

# THE GEODE

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## Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Meeting

November 7th at 7 pm

**Bragging table: is the program**

**Refreshments: Carol Cole, Kerry  
Norton, Larry Hulstrom**

**Juniors Meeting: November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Board of Directors meeting:**  
7:00 pm  
on  
November 19th  
no December meeting

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## November Program Reminder:

A member may enter only one item per category; however, a member can enter all five separate categories (described below).

### Collector of the year

This category is for a self collected specimen (rough or finished) during the Oct 2006-Oct 2007 year.

### Cabochon of the year

This category is for cabochons cut by members. If you have a special cabochon in a setting which you cut his year and mounted, this should be in project of the year contest.

### Gemstone of the year

This category features gemstones that you have faceted. Please label the material and the cut. This award is determined by the amount of sparkle in the cut gem. If you have set the gem, please enter it into the project of the year.

### Project of the year

Any item which does not fit the categories described may be entered. This includes but is not limited to gem trees, spheres, carvings, and set stones.

### Silver picker of the year

Enter an item which you purchased in Oct 2006 to Oct 2007 year.



# LAKESIDE JUNIOR CLUB

NEXT MEETING: November 13th, 2007

Banner Bank, 203 W. First Ave

Kennewick, WA

President :Michaela Coleman

V. President : Darian Reining

Secretary : Syerria Stanney

## Advisors:

Steve Shoemaker

Leona George

Amy Coleman

Maria Weis

## Junior Meeting minutes

October 9, 2007

Our Oct. meeting was very fascinating. We had our silent auction. There were lots of rocks to choose from! We had quite a bit of petrified wood. There were also some agates and jasper and even a small pack of gold!

We also had our elections for President, Vice President and secretary. We took a poll and now our new President is Michaela Coleman, Our new Vice President is Darian Reining and our new secretary is Syerria Stanney.

We also have two new members Syerria and Dylan Stanny!!! We also had 3 visitors: Josiah Chan, Andrew Chan and Tamizin Johnson.

Finally, Michaela Coleman gave her report on window quartz. Then, we drew for 2 new minerals of the month. The winners were Daria with fluorapophyllite, and Noah, with sulfur. We had a busy meeting, but it was very fun!

By Michaela Coleman

*Have A Tasty Thanksgiving!*

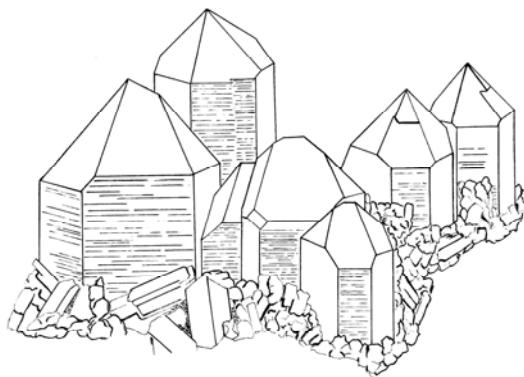
## Mineral of the Month

### Window Quartz

Window quartz is also known as the seer stone, dreamer crystal, or emma's egg. Window quartz is a beautiful rock formed naturally in the Elbe River from Southern Brazil. These rocks are river tumbled chunks of quartz that are frosty white on the outside, with a cut flat side or "Window" revealing the deep beautiful quartz inside. People say that smokey quartz symbolizes strength.

Quartz is composed of 2 parts oxygen and 1 part silicon ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ). It has a hardness of 7 on the Moh's hardness scale. Quartz is used for many things such as cement, concrete, sandpaper, microscopes, telescopes, watches, windows and many more things.

By Michaela Coleman



## Welcome New Members

Syerria & Dylan Stanny

Tom & Eileen Moon

Wayne & Kathryn Larson

Tom & Janet Stock

**Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Minutes  
Wednesday, October 3, 2007**

Vice President, Steve Shoemaker, opened our meeting with fifty-two attendees. Guests for the evening were Jim Coleman and Janet and Tom Stock.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Lou left the checkbook at home, but reported that there was a good amount of income from the rock auction, even with the 80%-20% split. Steve thanked all the helpers and participants at the picnic/auction, and stated that it was a fun event for all with good weather. Next year we will plan to have it on a Sunday.

**Special Event:** Forty-seven members will be taking a bus trip to the Rice Museum on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. We will bring sack lunches, enjoy the museum in the afternoon and have a dinner stop at Cousins in The Dalles on the way home. It promises to be a fun event. Thanks to Evelyn Cataldo for getting things set up.

**Announcements:** Chris Sorensen was awarded a 5<sup>th</sup> place certificate from the NFMS for Geode Editor. Elmer and Marilyn Ringering also earned an 8<sup>th</sup> place certificate for an article in the Geode: Sleepless in Succor Creek. Highway clean up will be this Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Spokane Club will have tailgating at their clubhouse this Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. John Stewart of Kennewick is selling his collection-slabs, rough, crystals, cabs and some equipment. Call 586-1158.

**Old Business:** We will continue to pay the fee requested at the fair and not attempt to create a department. We hope to help more people become more active in the club by developing a list of committees or groups (list follows). If you would like to be a part of any of these, please let Steve or Ron know. Support for the Junior Club which meets on the second Tuesday at 6:30, Christmas planning-for December 9<sup>th</sup> party, Club Show, Fair, club library, programs for year, organization, Field Trips, Cabbing workshop.

The November program will be Project of the year; items need to be between October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007. Categories include Project, Find, Silver Picker, Cabochon, Gemstone. You may enter one item in each of the categories, if you wish.

**Door Prize:** Dan Nisick got to pick out a door prize this evening.

**New Business:** Evelyn told about a NFMS program that allows a member in good standing to present his/her membership card and receive a discount at a number of dealers. They already have 30 dealers signed up, so be on the lookout for this additional bonus to being a NFMS member.

Max Hatfield has volunteered the use of his shop for the club to make some additional display cases. We will have a workshop to do so, so consider helping out with this project when we decide on a date.

**Cabbing nights are the third Wednesday of each month and the Tuesday before it. They are at 803 South Edison at Omstead's house. They start at 5:30 and run until 9:30. This is informal, but there is someone around who can help you get started, so go and enjoy. A small fee of \$1.00 an hour is charged to help defray the cost of replacement of laps.**

Secretary, Judi Allison

**Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Board Minutes  
Monday, October 15, 2007**

**Present:** Evelyn Cataldo, Steve Shoemaker, Larry Hulstrom, Pat Lambert, Heather Moon, and Judi Allison

Since there was not a quorum, we discussed a number of items.

**Non-profit status:** We need to have charitable activities to qualify. Our highway cleanup, mineral boxes in the schools and fair activities probably qualify.

**Show dealers:** have been notified. Contracts will go out by the end of October.

**Christmas Party:** Judi, Heather and Chris will get together and get the ball rolling.

**Case making workshop:** We have plans, will research cost per case.

**Rice Museum:** All details taken care of other than payment for bus. Forty-six are signed up.

We discussed a list of things that need to be paid annually such as the post office box, website and federation dues.

We discussed the possibility of purchasing more chairs for the bank. Steve will ask the bank if we can discard the broken tables and chairs.

We talked a bit about the committee list that was formed at the last board meeting. It was felt that most of these committees can work independently and come to the board if needed. They, again, are as follows: Field trips, Library, Show, Programs, Christmas Party, Website, Equipment and classes, Juniors, Set up and take down at meetings, Historian. We need more grab bags and stones for the juniors, so they might sell some at the show. We will ask Don Snyder if he will be willing to make some more.

We talked about a couple of program ideas for next year. These include what do you like about rocks, or what's your interest in the form of games.

**Board meetings:**

**November 19 (at 7:00) None in December  
Coldwell Banker.**

**General membership is welcome.**

Secretary, Judi Allison

**REMINDER: NO DECEMBER  
MEETING, CHRISTMAS PARTY  
IS DECEMBER 9th**

**RICE MUSEUM FIELD TRIP**  
**Remember Daylight savings time begins Nov 4th!**

The trip is planned for Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The plan is that everyone should bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus before we arrive at the Museum. We will have some drinks available on the bus. We will arrive at the Museum at around 12:30-12:45. The Museum opens at 1:00. Although the bus cost will be paid for by the Club, members will be responsible for their admission fee to the Museum. The fee is \$5.00 (\$4.50 for seniors). We will leave the Museum at about 4:00. That will give us the recommended time to see the Museum and visit the gift shop. On the way home, we will stop at a restaurant for the evening meal. We should be back in the Tri-Cities around 9:00.



A representative calcite specimen from the Rice Museum that was shown at the Portland show.

**Hatrockhounds Annual Live Auction**

You are invited to join the Hatrockhounds at their annual live auction to be held on **Tuesday, November 13th** at 775 SW Highland Avenue, Hermiston, Oregon, (back entrance of the First Christian Church) starting at 6:30 PM. You may bring up to 10 lots to sell. The club takes 50% and the seller retains 50%. We will have some goodies about half way through the sale, so please bring some sort of finger food to share. We look forward to seeing you!

**Three Ladies On a Mission or A Trip With the All Rockhound Pow Wow**  
**By Judi Allison**

Friday evening, September 7th, after work, Heather Moon and I set off in her car to the Teanaway Campground to join those taking part in the All Rockhound Pow Wow. Rhea Bowerly was traveling in that direction in her own vehicle. Heather and I arrived at the camp around 8:30 and set to work putting up her tent and getting our site ready for the weekend. Rocky McCall was there to give us a warm greeting.

Heather had the whole process down, since we pushed, pulled, prodded and staked in the dark and came up with a very acceptable tent for sleeping. A signal waving of the flashlight helped Rhea locate us upon her arrival. We set to work helping her put up her tent. Did you know that those elastic cords that hold the rain cover on a tent work just like a bungee? I managed to send Rhea's whole cover sailing when I missed the hole to hook the cord. A second try took care of the job.

Heather was prepared for some good company, so after our setup, we settled down in her tent for a couple of friendly games of UNO. Since Rocky said the groups would be heading out at 7:00 am, we decided we should hit the hay. We didn't have any trouble waking up, as icicle feet don't make for comfortable sleeping. After a warm breakfast of biscuits and gravy (Heather thought of everything) and hot coffee, we joined the group that went on the east route up to Red Top Mountain.

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Our first stop was along the roadbed to search for float. We each found a few small pieces of agate, some with a bit of blue. The next stop was at an old quarry along the way. Rhea found a nice little crystal cluster there.

## Three ladies continued

I found an indentation in my shin from attempting to fall up at hill. A third stop along the way didn't net us much of anything. We finished our search by dropping over the left side of the mountain just beyond the parking area. I found that falling down a hill would result in a different type of injury—a scraped arm. We each found a few small crystals and variety of quartz, but nothing like the thirteen-year-old girl who showed us a cluster about 3x6 inches. Rhea said she had crystal envy. We shared our evening meal with the entire Pow Wow, as they supplied hamburgers and hot dogs for the beginning of a potluck. I managed to rustle up some chips, Rhea, at my suggestion, since they are my favorites, brought iced animal cookies, and the ever prepared Heather heated up her home made stew and brought it along.

The evening was full of visiting and good conversation along with a Pow Wow meeting complete with door prizes for all. Myreen and Ron Northey and new members, Larry and Loretta Dale were also there. Rhea managed to get to know a number of people and make a few connections. We were told at the meeting that a sausage and pancake breakfast would be served at 8:00 with field trips leaving after that around 9:00. It was then time to head off to bed.

Rhea found that she could be toasty warm in a double sleeping bag arrangement. Heather made a similar discovery. If one sleeps in her shoes in a sleeping bag, one's feet will remain warm. I, on the other hand, found that two pairs of socks still don't result in warm feet. Next time I am going to remember an extra blanket, and maybe I'll leave my shoes on. Frank and Mary Lou Omstead came up for the Sunday trip. We all headed out to the Teanaway River to look for jade. After a crash course on what to look for, we set out on a short trek to a bridge above the parking area.



I worked my way down the edge of the river, as I didn't bring an extra set of shoes like Heather and Rhea. We got separated, and when I worked my way close to the parking area, I ended up cutting across land, and missed finding them. I did have a good reason, though. As I rounded one bend, I encountered a young "mermaid" taking a bath in the river — naked as a jaybird. I figured I would give her some privacy, although I am not sure that would have been the decision of all. Of course, I couldn't get into the locked car for any lunch, so Frank and Mary Lou took pity on me and gave me an apple. In the meantime, Heather and Rhea went off looking for me; Heather with trail mix in hand so she could feed me when they found me. Rhea happened upon me first and let me know that they had asked if anyone had seen me, including in the description something akin to the possibility that I might be a bit klutzy. Imagine them getting that idea!

We each found some rocks to haul home. Whether or not we got any jade is yet to be seen.

At any rate, we all had a good time and good company. Consider taking in one of the Pow Wows some time. Right now there are three: Mattawa in the spring, Madras over the 4th of July and the one we attended in September. At the meeting, it was reported that they are trying to put together a fourth one around Memorial Day at Goldendale. It sounded like a fun possibility.

## Meet a Member: Myrene and Ron Northey

I was born in Spokane, WA. I spent some years as a housewife, then became a journeyman grocery checker. I also did secretarial and insurance work, several retail jobs (my favorite) and worked fourteen years at J.C. Penney in the mall. Then, I worked inventory control two years, then as a merchandise assistant retiring in 1993.

Ron was born in Yakima, WA. He worked in sales for 3M Company, retail sales, had a stereo store in Pasco and then went into industrial sales. He retired last year from Empire Rubber in Pasco.

We met New Year's Eve in 1957, Ron went into the Air Force in May, and when he came home on a short leave six months later, we eloped to Coeur D'Alene. We are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary (and having the reception we never had) September 29. Big party! The previous weekend we celebrated our 50th class reunion in Yakima.

For the first 3 1/2 years we lived at Cape Cod, MA. After the service, we were happy to return to Yakima and our families. We lived in Yakima for twelve years, then Walla Walla for 3 1/2 years, and have lived in Kennewick now for over thirty years. We are blessed with three daughters, two son-in-laws, and seven grandchildren.

Though we are new members, we have been "going to join" for years. I have picked up rocks and shells forever (just ask Ron). Our house is full of them! I even used to collect butterflies and insects. We love the outdoors! We enjoying camping in our trailer and learning fly fishing . I love reading (especially Oregon Trail and pioneer stories). Also, I enjoy playing bridge and especially traveling. I have been to twenty-six foreign countries, and we have both been on many cruises and visited many elderhostels.

This year, I am President of my Beta Sigma Phi chapter and am a active member of the Billy Ray Cyrus Fan Club. Just call me a groupie. My favorite rockhounding trip is anywhere! We both enjoyed our Virgin Valley trip and two rockhounding Pow Wows.

Ron also enjoys woodcarving, mostly caricatures and santas. He also reads (especially war books), enjoys television and fly fishing. He indulges me with the trips I am always planning! Ron is active in our church, Cathedral of Joy, where he ushers and has a bicycle ministry. He is now also delivering Meal on Wheels. His favorite rock trip was an Elderhostel out of Delta, Utah. Our school bus got stuck by the geode field. Our least productive trip was in September at the Pow Club field trip above CleElum. We still had a wonderful time.

We are both enjoying meeting all the new people, and are looking forward to the next "big adventure". We love finding treasures in our earth!

Myrene and Ron Northey



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Field Trips: help wanted

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This low calorie, high mineral diet is the new trend for Thanksgiving among rockhounds, as seen at the Portland show.