

THE GEODE

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Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Meeting

Feb 7th at 7 pm

Program: Name that Rock!

Bragging Table: Favorite Book related to the hobby or bookends or anything you'd like to share

Refreshments:

Jerry Johnson, Cyndy Sharer, and Jane Moore

Juniors Meeting:

Feb 13th

Show committee meeting:

at 630 pm

Board of Directors meeting:

730 pm

on

Feb 12th

Mar 19th

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DUES NOTICE: Members who have not paid by Feb 28th will not receive the Geode in March!

Look at label on copy to know your status in our records (2007 indicates dues are paid; email newsletter people will receive an email from Jerry Johnson).

Membership form on page 3

Program: Name that Rock!

Bring a rock, mineral, or fossil to be identified. Bring many different types if you like. In addition, bring your rare, lesser known, or obscure item that you already know the identification for others to identify or guess.

This will be for a fun "Name That Rock" game.

LAKESIDE JUNIOR CLUB

NEXT MEETING

Feb 13th
Banner Bank, 203 W. First Ave
Kennewick, WA

Officers:

President : Jeffrey Spinner
V. President : Michaela Coleman
Secretary : Ashley Engleman

Advisors:

Steve Shoemaker
Leona George
Amy Coleman
Maria Weis

Lakeside Junior Rock Club Minutes

On January 9, 2007 the junior rock club met for our January meeting. The mineral of the month was given by Darian. We then had guest lecturer Mrs. Spinner talk with us. We learned about the MOHS scale of hardness.

Mrs. Spinner also set up a lab for us to do. We got to classify minerals by their hardness. After this Justin showed us some fossils he found in Texas. Thanks for letting us keep some!

MOHS Scale of Hardness

1-	Talc	Scratched by fingernail
2-	Gypsum	Scratched by fingernail
3-	Calcite	Scratched by copper coin
4-	Fluorite	Scratched by knife
5-	Apatite	Scratched by knife with difficulty
6-	Orthoclase	Scratches glass
7-	Quartz	Scratches glass
8-	Topaz	Scratches glass
9-	Corundum	Cuts glass
10-	Diamond	Cuts glass

Mineral of the Month – Quartz

Quartz is a German word. Ancient Romans believed quartz was permanently frozen ice. It is one of the most common minerals on earth, and can be found in most places. There are lots of different types of quartz. These include: amethyst, rose quartz, Cape May diamond, and blue quartz. Quartz is transparent and can be colorless, purple, rose, black, yellow, brown, green, and orange. It has a hardness of seven, but is brittle and may be broken into sharp crystals. Quartz is used in watches, jewelry, making glass and decorations.

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club

Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Additional Family Members: _____

Desired mailing label address: _____

Member dues: _____ Family Dues: _____

Mail only: _____ Email only: _____ Both _____ Email address(for Geode if email checked)

Please Indicate interests(to assist in selecting future articles and programs with your interests in

mind): Geology _____ Mineral _____ Lapidary _____ Gems _____ Beads _____

Field trips _____ Paleontology _____ Fluorescent rocks _____ Wire wrapping _____

Writing _____ Fossils _____ Others _____

Could you help with any of the following?

Field Trips _____ Membership _____ Newsletter Articles _____ Programs _____

Publicity _____ Junior programs _____ Mailings _____ Other _____

If you are unable to get to a meeting, you can send your dues to Jerry Johnson:

6621 W. Victoria Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Minutes Wednesday, January 3, 2007

Our new president, Ron Passage, introduced himself to the members. Guests this evening were Bill and Susan Warren and Jerry Arbogast. Roger and Carol Cole and their daughter, Tammy became new members this evening.

Treasurer's Report:

Our finances are in good shape. We have received some payments from dealers for the 2007 show.

Correspondence:

Washington Prospectors Mining Association announces its Gold, Gem and Mineral Show for 2007.

Juniors:

Ron asked members to support our juniors by going to a meeting from time to time to help, give a presentation or just be there. They meet at the Banner Bank at 6:30 on the second Tuesday of the month.

April Show:

Dave Westland, co-chair for the show, gave an overview of the show to the new members. He read a list of positions to be filled. Jane Moore volunteered to do such, as she had headed up the publicity previous years and appears to be willing to do so again.

There has been a question about the possibility of members purchasing dealer space and selling at the show. Most felt that tailgating is for such, and that the dealers would be very opposed to the idea. John Silko stated that East King County Club has allowed such. We will get in touch with them to ask how it was set up and received by the dealers.

Fair:

Ron also gave an overview of what we had done historically at the fair and brought up the question of what we would like to do in the future. The board will ultimately make a decision. Most feel it is a good way to gain new junior members.

Field Trip:

Dom Cataldo announced that there would be another field trip to the Virgin Valley in Nevada possibly June 8-11th. One receives a pile of material for \$300, and then can spend their time digging for opals. Previous trips have proved worthwhile. There is a CCC dry camp on site and a motel at French Glenn, about 45 minutes away. Reservations for the dig need to be made in advance, so please let Dom know if you are planning on going by April 1.

Door Prize:

Floyd George's number came up again, but since he recently won, he asked that another number be drawn. Kerry Norton was the lucky recipient the second time around.

Bragging Table:

Norm Massey showed off a piece of onyx that Kevin Newcomb had made into a sphere for him.

Rosalie Faubion brought a piece of Niccolite that fell off an ore train in Kansas a number of years ago.

Members can bring material for a silent auction at any meeting and receive all the proceeds. They are responsible for sales. We also learned that Columbia Basin College offers courses in jewelry making during the week and on weekends. There is a senior discount. If you would like more information, the number is (509) 547-0511

Program:

Rosalie gave an illustrated talk on the stamping techniques she created for making faux fossil tiles. She saved at least \$1000 for a kitchen backsplash area in her home. Thank you for sharing, Rosalie!

Secretary, Judi Allison

**Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Board
Minutes
Monday, January 22, 2007**

Present:

Floyd and Leona George, Jerry Johnson, Evelyn Cataldo, Steve Shoemaker, Frank and Mary Lou Olmstead, Heather Moon, Jane Moore, Jerry and Chris Sorensen, Pat Richardson, Kevin Newcomb, and Judi Allison

Old Business:

Board members received copies of member survey results to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Policies and Procedures:

Jerry Johnson asked what we are doing with the document. Judi moved and Chris seconded that we adopt such as our operating procedures with the secretary to hold such records. Motion carried. The document may be added to and otherwise revised with the changing of operation procedures as deemed by the board to be relevant.

Dues:

The bylaws state that dues are payable by December 15, or a member may be automatically terminated from the roster. It was decided that the members who have not paid will have their names published in the next Geode with a note that asks if they are still interested in continuing their membership. The note will also advise that dues are payable by the February meeting, or newsletter receipt will be suspended.

New Business:

We discussed possible ideas for the February program. Jerry S, and Evelyn will develop an interactive presentation, "Name that Rock". A question was brought up about the silent auction. The board does not have an issue with members receiving up to a set price and 50% above such on quality items. The silent auction chair will have the right to monitor and refuse items based on numbers and quality.

The board voted to donate \$50 to the AFMS Junior Scholarship Fund and \$50 to the NFMS Junior Scholarship Fund in memory of Toby Cozens who served many years in both Federations and did much to promote the hobby and youth.

Mary Lou stated a couple of members had asked about the silent auctions that have been at the regular club meetings. It was casually approved in November that members could sell their wares at a general meeting with 100% of the proceeds going to the member. The auctions are to be unobtrusive and manned by the selling member(s). This information will again be brought forward at the next general meeting to clarify, discuss and vote on.

Future board/show meetings: Show meetings at 6:30 with board meetings to follow at 7:30

Monday, February 12

Monday, March 19

All meetings will be held at Coldwell Banker.

General membership is welcome.

Secretary, Judi Allison



Presented by:

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club

Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick Washington

Saturday, April 21 - 10 am to 5pm

Sunday, April 22 - 10 am to 4 pm
(tailgating - Sunday - 9 am to noon)

EVENT WILL HOST:

- *MINERALS, FOSSILS, JEWELRY DEALERS
- *COLLECTORS EXHIBITS
- *GEM FACETING DEMONSTRATIONS
- *SPHERE MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS
- *GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS
- *BEAUTIFUL FLUORESCENT DISPLAY
- *SILENT AUCTIONS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN
- *KID'S KORNER - GAMES AND FUN
- *GREAT DOOR PRIZES



Adults \$3.00 (ages 14 and under FREE if accompanied by an adult), good for both days.

Our Rockhounding Years

Leona and Floyd George

Floyd and I have been rockhounding for about 40 years. Our travels have taken us to many northwestern states and some of the midwest. At first, we would take our travel trailer and go around by ourselves. After we joined the Gem and Mineral Club, we went along with other club members, which added much more fun!

One of my favorite places is Glass Butte, OR for obsidian. It is so peaceful and quiet there. Range cows used to graze there along with the deer and antelope. But the cows are gone and so is much of the wildlife.

Another of our favorites places is the Henry Mountains in Utah. Floyd loves to look for coprolite. He is a cutter and maker of things like bookends, clocks, jewelry, etc.

Our last trip was to Virgin Valley, June 2004, to search for opals. Six couples journeyed together. Each couple got a three-yard pile of mine soil from the opal mine placed besides each vehicle; we had 8 hours to go through it.

The weather was horrid. The north wind was blowing and very cold. It rained or snowed intermittently all day, with occasional glimpses of the sun. Not good weather for opal hunting, but we worked diligently through the cold wet earth. We were fortunate to find a few good pieces of opal.

As I was working along, I found a piece of blackish rock (looked like an agate). Since at that moment the sun had vanished, I could not see the opal in it. So I pitched it away.

About an hour later, Floyd was checking where I had worked and found my piece of black agate and the sun had reappeared. What a beautiful piece of opal, filled completely with red, green and blue fire. I guess we were meant to have it since we found it twice.

It was a miserable time, weather wise but we still managed to enjoy the company of friends and fellow rockhounds. It was a very worthwhile experience.

Washington Mineral Council trip:
02/10 –Bell– Walker Valley– 9:00 @ Big Lake Store – Geodes & Agate –
Hardrock tools Contact: Brian Hughes –
(360) 671 – 7330
abhughes@comcast.net

NFMS shows:

February 10th 8am - 5pm & 11th 9am - 4pm
Whidbey Island Gem Club & Pebble Pushers Annual Sweetheart of Gems Show
Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE. Jerome Street
Oak Harbor, WA E-mail: slabs@whidbey.net

February 17th 10am - 5pm & 18th 10am - 5pm
West Seattle Rock Club 41st Annual Show "President's Gemboree"
(W Seattle) Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Ave. SW. Seattle, WA
E-mail: avogelpohl@comcast.net

February 24th 10am - 6pm & 25th 10am - 5pm
Everett Rock & Gem Club 54th Annual Gem Mineral and JEWELRY Show
Washington National Guard Armory 2730 Oakes Ave. Everett, WA 98201

February 24th 10am - 7pm & 25th 10am - 5pm
Idaho Gem Club ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, JEWELRY & FOSSIL SHOW
Western Idaho Fairgrounds Glenwood & Chinden Boise, Idaho

March 3rd 10am - 6pm & 4th 10am - 5pm
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society ANNUAL SHOW
O'Conner Field House Canyon Co. Fairgrounds 2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho
lmr_tmr@safelink.net

March 3rd 10am - 6pm & 4th 10am - 6pm
E. King Co., Rock Club Annual Rock & Gem Show
Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave. NW. Issaquah, WA
kev1123@hotmail.com

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Do you remember who this case from the LSGMC 2006 show belonged to?