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www.rockrollers.org



Photos from annual Christmas dinner – Marian Knack & xenon



2012 Rock Rollers Hall of Fame



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHOW BOARD MEETINGS: The January Board of Directors meeting will be Saturday, January 21, at 10AM at the club house and will be followed by the Show Board meeting at 11AM. All committee heads and anyone interested in helping in the show please attend the Show Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – Marian Knack

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS

2012 Membership cards will be available for pick up at the club house by January 3rd.

2012 ROSTER - Marian Knack

The 2012 roster is now available and there are copies in the club house for pick-up. We do not publish the roster with your personal information in the bulletin. If you wish a roster and can't get to the club house, I will email you one if you have a computer: manack@comcast.net

HOSPITALITY – Cyndie Doppler member ill, etc.,?? Call Cyndie Doppler 216-5473.

LIBRARY – Marian Knack

Bev Bockman donated 7 videos on Precious Metal Clay. They have been logged and are in the file.

V-23	Precious Metal Clay – Silver in No Time	Vol. 1
V-24	Precious Metal Clay – Silver in No Time	Advanced Vol. I
V-25	Precious Metal Clay – Silver in No Time	Vol. 2
V-26	Precious Metal Clay – Silver in No Time	Advanced Vol. II
V-27	Precious Metal Clay – Silver in No Time	Vol. 3
V-28	Precious Metal Clay – Intermediate Techniques	
V-29	Precious Metal Clay	

SHOP NEWS – Mike Shaw**Shop Cleanup Day**

We could use some volunteers for Tuesday the 24th at 3:30PM to do a thorough cleaning of the clubhouse and shop. I'll be cleaning out the slabsaws and repainting the 8" grinding wheels at a later date, but it's time to mop the floors and clean everything else.

Workshop Roster Reminder

As a reminder: to avoid any confusion about charges, sign in before you begin working with the equipment and sign out when you are done.

TWO UPCOMING SHOP CLASSES – Mike Shaw**Beading Class – Bead Around a Cab**

Becky Tallman of Something Fun Beads, Jewelry and Gifts has offered to give a class at the clubhouse if there's enough interest shown. For \$20 she will supply all materials and tools for learning to bead around a cab. This could be a fun project where we learn something new to do with our cabs. The class will be scheduled as soon as we get everyone agreed on a time.

Silversmithing Class

Sam Keiser was able to get Don Norris, a well known silversmithing instructor, to schedule us in for a two day silversmithing class. This will take place just before or after our show the first weekend in May. The price will be \$225 if we get six to eight people, or \$275 for five or less. Class size is limited to eight. This is usually a \$300 class, but since our club won't be taking any profit, these are just his basic fees. All tools and materials are provided, and after this class, you'll be able to do your own silver work at home. Flyers are posted on the Shop Bulletin Board. A deposit of \$150 is required. Go to Don's website to see some examples of what you can make:

<http://www.silversmithing.homestead.com/silverclasses1.html>

FIELD TRIPS – Mike Shaw

It's time to start planning field trips for next season, and we're looking for suggestions. We have a few already scheduled in conjunction with the Washington State Mineral Council. The trips to Wasco were written up in last month's Rock and Gem Magazine, and are limited to 30 people, so expect heavy competition for signing up to go on these two.

We'll be in contact with the Panorama Gem and Mineral Club from up North in Stevens County. They have lots of good field trips and are great people to rockhound with. I'm especially counting on them to show us where all the gold is for panning this year. We're going to plan a trip to an old mine near Saltese, MT to get some beautiful blue and green copper minerals. There are examples in the display case at the clubhouse.

Please make suggestions for what you're interested in to Mike Shaw. For those of you who didn't get to go to Mario and Son Marble and Granite in Liberty Lake, we're going to plan another trip to their facility. It's fascinating and beautiful.

3/11	Saddle Mountain near Vantage	Petrified Wood (weather permitting)
4/21	Saddle Mountain near Vantage	Petrified Wood
5/19 & 20	Wasco, OR	China Hollow Picture Jasper
6/23	Emerald Creek near Clarkia, ID	Star Garnet
7/28	Wenatchee Lake	Garnet, Actinolite, Talc (Soapstone)
8/11 & 12	Lolo Pass, MT	Smokey Quartz
9/8 & 9	Red Top Mt. near Ellensburg	Thundereggs
9/15 & 20	Little Naches near Yakima	Thundereggs
9/29 & 30	Wasco, OR	China Hollow Picture Jasper
10/6	Red Marble Quarry(Chewelah)	Magnesite, Serpentine w/Pyrite

DISCOVER PASS

The Discover Pass, a \$30 to \$35 pass (depending on the vendor) required since July 2011 for vehicle access to state parks and many other state lands, hasn't helped out the Washington State Parks as much as hoped. Two main problems – needing a separate pass for each vehicle owned, and lack of publicity about it, has kept it from selling as expected. Since both problems will be addressed in this year's Legislature, it may be beneficial to wait until you need it to purchase it. The pass is good for 12 months from the date purchased, and waiting to purchase it may allow time for the legislature to make it good for multiple vehicles. Don't take a chance on going without it, though, as the fine for doing so is \$99 (or \$59 if you buy a Discover Pass within 15 days of the violation). More information is available at this website:

www.discoverpass.wa.gov/faq

DISCOVER PASS EXEMPTIONS

Here is an alternative to the Discover Pass that may be of interest to some of our members. It is a pass for those age 62 and over with an annual income of \$35,000 or less. It allows you to use any state land without a Discover Pass, camp for ½ price, and launch boats free. It doesn't cover DNR or WDFW (Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife) lands. The application is available online at:

<http://www.parks.wa.gov/publications/other/Senior%20citizen%20limited%20income%20pass%20application.pdf>

There are similar exemptions for disabled veterans, foster parents and people with disabilities. If you have a disability placard or license plate, you don't need a Discover Pass. Foster parents are exempt as long as they have their foster child along. If you are a disabled veteran, a pass is available at:

<http://www.parks.wa.gov/publications/other/Disability%20pass%20application.pdf>

NFMS GEM & MINERALS SHOWS

Feb 10-12	Oregon Agate & Mineral Soc.	OMSI, Portland, OR
Feb 11-12	Whidbey Island Gem Club	Oak Harbor Senior Ctr, Oak Harbor, WA
Feb 25-26	Idaho Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.	Expo Idaho, Boise, ID
Mar 3-4	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Soc.	O'Conner Field House, Caldwell, ID
Mar 10-11	Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls Co Fairgrounds, Filer, ID
Mar 10-11	Rock and Arrowhead Club	Klamath Co Fairgrounds, Klamath Falls, OR

(for more information see NFMS Jan/Feb Newsletter <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/nwnews/JanFeb 2012.pdf>)

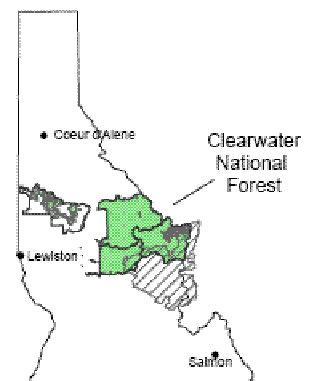
LAND ACCESS ISSUES

Bev Bockman has alerted us to two items from the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) website www.sharetrails.org:

First, the Clearwater National Forest in Idaho has released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) for the Travel Planning project. The plan closes about 200 miles of trails and more than one million acres of the Clearwater National Forest to motorized users. Learn more at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=17992

Second, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is studying the habitat of the Sage Grouse in ten western states (Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Montana, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming). The resulting land use plan could close millions of acres to the public to preserve sagebrush grassland. Closing date for public comments is Feb 7, 2012. Comments can be submitted by mail, email or fax: *MAIL:* Bureau of Land Management; Attn: Brian Amme; 1340 Financial Blvd; Reno, NV 89502. *EMAIL:* sagewest@blm.gov *FAX:* (775) 861-6747

For more information: <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse.html>



SB 6057 – ROCK COLLECTING BILL BEFORE STATE LEGISLATURE

The efforts of some Washington State Mineral Council members have resulted in a new bill being presented before the State Legislature that will permit recreation rock collecting, subject to certain restrictions.

The bill has been referred to committee, **please contact your legislators** to encourage further action to bring it to the floor for a vote of passage. Call, email or write! You can find your legislator at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

For the full text of the bill, go to <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/> and search for 6057. Two portions are excerpted below:

From page 1:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Recreational rock collecting in reasonable quantities for hobby use is a permitted activity on public land administered by the United States bureau of land management subject to certain restrictions. The legislature intends that Washington law reflects the allowances for this recreational activity on state lands managed by the following agencies: The department of fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources, and the state parks and recreation commission.

From page 8:

(67) "Mineral" means a naturally occurring solid substance with a specific chemical composition and crystalline structure. "Mineral" includes noncrystallized natural materials such as volcanic glass (obsidian) and opal, as well as all metallic minerals.

(68) "Petrified wood" means a type of fossilized terrestrial vegetation and should be distinguished from wood debris.

(69) "Rock" means a naturally occurring solid substance consisting of an assemblage of minerals such as quartz, feldspar, mica, garnet, and iron pyrite. "Rock" includes associated nonvertebrate fossils that may be included in rocks.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Recreational rock collecting from lands managed by the department is permitted under this chapter without written authorization provided:

- (a) The collection is for personal, noncommercial use;
- (b) The collection does not exceed two hundred fifty pounds per day; and
- (c) Only hand tools, such as shovels and picks, are used.

(2) Recreational rock collecting that is for commercial use, exceeds two hundred fifty pounds per day, or uses explosives or power equipment requires written authorization and payment of applicable fees.

(3) The department may prohibit recreational rock collecting in certain areas to prevent significant damage to natural resources, to protect public health and safety, or avoid conflict with other permitted uses.

(4) Collection of petrified wood from lands managed by the department is permitted under this chapter without written authorization provided the amount collected does not exceed twenty-five pounds per day and no more than two hundred fifty pounds per year.

(5) Pooling of petrified wood quotas among two or more people is prohibited.

(6) A permit is required for the collection of petrified wood in amounts exceeding those listed in subsection (4) of this section.

(7) Excavation, collection, or destruction of human remains, artifacts, or vertebrate fossils including skeletal materials, arrowheads, flakes, pottery or potsherds, mats, rock art, old bottles, or pieces of equipment or buildings is prohibited.

(8) Rock collection on active mining claims is prohibited.

(9) Rock collection in department managed rock quarries or stockpiles of crushed rock for road maintenance is prohibited.

OP – 3.1A SHOW CASE INFORMATION

December 2010

CASES

- Cases are provided. Liners are included.
- You may load the case on Thursday from noon until 8:00pm and Friday until 9:00am
- Case chair and others will be there to help.
- You may put your name but not a business card in the case. This is not always wise since thieves can find your home if you are in the phone book.
- Dealers may include a business card.
- No case may be opened after 10:00am Friday without the Case Chair and a fair guard unless you have given the Case Chair a written slip "**not to open unless you are present**".
- If something happens in your case that needs correction (a label slips or something similar), one of the case workers, accompanied by a fair guard, will open your case and make the correction. If the problem is of a serious nature you will be contacted before opening the case.

FILLING THE CASE

- Bring a Phillips head screw driver, pins, tape, etc.
- Pick up your name tag as soon as you enter the building, probably at the demo table.
- Lean the glass against the table so it does not fall. Don't put it in front of someone else's case.
- Clean, polish or dust specimens. Use silicone cloth or paper just before placing them in the case.
- A thin glove protects from finger prints.
- Don't crowd the case.
- Arrange items so the eye travels from one piece to another or one group to another.
- Labels should be readable, same size and font, typed if possible. In as much as you know, state what it is, what it's made from and where it came from. Ask knowledgeable members to help you.
- No selling is to be done from your case.

TAKE DOWN

- Wear your name tag until you leave the building for the last time.
 - If you bring helpers, they must get a helper name tag at the ticket booth when they enter.
 - Do not open your case until the Show Chair announces that the show is closed.
 - Do not leave your case unguarded while open.
 - Take down people will be waiting to take down cases and tables and are waiting on you.
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Happy New Year: 2012!