**

Changes were made to the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Rules to incorporate a single approved change made at the 2024 meeting held in Ventura, CA. Additional editorial comments have been included. Additionally, two documents entitled "Guidelines for Exhibitors", and "Guidelines for Judges" have been updated and are now posted on the AFMS website at <https://www.amfed.org/contests/Rules>

- ***You might be a rockhound if . . .*** The rock pile in your garage is over your head.

## Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

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

President	Dave Westland	Director <sup>(*)</sup>	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Sharon Louise	Director <sup>(y)</sup>	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	<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<sup>(y)</sup> numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer, and a Second Director begin terms in odd<sup>(\*)</sup> 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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