



# 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

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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.

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**June 3rd-** General Club Meeting.

**June 10th** Junior Club Meeting at the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

**June 16th** 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've been enjoying the change in weather and I appreciate the longer warmer days and I hope everyone else has. Hopefully with our change in weather people are making plans for collecting trips this summer. Along with collecting trips consider traveling to see an out of town rock show. Vickie has all the nearby shows listed in our geode so it should be easy to find one. I have found I learn and see new things routinely when I go to out of town shows.

This month's meeting, which is June 3, will start at 5:30 rather than our usual time. At 5:30 we will have tailgating starting in the parking lot of the church and this will continue until 6:30. Then we will clean up get organized and we'll have our meeting starting at seven. Larry will let us know how our show did this year since we didn't have time last month. I'm interested to see how things turned out. I would also like to remind everyone we still need volunteers for the fair sign-up sheets for the various things that need to be done. Will be at the June meeting. We'll see everybody in June.

### **June's Meeting.**

It's tailgating time folks. Have some extra material, equipment, or items you made that you would like to sell? Then now's the time to take advantage of the tailgating to do so. The tailgating will run from 5:30 – 6:30, with the general meeting starting at 7:00. This month's meeting will cover upcoming events and planning for coverage that will be needed. We are also looking to include 6 display cases highlighting what we do in the club. Now's the time to show off that project you have been working on. Display cases are a great way to attract new members and answer that question, what do you do in this club, and what can I learn in this club. And you never know who you might inspire with your display.

#### **Update on Mike Mineer**

Been getting updates from his sister, Mike is awake now, ventilator removed and he is getting better and stronger every day. She wants to thank everyone for their support and prayers.

## Classes, Gatherings, Field Trips, and Groups

Field trip to: Saddle Mt

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
6/21	<b>WSMC</b>	Saddle Mt	Petrified Wood & Opal	9:00 am Harvest Foods, Mattawa	Dig & light hard rock for surface picking

**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.

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**

## General Club Meeting Minutes –May 6, 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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|---------------|---|
| 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.   |
| Map Booklets  | Maps that Vickie ordered on our behalf have arrived. Please see her if you want one. Additionally, there are "apps" for finding areas to search for rocks.  |
| Refreshments  | Dave has a friend who has volunteered to provide fresh baked refreshments for our meetings. A great big thank you needs to be sent.   |
| Wire Wrapping | Vickie informed us about upcoming wire wrapping classes with KittyKat Jewelry has added an additional day. They're scheduled for July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 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. If you missed the chance to sign up, you can contact me through the Geode email address at <a href="mailto:lmggeode2025@outlook.com">lmggeode2025@outlook.com</a> up until the end of June. I can post pictures of the projects for each of the days along with the cost of each. Those that are available in both sterling silver and copper will show price for each S for silver and C for copper. |
| B/F Fair      | The "Fair" (not to be confused with the "Show") is coming. We are to provide 6 cases and will need at least 2 people per 3-hour shift at the table. Sign-up sheets are forthcoming. We need to get on this ASAP, as we don't have a July meeting and waiting until the August meeting is unwise.  |
| Riverfest     | Riverfest is in Oct. We will need 4-6 people to volunteer, please.  |
| NEXT MEETING: | Tailgating from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7 pm  |
| Show Results  | In the interest of providing ample time for our speaker, Larry was asked to report on the Show at the NEXT meeting.   |

Mike Mineer is still in the hospital, but the prognosis is good. He may appreciate a visitor or two – or maybe a text?

Hermiston Show was May 10 and 11

**ALERT** – At the show, Mickee lost two pumpkin pendants – no chains – they were wire-wrapped.

New/Visitors Welcomed

Bragging table

## **Old Business**

### Drawings

### Program

“The World of Sand: Science, Beauty, Utility” by Julian Gray  
Chairman, “International Sand Collectors’ Society”

Spoke about different types of sand, as well as different colors of sand. Told us where to find some different types/colors. Listed items to take with us when collecting sand and how to label specimens collected. Suggested taking photos and checking your notes at the end of each day, rather than waiting until the trip is over and trying to piece together what came from where, when, etc.

Had many wonderful photos.

There is a difference between an “accumulation” and a “collection.”

The International Sand Collectors Society – [www.ISCS.org](http://www.ISCS.org)

Can collect, trade, exchange. They have a sand “sommelier”

Another organization is Sand Collectors United.

## **New Business**

No new business

Meeting adjourned.



Congratulations to our 2025 Show Display Case Winners

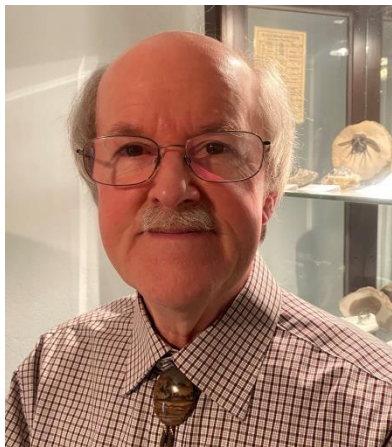
Mark Spinner in the adult category

Melody & Iris team in the Jr. category



## Members of the Month

### Larry Hulstrom



Larry is one of our most active and best known lifetime members.

In 2015 and 2022 he was voted “Rock hound of the Year” and has been the Show Chairman from 2019 through 2025. He has been club president three times, each term for two years. Additionally, he has been very active in the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) and is our Federation Director since 2001.

Larry states his interest in rocks began as a child, searching for agates in Lake Superior, Michigan. His interest in fossils extended to a geology degree in paleontology and at graduate school a major in mining engineering, where he was recruited to work at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. Larry joined Lakeside in the early 90’s when his two sons, Jason and Joshua, became interested in his mineral and fossil collection and joined the Junior Club. It wasn’t long before Larry was a Junior Club leader and he soon became a leader in the adult club activities and has never quit his commitment to the club. He, his wife Kay and his sons traveled to many shows, adding to Larry’s collection. He and his sons began competing in NMFS shows, displaying their fossils and minerals. Larry states his favorite rocks are fluorite and copper, and with his family he shares collections of fossils, thumbnail minerals and fluorescent and muscovite collections.

Larry would like to see more young people joining the club and that the club may someday have its own workshop. As he has lots of experience and expertise in display of minerals, fossils and jewelry as a Federation judge, he would like to see more members attempt to submit displays for award competitions. He knows the rules and can provide guidance for necessary skills, for entry and display improvements. Larry has made and continues to make significant contributions to club functions, and he acknowledges that he is ready to teach and share some of his club responsibilities with members willing to learn. Thank you Larry for all you do for Lakeside!

## 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 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 425-346-9313 bmurril@aol.com



## Club Board Meeting Minutes –May 19, 2025

### Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Larry, Sharon, Dave, Debbie, Wayne, and Debbie,

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

Treasurer's report: Solvent ☺

Membership: no report

Juniors: no report

Geode: no report

### Old Business

Show reports – attendance was down by about 400...suggested from the construction, so much else going on at the same time, competing show in Yakima. Discussed if the additional expense of the movers to assist on Sunday take down was of value and if we continue the practice, do we need 2 or 3? Decided that yes, it was extremely helpful, especially at the storage facility. Next year, we should be able to provide better guidance for them to be even more productive. Maybe shaving some time off will assist with cost of continuing to hire 3 workers.

Larry suggested we purchase 4 more vertical stand bases so we can display a double-sided banner – “Silent Auction” on one side and “Demonstrations” on the other. Banner should probably be 3'w x 2'h x 10-12'l with 6 reinforced whole grommets (1 at each corner and 2 around the middle).

Larry got an LED light for inside the drawing display case, so visitors can see the items better. Larry suggested we get UV light for fluorescent display. Do we want to have an outside display that shows how normal, uninteresting they are BEFORE going inside to the real show?

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!! We literally could not have the show without you!!!!

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### NEW Business

Explained to Treasurer what needs to be done with all the auction slips from the show. She will complete and bring payments to the June meeting.

Need to get a “Welcome New Baby” card for the Donahue's who just welcomed their son, Nathan. Congratulations, Donahue Family! Welcome, Nathan!

Federation is changing by-laws – to be worked on at Walla Walla annual event. They are in the process of changing their Fiscal Year to match the calendar year.

FAIR is coming up in August. Aug. 19 – 23, 2025. Larry has prepared the sign-up sheets and has asked to assistance in running the logistics.

Refreshments for meetings are being provided by Dave Westlund, by a friend who bakes them fresh, just for us. Thank you to the members who graciously stepped up to provide previous yummy treats. You are appreciated!

We have received a donation from a lady of intarsia items and she only wants a "Letter of Donated Value" for tax purposes.

Discussed the "Library" – a possible way to have moving cabinet(s) on wheels to bring out at the meetings? Would the church allow it? Does the church even have the space???

Wayne suggested that we need a new group photo for the Facebook page. Maybe we can get it taken at the Christmas party?

Larry has received two emails –

1 – Lapidary equipment for sale – from approx. 1974 – looking for help to sell it (Sold)

2 – Inexpensive slabs for sale – goodly quantity at reasonable prices – find in classifieds

Determined these might be put in Geode and/or Facebook page

Discussed possibly updating the software for the Geode. We need to discuss further.

The board has decided to have a meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> even though we normally don't have any meetings in July.

## **Upcoming Program Schedule**

### Tentative Schedule

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

July – no meeting, but three days of wire wrapping classes on 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 – May 13, 2025



### Show Display case winners in the Juniors. Congratulations Melody and Iris

The Junior Club had a successful show with three outstanding display cases and lots of community engagement. Though there are always families with children that visit our booth for the games and great deals, we noticed there were plenty of adults enjoying spinning the wheel and searching for treasures in the birdseed pool too. Thank you to many club members and vendors who donated items to sell, including Mike Zinski's 3D-printed critters. We even had a few bars of handmade soap, glittering with mica, courtesy of Debbie Behlen. Sisters Melody and Iris worked together on a display case themed around the rocks of the video game Stardew Valley and won the voter's choice award. Juni put together a display case with the rock cycle, and Devan showed his first display case with the Mohs hardness scale. Our May meeting was a fun time thanks to Pat and Max Lambert who created kits with sapphire gravel, sunstone gravel, pyrite gravel, and more for the juniors to sort through. Thanks also to Steve and Darla Shoemaker for donating materials for this activity. The June 10 meeting will feature a guest speaker from the International Sand Collector's Society, joining us remotely.

#### **Apache Tears** *by Clair*

Apache Tears are rounded pebbles of obsidian; they are usually dark colors like brown and black. Apache tears are found in the United States of America, in Arizona.

#### **Wavellite** *by Callan*

Wavellite was found in the year 1805 in Devon, England. It is commonly found in Arkansas hot springs, and also found in Germany, Brazil, Portugal, Russia, and a few other parts of the United States. It has a Mohs scale rating of 3.5 to 4.5. The color of wavellite can be green, yellow, white, and colorless. Wavellite gems are used in jewelry and art. Wavellite is made up of hydrated aluminum phosphate.

#### **Apophyllite** *studies by Phoebe*

Apophyllite is a calcium fluorite silicate mineral that has a high water content. It's usually found in Italy, Northern Ireland, The Faroe Islands, and Mexico. It can be grayish or white.

## 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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com)

President	Dave Westland	Director <sup>(x)</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>(x)</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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