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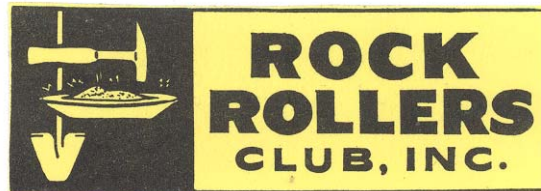
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ROCK ROLLER MEETING

April 26, 2011 Tue. 6:00pm

9517 E. 4th AVE.
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JUNIORS 6:00pm --Tues. Apr.26th

BOARD MEETING

Sat. -- April 23 , 2011 10:00am

*** SHOW BOARD -- Sat. - Apr. 23rd 11:00am
9517 E 4th AVE.

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NEWS - TO Editor by May 8th

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES– March 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President David Rapp at 10:00am with the Flag Salute. The treasurer’s report was given and minutes were approved as published in the last bulletin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Port Angeles with fliers for the Gem show on March 26th and 27th. Communiqué from the Colville club advising that Mable Barrens is on dialysis and Luci Bristow is recovering from heart surgery. Our best wishes go out to them.

PROGRAMS: Program for Tuesday, March 22, will be information regarding setting up a display case for the show. The April program will be by Lynn Schovell regarding Oil Exploration.

FEDERATION: Dennis will be unable to attend the Apr16th meeting. Alternate Don Knack will.

MINERAL COUNCIL: First meeting will be March 26th in Ellensburg. Mike Shaw will attend.

LIBRARY: Marian and Kathleen did an inventory on the books. Several are missing again. The last bulletin has a list. Please check and see if you have any of them.

SCHOLARSHIP: Three pair of faceted gemstones have been donated by Jerry Pfeiffer, and a Septarian Bison and Calcite Bear donated by the Agee’s. Drawing - May meeting for five winners.

FIELD TRIPS: Mike is working with the Panorama (Colville) club to coordinate field trips.

Marian Knack – Secretary Pro-Tem

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – March 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President David Rapp at 6:10p.m. with the Flag Salute. There were 31 members present, 2 guests and 2 juniors.

The meeting was adjourned temporarily for the program – “How to enter a display case in the show”. The meeting was reconvened.

Treasurer’s report was given and minutes were approved as published in the last **bulletin**.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Steve Livingstone thanking us for the flowers and card and stated he will be at the show. Email from Bill Blue. He would not be here for our show this year.

PROGRAMS - The April program will be by Lynn Schovell regarding Oil Exploration.

BULLETIN – Due April 8th.

FEDERATION: Don Knack will attend the April 16th meeting in lieu of Dennis Hicks.

MINERAL COUNCIL: Mike Shaw and delegates will attend the March 26th meeting.

LIBRARY: Several books missing again. List is in last month’s bulletin. Due to the fact that we keep losing books, the library will soon be locked up and accessible only meeting nights. It will be opened on Monday and Tuesday nights when requested.

FIELD TRIPS: A list in the last bulletin and also information on the bulletin board at the club house.

OLD BUSINESS: Keep tumbling rocks even after the show so we have enough for next year. We only had enough this year for 1,000 bags and we need 2,000!!! Continue saving cancelled stamps for the Federation cancer benefit. Deposit in box at club house

NEW BUSINESS: **2011 ROSTER** - A motion was made, seconded and passed to have copies of the 2011 roster at the club house for pick up by members if they want one. In that our bulletin goes on the internet on our web site, the members did not want their information put out there for everyone to view. If you want it mailed or e-mailed call Marian. 926-6444 **Email is preferred.**

WIRE WRAPPING CLASS: Mike Shaw is looking into a class at the club house for Sunday May 1st. Info to follow when finalized.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: The next meeting will be Saturday April 23rd at 10:00am followed by a follow-up **SHOW BOARD meeting** at 11:00a.m.

DOOR PRIZES: Won by junior Emma Evens, adult Kathryn Fuller.

SCHOLARSHIP: See information in Board of Director’s minutes. **Meeting** adjourned at 8:00pm.

Marian Knack – Secretary Pro-tem

APRIL PROGRAM -- Chair., Erec Grimm 1st Vice President, has arranged for a guest speaker addressing the topic of "Oil Exploration". This is something that affects all of us and it promises to be interesting and enlightening.

REFRESHMENTS -- Kathleen Govett -- ph-244-8542 **COOK'S CHOICE**

Kathleen Govett -- June Robbins -- Glynis Hull --

Thanks to Jerry Fougere, Don Knack , Jackie McGarvey, Teri Pratt, Erma Riese, for March's food and drinks

HOSPITALITY -- Cindie Doppler, ph 216-5473 Member ill etc.?? Call Cindie

The current **Membership Roster** may be picked up at the Club House. It will not be published in our Bulletin.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS... Kevin Choates, Catherine Reynolds, Rhonda Chapman

LAPIDARY CLASSES -- Mike Shaw -- 251-5473 Mon. & Tues -- 6:00pm

WIRE WRAPPING CLASS-- There will be a wire wrapping class taught by Karen Snyder, **Sunday, May 1st** at the clubhouse. It was a fun and informative class last year when some of us took the beginning class. It is \$30.00 per person. In the morning at **10 am, there will be a beginning class.** At **1 pm there will be an intermediate class** for those that took the class last year and practiced. Tools will be available for those that need them, and both copper and silver wire will be available for purchase. Copper is 50 cents a foot. Silver is available also. It is \$3.50/ft for square, and \$2.00/ft for ½ round. You will need between 3 and 4 feet of square, and 2-3 feet of ½ round depending on the size of your cab. Of course, you're welcome to bring your own wire or tools. You'll be surprised what a beautiful pendant you can do the first time. Sign up will be available at the clubhouse or by e-mailing me at mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com , or calling Mike Shaw at (509)244-8542. Please indicate beginning or intermediate class.

SCHOLARSHIP -- David Rapp 891-6533 May 2011 Drawing

Leon Agee donated a Septarian Bison and Calcite Bear. Gerry Pfeiffer donated three [3] Pair of faceted gemstones . Very Nice.....

Web Site -- It was suggested members may be interested to have websites of clubs around us.

lakesidegemand mineral club.com Kennewick

northidahomineralclub.com CDA

panoramagem.com Colville

NFMS GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

WENATCHEE -- May 7,8, -- Walla Walla Point Park, Walla Walla St., Wenatchee.
Old Fashioned "tailgate" version show -- Local displays & visiting venders. Free

Apr.30, May 1 West Seattle Rock Club, Alki Masonic Temple, Seattle, Wa.

May 7, 8 Bozeman Gem & Min. Club..... Gallatin Co. Fairgrounds, ... Bozeman, Mt.

May 14,15 The Bitterroot Gem & Min.,. First Interstate Events Center, Hamilton, Mt.

June 3,5 Puyallup Valley Gem & Min. Club-- Fruitland Grange, Puyallup, Wa.

June 11,12 Butte Mineral & Gem Club, Butte Civic Center Annex, Butte, Mt.

[for more information see NFMS April Newsletter]

Also--read the ALAA article -- Apr. - Northwest Newsletter page 8

read Public Lands Advisory by Andy Johnson page 10

FIELD TRIP

May field trips will be to new areas we haven't visited since I've been a member.

The first is to the Evans Campground Quarry in Kettle Falls on Saturday, May 7th. We'll be collecting serpentine with small barite crystals, dolomite and calcite. Some of the serpentine has a bluish tint to it. There are fossils and some interesting concretions to be found on a road cut behind Kettle Falls also. It's a rocky, steep climb to get to the fossils, but not too far. A field trip director from Panorama Gem and Mineral Club, Steve Fox, will be meeting us in Kettle Falls to lead us on this trip. In the past we've gone on several trips with this club and had a wonderful time. We'll meet at the North Division Rosauers at the Y, on the Hwy 395 side close to the Goodwill Donation Van. We'll leave for Kettle Falls at 8 am. The tools Steve says we'll need are a rock hammer (naturally), a small shovel, heavy hammer, and bar. If you have a large masonry chisel, bring it along. We'll join Steve at Harvest Foods in Kettle Falls at 10 am, and he'll lead us to the collecting sites.

Our second trip will be an extended trip to the Rockhound Rendezvous at Hampton Butte, Or. This will begin Thursday evening, May 26th and field trips to Hampton Butte for green petrified wood, the Paulina area for pink green and blue limb casts and to Glass Butte for a wide variety of obsidian. Trip logs will be available to 8 to 10 other nearby sites for agate, thunder eggs, jasper and petrified wood for self guided collecting trips. These trips will include: Muary Mountain jasper, Bear Creek petrified wood, Eagle Rock dendritic/moss agate, Ochoco thunder eggs, and several other petrified wood and thunder egg sites. The last field trips will be Monday, May 30th, and we'll break camp the following morning. There is detailed information posted on the field trip bulletin board at the shop, or it is available online at: [Mike Shaw ph 251-1574](http://www.amfed.org/nfms/nwnews/nw0311.pdf) <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/nwnews/nw0311.pdf>. Please check the information for required tools, potluck dinners, schedule, etc. Signing up before May 20th is required to attend.

Message from the president: David Rapp

Congratulations Rock Roller members for successfully putting on our 52nd Annual Rock, Gem and Mineral Show! Many of our members need to be thanked for their monumental efforts in making this show our best yet. Quite a few members worked all week to get the show set up and then worked at the show for three days as well as helping to return everything back to the club house. We should all especially thank Jerry Pfeiffer for being not only the overall show chairman but also the dealer chairman. The dealers I talked to were really pleased with the turnout and their sales. Even though quite a few members helped we could have used more workers. Please consider getting involved and helping for next years show. If you can help for even a few hours that will make a big difference. **To see in color go to web site.**



Grand Prize Winner:
The Grand Prize (A beautiful Amethyst Cathedral from Brazil) was won by Tara Dudley of Lewiston, ID. She and her husband Matt drove to Spokane today to pick it up.

COMMON ROCKHOUND AILMENTS

Cabochon Convulsions: Fits that are commonly associated with grinding of the fingertips and the knuckles.

Faceter's Fever: Denoted by an uncommon brightness of the eye, characterized by symmetrical refraction of the light emitting there from.

Lapidary Lament: Also known as Post Polish Depression. This condition brought on by the rule discovery of a heretofore unseen fracture after the cab is complete.

Stone Tumbler's Tinnitus: A persistent ringing in the ears, curable only by permanent removal of the rock tumbler from the premises.

Hobby pocket: This is the most common ailment of all, one that is rapidly becoming endemic. a deep-seated emptiness brought on by over-exposure to rock shops, supply catalogs, and gem and mineral shows [From Pick & Pack, 4/00,.Original source unknown Via Conglomerate, 2/11]

Washington State Mineral Council Board Meeting

Mike Shaw, Becky Gillespie and Steve Gillespie went to the WSMC meeting in Ellensburg on March 26. About twenty people from various clubs attended.

Guest speakers from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Jeanne Williams, the Southeast Region District Manager, and her husband Mark Williams, the Southeast Region Recreation Program Manager, talked about the DNR and gave us their views on rock collecting. They spoke at length about the lack of funding for DNR recreation programs and their enthusiasm for the proposed "Discovery Pass" Bill 2652.

The Williams emphasized that DNR land is not public land, it is land held in trust for beneficiaries that include schools, universities and prisons. Managing the land to provide long-term income from timber sales, agricultural leases, mining leases, etc., for the beneficiaries is the DNR's primary responsibility. Removing sources of potential income robs the beneficiaries. Also, much of the leased land is closed to public access by the lessee. For example, the wind farm near Vantage is closed, as are many orchards and vineyards.

The Williams's enjoy collecting rocks and are not opposed to rock hounds hauling five-gallon buckets of rocks from DNR land in their region. Green dot signs stating "no removal of mineral or wood products or artifacts without permission" are intended to prevent commercial, large scale removal of wood or minerals. (Indian artifacts are not to be removed by anyone, in any quantity, ever.) Their advice was that if a public road gives access to DNR land and there are no signs posted limiting access, it should be OK to collect rocks. Recreation permits are required for groups of 25 or more staying overnight. Contact the local office to see if a permit is needed for a large-group day-trip. Most recently gated roads were closed because the roads are unsafe and will not be reopened until funding is available for repairs. Temporary access requests may be granted in gate-specific cases.

Managers of the other five DNR regions have their own ideas about rock collecting and clubs are advised to contact the appropriate regional manager before planning a field trip in those regions. Likewise, clubs are advised to contact Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) regional managers before collecting on DFW land.

During the business portion of the meeting we were reminded that an experienced member from the club sponsoring a WSMC field trip must be at the meeting place to guide people to the collecting site.

The following motions were passed:

- WSMC will join the ALAA (American Land Access Association)
- Land Use Committee will form to track related legislation
- Facebook page for WSMC will be created
- Individuals can buy non-voting memberships for \$8 yearly.

All members are encouraged to write their state legislators asking them to open up state lands (DNR and DFW) for rock hounding. Keep it civil, please, and don't use form letters. "Tell them about why you love rock hounding. Tell them you need access to state lands, and why you don't want them to keep you from rock collecting on these lands. Ensure them that you are responsible and ethical individuals who only take what you can use and are not interested in harming the environment."

Slate of Officers for 2011 presented in November 2010 was accepted unanimously. New officers include Mike Shaw as 2nd Vice-President, and Krisanne Gray as Eastside Trustee for 2011-13.

Submitted by Becky Gillespie

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2. Thou shalt not test the strength of crystals by pushing, biting or squeezing.
3. Thou shalt not drop thy neighbor's fossil, for many do not bounce properly.
4. Thou shalt not place thy neighbor's specimen in thine own pocket.
5. Thou shalt not test thy neighbor's agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
6. Thou shalt not argue the name of that mineral too violently; sometimes thou could be wrong.
7. Thou shalt not climb above thy neighbor when on a field trip unless thou are willing to spend remainder of day digging him out.
8. Thou shalt protect thine own eyes, hands and feet so thou can enjoy many more field trips.
9. Thou shalt not encroach upon thy neighbor's diggings lest his hammer be dropped on thy toe.
10. Thou shalt not complain about or denounce thy club officers under penalty of being elected one thyself.

(fr. Others via Scribe, 11/92)
