



# THE GEODE

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**Club purpose:** Promote activities of mutual interest for collecting and displaying of gems and minerals.

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## GEODE Submission Deadlines:

- 19<sup>th</sup> – member articles & photos  
E-mail: [lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com](mailto:lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com)
- **Membership:** Please contact Mark Kidder to pay your dues or make updates to your street address or email at [markkidder@msn.com](mailto:markkidder@msn.com).

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## Club Meeting on Zoom June 2 at 7pm

Rod Miller, a former club member, will be giving the program. He will talk about his family's activities since moving away. Then he will give a program on Wyoming jade. Rod now lives in Utah and the program will begin at 7 PM PST to accommodate the time difference.

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.

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

**Option 1:** Use direct link to meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95861269849?pwd=VEkwNng0UGxraGt3NVQ5TXZESGJQU09>

Our Zoom meetings now have the capability of including a sort of closed captioning during the meetings.

## **Minutes – Club Meeting – May 5, 2021**

Bill Hamel called the online meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **General Business**

- **Treasurer’s Report:** Jerry Johnson has volunteered to audit the club books starting with January 2020. He will email the results to Bill.
- **Secretary’s Report:** The April minutes stand as printed.
- **Correspondence:** No new correspondence. Sally and Caroline will check the mailbox on a regular basis.

### **Old Business**

- Patty sent another email survey to the membership. Since the Board is trying to gauge participation in the Benton/Franklin Fair, as well as our show in September, it is essential that as many as possible respond to the survey before our July meeting. As of this date, Patti has received 26 responses, which is a fraction of our overall membership. Completing the survey is easy and anonymous.
- Larry made contact with the fairgrounds, and they are assuming that the fair is still a go. They want us there, even with display cases only.
- Larry has also been in contact with vendors who have given him feedback on shows they’ve been to this year. The word is that vendor areas are larger to allow for greater social distancing, and there are fewer display cases overall. It was felt that without confirmed member participation, it is doubtful we can proceed with a September show.
- Larry responded to the draft contract with the church. Their Board will get an update to him, hopefully before the next Board meeting.
- The Yakima Rock Show has been cancelled.

### **New Business**

- The Hancock Station Retreat has been cancelled.
- **Nominating Committee:** Jane Smith is going through the membership rolls and attempting to make contact with anyone who might be willing to run for President, Vice President or Director. Any suggestions on who Jane could contact are appreciated.

### **Program**

- Patrick Donohue presented “Trinitite, the Nuclear Rock”. Very interesting history and slide presentation on this byproduct of nuclear testing.

**Next Zoom Meetings:** June 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.; Board meeting June 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sally Lyon, Secretary

### ***Jr Rock Club Meeting May 11 2021***

For our May meeting, the Junior Rock Club met on Zoom for a virtual tour of the REACH Museum's geologic past exhibits, a fun quiz game, and an exercise in making scientific observations. In attendance were 7 children and 4 adults. Pauline Schafer from the REACH museum (and parent of a junior member) led the activities. We examined and drew pictures of rock specimens on camera to find clues about their origins. Everyone got to share rocks from their collections on camera too, while all made observations and tried to guess the types of rock based on color, texture, luster, density, and other characteristics. We also talked about some ideas for future meetings, and the Junior president is eager to help lead activities.

Submitted by  
Pauline Schafer, Education Manager  
The REACH Museum

### ***Additional Information about Trinitite by Patrick Donohue***

Trinitite, also known as Alamogordo Glass and Atomsite, is a unique glass created by the first full-scale test of a plutonium nuclear bomb. Its name comes from Trinity, the site at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico where the test was conducted on the morning of July 16, 1945. The blast vaporized the bomb, the steel tower it was detonated on, and a large region of surrounding desert sand, all of which rained back down as glassy droplets that coalesced to form a bubbly, solid sheet of glass on the desert floor. These samples exhibit the smooth, green surface with a craquelure texture characteristic of Trinitite, which is typically interspersed with vesicles. The undersides are sandy and friable, and it is best to keep Trinitite in a container. Trinitite remains weakly radioactive today at levels that are safe to handle, but care must be taken not to ingest any. My samples were obtained by my grandfather, and were likely purchased near Alamogordo in the early 1960s.



## **Minutes – Board Meeting (via Zoom Meetings) – May 17, 2021**

Present: (Board Members) Bill Hamel, Wayne Larson, Larry Hulstrom, Patrick Donohue, Chris Sorensen, Patty DeForest, Caroline Bowdish, Sally Lyon; (Members) Jerry Sorenson, Jane Smith

Wayne Larson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **Old Business**

- Patty re-emailed the request to participate in a survey to gauge membership interest in putting on the rock show in September, as well as a booth at the Benton/Franklin Fair.
- As to the question of the Fair, of the approximately 122 emails sent, 36 members responded. 53% of those said no to helping at the Fair, and 27.8 said yes. On the question of filling a case, 86% said no, and 11% said yes. The remaining answers were maybe, depending on scheduling. It was therefore the consensus of the Board to not participate in the Fair this year.
- Regarding the question of willingness to participate in the show, i.e. help during setup, work during the show, and teardown, 55.6% of those responding said yes, and 22% said no. Again, the remaining responses were possibly. After lengthy discussion, it was decided to wait until the July club and Board meetings to make a final decision. The Board will look at attendance at the Hatrock Hounds show this weekend in Hermiston, as well as take into consideration the loosening of Covid restrictions which appear to be on the horizon.
- Larry has fielded several inquiries from vendors asking whether our show is on, and if there is space available. They will need a definitive response from the Club in the very near future.
- Larry is in contact with the church regarding answers to questions on the proposed contract. He also asked whether it would be possible to use the parking lot for a meeting/tailgating event, and if the restrooms would be available as well, on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Walla Walla club is officially hosting the Northwest Federation meeting in their clubhouse during their September 11 thru 13 show. There will be a few competitive cases available, and Larry will be inaugurated as Northwest Federation President.
- Jane is calling through the membership list in hopes of finding candidates for upcoming open Board positions. Messages have been left, but no one has returned her phone calls.
- Rick Tobin has not received any response from the apprenticeship program regarding rebuilding cases.
- Planning will begin in June for a possible Club picnic in October this year. Sally will check with Parks and Recreation again to see if anything has changed with facilities opening back up.
- The case at The Reach needs display labels to be made.
- Jerry Johnson completed the audit and everything looked good. Thank you to Jerry for helping out.
- New lifetime memberships will be taken up during a future Board meeting.

**Minutes – Board Meeting – Continued**

**New Business**

- Patrick asked whether it would be worthwhile to have recorded club programs available to watch on YouTube. A link to YouTube could be posted on our Facebook page, listed in the Geode, and put on our website. It was felt that this would be positive for the Club, and further research will be done to figure out how to make this possible.

**June Zoom Meeting Program**

Rod Miller, Pathologist and former club member, will give a presentation on Wyoming Jade.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sally Lyon, Secretary

## **SPOKANE ROCK ROLLERS, FIELD TRIPS**

5/22 – 23	China Wallow, Wasco, OR
6/25 – 28	Glass Buttes, OR
7/10	Red Top Mt, WA
7/24	Chewelah, WA
8/7	Ione, WA
8/21 – 22	Little Naches, WA
9/11	Solo Cr., WA

The Spokane Rock Rollers club has invited the members of the Hells Canyon Gem Club to participate any of their scheduled field trips. Anyone interested should contact:

Randy Squires (208)413-1806

The contact person for SRR club is:

Albert Ruperd, at (509)999-4965, Or email: [greyblue63@gmail.com](mailto:greyblue63@gmail.com)

## Attention Everyone – 2021 Membership Is FREE (So Far)

All members of the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club should be aware that the board has decided to suspend the collection of membership dues for 2021 until such time as we can all meet again at our regular location at the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church on W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave in Kennewick. Once we can meet again in public the board will reconsider whether or not to collect dues at a pro-rated schedule for the remainder of the year.

We hope that more people will join us on our monthly ZOOM meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM. Details for joining our meetings are published in the GEODE you receive by email the week before each meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call. Stay safe everyone!

Mark Kidder      206-478-3685  
LGMC Membership Coordinator



## Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club on Social Media

Do you have pictures of Club activities, interesting rocks from your collection, or a project you're working on that you would like share with fellow club members? Or just want to check on the latest happenings with our club?

Join, follow and post at **Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club** group on Facebook.

Follow **lakesidegemandmineral** group on Instagram. To post send pictures with caption to [tumbleduponfaceting@gmail.com](mailto:tumbleduponfaceting@gmail.com).

### Classifieds

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

Rick Tobin, 2767 South Lyle St., Kennewick,

**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.

Officers E-mail: [lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com](mailto:lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com)

President	Bill Hamel	Director	Ron Northey
Vice President	Wayne Larson	Director	Rick Tobin
Secretary	Sally Lyon	Fed. Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Duane Shock	Jr Club Leader	Thora Trumbo
Past President	Chris Sorensen	Bulletin Editor	Patty DeForest

Phone numbers are all Area Code 509. By-Laws specify two year elected terms of office for Board Members, beginning in November. President, Vice President and one Director begin in even numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer and one Director (\*) begin in odd numbered years. Federation Representative, Junior Club Leader, Bulletin Editor and Committee Chairs are Board-approved volunteers. By-Laws at [www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com](http://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com)

**Other Contact Info:**

Program Director: Duke Rauh  
 Librarian: Walther Rohlfing  
 Membership Coordinator: Mark Kidder  
 Refreshments: Rhea Bowerly  
 Historian: Mickee Madden  
 Sunshine Chairman: Sally Lyon

**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>  
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