



THE GEODE

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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 LGMC, PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA. 99336-0603.

Membership Forms: See page 12.

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Club Meetings & Upcoming Events

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

NOTE: There will not a Club meeting or a Board meeting in July.

July 9 – Junior Club Picnic and Rock Swap at The REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 pm until 8 pm.

August 6 – General Club Meeting. Program: Contour Polishing by Jerry and Chris Sorenson.

August 13 – Junior Club Meeting at the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

August 19 – Board Meeting. 6:30 pm.

A Note from the President . . .



We had a successful and productive field trip to the Spectrum Sunstone Mine in early June. I want to thank Lisa and Vincent for joining Morgen and I on the club trip. The weather was, ugh, ninety degrees, but we persevered and kept slathering on the sunscreen between rounds of sifting all day on June 8th. Between the four of us, we made it through one High-Grade Condensed Commercial Ore Pile and one High-Grade Conveyor Belt Run (lasts about an hour).

We split the belt run evenly and did “finders keepers” for the pile. Morgen and I came away with over 250 carats of facetable colored sunstone, and over 400 carats with schiller (a lustrous bronze-like luster observed in certain minerals). That will keep me busy on the faceting machine for the foreseeable future! I’ll be sure to bring in some of the material to the August meeting.

While a fee dig may not be everyone’s cup of tea, it’s a necessity for some locations like Oregon sunstones and many thunderegg localities, and often makes it easier for those with limited mobility. We were certainly grateful not to have to dig everything from the ground in the heat! If any club members are interested in visiting the mines, I’ll happily talk more about the trip with you. Several other club members have gone in the past and I’m sure are just as willing to talk about their trips to collect sunstones and everywhere else. Kick up a conversation with your table neighbor at the next meeting and you may just find your next rockhounding adventure! And don’t forget to wear your badge to make introductions easier!

Patrick Donohue
LGMC President



Entrance to the Spectrum Mine. Photo by Patrick Donohue



The Spectrum Mine. Photo by Patrick Donohue



Patrick Donohue, Morgen Donohue and Vincent Scovazzo searching for Sunstone treasures.
Photo by Lisa Noland



One of the Oregon sunstones stones Patrick faceted.
Photo by Patrick Donohue.



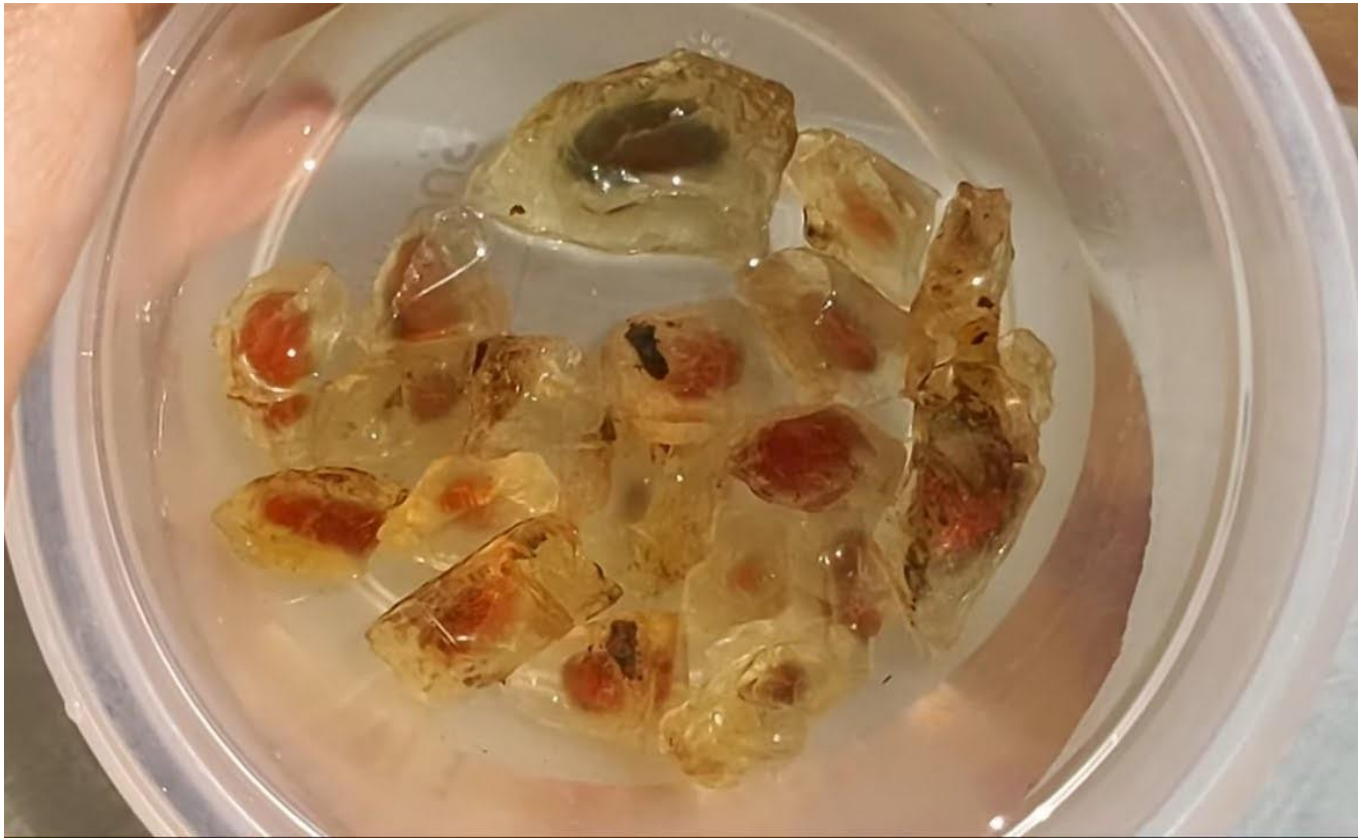
Now the hard part. Lisa Noland and Morgen Donohue working through the High Grade.
Photo by Patrick Donohue.



A typical yield from one shovel full of ore. Photo by Patrick Donohue. Hand by Morgen Donohue.

And finally, the reward. . .

Photo by Patrick Donohue



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/>

The Club has a New Webmaster

John Wenskovitch has agreed to take over the webmaster duties from Kevin Fiedler who will be leaving the area in August. Welcome aboard John, and thanks for taking on this important role.

Help the Club and Get a Free Ticket to the Benton County Fair

Would you like a free ticket to the Fair the week of August 20 – 24? Lakeside will give you an adult ticket or a combination ticket and bus pass if you sign up to **help tend our club booth** for a 3-hour shift. We need two people in each of the 20 time slots or a total of 40 names.

Volunteers will be responsible for selling grab bags and other miscellaneous items, and for talking to people that stop by to ask about the club. This is one of the ways we get to interact with people to let them know about our club, so it is an important way you can contribute to the club.

We also need volunteers to help with the setup on Sunday, August 18, and teardown on Sunday, August 25. Both of these are easy jobs that are usually completed by noon.

And **we need people to fill six display cases.** The cases need to be filled before 9 pm on Monday, August 19 and materials need to be removed before 9 AM on Sunday, August 25th.

An email was sent to all Club members on Friday, June 21st with online sign-up links.

Junior Club Announcement . . .

Instead of a regular meeting in July, the Junior Club will have a dessert potluck picnic and rock swap. This will be on The REACH patio (or indoors if it's too hot) on Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30 pm. Bring any rocks you would like to give away, and be ready to make some exchanges with your fellow club members.

That same day is free admission day (see below) to the museum for Tri-Cities residents from 10 am until 4:30 pm. We will also have some special rock-related activities during that day!

Community Free Day at The REACH: Wanna Help?

The REACH will hold a Community Free Day on Tuesday, July 9th. Any members interested in showing some of their collection or promoting the club at the museum on Tuesday July 9 should contact the Junior Club Coordinator, Pauline Schaffer, at paulines@visitthereach.us. Our hours for this free admission day are 10 am until 4:30 pm.

So far, we have Jerry Sorenson from 10 to noon, and Patrick Donohue from noon to 3 pm.

Mark Your Calendar: The Club's Annual Picnic is Scheduled for September 15th.

The club's annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 15th, at the Highlands Grange Park Picnic Shelter by the Mid-Columbia Library on Union Street. Set-up starts at 10, lunch is at noon, with the auction to follow. More information will be available in the August meeting and, of course, in the August issue of The Geode.

2024 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>

August 2 – 4, 2024	Far West Gem and Lapidary Society Contact: mcdeb1111@gmail.com	Mill Casino (Salmon Room) 3201 Tremont Ave. North Bend, Oregon
August 16 – 18, 2024	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Contact: wamsriverofgems@gmail.com	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy, Rickreall, OR.
September 6 – 8, 2024	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Contact: (509) 522-2330	Walla Walla Co. Fairgrounds 831 Orchard St. Walla Walla, WA.
September 7 – 8, 2024	Southern WA. Mineralogical Society Contact: swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com	Cowlitz County Fairgrounds 1900 7 th Ave., Longview, WA.
September 21 – 22, 2024	Clallam Co. Gem and Mineral Assoc. Website: www.sequimrocks.org	Burton Community Center 308 East 4 th Street Port Angeles, WA.
September 21 – 22, 2024	Billings Gem and Mineral Club Show Info: infor24@billingsgemclub.com	Eagle Seeker Community Center 1125 Broadwater Ave. Billings, MT.
October 4 – 6, 2024	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Website: www.facebook.com/groups/prgms	Wingspan Event Center 801 NE 34 th Ave. Hillsboro, OR.
October 5 – 6, 2024	Marysville Rock and Gem Club Show Website: www.marysvillerockclub.com	Evergreen Fairgrounds 14405 179 th Ave SE., Monroe, WA.

Additional Non-NFMS Shows

September 6 – 15, 2024	Denver Gem and Mineral Showcase Multiple Showcases https://denvergemshow101.com/schedule-2024/	Denver, CO.
January 20 – Feb. 16, 2025	Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows Multiple Showcases https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2025	Tucson, AZ.

Board Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2024

The Meeting was Called to Order by Peter at 6:31 PM.

- Lisa performed a financial review with Sally and Debbie, since Debbie is taking over as Treasurer. This was a review and not an audit. The club finances are in nominal shape, slightly down from last year mostly due to lower attendance at the club show.
- Membership Report: The club has approximately 236 adult members and 29 Juniors, as of the June meeting.
- Junior Club: Pauline proposed changes to Appendix A (Junior Club rules) of the club Policies and Procedures to better reflect the current operating procedures of the club now that it is in partnership with the REACH. This includes better defined roles and the board held discussion on whether to require basic background checks on advisors. The board will review the proposed changes and make them available to the general membership to be voted on at a future board or general meeting.
- Patrick will follow up with a club member potentially interested in volunteering for the Webmaster position.
- Patrick will work to get in touch with our previous saw oil source to get a new supply for the club.
- In the future, if we don't have a volunteer to host the saw oil dispensary, the possibility was raised to store oil in the club storage shed and find a volunteer to have 'oil hours' once a month.
- Jerry volunteered to provide a program for the August meeting on contour polishing.
- Jerry noted the Northwest Rockhound Retreat currently has three openings due to late drop-outs. Interested members should act fast! Details:
<http://northwestfederation.org/NwRockHoundRetreat.asp>
- The REACH has invited the club to participate in a community day at the museum, on Tuesday, July 9th. The museum will have free admission for residents, operating normal hours from 10AM to 4:30 PM. The club will host a booth/table. Jerry volunteered for the morning (~10AM) and Patrick will be there from 12 to 3. We will have pamphlets and bring in some rocks and gems to highlight the club's interest. Members interested in helping out during this event should get in touch with the club.
- Patrick and Lisa gave a brief Sunstone Trip report. Many beautifully colored stones were obtained by all, though the 90 degree heat gave us a run for our money.
- General Notice: Rockhounds visiting Montana will need to purchase a Conservation License to access and collect rocks on state lands. The program started last year. Permits are \$10 for non-residents (\$20/family).
- Side discussion about a new Triceratops skull and other Montana fossils being excavated.

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- Club Picnic and Auction will be September 15th at the Highlands Grange Park Picnic Shelter by the Mid-Columbia Library on Union Street. Set-up starts at 10, lunch is at noon, with the auction to follow. Members interested in bringing items to auction are asked to review the guidelines posted in the Geode for rules and regulations, and to have their materials out by 11 am to give everyone time to browse and make decisions. Patrick will make the reservation for the gazebo nearest the parking lot (our usual spot) but noted the online reservation system wasn't working properly.
- Larry raised the prospect of having the main entree of the picnic catered - he will look into pricing.
- As always, it's an election year! We will be electing a new President, Vice President, and Board Member. Members are encouraged to consider volunteering themselves or others for the open positions.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Patrick Donohue

REMINDER: Flat Lap Cabbing Classes and Social/Crafting Gathering to Begin

Beginning July 15th, cabbing classes will be held every Monday and Tuesday from 5:30 to 9 PM. Adult club members only. No children, please. Do not bring thundereggs or geodes to cut, or any thick material. An assortment of slabs will be available. Beginners are certainly welcomed!

The first visit is \$10. After that, the club charges \$2.00 an hour, which is to be paid at the end of each class. The fees go to replenishing the materials used for the class.

The classes will be held at Mickee Madden's workshop in Kennewick. You can call her at 509-438-5798 to sign up or for more information.

Mickee would also like to form a social/crafting club within our club, meeting in her workshop. The initial gathering will be July 21st, from 1 to 3 PM, to choose what days would work best for everyone, and to choose a project to begin with. There is no charge for this. With each project, though, the members will need to have their own materials and tools.

Examples include: different forms of wire-wrapping; chainmaille, making rock buddy creatures from tumbled stones; gem trees; etc. It's about whatever the group wants to tackle, one project at a time.

Lakeside Club Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2024

A Tailgate Party was held in the parking lot from 5:30 to 6:45 pm.

The business portion of meeting was called to order by Patrick at 7:01 p.m.

- Minutes of the previous meeting stand as printed
- New/First Time attendees introduced themselves and drew a key chain.

Old Business

- Saw Oil storage and sales will now be handled by James McLean. Thank you, James.
- Library inventory completed and website will be updated soon.
- Spectrum Mine field trip – this weekend. Cost for digging will vary by color and location –
Color - \$100 - \$200
Dig two days - \$200 - \$250
High-grade, approx. 1 hour run \$250
There MAY be discounts available for multiple users at same location.
- June wire-wrapping classes – 28th, 29th and 30th. Two sessions each day – 9am and 1pm
- Silversmithing classes Sept. 28 – 29 (tentative) 1 project per day @ \$40.00 per person per class.
Possibly 3 projects – first, pendant – second, ring – third, whatever (if instructor was serious)

New Business

- Please wear your name badges so everyone, new and not-so-new, can have help learning other member's names. Free badges will be picked up at start of each meeting and dropped off at the end.
- Please tell a board member if you are willing to assist members of the public by cutting rocks.
- Mickee is going to be having Cabbing Classes at her home shop. Mon. and Tues. from 5 or 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Cost will be \$10.00 for year, plus \$2.00 per hour. No children, don't bring geodes (because of saw type)
- Mickee is starting a "Social Crafting" group. Will do whatever projects group wants to do. Sun. July 21st at 1pm
- A new hat supply has arrived. They cost \$10 each. There are two styles and one size fits most. Thank you to Sun West Sports for their generous donation of these hats to our club!
- Benton County Fair is August 20 – 24. The club needs volunteers to man the booth in 3-hour increments. Also need volunteers to set-up and take Down. Sign-up sheets in back and will be available online soon. We will have 6 cases needing to be filled. As last year, volunteers get Fair entry and some form of bus /transportation/parking.
- Annual club picnic will be held at the Kennewick Grange Park by Mid-Columbia Library on Union (near 10th) in Kennewick is Sunday, Sept. 15th. Need someone to start arrangements, please.
- Walla Walla show is Sept. 7th & 8th. See the listing in the Geode.
- Club needs a new Club Librarian. And the Club still needs a new Secretary.
- No meeting in July.
- Door Prize drawings were drawn and the Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Muller, Secretary.

Wear Your Name Badge at the Club Meetings

Given the number of new Club members over the past several years, the Board would like to bring back a long-standing tradition that fell by the wayside during the COVID years: Badges. If you have a badge from the April Show, please bring it to the June meeting. If you have a purchased badge, please wear it.

Thinking of Selling Items at a Club Show, Auction and Other Club-Related Activities

Following is a list of items that can be sold at club shows, auctions and other club-related activities:

- Rocks, Minerals, Fossils (specimens, rough).
- Lapidary and carving rough and associated equipment and supplies.
- Rockhounding equipment and supplies.
- Faceting rough and associated equipment and supplies.
- Gold Panning/Metal Detecting equipment and supplies.
- Flint Knapping equipment and supplies.
- Jewelry equipment and supplies.
- Magazines, books, DVDs, CDs, associated with any of the above items/topics.

Remember, the items you sell must be directly related to minerals, rocks, fossils or jewelry. Please remember that what we sell reflects upon our club and tells the public what we are about!

Interested in Creating a Wire Wrapping Group?

If you are interested in creating a wire wrapping group within the club, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the back table at the next club meeting. We would be looking at meeting once a month. Projects will be determined by the group. We can learn from each other, share our insights, and have a little fun while we are at it. It's always more fun when you when you can share with others. For more information, contact Vickie Elkins at vlelkins@charter.net.

Classifieds

Mike Zinski's workshop is available for lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: gemmakermz@cs.com or 509-783-9337.

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.

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 Now Available

Larry Hulstrom, AFMS Uniform Rules Chair for 2023, has announced that the rules for AFMS Display Case Contests have been updated. The 9th Edition of the AFMS Uniform Rules can be found at

<https://www.amfed.org/contests/Rules>

You might be a rockhound if: There's a hand lens on your kitchen table next to a pile of assorted rocks – just in case.



Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers Email: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

President	Patrick Donohue	Director	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Peter Kovich	Director	Jane Moore
Secretary	Debbie Muller	Federation Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Debbie Muller	Junior Club Lead.	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Chris Sorensen	Bulletin Editor	Randy LaBarge
Program Director	Vacant	Librarian	Vacant
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 numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer, and a Second Director begin terms in odd 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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