



THE GEODE

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. (LGMC)

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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

August Meetings

Club: Wednesday August 5, 2015 – 6:30 social, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Board: August 17th – 6:30

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7305 W 10th Ave.,
Kennewick

Junior Club meets August 11, 2015 -- 6:30 pm; Banner

Bank, 203 W 1st Ave., Kennewick

Junior Club Leader Thora Trumbo (509) 582-4297

GEODE Submission Deadlines:

- 19th – member articles & photos
- Day after Board mtg. - officer & committee contributions

E-mail them to

mickeemadden@charter.net

or call (509) 438-5798 to make other arrangements

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August Program

We have a real treat for our August meeting. Central Washington University geology professor Nick Zentner will discuss gold deposits in the Swauk Mining District at Liberty, Washington.

August Bragging Table

August is peridot month. If you don't have a specimen of peridot, bring in a green rock, slab or crystal that has a story behind it.

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Member contact information updates:

Please notify Cindy Guettinger at
clguettinger@att.net

• Jerry Senn will demonstrate water and gold dousing techniques from 6:30 to 7:00 on the church grounds prior to the August general meeting.

• Members will be asked for a wish list of potential speakers at an upcoming special event.

Davis Creek

Webmaster and PSK member Jim Keffer has initiated a campaign to reverse the recent decision by the US Forest Service Modoc National Forest (Alturus District Office) that lowers the amount of obsidian that recreational collector may take from 500 pounds annually to only 100 pounds annually. This ridiculously low amount makes it almost impossible for the average rock hound or flintknapper to afford to visit Davis Creek. At the same time the USFS continues to allow 'commercial claims' on Davis Creek obsidian contrary to the Federal Mining Act of 1872 (as amended) with little or no limits.

A request has been made via the Federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

1. An accounting of all monies received from the claims for rock in the Davis Creek area covered by the permits and claims for obsidian. Specifically money received since the inception of the USFS program that provided for claims in the Davis creek area, the annual amount of the funds generated and the disposition of these funds.
2. Any and all justification for allowing claims, including but not limited to, Modoc Nat Forest/USFS Alturas District Regulations, USFS regional rules and regulations and USFS Federal regulations promulgated to overrule the Federal Mining Act.
3. All papers, analysis, reports, decisions, rules and regulations pertaining to the lowering of the collection limit to 100 pounds.

I have received a reply from the USFS requesting either an in person meeting or conference call with the District Forest Ranger, Timothy Davis (tedavis@fs.fed.us <<mailto:tedavis@fs.fed.us>>) and the USFS Geologist, Dan Munger (ddmunger@fs.fed.us <<mailto:ddmunger@fs.fed.us>>).

PSK member and professional geologist Jim Miller has agreed to assist me in his capacity as a geologist, rock hound and flintknapper. Several others have also stepped up to help.

If you are interested in supporting this cause please contact me at: .

Or contact the USFS directly at the addresses above.

Sincerely,

James C. Keffer aka 'Reefer'

Proud Member of the Puget Sound Knappers Association Chief - PSK Clan of the Ooga Booga Tribe Webmaster - Puget Sound Knappers.com Publisher - SPALLS, the Official Newsletter of the PSK

Classifieds

Rock saw oil. Max Hatfield - (509) 582-6028

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

Wanted: LGMC member is looking for a 6" Hi-Tech Diamond trim saw in good condition. Please call 509-591-1212

Thank you to everyone that displayed items at the REACH for Earth Month!

Lakeside Members' Projects Case

1. Andy Johnson- wire-wrap opal and intarsia
2. Rick Tobin-flint knapped bird points and knife
3. Kathy and Wayne Larson- sand blasted scene, silversmith, lapidary
4. Bert Kae-Je²-beading on triplet, silversmith, cabbing
5. Chris Sorensen- handmade glass beads, beading, wire- wrap, Viking knit, triplets, cabochon, chain mail
6. Sandra Bryant- wire-wrap
7. Mary Lou and Frank Omstead- wire-wrap and flint knapped point
8. Floyd George- wire-wrap and cabbing
9. Cindy Guettinger- faceted stones
10. Heather Moon- Saddle mountain wood and Little Naches spheres
11. Kerry Norton- Saddle mountain wood sphere
12. Jerry Sorensen- faceted stones and petrified wood puzzle pieces
13. Mary and Alan Earley- silver casting and cabochons
14. Ray Gifford- Little Naches thundereggs
15. Elaine and Jerry Senn- cabochons and intarsia
16. Patricia Richardson- wind-chimes and butterflies
17. Marvin Barger- flint knapping tools
18. Tina Murphy- wire-wrap Cherry Creek Jasper

Andy Johnson case of Columbia River agates

Wayne Larson case of Idaho garnets

Jerry Sorensen case of thundereggs and petrified wood

Refreshment Coordinator Needed!

* Solicit Club Members to Provide Refreshments

* Submit Monthly Provider List to Editor

* Remind Monthly Volunteers

* Purchase Cups, Plates, Etc. as Needed (money refunded)

* Store Supplies at Your Home

* Bring Supplies to the Meeting

Call Evelyn at 628-0170 if you can help the Club by being our Refreshment Coordinator

Hatrockhounds Annual Picnic

You are invited to Hatrockhounds Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 16, 2015, at 12:00. We will be meeting at Spillway Park directly in front of McNary Dam. The club will furnish fried chicken, water and all the necessary eating utensils. Bring along a drink and a side dish or dessert and come join us. We will be having a silent auction and a "swap/trade" table, so bring along some goodies if you like.

If you need directions or further information feel free to call Judi at 541-720-4950. We'd love to have you come join us!

Holley Fieldtrip Photos





Benton County Fair & Rodeo – August 25-29, 2015

Another year of fun at the fairgrounds!

- Through this event, our volunteers sit at a table and sell bags of tumbled rocks, plus give out brochures. Our volunteers receive **FREE Fair Tickets** for the days they work. They also get to interact with the people (especially the kids) who come to our table to buy our polished stones, and sometimes to ask questions about a rock they found. They can also fill out one of our forms to join the club. It's easy and fun! The four-hour shifts tend to pass quickly.
- We need at least two volunteers for each four hour shift. Sign-up sheets will be available at our August meeting.
- We also need volunteers to set-up six display cases. And we need to fill the cases with memorable specimens.

ORDER

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

SPOKANE DISTRICT BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

posted by Andy Johnson

Fire restrictions are hereby in effect on lands administered by the Spokane District Bureau of Land Management and will take effect on 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 25, 2015, in the following Eastern Washington counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties.

The following acts are prohibited on affected lands:

- Operating any type of motorized vehicle off developed roadways. Parking of vehicles off roadways must be done in an area barren of flammable materials (43 CFR 9212.2(b)(1).
- Developed roadways are those that are clear of flammable debris berm to berm.
- When operating a motorized vehicle on public lands, you must carry a shovel at least 26 inches in length with at least an eight-inch blade, and either a one-gallon container of water or a fully charged 2.5 pound fire extinguisher.
- All motorcycles and All-Terrain Vehicles must be equipped with a properly functioning U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor.

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Order Fire Restrictions (cont.)

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire (43 CFR 9212.2).
- Exception: Campfires within BLM-provided steel rings at improved campgrounds will be deemed legal only at the Yakima River Canyon, Coffeepot, Chopaka, Washburn, Pacific Lake and Twin Lakes sites. Liberty Campground will follow USFS restriction levels. Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted provided they are used within an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- Smoking while traveling in timber, brush or grass areas, except in vehicles on roads, or cleared areas at least 3 feet in diameter, or on boats on rivers and or lakes (43 CFR 9212.2).

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.3(a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- Persons with a permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- Any federal, state or local officer or a member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

On all public lands within the Spokane District, ignition of fireworks are prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)). In addition, the use of exploding targets is also prohibited.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

This order will be effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 25, 2015.

/S/ Jeffrey A. Rose

Jeffrey A. Rose
District Manager, Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management

Date: June 23, 2015

LITTLE NACHES THUNDEREGG RHYOLITE TRIP
August 8-9, 2015

Contact Info: Heather Moon

E-mail: h_moon39@hotmail.com (Put Naches in subject so I can see it)

Home Phone: 509-586-1978 Cell Phone: 509-845-2687

- I will be leaving Friday afternoon, August 7th, and will be camping at Kaner Flatts Campground. Last year they advertised as \$12 per night for camping. This is the cheapest fee-camp area there and the spaces seem to be bigger. I have a large blue tent and a red Ford Taurus, unless I get to borrow my dad's truck again :). We are going to try to get the group camp spot which is located to the left when you enter the campground. It's near the restroom with running water. It is first come, first serve. It's a large open area where several tents can camp. There are a few pull in spots for those who have RVs that are not far away, also.

- We will meet at Kaner Flatts Campground at 10:00am, Saturday August 8th, and leave from there. I would like a list of those planning on attending so I don't leave before you all arrive. You will need rock picks, shovels, buckets, sack lunch, and plenty to drink. If you want to hunt for fossils, the best way to break the shale apart is with a metal paint spatula.

- There are three locations we will go to. There is an area with blue thundereggs which you have to walk in about ¼ mile, up hill. The second is for the green rhyolite with tiny thundereggs. This is right in the road cut, so no hiking long distance. The third is in between these two locations which is for fossil leaves, pine needles and flowers.

- For those planning on staying overnight, we will go to a fourth location Sunday morning, which is river walking for agate, jasper and thundereggs. Overgrown and can be hard to maneuver in spots. Bring plenty of bug repellent.

- Please contact me to be put on the list.

If you send me an e-mail, I'll forward the map of the area to you.
Hope to see you there!

LGMC Board of Directors

Officers E-mail: lakesidegemandmineralclub@yahoo.com

President	Evelyn Cataldo – 628-0170	Director	Wayne Larson – 586-1203
Vice President	Chris Sorensen – 392-1362	Director*	Yvonne Legare – 585-5514
Secretary	Sally Lyon – 947-8443	Federation Representative	Larry Hulstrom – 783-6210
Treasurer	Bert Kaé-Je – 582-3766	Junior Club Leader	Thora Trumbo – 582-4297
Past President	Marty Casto – 628-3509	Bulletin Editor	Mickee Madden – 438-5798

Phone numbers are all Area Code 509. 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. By-Laws at www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com

Available Club Officer Positions

Assistant Junior Club Leader

The Junior Club meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July. The Club is generally designed for children between the ages of 8 to 16 years. Call Thora Trumbo at (509) 582-4297 to express your interest.

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. Call Evelyn Cataldo at (509) 628-0170 for details.



Club Affiliations:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) <http://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



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CLUB ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP SOON

At the October meeting, we will be electing a new secretary, treasurer and one director. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee prior to August 1st. The Nominating Committee will make a report at the August meeting. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor with the candidate(s) signifying his or her willingness to accept the nomination. The slate of nominees and an absentee ballot will be published in the September bulletin. The term of all board offices shall be two years. The newly elected officers will take charge at the November meeting.

Nominating Committee Members

Judi Allison

Kathy Larson

Chris Sorensen