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**Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club
meeting will be
April 2nd at 7 pm.**

Refreshments: Beverly Schroeder, Rosalie
Faubion, & Dick and Mary Jo Moen

**Junior club meeting is
April 8th at 6:30 pm.**

**Show (6:30 pm) and Board of
Directors meetings (7:30 pm)**

April 7th

April Program: Mineral identification by Linda Spinner

Minerals can be difficult to identify. With the use of inexpensive tools and equipment, many minerals can be readily identified on the spot. We will evaluate the different testing methods (color, luster, streak, cleavage, fracture, tenacity, hardness, and more) to help you test for and identify the minerals in your collection.

**Bragging table: Bring a rock or
mineral to be tentatively
identified.**

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Reminder: Information on upcoming shows can be found on the Northwest Federation website:
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/shows.htm>
or in your NWFS newsletter or Geode (when space is available). Please visit the Washington State Mineral Council website for information on field trips occurring across the state:
<http://www.mineralcouncil.org/>

Our show is coming in a few weeks.

LAKESIDE JUNIOR CLUB

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NEXT MEETING: April 8th, 2008

Our March meeting was a work party. We worked on our gem tree kits, and bagged 500 bags of stones for the spinning wheel and our gem tree kits.

We talked about what you need to do to put a case in at the show. If you are interested in putting a case in, you will need to let Mrs. George know at the next meeting.

We also need kid/parent partners to help out at our Jr. Corner. Please remember to sign up at our next meeting April 8th.

****We want to say a special thank you to all the parents that helped with our gem tree kits.

NEED HELP

Our annual Show is coming up in just a couple of weeks -- - April 19th and 20th. We need your help with several different things.

- 1) We need good material donated for the Silent Auction table. Please bring the material out to the Fairgrounds on Friday or Saturday.
- 2) We need several door prizes to give away during the Show. Please bring door prizes to either the Club meeting or to the Fairgrounds.
- 3) We need plastic grocery bags for use at the Silent Auction table. Either bring to the Club meeting or to the Fairgrounds.
- 4) We need to borrow four coolers to use Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please bring them to the Fairgrounds early Friday morning.
- 5) We need to borrow two BBQ grills for use on Friday. They need to be at the Fairgrounds by 11:00 on Friday.

Please let Evelyn know if you can provide coolers or grills - 628-0170.

We will have sign-up sheets at the Club meeting for helping at the Show. We also need you to furnish a display for the Show. There are Club cases if you do not have one of your own. Please let Max or Evelyn know if you can provide a display. We have room for 48 displays and only 20 people have signed up to help out.

Thanks for your help.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners for their articles in the Geode:

Grace Trumbo: "My rock display"

Judi Allison: "Three ladies on a mission"

Chris Sorensen: "The Geode"

You are welcome to receive the certificate at the Federation Show in Ontario, Oregon on June 21st. Please contact the editor for more details: lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com.

**LAKESIDE GEM & MINERAL CLUB
MINUTES
February 6, 2008**

Ron Passage, President, calls meeting to order.

New Members: Bonnie & Phil Gagnon, Niri Govind & Amity Andersen

Visitors: Don & Mavis Burnett

Our speaker, George Last gave slide show on Mammoths and Mastodons of Eastern Washington.

Dues: Pat Lambert has contacted those that were past due and most are now paid up.

April Show Matters: Sign up sheets are available for the Show in April. They need people to help out at different areas of the show and to set up cases. The month before the show, they will set up times to get cases. Saturday, February 9, 2008, there will be a work crew at Frank's barn to put together cases to find those that need repaired. Meet at Fairgrounds at 9:00am at the sign at the edge of the Fairgrounds. They won't be working on liners at this time. Max states they will salvage fronts that they can and 10 new boxes will be made. Dave Westland is doing a list for volunteers. If you can't make it to pick up the cases, meet at Mary Lou's house at 803 S. Edison in Kennewick. Evelyn announced there are 48 cases that need filled for the Show. There was also an announcement made that Yellowstone disbanded it's club in Montana and suggested that we see if we can get more cases from them. Contact Steve or Floyd to mix polished rocks for Juniors for show and fair. BBQ for show: Kevin suggested that bring up the possibility of purchasing BBQ's at the next board meeting on February 18, 2008. Get with Steve if you want to display in public libraries a month prior to the show for publicity.

Library: Mary Lou told about the library that is available to members. If you have any interests, please check with her.

Kevin asked if there is a checkout method for the short wave fluorescent lamp. There isn't at this time, but Larry Hustrom has control of it.

Bragging Table: Max showed his fossils of grasses, leaves, calcified clams from Lake Roosevelt and Republic fossils. Another member showed his trilobites and man-made clovis point for hunting mammoths. Evelyn shared her mammoth tooth, tooth and tusk of Russia and mastodon tooth. Rod shared his bed of seashells and what he thought looked like petrified raindrops. Floyd showed his dino bone rib from Henry Mountains in Utah and petrified wood with bark. Leona shared her whale bone. Rhea shared her assortment of fossilized treasures the found in a small 12" x 12" spot in Indiana.

Minutes taken by Mickee Madden and Heather Moon, jointly

**Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2008**

Program:

Guests Alice and Bob Jones, Bill and Denise Henry, Whitney and Mike Boyce, Mia and Burt Young, Tami and Gary Ell and Allan Evans made up part of the 63 attendees for our meeting.

Announcements: Rod Coler shared that John Silko has later stage colon cancer and has had his entire colon removed. He is starting chemotherapy, but not certain of the prognosis. He would most probably enjoy a card of well wishes from members.

Door Prize: Mavis Burnette won the prize. She picked out some rockhounding tools.

Treasurer's Report: President, Ron Passage asked for the treasurer's report. Heather Moon reported that we had an income from dues, pins and cabbings fees and expenditures for the Christmas party, library supplies and a trim blade.

Correspondence: Ron shared information about the Marysville and Yakima shows and the Madras Pow Wow.

April Show: Chairperson, Dave Westland, gave an overview of the progress. Plastic bags and donations or consignments are needed for the silent auction. Consignment nets 30% for the club and 70% for the seller. We also need slab donations for cabin classes and demonstrations at the show.

General Business: There will be a work party for the liners on Saturday, March 8, at Omsteads starting at 10:00. (This didn't happen until the next week, due to a misunderstanding.) Max Hatfield needs about 4 people on March 15 to help rebuild the old cases.

We will rent a BBQ when we need to use one for our activities. The cost for a large one is \$25 and we pick it up and return it.

Doug Stoudt is updating information and has the information on a disc on his laptop for people to critique and give input. The URL is www.lsgmc.org.

If you would like saw oil, you may get it at Ralph Eichner's house for \$8 a gallon. Please bring a jug.

Don Snyder brought back miscellaneous books from Tucson. If you would like one, please take it.

Steve Shoemaker gave an overview of the 2008 Washington Youth Outdoor Adventure Expo. We will most likely take part in it next year, but felt it is a bit late to get involved for this year.

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Bragging Table: (“picture rocks”)

Dave Westland showed off some Owyhee Canyon jaspers and the pictures one can see in them.

Elmer Ringering brought picture rock from Phillips reservoir by Baker. He also had some very interesting brecciated jasper. He reported that you can't get into McDermott yet because of snow and that Graveyard Point is temporarily closed.

Jerry Johnson stated the picture rock he was displaying was actually silicified mud from Biggs Junction.

Kerry Norton had “just a rock” (he gave additional information about it, but I couldn't read my writing-sorry)

Kevin Newcomb showed off the picture of a dog in his wood opal sphere. He said it must be “dogwood”.

Richard Voss had a collection of pieces of jasper and Montana agate. With imagination and a good eye one could see a moose head-Bullwinkle, ET, the Seattle space needle and evergreens.

Myrene Northey told about being gifted with the geode with “a picture?” inside.

Ron Passage brought his three rocks-a sphere of red rock from Sedona, AZ, Casper the friendly ghost and a nine-inch Richardson Ranch sphere for his granddaughter when she gets married.

Frank Omstead related the story of Kevin's find that he wanted to make into a sphere. Frank told him it needed to be sliced. Fortunately, Kevin listened to him and ended up with a special specimen

Judi Allison brought a thunderegg from Little Naches that she decided to dub an iceberg. Others saw something else in it, including a tepee.

Rhea Bowerly obviously had given some thought to her “pictures”. She shared a two-sided Dr. Seuss gazelle/flying dragon, Casper “Jasper” the ghost, Casper's buddies, Mt Saint Helens, and an cow elk that had been a bull until she repolished it.

Maryann Benny brought along some items from an estate sale and was looking for help in identification.

Larry Hulstrom gave and illustrated talk on developing a display for a show.

Thanks, Larry for helping others understand the process.

Secretary, Judi Allison

Show meeting March 17, 2008

Attendance: Linda Spinner, Mary Lou Omstead, Max Hatfield, Pat Lambert, Pat Richardson, Evelyn Cataldo, Judi Allison, Ron Passage, Floyd and Leona George, Dave Westland, Chris Sorensen, Heather Moon, Jane Moore, Don Snyder, Ralph Eichner

Contract with the Fairgrounds: Evelyn presented a number of changes Two contact people who have cell phones and a copy of their DL# are needed-Evelyn and Mary Lou volunteered. Security deposit increased to \$250. Rent increased by \$50. Camping and key deposit fees need to be paid within two days or there will be a penalty increasing daily. We need a sign with black type and white background about not allowing unruly or intoxicated people

Other items reviewed:

Garbage containers: fair supplies-we will not try to recycle this year.

Food and catering-Henry's if the fairgrounds approves it's application for \$5 million insurance.

Norm Massey will get the key to the fairgrounds

We will borrow stanchions and curtains from the Hatrockhounds in trade for use of 12 cases and liners.

Cases-Ten are done. Max will build 8 more. One more workshop is needed. We will take the fronts to have the glass put in.

Lunch/Dinner chairpersons will decide if barbeque grills are needed.

The geode breaker is repaired for hollow geodes. It is still questionable if we will be able to get hollow ones.

Tickets and stamps: Pat Richardson will buy more tickets and we will locate the stamps.

Federation officers and delegates will receive free passes.

Advertising: Jane Moore presented what she had in mind for advertising: Entertainer, Herald, Giant Nickel.

We lost the reader board in Richland. Larry Hulstrom will do the television ads. All agreed that what was presented was a go.

We will not sell map guidebooks, as the Mineral Council decided that they would be sold to members only to help with people following the Rockhounds Code of Ethics.

Signs: Please count how many you have at home. Bring the information to the April meeting. Don Snyder has the A frame for his sign. He just needs the lettering.

Ron and Dave will take care of that.

First Aid Kit: we need to be certain it is at hand

Library Displays: We currently have displays going into Prosser and Keewaydin

Rules for the silent auction will be put in the Geode.

Bags for Juniors: we may need to stuff some.

Set up-Greg Silven will be in charge.

Demonstrations will include intarsia, faceting, cabbings, and spheres.

Silent Auction guidelines:

1. One can't bid on auctions in the time slot they are working.
2. Bidding takes place only on the general public side.
3. Winnings from auctions will not be stored in the auction area.
4. Three all day auctions per person or five per family membership each day.

Reminder - Auction items are not to compete with the dealers in the sense that one does not buy items just to resell them. Auction items should be something you found, cut, made, polished, or result from thinning of one's collection.

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Board Minutes Monday, March 17, 2008

Present: Evelyn Cataldo, Pat Lambert, Max Hatfield, Mary Lou Omstead, Ron Passage, Floyd and Leona George, Judi Allison, Ralph Eichner, Chris Sorensen, Pat Richardson, Heather Moon, Jane Moore

Old Business: Linda Spinner will do a presentation on mineral identification for our April meeting.

Saw Oil: Ralph has been selling oil, but telling the people to pay the treasurer. He will keep a list so treasurer, Heather Moon can check off as people pay.

Meeting Place: Our numbers are growing and our meeting place is getting too small to satisfy our needs. Some suggestions have been the Cathedral of Joy, Pasco PUD, and the Grange Hall. A big issue is storage. Perhaps the Juniors could continue to meet at the bank.

Members; please give ideas and input of where we might meet. Before the next meeting, we will count chairs and survey the space to decide if we need to buy more chairs.

New Business: Evelyn Cataldo suggested that we need a new chairperson. The person would be in charge of such things as updating our listing in the Rock and Gem and submitting information for the Rockhound of the Year Award along with other Publicity related items. We will bring this up at the general meeting.

April Board and Show Meetings: April 7th, 6:30-show, 7:30-board

Secretary, Judi Allison

Ashwood Rockstock Memorial Day 2008

For those not lucky enough to be able to attend the Tri-Federation Rockhound Rendezvous on Memorial Day, there is another option. The **Ashwood Rockstock's Spring Dig** will be held May 23th thru 26th, 2008.

The area around Ashwood Oregon (thirty miles northeast of Madras) is well-known for its agate beds, which include Friend Green Moss, Friend Apple Agate, Friend Eggs, Marston Multi-colored Wood Replacement, and MacDonald Wood. We, also, mined Polka-Dot agate from the nearby mine.

We attended the last two years and had a nice time. This year may be a little busier because the Ashwood area has been featured on "The Best Places to Find Cash and Treasure" television program and in an article in Rock and Gem Magazine.

We arrived on Friday night and camped in a Friend Ranch pasture. It is dry camping but a porta-potty is furnished. The camping is free but there is a \$10.00 participation fee. Ranchers come to the camping area and lead participants to dig areas. The first year we attended, all of the ranchers participated, but last year some of the ranchers were out of town. Digs also depend on the weather. The first year we were there it rained and the Friend thunderegg road turned to very slippery, very sticky, very mucky, clay. Cathy Friend was leading us to the area and her truck got stuck. We had a camper on our truck and could only make it about halfway thru the area where she sunk. We backed out to solid ground and someone offered Cathy and us a ride. Once it stopped raining it didn't take long for it to dry up enough for our camper to make it through.



Camping space was available.

As a reminder that we should all be careful about undermining large rocks, we watched what happens when the bank caves in and a leg is broken. We were sitting in camp, admiring our finds, when the Friend's pickup came roaring down the track, faster than I had ever seen it travel. Pretty soon it went roaring up the track with a litter in the back. Soon it was back and sometime later it went roaring back up, followed much more slowly by an ambulance. The ambulance was at the dig for quite a while and then appeared at the top of the hill. The attendants kept getting out and running up to the very top of the hill (apparently trying to get cell phone coverage). After a long time, the ambulance came down the hill and left. About 30 minutes later, a helicopter arrived and circled the area. After circling a few times, it left. Perhaps an hour later, the helicopter came back and circled some more—we assumed looking for the ambulance and patient.



A little help digging.

WANTED:

Pictures from the show for the newsletter and our website. Please take pictures of rocks, people, or activities and email them to me by April 23rd to be in the May issue of the Geode.

Thank you,
Chris Sorensen
Geode, editor
lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com

The MacDonald Wood and the Marston Wood Replacement is dug by machinery and easily picked up from the piles they create.

Travel south on 97 to NE Pony Butte Road (also called the Ashwood Road—a small, easy to miss, road off the east side of 97—start looking for it not long after you pass the Antelope turnoff). The camp is easy to find. Just follow the Ashwood Road about 16 miles and look for the big "CAMP" sign on the left.

by Pat Lambert



Max working to find thundereggs.

From the Ashwood Rockstock web site
<http://www.ashwoodrockstock.com>

Sponsored by: Area Landowners

This dig is open to all rockhounds. Currently, there are no club memberships or minimum purchases required. This, however, is subject to change. Dry camping is available on the Friend Ranch. Nearest Motels, campgrounds with electrical and water hookups, grocery stores, and fueling stations are 30 miles away in Madras. There is a \$5 per person or \$10 per vehicle participation fee

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Some large crystals for sale at the Tucson show. Picture courtesy of Kevin Boulter.