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

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- 19th – member articles & photos

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- **Membership:** Please contact Mark Kidder to pay your dues or make updates to your street address or email at markkidder@msn.com or (206) 478-3685.

Message from the President:

Fellow Rockhounds, I hope this message finds you, your families, and loved ones well. We will be cancelling our August Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club meeting given the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic. Our Board has met virtually (via Zoom) and we continue to evaluate when we can have our next meeting and will monitor the situation so that when we have our next meeting it will be in a safe environment. If the conditions are right, our club is planning to have some field trips in the fall with the appropriate safety precautions (outdoors, social distancing, and face coverings). We will be asking for your input and gauging interest, so please watch your email, the Geode, and our Facebook page. Thanks for your support in these challenging times. Please be safe, practice social distancing, and wear your face coverings!

Thanks - Bill

Minutes – Board Meeting (via Zoom Meetings) – July 20, 2020

Present: (Board Members) Bill Hamel, Wayne Larson, Larry Hulstrom, Rick Tobin, Chris Sorensen, Patty DeForest, Duane Shock, Thora Trumbo, Sally Lyon; (Members) Jerry Sorensen, Marty Casto, Kathy Larson

Bill Hamel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Plan Moving Forward

- The consensus is that our next meeting should be held outdoors, and when the Tri-Cities reaches phase 2 or 3 of reopening. Since the library on Union is currently closed, the gazebo we've used in the past is not available. Wayne will check with the library in August to determine whether the Club can reserve the gazebo for a September or October meeting. Masks and social distancing will be required.
- The Board discussed possibly holding a Facebook live demonstration or question and answer program rather than an in-person meeting. The Board felt this was a viable possibility, but we would need to gauge the members' interest in this form of meeting.
- The Board will hold regular Zoom Meetings going forward, but there will be no Club meeting in August. The decision to hold Club meetings will be made on a month to month basis.

Elections

- Since the Club is unable to meet and form a nominating committee for upcoming elections, the motion was made and passed to keep current Board members in place until the time comes for regular elections next year. Positions that would have come up for election this year include President, Vice President and Director.

Club Dues

- Additionally, since we have been unable to hold regular Club and Junior meetings, the motion was made and passed to roll over fees collected for dues this year from members in good standing to 2021.

Field Trips

- Discussion on scheduling a field trip to Saddle Mountain in the first part of September. Marty volunteered as trip leader. A notice will be posted on Facebook to gather feedback/interest in this and possibly other close by field trips. Consideration would have to be given to facilities that would be open for rest breaks along the way, and allowance for social distancing. Larry will also check with Mark Kidder on the Coyote Canyon dig site.

2021 Show

- Steps involved in setting up the show will be evaluated as time passes. Larry will look into possibly sending draft contracts to vendors who were scheduled for our show this year.

Minutes – Board Meeting - continued

Lifetime Members

- The Board would like to hear from members regarding who should be included in the Class of 2020 as a Lifetime Member. A Lifetime Member is anyone at least 70 years of age and who has been a member for at least 15 years. If you know of someone who qualifies, please contact a Board member.

Reach Display

- The Reach is currently closed, but our display will need to be replaced when they do open again. Thora volunteered to set up a Junior Club display when the time comes. Chris will coordinate with Thora.

Rock Sales

- Bill has heard from a Walla Walla Rock Club member who is liquidating an estate for another member in Milton Freewater on August 29th. There will be more information posted on Facebook and emails will be sent regarding this sale, and any others on the horizon, when the time comes.

Display Case Construction

- Rick will make contact with the Northwest Carpenters Institute of Washington to see where they are/were on the new case build.

Oil & Grit

- Rick related that the cost of grit is going up, as well as the cost of oil. Wayne and Jerry talked about a possible new outlet to buy saw oil. Wayne will research the new provider for price and availability.

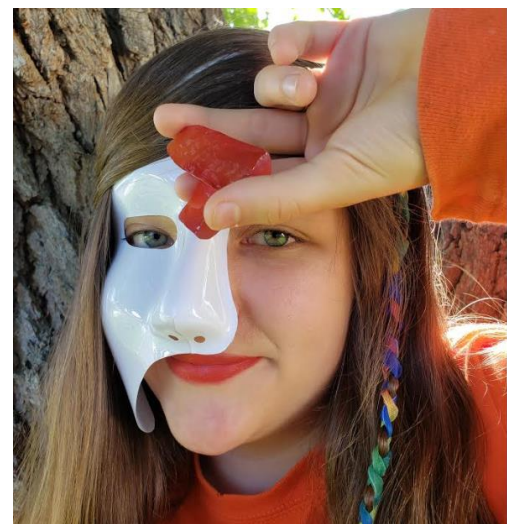
The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sally Lyon, Secretary

Congratulations Nadine!

Nadine Marshall has been selected to be one of 21 lapidary artists to cut and have her gems displayed at the grand opening of the Tucson museum for the "Some Where In the Rainbow" collection with Shelly Sargent. The 21 artists are from all over the world, she will be the youngest artist to ever contribute to one of the SWITR show cases!



Greatest Memories from *The Geode*

The Geode - August 2006

Sleepless in Succor Creek

On our way to Succor Creek, in southeast Oregon, we decided to camp overnight just south of Adrian about a mile after you leave the black top. We were undecided at that time if we wanted to take the motor home down 25 miles of gravel road. Our campsite for the night was on top of a ridge overlooking the Homedale-Adrian Valley below. We chose this campsite because it was only a ¼ mile off the main gravel road leading into Succor Creek and there are agate and jasper nodules on the south facing slope.

Overnight the wind blew very hard and my wife was afraid we would tip over. After not much sleep, morning finally came and we headed for Succor Creek State Park. The road down into the canyon has been improved and was not bad if you traveled 15 or 20 miles an hour.

The park is unimproved with no water and a very nice rest room. There were about 15 camps that night since it was Memorial Day weekend.

After the wind the night before, we were ready for a good quiet night's rest. About three o'clock in the morning, I heard something running around in the motor home storage compartment, but my wife said she didn't hear anything and said to go back to sleep.

I had left a bucket of thundereggs in the motor home storage and it sounded as if something was in the bucket picking up my thundereggs and dropping them, of course my wife couldn't hear it.

The next morning, I looked in the bucket and there were lots of rat droppings in with the thundereggs. The next night the rat ran around and kept us awake again. About three o'clock in the morning, I took a flashlight and mirror and crawled under to have a look, and I saw one of the biggest gray pack rats I've ever seen. He was building a nest on top our grey water tank under the motor home. After four nights of interrupted sleep, we headed home, being sure he would be blown out during the 200 miles of travel.

When we got home, my wife said you've got to spend one more night in the motor home to make sure we got rid of it.

Four o'clock the next morning he was at it again. So to shorten this story, I went and got a rat trap and baited it with cheese, but no luck, so I tried peanut butter, again no luck. My wife got on the internet to find out how to get rid of it and found they like apples. So within two hours, I caught it. I guess things like this are what make the trips memorable.

Elmer and Marilyn Ringering

Greatest Memories from *The Geode* - continued

The Geode - July 2006

Neighbors

One day while working in the shop, I had cut quite a few specimens of petrified wood. I took the slabs out to the wash tub, used a little soap and water to clean the diesel and oil off before going to the oven to cook the rest of the diesel out. In about 30 minutes, the oven was smoking pretty good and that is when things got rather interesting. My next-door neighbor is a guard at the prison and was having a BBQ for a large number of law enforcement officers and prison guards. As usual, he hollered at me, "What you doing?" I gave the answer, "Cooking Rock!"

Within a minute police officers were lined up on my fence like a criminal lineup. One asks, "Do you mind if we come over and observe the process?" I told them, "No problem but it smells a little bad." Little did I know my idea of cooking rock and their idea contrasted differently. So the captain and crew came over and promptly went straight to the oven. By this time it was really smoking. Then they asked if they could observe the contents of the oven.

I figured this was a strange request and said, "Why not?" I opened the door, pulled a real nice slab of wood out, smoking to beat the band and put it on one of the burners for them to observe. The captain looked at me and the other folks and said, "It really is a rock." I'm thinking, duh, that's what I said to them in the beginning. Then he said when someone is caught cooking rock in their business they go to lockup. We figured you must be awful dumb to invite the cops over to observe the process or so stoned you didn't care. I put the rock back in the oven and went over to join the BBQ and laughed about the event.

My neighbor now asks, "What are you doing? Cooking rock again?"

An Oregon Rock Hound

The Geode, Jr. Rock Club - November 2006

Vesuvianite Vesuvianite, also called Idocrase, is a basic calcium, magnesium, aluminum silicate, often with some beryllium and fluorine.

$\text{Ca}_{10}\text{Mg}_2\text{Al}_4(\text{SiO}_4)_5(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7)_2(\text{OH})_4$ is its chemical formula. It forms in color range of mostly green and brown and rarely in a yellow or blue shade. Its' luster is vitreous; greasy, resinous; with a white streak. Its hardness is 6 ½. The cleavage is poor and in one direction. It is formed by contact metamorphism of impure limestone. The name "Vesuvianite" is from the original locality at Mt. Vesuvius, Italy. The alternate name, "Idocrase," comes from the Greek eidos "form" and krasis "mixture," because Vesuvianite may appear to combine the crystal forms of several other minerals. It is used as a gemstone.

by Jeffrey Spinner

Classifieds

Rock Saw Oil and Grit: Please have exact change and contact for pickup:
Rick Tobin, 2767 South Lyle St., Kennewick, 509 572-7345

Note: As mentioned in the Board Meeting Minutes, the cost of grit and oil has gone up, contact Rick for current pricing.

Saw oil purchasing information:

- Must be a LSGM club member to purchase saw oil.
 - Membership forms are available if you need to join.
- Must have your own containers
- Diala (the old oil) \$16.00/gallon

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.

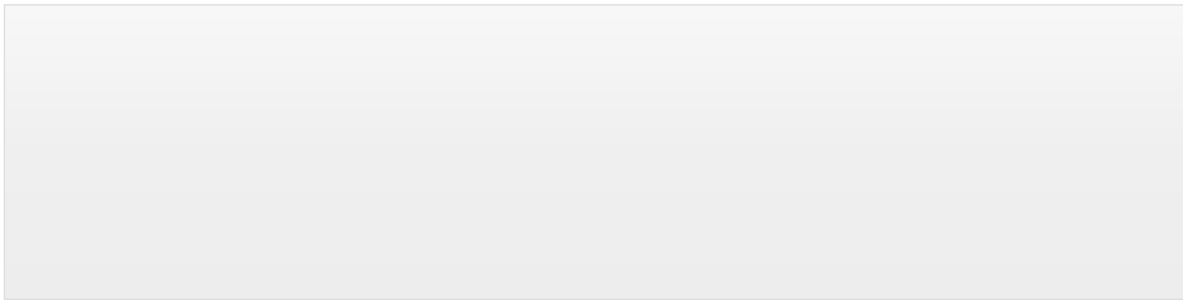
Stamps -- Stamps -- Stamps

Our club donated several boxes of stamps to the stamp collection. The stamp chairman is selling some of the stamps online and doing very well. He is making money for the cancer fund. Please keep up the good work and keep collecting stamps. I asked him which stamps he wanted us to collect and he said everything. There is a market for everything. Try to keep as much paper around the stamp as you can. You can just tear off the end of the envelope if it is handier for you.

Bring your stamps to a meeting and give them to Pat Lambert.

Thank you again for taking the time to collect stamps for a good cause.

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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:

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Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS)
American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

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