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Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

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

Address: Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, Inc., PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336-0603

Next Junior Club Meeting

Tues, Feb. 11, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
Banner Bank, 203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick, WA
Jr Club Leader: Thora Trumbo (509) 582-4297

Next Club Meeting

Wed., Feb. 5, 2014, 6:30 social, 7:00 p.m. meeting
Seventh Day Adventist Church
7305 W. 10th Ave., Kennewick, WA

Next Board Meeting

Mon, Feb. 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m. (same location)

Rock Show Organizing Committee Mtg

Immediately following the Board meeting

LGMC 2014 Gem Show – Apr. 26-27, 2014.

Updates and Team Leaders list on page 4.

Club Owned Equipment Inventory

The Board of Directors is confirming and updating the inventory list of Club owned equipment. Please complete and return the form on page 15 by March 7, 2014.

Feb. 5, 2014 program:

The Art of Preparing Your Display Case for Competitive Judging

- Lead presenter: Larry Hulstrom
- Advice from experienced members is welcome

Bragging table theme: red or naturally heart shaped rocks, minerals, or fossils

What is it? Bring a rock or mineral to the meeting for tentative identification. Location found helpful.

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GEODE Submission Deadlines:

15th - articles and photos
Day after Bd mtg - officer and committee contributions
E-mail them to carol.devine2@frontier.com
or call (509) 967-0589 to make other arrangements.

Thank you!

February meeting refreshments:

- Penny Smith
 - Maurine Hansen
 - Chris Sorensen
 - Pat Lambert
- Coordinator: Mary Lou Omstead

Happy Valentine's Day!

Address, phone or E-mail change?

Notify Pat Lambert at a meeting, or the Geode Editor, Carol Devine, via phone or E-mail.

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Minutes – Board meeting – Jan. 20, 2014

Present: (Board Members) Dave Westland, Marty Casto, Michelle Isom, Bert Kae-Jé, Larry Hulstrom, Yvonne Legare, Carol Devine. (Quorum [min. 5] present.)

(Members) Mary Lou Omstead, Mark Kidder, Myrene Northey, Evelyn Cataldo, Wayne and Kathryn Larson, Patricia Richardson.

Marty Casto called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business

- Treasurer’s report – outgoing Treasurer Myrene Northey provided the report. Annual tax paperwork is completed. Incoming Treasurer Bert Kae-Jé requests that members submitting receipts for reimbursement complete the appropriate form (available from her) and, whenever possible, allow her to bring the reimbursement check to the next Club meeting.
- Club treasury audit – status of, and delegation of authority to initiate, the audit were discussed.
- **Motion passed** – Both Bert Kae-Jé and Myrene Northey are authorized, individual signatories on the Club checking account until further notice.
- Member welcome packets – suggested contents were discussed. Carol Devine and Maurine Hansen to bring sample materials to the February Board meeting for review. State Geologist’s office a possible source.
- All America Club – Evelyn Cataldo reported status of the scrapbook of 2013 Club Activities. Geode to include notice distributed at January Club meeting. Member contributions requested by **February 20th**.
- **Motion passed** – Board authorized the Treasurer to reimburse Evelyn Cataldo for documented expenses incurred in preparing and mailing the 2013 Club Activities scrapbook for the All America Club competition.
- Action Plan to Expend Excess Club Funds – Numerous alternatives to expend excess funds were suggested and discussed. Geode to include form soliciting member input, with discussion at February Club meeting. The Board requests an updated annual budget from the Treasurer by the February Board meeting in order to estimate excess funding available. Geode to include a form requesting updates for the Club equipment inventory **by March 7th** in order to determine what items are needed, or need to be repaired/replaced.
- NFMS Annual Meeting August 2014 – Larry Hulstrom sought and received suggestions from the Board for the competition display case to include contributions from at least 5 members of the Club. A recommendation of either petrified wood or agates was offered. Larry to seek further input from members at February meeting.

New Business

- Meeting programs – Kathryn Larson reviewed meeting programs in planning through May. Mary Lou Omstead will follow up with State Geologist Jack Powell inviting a presentation in April or May.
- Club display at Aug 19-23 Benton Franklin Fair – Feb. 1 deadline to reserve location. Larry Hulstrom authorized by the Board to do so.
- Membership Form – Might annual dues be discounted \$5 if Geodes are E-mailed? Under discussion.

Next Meetings

- Club meeting: February 5, 2014, 7:00 p.m. (social at 6:30). Program: The Art of Preparing Your Display Case for Competitive Judging. Bragging table theme: red or natural heart-shaped rocks, minerals, or fossils.
- Board meeting: February 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Club members are invited and welcome.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m., immediately followed by the first meeting of the 2014 LGMC Gem Show Organizing Committee Meeting (reported separately).

Michelle Isom, Secretary

LGMC Board of Directors - February 2014

Phone numbers are all Area Code 509. E-mail contact: lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com

President	Dave Westland – 735-9678	Director	Steve Shoemaker – 521-5623
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Treasurer	Bert Kae-Jé – 582-3766	Junior Club Leader	Thora Trumbo – 582-4297
Past President	Larry Hulstrom – 783-6210	Bulletin Editor	Carol Devine – 967-0589

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.

Minutes – Club meeting – Jan. 8, 2014

Dave Westland opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Guests and new members were introduced and welcomed. They included David Goering, Rosann Ferris, Chris and Elody Mackey, and Kevin Kunkler.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by outgoing Treasurer Myrene Northey.

Librarian's Report: Ron Northey invited members to enjoy the Club's library holdings, which include DVDs as well as books and magazines.



Announcements

- Congratulations to Frank and Mary Lou Omstead, recipients of the LGMC Rockhounds of the Year Award, which was presented at the Club Christmas party. The Omsteads have been nominated for the 2013 NFMS Rockhound of the Year Award.
- LGMC vests are available for \$15.

General Business

- **2014 Gem & Mineral Show** – Evelyn Cataldo provided a status report of preparations underway, and invited all Club members to participate. Fliers are printed and were distributed. A printed handout (“Showtime...”) listed committee offices that are filled, and those for which volunteers are needed. Members are also needed to make phone calls, organize the tailgating event, assist with set up and take down, luncheons, advertising the event, etc. The Organizing Committee will meet at 7:30 following the Board meeting on the third Monday of each month now through March. All members are invited to attend and participate in these meetings.
- **Action Plan to Expend Excess Club Funds** – Members interested in participating in the development of this plan are requested to attend the January Board meeting.
- **2014 Field Trips** – Ammon Bruce announced that the first Club field trip this spring will be in April to Bickleton. He invites Member involvement in identifying potential destinations this year, especially if the Member knows who to contact to obtain access permission. Ammon sought feedback from the group about possible field trips of longer duration targeting multiple destinations.

New Business

- **LGMC competitive display case, Federation Show, Hermiston Aug 15-17, 2014** – Larry Hulstrom is lead in developing the display, which must include contributions from at least 5 Club members. He invites members with ideas and suggestions to talk with him as soon as possible.
- **AFMS All American Club scrapbook competition** – Evelyn Cataldo provided a printed handout (“Let’s Become an All American Club!”) clarifying the goal, summarizing major topics to be included, and proposing an early March completion. She invited Members to volunteer to help. Elody Mackey has scrapbooking experience and volunteered to be the project coordinator.

Program:

- **Bragging table** – pink minerals or gemstones. Marty Casto, Marvin Barger, Steve and Darla Shoemaker displayed and briefly discussed their featured items.
- **Door prizes** – winners: Mary Lou Omstead and Wayne Larson.
- **Rock Bingo** – dozens of donated rocks, minerals, gemstones and fossils were the prizes in three “play-til-all-win” bingo games. A good time was had by all.

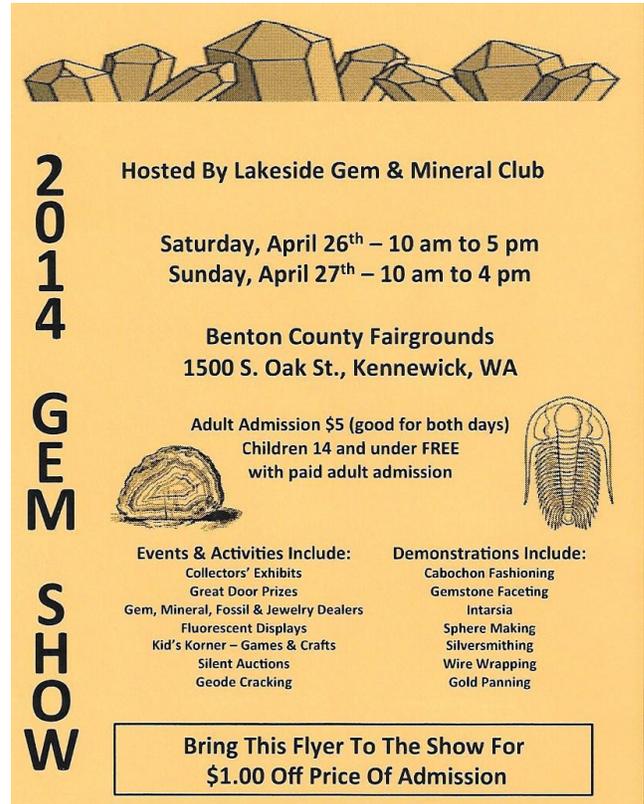
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Kathryn Larson, on behalf of Michelle Isom, Secretary

Update: LGMC 2014 Gem Show

At the January 21, 2014 Organizing Committee meeting following the Board meeting, Acting Show Chair Evelyn Cataldo reported activities that have been accomplished, and steps needed by February 17th. Thanks to the following team leaders for stepping forward to make this event a success.

Advertising	Larry Hulstrom, Julie Ranum
Badges	Pat Lambert
Camping	Norm Massey
Dealer Contracts	Judi Allison
Demonstrations	Mary Lou Omstead
Displays	Marti Casto
Door Prizes	Pat Harmon
Fair Contract	Larry Hulstrom
Food Vendor	Mark Kidder
Flyers	Evelyn Cataldo
Friday Lunch	Kathryn Larson
Friday Potluck	Carol Devine, Maurine Hansen
Geode Cracking	Yvonne LeGare
Hospitality Room	Loretta Johnson (Massey)
Security	John Weed
Set-up, Take-down, Layout	Max Guettinger, Dom Cataldo
Silent Auction	Mickee Madden, Ammon Bruce
Sunday Tailgate Event	
Ticket Sales	Patricia Richardson



2014 GEM SHOW

Hosted By Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club

Saturday, April 26th – 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, April 27th – 10 am to 4 pm

Benton County Fairgrounds
1500 S. Oak St., Kennewick, WA

Adult Admission \$5 (good for both days)
Children 14 and under FREE
with paid adult admission



Events & Activities Include:
Collectors' Exhibits
Great Door Prizes
Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Dealers
Fluorescent Displays
Kid's Korner – Games & Crafts
Silent Auctions
Geode Cracking



Demonstrations Include:
Cabochon Fashioning
Gemstone Faceting
Intarsia
Sphere Making
Silversmithing
Wire Wrapping
Gold Panning

**Bring This Flyer To The Show For
\$1.00 Off Price Of Admission**

Club members Tom and Eileen Moon, Ron and Myrene Northey, Dave Westland and Julie Ranum have offered to assist as needed.

STATUS REPORT: • Show dealers are nearly all confirmed and paid. • Henry's will cater the food. • J & J will provide security. • Show fliers are printed. • Larry Hulstrom suggests increasing the advertising budget for this event. He will provide a more detailed proposal February 17th for Board consideration. • Mary Lou has paper goods and utensils for meals. • Members willing to approach regional public libraries about Earth Month rock, gem and mineral displays in April before the show are needed (Carol D. - West Richland, Myrene N. – Kennewick).

INVITATION: There is an important role for every Club member who is willing to help with this event, whether the time you can commit is limited or as needed. We still need a member to oversee the Tailgating event (see "Kudos for Lakeside" page 12). If interested, contact Evelyn Cataldo at (509) 628-0170. Get involved and make some new friends in your Club. Please contact a Team Leader or attend the Organizing Committee meeting on Feb. 17th and offer your support and assistance.

Members of LGMC are its' greatest resource. To get acquainted, get involved. New talent always welcome!			
Field Trips	Ammon Bruce, Heather Moon	Memberships	Pat Lambert
Meeting Programs	Kathryn Larson	Historian	Mary Lou Omstead
Website Manager	Sean Hall	Meeting Refreshments	Mary Lou Omstead
Librarian	Ron Northey	Door Prizes/Speaker Gifts	Ron Passage
Junior Club Leader	Thora Trumbo	Sunshine Chairman	Pat Harmon
Club Workshop	Steve Shoemaker	Gem & Mineral Identification	(open)
Welcome Packets	(open)	All America Club Scrapbook	Elody Mackey

Dates		February 2014 Coming Events	
1	Rockhound Estate & Downsizing Sale 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Lapidary equipment: grinding/polishing arbor (new); hand tools, 24" slab saw; Vibrolap; and more. Priced to sell.	Everett United Church of Christ (downtown Everett) 2624 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA	Brazilian, crazy lace, holly blue, Montana, moss & plume agate; obsidian, soapstone, opal, tiger's eye, rhodonite, turquoise, jade, smoky quartz.
8-9	Whidbey Island Gem Club Annual Show 9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Oak Harbor Sr. Ctr. 51 SE Jerome St, Oak Harbor, WA	Keith Ludemann (360) 675-1837
14-16	Oregon Agate & Mineral Society Annual Show 9:30 am – 5:30 pm	OMSI 1945 SE Water Ave, Portland, OR	soniawatt@yahoo.com
22-23	Idaho Gem Club Annual Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood, Boise, ID	Brent Smith (208) 342-1151
Dates		March 2014 Coming Events	
1-2	East King County Rock Club Annual Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pickering Barn 1730 – 10 th Avenue NW, Issaquah, WA	Robin Feiner (206) 579-8448
1-2	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID	Susan Beattie (208) 466-6184
7-9	Tualatin Valley Rock & Gem Club Annual Show, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Washington County FairPlex 873 NE 34 th Ave, Hillsboro, OR	Mitch Metcalf (503) 726-9168
8-9	Magic Valley Gem Club Annual Show 9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Twin Falls Co. Fairgrounds 215 Fair Ave, Filer, ID (east of Filer on US Hwy 30)	Jon Cromer (208) 308-3364
28-30	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane Annual Show 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Spokane Co Fair & Expo Ctr N. 604 Havana, Spokane, WA	David Rapp (509) 891-6533
29-30	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society Annual Show, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Sweet Home HS Activity Gym 1641 Long Street, Sweet Home, OR	Joe Cota (541) 451-2740
29-30	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club Annual Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Bloedel Donovan Com. Ctr. 2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham, WA	Sheri Clark (360) 510-6483
Dates		April 2014 Coming Events	
12-13	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	WA Nat'l Guard Armory 2501 Airport Lane, Yakima, WA	Marti Sondgeroth (509) 248-6401
12-13	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Idaho Falls Recreation Ctr. B Street, Idaho Falls, ID	Gary Hayes (208) 754-0403
18-19	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Annual Show, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Polk Co. Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall, OR	Etheleen Flippo (503) 6723-4247
26-27	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Society Gem Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Sat), or 4:00 pm (Sun) and NFMS Mid-Year Meeting	Benton Co. Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak St., Kennewick, WA	Mary Lou Omstead (509) 783-2798
26-27	West Seattle Rock Club Annual Show 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Aiki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA	Lyle Vogelpohl (206) 932-3292

Club Learning Opportunities:

- **Create your own cabochons.** Bring your own materials, or choose from those provided. Use the Club's trim saw and cabbing machine. Instructor Rhea Bowerly. Have fun and make some new friends! Fee: \$1/hr. February 18 & 19, 2014, 5:30-9:30 p.m. (Third Wednesday and the preceding Tuesday each month.) Drop-ins welcome. 803 South Edison St., Kennewick. Questions? Mary Lou Omstead – (509) 783-2798
- **Flint knapping.** Make your own arrowhead or spear point from provided, shaped flint slabs. No fee. February 13 & 27, 2014, 6-9:00 p.m. (Second and fourth Thursday each month.) Drop-ins welcome. 803 South Edison St., Kennewick. Questions? Frank Omstead – (509) 783-2798

Resources for Club Members:

- **Will it fluoresce?** Club black light is available at the Omstead residence, 803 E Edison St., Kennewick. \$1/hr. Drop by on the cabochon or flint knapping nights listed above, or call to make other arrangements.
- **Rock saw oil.** Max Hatfield - (509) 582-6028; Ralph Eichner – (509) 582-9017
- **Tumbling grit.** \$2/lb. For every 5 lbs of tumbled rock you donate, get 1 lb. of grit free. Frank & Mary Lou Omstead - (509) 783-2798

Christmas in Hawaii

Noon, Saturday, December 14, 2013
Coldwell Banker, West Gage Blvd, Kennewick

Pineapple chicken and rice, ham, and an array of side dishes and desserts contributed by LGMC Members were enjoyed by all who attended this relaxed and fun annual celebration. More than a dozen contestants participated in the Hawaiian shirt contest. Judi Allison's wild chicken dance is going to be a tough act to follow next year. She had us all rolling in the aisles! Dave Westland announced that the Board has unanimously voted to recognize Frank and Mary Lou Omstead with the Club's Rockhounds of the Year Award. Mary Lou accepted a beautiful plaque recognizing their longstanding and deeply appreciated contributions to LGMC. Don't miss this great party next year! Special thanks to Kathryn Larson and her organizing committee for making this year's event such a success.



Event Organizing Committee



Rock Bingo

Club Meeting Jan 8, 2014

LGMC members donated dozens of rocks, minerals, crystals and fossils as prizes for the three “play-‘til-all-win” bingo games at this popular annual event. Special thanks to all who made the evening such a great success! Don’t miss the January meeting next year. You’ll leave smiling!



Invitation to contribute to the Geode: Share your article or recent Rockhound Adventure with your friends in the Club! Please write a brief article and provide photos if possible. Cite information sources. Don't enjoy writing? Ask for a face-to-face or phone interview. Submission deadline and options are on the front cover. Thanks! Carol Devine

Minutes – Junior Club Meeting – January 14, 2014

Lakeside Junior Rock Club met on January 14, 2014. We began the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Old Business

Mail announcing that we were invited to a gem fair on November 19-20, 2013, arrived in our mailbox just a little too late. The beautiful postcards were still passed out for everyone to enjoy the colorful photographs of gems. Still it was a nice lesson on being sure to mail early when inviting folks to anything.



New Business

- In Portland, Oregon, there will be FREE gem show in early February. Mrs. Trumbo invited parents present to serve as chaperones in the event a bus tour can be arranged for the Junior Club.

[NOTE: Information received was in error. Proposed trip has been cancelled.]

- Junior Club Newsletter logo: The Geode Editor, Carol Devine, shared some upcoming changes in our Club newsletter. The Junior Club's section will need to be filled by us! We were challenged to create or design a logo for our page. See next page.

Program

- Two amazing people brought show and tell items: Joy and Beth.
- Three people brought a Mineral of the Month report: Jaycie 14, Beth 6, and Molly 13.
- Badges were presented to Molly, Dessie and Morgan.
- Birthdays were celebrated for Molly, Dessie and Morgan.
- Everyone was reminded that the annual Club rock show is coming April 26-27, 2014. Don't forget the tailgating party that Sunday morning!



Meeting Activity

- Mrs. Trumbo shared a geology lesson on Earth's plate tectonic movement.
- We learned how to make "cootie catchers," a paper finger game that helped us learn terminology.
- We colored our own diagrams of the Rock Cycle.
- Mrs. Trumbo gave us optional **homework** and challenged us to give it our best effort: a) Organize your club paperwork in a binder or folder. b) Label your rock collection. c) All rock reports are due at the February meeting.



The meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Makenna, Club Secretary

Thora Trumbo, Junior Club Leader (509) 582-4297

JUNIOR CLUB LOGO CONTEST

Here is the “banner” for the adult club newsletter, the Geode:

This is the newsletter “banner.”



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

Address: Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, Inc., PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336-0603

This is the adult club logo.

The Junior Club newsletter published at the center of the Geode does not now have a banner and logo. This contest is to develop a Junior Club logo. It will replace the adult club logo in the banner on the two page Junior Club newsletter each month.

Ask your parents to show you some logos from newsletters of other clubs and organizations. Then begin to draw some possible logos of your own. For example, one student had this idea for the Junior Club logo:



Draw your logo on white paper. Be sure to use a dark pencil or pen and have details clearly shown.

Bring your favorite logo to the Junior Club meeting **February 11, 2014**. There, we will vote to choose the three we think best represent us. Everyone who brings a logo gets a prize!

At Mrs. Trumbo’s suggestion, the Geode Editor will make the final decision.

Frank and Mary Lou Omstead
LGMC 2013 Rockhounds of the Year Award Recipients



Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
 P.O. Box 6652
 Kennewick, WA 99336-0603
 lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com

Nomination: **Frank and Mary Lou Omstead**
2013 NFMS Rockhound of the Year Award



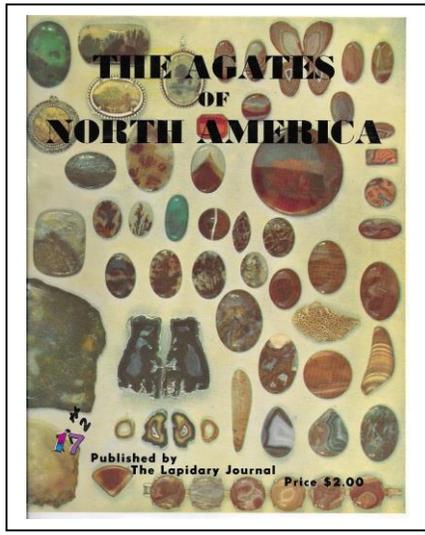
David Westland presents
 LGMC 2013 Rockhounds of the Year Award
 to Mary Lou Omstead Dec. 14, 2013

Since 2007, our nominees have housed much of Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club’s equipment and supplies in the shop at their residence. There, many Club workshops are offered each year. Four afternoons per month year round, current and prospective Club members meet at this couple’s residence to work with and learn from experts with specialized skills, such as cabochon cutting and flint knapping. Enthusiastic volunteers at virtually every major Club event and activity since they joined in the late 1980’s, our nominees have held many Club offices. For example, Mary Lou served as Club Treasurer for four years. Their contributions to renovating our Club display cases for county fair exhibits and our annual rock shows were especially appreciated. Frank and Mary Lou have friendly, gregarious personalities and help new members to the Club feel welcome and involved. The Board of Directors unanimously nominate Frank and Mary Lou Omstead for the 2013 NFMS Rockhound of the Year Award.

Dated: November 30, 2013.

Signature Protected This Copy

 Dave Westland, Club President



Library Feature of the Month

The Agates of North America. Hugh Leiper, F.G.A., editor. 1961. San Diego, CA: The Lapidary Journal. LGMC library items 17 and 18.

Seventeen articles written by agate specialists for regions in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Central America, with black and white photos. Topics include agatized wood and agatized coral.

Highlight: Color centerfold of 91 specimen agates from identified North American locations.

- Supplemental articles:
- How to have successful field trips (J.C. Zeitner).
 - Carving rare fire agate (O.M. Colhour).
 - Cutting agatized coral (J.C. Zeitner) and fairburn agates (J. Zasadil).
 - Iris agate and its treatment (E. Clark).
 - Gem cutting for the beginner (H. Leiper).

Check it out! Call the Club Librarian, Ron Northey, at (509) 783-2655. Ask that he bring this book to the next Club meeting. Review the list of library holdings that Ron maintains, and note those of interest to you. Members can borrow library resources for one month (\$2/mo. late fee assessed), with a limit of 2 items borrowed at a time per member. Checking out an item from the Club Library is a great way to preview it before buying your own copy.

It's Braggin' Time!

We are attempting to put together a scrapbook of all the Lakeside events and activities for 2013. The scrapbook will be submitted for judging in the All American Club Program. There are some specific scoring categories that are required for the scrapbook, and we need your help. If you can help with copies, pictures, lists, etc., we would appreciate the assistance. Here is what we need by February 20th:

Did you...

- give a program for another club? Topic? Where given?
- go to another club's show in 2013? Where?
- go on a field trip with another club? Where?
- display or demonstrate at another club's show? Where?
- give a talk at a school or to a local group? Where? Topic?
- have a rock display at any public place such as a library?
- donate rocks to a school, nursing home, scout troop, etc.?

**Scrapbook
Committee Members**
Elody Mackey (Lead)
Andy Johnson
Mary Lou Omstead
Kevin Kunkler
Evelyn Cataldo

In which local affairs and organizations are you an active member?

Do you...

- belong to ALAA or other such groups?
- have a copy of an email or letter that you sent to a legislator or governmental agency concerning land use issues?
- have a picture(s) of our booth at the Benton County Fair?

If you can provide us with any of the above information, by February 20th please provide it to one of the committee members, or E-mail it to Evelyn at cataldoevelyn@yahoo.com Thank you!

Several members who attended the November 2013 Club meeting requested a recipe for the delicious hot chili served during the break. Thank you for sharing it with us, Andy!

<i>Andy Johnson's Columbia Cup Chili</i>	
Ingredients	Description
1 lb. ground beef	Brown the ground beef. Drain off and discard fat. Add taco seasoning mix and stir well.
1 pkg. taco seasoning mix	
1 can sliced mushrooms	
1 can Italian stewed tomatoes	Open and empty all cans (with liquid) into a large Dutch oven or two crockpots. Mix thoroughly.
1 can chili con carne	
1 can crushed pineapple	
1 can butter beans	
1 can garbanzo beans	Add the ground beef and stir it in.
1 can kidney beans	
1 can black beans	Simmer (or cook on Low) for several hours to blend flavors. Taste the chili and season as desired. Serve hot.
1 can white beans	
1 can pinto beans	
1 can pork and beans	

Nov. 6, 2013

Lakeside's on Facebook?

Andrew Johnson

Did you know that the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club has a Facebook page? Well, we most certainly do! You are invited to come visit and view and, if you are so inclined, participate on the page as well. Why? There are plenty of reasons you might find it both useful and entertaining to check out the Club's Facebook presence if you are among the many who are connected to the Internet by personal computers or mobile devices.

One of the primary reasons would be to share your rockhounding adventures and photos with other members, who invariably enjoy seeing pictures of the places you have visited and the treasures you have collected and found.

Another reason would be to exchange thoughts, ideas and opinions on a wide variety of topics of interest to our members and the rockhounding community at large.

The Facebook page is a place to let those who are visiting it learn about lapidary equipment, rocks and minerals you are offering for sale.

The Club's Facebook page acts as an almost real time platform to aid the Club in promoting and informing members of pending events, field trips, and other activities of interest to members. It serves as an outlet to supplement the monthly Geode which members receive.

To enjoy these benefits, you must have a computer with Internet connection, an E-mail account, and your own Facebook profile.

[Editor's Note: To set up your Facebook profile page, go to <https://www.facebook.com/> enter some basic information, click Sign Up and follow the simple instructions. You can decide how much or little of the personal information you provide is available to others. Having your own Facebook page is a great way for friends with whom you've lost contact to locate and reach you again. From your Facebook profile page, search for Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club and click the Join button. The Administrator, Heather Moon, admits you to this closed Facebook Group.]



Kudos for Lakeside

In the Oct/Nov 2013 issue of the Northwest Newsletter, Editor Beth Heesacker gave us a nice compliment. Her essay on rock shows (pages 6-7) included the following paragraph that, although not named, refers to Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club. Evelyn Cataldo

"Outside of our club's own show, my fondest memories are of the tailgating hours at a show that we attend each year. On Sunday morning this show allows rockhounds to bring their wares – lapidary rough, handmade jewelry, left over this and that – and set up tables without fancy fabric covers and display in a haphazard manner for the customers. We each run from table to table, buying and swapping (both rock and rock stories) with abandon. It is a joy and, in my mind what a real rock show should be."

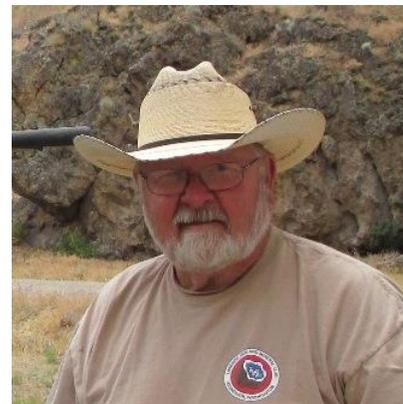
Welcome, New Members!

Carl Miles	Aaron Kirby	Elody and Chris Mackey
James and Robert Deneen	Tiffany and Clifton Eyre	David Goering
Julia Ranum	Charles and Sheri Solomon	Scott and Rosann Ferris
Linda Rolfson	Kris and Amelia Junt	Jim Lyon

The quickest way to get acquainted is to get involved. Please let one of the Club officers or Committee Chairs know you are interested in helping with a coming event, such as the April Gem Show, or serving in a Club office. We're glad to have you with us, and look forward to getting to know each of you better. Did you know your membership in LGMC includes membership in the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies?

Max L. Hatfield – Featured Member

Max Hatfield's interest in rockhounding are varied. His favorite rock is picture jasper, with its colors, patterns, and almost real depictions of the desert from which the rock comes. He enjoys being in the field collecting the best, appreciating "the peaceful solitude and the break away from everyday schedules and stress." In the field, he suggests, "do not waste the total experience on only one rock or mineral. Look for them all – gold, agate, thunder eggs, geodes, gems, fossils, jasper, etc." Max also enjoys cutting what he has collected, "and occasionally making a few projects from them."



Are you interested in building a **rock display cabinet**? Max wrote a step-by-step book that will guide you through this process. He also offers a copy of the blueprint for the old San Francisco case design. Look at the newer Club display cases for examples. The book and blueprint can be purchased directly from Max, or you can preview them through the Club Library prior to purchase.

Would you like to know how to **care for and maintain your rock saw**? Max repairs, builds and designs rock machinery, mostly for himself, though "a few others in the Club have discovered what I do." For do-it-yourself types, Max has developed a Power Point presentation that will guide you through rock saw care and maintenance. He offers the presentation on a DVD that is available while supplies last, and has donated a copy to the Club Library.

A Club member for about seven years, Max has served as Vice President of the Club and in many Club activities and events. Max has taught a few members of the Club how to make cabochons and has supplied many pieces of rock slabs for cab making to those brave enough to enter the building he calls "craft central," which he describes as "messy and too full of rocks, wood and metal working equipment." Many people in the Club have influenced or taught Max about rock hounding. He credits LGMC members Chris and Jerry Sorensen, Dom and Evelyn Cataldo, and Steve Shoemaker as perhaps helping him the most.

Max understands the importance of mentors when rockhounds are first starting and most need advice and support. He invites members to contact him to seek advice on how to fix, repair, or use their rock saw and equipment. Max offers to **cut a rock**, or **supply a nice rock slab**, for a member who wants to make a cabochon, as long as arrangements can be made around his workday schedule. He is a source for **saw oil**, as well. Phone (509) 582-6028; E-mail max_charter.net

A vocational education teacher by trade, Max teaches classes on woodworking, carpentry, electrical and plumbing, and hotel and motel maintenance. This occupation supports his lifelong dream to travel and hunt for rocks, fossils and minerals every summer. His happiest memories are of cool, breezy sunny mornings filled with sights and sounds that cannot be captured in a photo or verbal description: "A special moment while hunting sun stones in southern Oregon or a windy, sunny, early spring day in the Owyhee Mountains. It might be early spring green grass moving in waves of wind, or it could be vibrant colors or temperature or it could be the stone silence or the forever view that went along with other mentally inspiring moments while enjoying nature." He invites Club members to enjoy the photo albums of his rockhound adventures with Pat Lambert and friends through his Facebook page. Max describes one of his favorite destinations on page 14.

We appreciate knowing and learning from you, Max. Thank you for your many contributions to the success of the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club and its members.

Succor Creek, Oregon

Max L. Hatfield

Succor Creek is located in southeast Oregon. It has a small State park with a concrete pit toilet. The park is dry and has no potable water available. In my opinion, spring to early summer is the best time of year to visit. Then, the hills, fields and valleys are covered in a rich colored green grass with red hues of seed heads that shine in the sun as they move like waves of water in the gentle breeze.

All roads are gravel and dirt. There are no asphalt or real smooth roads to be found. Care must be taken when driving these narrow roads, as traffic does travel in both directions up and down hills and around blind corners.

When camping, hiking, rock hounding, four wheeling or just traveling in this area, bring extra water and food. Wear proper clothing and headgear to protect you from the sun or transportation problems, like being forced to remain in one spot because it has rained. After rainfall, your vehicle will not get traction until the soil dries, especially when you are not on the main gravel road. Always watch the weather and get back to the main road before it rains. If you are camping and are prepared to stay for several days, this usually is not a problem.



Other areas of interest to the casual visitor are Leslie Gulch and the Owyhee reservoir. Leslie Gulch is a must see, with a special beauty not found anywhere else.

If you are a rock hound, the Succor Creek area has many **world famous picture jaspers**, like Rocky Butte, Wild Horse, Owyhee, Morrisonite, and many others that have come and gone, including some that have no names. There are **thundereggs, petrified wood, leaf fossils, and agate** to be found here, as well. Truly a rock-hound's heaven.

To find the type of material you seek, you can possibly use Gem Trails of Oregon, participate in a sponsored field trip, befriend a knowledgeable person, or do what I do: purchase a DVD called ORE ROCK ON. This DVD can be found on the Internet and is made by Tim Fisher. It

covers hundreds of sights in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and includes 3D maps, GPS, land ownership, photos and more.

Some of this BLM land has been under proposed wilderness designation for many years. Any or all could be closed at any time to rock hounds, motorized vehicles, and most other uses by all of the public. If this type of rock collecting, camping, or recreation sounds appealing, go there and enjoy our public lands before we are prevented from doing so. Further information of proposed changes may be found by visiting a BLM office in Vale or Baker, Oregon for maps, etc. or use the internet <http://www.blm.gov/or/index.php>

Please fill in any holes you may dig. This is becoming a major BLM complaint and is one of many excuses that will be used to keep you out. Other rules: if you pack it in, pack it out; do not be a litterbug; respect private land -- do not trespass, ask permission.

Succor Creek offers beauty found in very few places. Once you visit, you will return every chance you can.

Updated Inventory of Club-Owned Equipment

(due March 5, 2014)

The Board of Directors is confirming and updating the inventory of Club-owned equipment. Please list below each piece of equipment you are housing on behalf of the Club, and return this signed form to Dave Westland or Marty Casto by March 5, 2014. Cannot attend a meeting? Mail this completed form to LGMC, PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336-0603. Need more space? Continue list on a second sheet. Thank you!

Description	Needs Repair or Replacement?

Dated: _____ Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Best time to receive a call (circle one:) AM PM Evening

Message from Club Treasurer Bert Kae-Jé: Members seeking reimbursement for or payment of authorized expenditures on behalf of LGMC are asked to complete and attach this form to their receipt or invoice prior to submission. The Treasurer will have these blank forms available at each meeting. Your assistance will be a great help in maintaining complete and accurate fiscal records. Thank you!

Request for Payment or Reimbursement

Date: _____

Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

Amount Requested: \$ _____

If this is a Junior Club expense, initial here: _____

Member requesting this payment or reimbursement	Name	Phone Number
What was/is this expense for? (project/committee/event, etc.)		
To whom should the check be payable?	Payee	Address
Payment or reimbursement is requested as follows:	<input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input type="checkbox"/> by check available at the next Club meeting <input type="checkbox"/> by check available at the next Board meeting	
In urgent situations, you may call me at least THREE DAYS before the meeting at which you seek payment or reimbursement. Verbally provide the information requested on this form so I can have your check ready upon presentation of your receipt or the invoice and this completed form. Thanks for your support! Bert Kae-Jé, Treasurer. Phone (509) 582-3766.		

Treasurer's use only: Check # _____ issued (date) _____ delivered/mailed (date) _____
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Next Club Meeting: Feb 5, 2014, 6:30 social, 7:00 p.m. meeting

- Program: The Art of Preparing Your Display Case for Competitive Judging
- Bragging table theme: Red or naturally heart-shaped rocks, minerals, fossils

Rock Show Organizing Committee: Feb 17, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Features this issue:

- Photos: December Christmas Party; January Rock Bingo
- Equipment Inventory Update Form; Expense Reimbursement Form
- Featured Member: Max Hatfield



Club Affiliations:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) <https://www.amfed.org>
Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) <http://www.amfed.org/nfms>
American Lands Access Association (ALAA) <http://www.amlands.org>

Member: Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau