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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

E-mail: 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.

Dec 2nd– General Club Meeting. 6:30 – gather before meeting 7:00 pm general meeting

Dec 9th Junior Club Meeting at the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

Dec 15th Board Meeting. 6:30 pm.

A Note from the President . . .

I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season and all it brings us. Judy Allison, Kathy Larson, and Sharon Louise have been working on our Christmas party this month, so it looks like some fun activities, Food and conversations are scheduled rather than our routine meeting. Looking ahead to next year we have rock bingo in January and guidelines for this will be published in the geode.

The Board of directors doesn't have a full schedule of programs for next year so if any members have ideas for a program, please let a board member know about this Dave Westland.

Upcoming Meeting

Party Time!!! Instead of meeting, will be Christmas Party and Potluck. Club will provide choice of Chicken Wings, Ham, or Meatballs, along with water, punch, plates and utilities. Please bring a veggie, side dish or desert to share and a small rock. We will be collecting on entry and placing in a small bag to be given out in an exchange. There will also be mystery grab bags as door prizes donated by our favorite members. We will also be doing a new club photo to capture our new members to the club. So plan on an evening of fun and games, and creating memories.

If any can come in early, 5:00 pm to help with setup or stay after to help with clean-up, the help would be greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER: Next month will be Rock Bingo. Please bring 5 small rocks if you can for prizes.

Holliday Expoover at the HAPO Center in Pasco, November 28th and 29th, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. For those attending, be sure to swing by and say hi to Naomi. She will have a table there and will be representing the club with brochures, and info about our club. This could provide an opportunity for others in the club for access to a spot at next years Expo. Ticket price for the show is \$7, and is good for both days. Any who would be interested in checking into next years show possibilities, let me know, provide name and contact info and I will reach out to get on list for show info and vender packet for next years show. Great exposure at these bazars, and lots of traffic.

Classes, Gatherings, Field Trips, and Groups

Field trip to: Index for , Meet at No trips scheduled for December

Headed up by: Nique Wicks 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. Class times for all dates are from 1 until 4 PM.

2025 Dates

- Social Crafting Group: Oct 5th, 19th
- Social Crafting Group: Nov 9th, 23rd
- Social Crafting Group: Dec 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. **Classes offered by Sandra will be in red.**

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

- Oct 6th, 7th, & 11th, 20th, 21st, & 25th
- Nov 10th, 11th, & 15th, 24th, 25th, & 29th
- Dec 8th, 9th and 13th, 15th, 16th, and 20th,

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. I am willing to add Wednesday and Friday nights on the same weeks I do our usual weeks classes. For those new members and older members who may be interested. Will bring a sign-up sheet to October meeting for those interested

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
				No trips planned for this month.	Will watch for 2026 listings to post.

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 is 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 November 4–2025

Meeting was called to order by Dave Westland at 7:05 pm

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

Old Business

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| Librarian | We still in need of a club librarian; also looking for new ways that we can make the material in our library more readily and accessible to our members without having to physically carrying the material around and to and from meetings Ideas are welcome. |
| Cabbing classes | Due to the increase in interest, Mickee will be adding cabbing classes starting in January. Please contact Mickee if interested. |
| Results of Elections | On Board members whose 2-year term finished this year – Wayne Larsom, Director, Debbie Muller, Treasure, Secretary. Resolution to change to have meeting in July – passed. |
| Christmas Party | Dec. 2 nd , We will be taking money donations to go to food banks to help with the holidays. |
| Federation Show | Federations show next year will be in Missoula, Montana, March 21-23 |

New Business

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| Membership | Remember that Membership dues are due in October and must be paid no later than January to remain an active member. |
| Localized shop | Discussions of finding location where additional classes could be held for cabbing, cutting, etc. could be held addition to those offered by Mickee and Mike. Early examination found that the Confluent group would not be a good fit due to lack of adequate space and cost. Anyone who knows of any place or space for rent that could be looked into, Please pass on to a board member. We will be doing a Survey the first part of the year for members input. |
| Sharing | Please let us know how you think the small tools and equipment sharing went, as well as ways we could improve it. Your feedback on programs is invaluable, and helps for future planning. |
| Lifetime Membership | For you old timers in the club that aren't already a lifetime member I am hoping you can help me. If you have been a member of the club for at least 15 years and have turned 70 years old please let me know. I am attempting to go through our membership roster to determine who qualifies this year. Rather than me pulling what little hair I have left it would be much easier if you just told me that you think you qualify. I can then check the rosters I have that go back at least 15 years. So if you want to admit that you are 70 (or if you are getting close!) let me know. The club will pay your membership dues when you become a lifetime member. Larry Hulstrom |

This years Rock Stars

Category 1- Best Find	Kerry Norton, (Skarn from Denny Creek area)
Category 2 – Best Fossil	Mady Evans (piece of turritella)
Category 3 – Silver picker	Larry Hulstrom (Synthetic Ruby)
Category 4 – Jewelry	Naomi (pair of wire wrapped turtle cabs)
Category 5 – Finished Stone	Rhea Bowerly (cab from camp Hancock)
Category 6 – Project of the year	Dave Westland (family of jade rabbit carvings)

Picture of our winners to be posted in January issue.

Thanks to everyone who participated this year. We would like to see more entries next year. It makes for more fun for everyone! We have received suggestions for splitting the finished stone category into faceted, and cabbed. Let us know what you think.

As we have a number of new members and a lot of talented members out there, I would again like to suggest forming an additional crafters club within the club. Additional groups would offer greater flexibility to fit with peoples busy schedules, Something to think about. We may also want to discuss possible ways to get together to sell items made, checking out the local bazars that pop up around the holidays. Ways that we can share the cost to join in them and man them to make it easier, and use the Club banner to advertise the club.

Members of the Month

Kathy & Wayne Larson



Wayne and Kathy are lifetime LGMC members, having joined the club 20 years ago. They both contribute to the club in a variety of ways; Wayne has been a director on the board for six years and previously was vice president. He is a key member in the setting up and take down of the April show equipment and display cases. Kathy has been our Christmas party coordinator for some time and helps with the April show, the annual picnic/auction and the August fair booth.

Wayne first became interested in rocks as a youngster through visits to a rock shop where he was intrigued by geodes as well as by family

members, such as his uncle who was president of the Lewiston club. In the 70's he began collecting specimens and lapidary equipment and in the 80's he belonged to Jerry Johnson's Faceting Club. Wayne graduated from WSU with a teaching degree, but the main of his career was spent at Hanford for 38 years working in analytical chemistry and waste management. He and Kathy have a vibrant home with lots of NW and international rock, gem and art items on display. Additionally, he has a large workshop filled with lapidary equipment and an abundance of rock and minerals; his specialty is cabochons of which he has produced thousands.

Kathy has always enjoyed collecting rocks by waterways and has an artist's keen appreciation for their beauty and diversity. She states that she really appreciates rockhounds and enjoys the social aspect of the club. She came from California, graduating from Chico State in construction management which requires coordination between industry entities, such as engineers and builders. She worked at Bechtel in the Bay area and was transferred to the Tri Cities; here she worked at the Hanford vitrification plant and subsequently with soil remediation for the balance of her career. She and Wayne married in 2006 and share two daughters and two grandchildren. Kathy is an artist and has done sandblasting on picture rocks, silversmithing and wire wrapping. She enjoyed a cabochon class from Warren Root in Walla Walla and additionally is a self-taught acrylic painter.

Wayne and Kathy would like to see the club create some new positions to help members develop and participate in the club. A field trip leader could manage trips and report back to the club as well as coordinate with Rock and Sage, the Yakima field trip group. A volunteer coordinator could engage and recruit members in learning and joining in the growth and vibrancy of the club. Thank you, Wayne and Kathy, for being such great club members!

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:

[The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Society welcomes a new President, Give a big welcome to Michael Rhodes](#)

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 98026	Michaels McGraw Shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.co info@maplewoodrockclub.com
Feb 14 th & 15 th Sat 9-5 Sun 9-5	Whidbey Island Gem Club	Oak Harbor Senior Center 8851 SE Jerome St. Oak Harbor, WA	Victoria Lovett Vicorama@hotmail.com Info@maplewoodrockclub.com
April 10 th – 12 th Fri 9-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Mt. Hood Rock Club and Gem Show	Jackson Armory 6255 NE Comfoot Rd. Portland, OR	Robert Hanson (503) 449-3543 Shane Gerrad (971) 322-6263 Mthoodrockclub.com
April 10 th – 12 th Fri 9-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N 1200 W. Ogden, UT	Margie Miller (385) 205-9187 Goldenspikegem.org
April 25 th & 26 th Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Ave. SW West Seattle, WA	Annette Nelson show@westseattlerockclub.org westseattlerockclub.org

Club Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2025

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Dave, Sharon, Patrick, Wayne, Larry, Debbie, Pauline, and Vickie

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

Treasurer's report: Solvent –Pushed back annual audit until December.

Membership – 199 Members – Reminder for those who have not yet paid your annual dues, all those who have not paid after the first of the year, will be dropped from the mailing list. If you are in need additional time, please contact Lisa Noland.

Old Business

January – Rock Bingo, February – Presentation by Rhea Bowerly, our 2025 Retreat winner.

Update Inventory of Club equipment and Materials, etc. Will be done in December

Have received two quotes for new banner for the show to identify the demonstrations/silent auctions areas and will be making a decision soon as to which one to go with, so that they can be ready in time for this years show.

Larry has spoken with the church about tying in our sound system with theirs to give us better coverage to be heard.

NEW Business

With the resignation of Board Director Bert Kae Je', we will need to nominate and vote for a replacement. We would like to thank Bert for her time and dedication to the club and board.

We will issue certificates this year for our year end projects.

Look for new application for 2026 NW Rockhound Retreat Scholarship on the clubs website in near future and on the back table at the next meeting.

Clubs 2026 Annual Show – Larry has informed us that negotiations completed and contract signed for 2026 Annual show at Fairgrounds. Will be sending out request and contracts to vendors shortly to line up next years vendors.

Watch for the Members survey to come out in January. Be sure to pick up your survey at the general meeting. Please complete as soon as possible, this is your opportunity to let us know what we are getting right and where we need to improve. This is your club and your chance to let us know what you think.

Also, watch for NFMS Endowment Fund Leadership survey- will be emailed

On as last note, if any of you had any adventures, or created something over the summer that you took pictures of that you would like to share, please send them to:

lmggeode2025@outlook.com along with a short description about it. We will post in Geode, Some of the best adventures, are those shared amongst friends.

Jr. Club Report – November 11th 2025

Congratulations to the new Junior Club officers elected this month!

Claire- President

Aziah- Vice President

Juni- Secretary

At the November meeting the Juniors learned the differences between shield volcanoes and composite volcanoes, and explored rocks produced from various kinds of lava and eruptions, including a lava bomb from the explosion of Mount Mazama and ash from Mount Saint Helens. They also simulated an explosive eruption using a chemical reaction.

Juniors do a great job researching and writing about the various mineral specimens that they get from the club to add to their collections, and some members enjoy doing a little extra to get a badge from the Federation on topics they learn about. Juniors are awarded their earned badges at the end of the year party, coming up on December 9. The party is also a chance to play games and win prizes. The club receives many donations of rock materials throughout the year we will use for prizes.

Juniors are tasked to bring a side dish or dessert to go with the chicken dinner.

Mineral of the Month report

Apophyllite by Astrid

Apophyllite is a hydrated potassium calcium silicate mineral that crystallizes in the form of a pyramid and cubic crystals. The most common color is clear or white. Other colors are gray, yellow, red, or green. However, green apophyllite is the rarest color. On the Mohs scale, apophyllite is 4.5 to 5. It can be found all over the world. The biggest ones come from volcanic rocks in places like India, Germany, and Canada. The year it was discovered was 1957. When heated, it can flake apart. It does this because it releases water molecules. This is where it gets its name, apophyllite.*

(Pauline's note: the Greek word *apophyllizo* means "it flakes off.")

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.

Columbia Basin College is looking for a long term adjunct position for an Introductory Geology course. Master's or Doctorate in geology preferred. They can contact me (phdonohue@gmail.com) or the science department at CBC for more information.

-Patrick

Members, If you have any equipment to other items related to club interest, submit to have included with monthly newsletter. Great way to advertise to those looking and getting your item, or items sold

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers Email: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

President	Dave Westland	Director(*)	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Sharon Louise	Director(y)	Vacant
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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