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 Juniors 6:00pm Tuesday, May24

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday May 24, 2011, 4:30 pm  
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 News to editor by June 10

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 23, 2011**

Minutes are not available on the internet, but should be soon and on a regular basis.

Treasurers report by Bev Bockman

Programs for the club lead by Erec Grim.

Bulletin submissions to Erma Riese. Becky Gillespie to take over as the new newsletter editor.

Cari Thrapp elected as new secretary.

**Federation:** Don Knack reports changes in the Federation by-laws, a new directory to be coming.

**Mineral Council:** Mike Shaw, details at the general meeting.

Cari Thrapp, Secretary

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – April 26, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President David Rapp with the Flag Salute. There were 38 members present, one junior and 6 guests.

Randy Anderson requested a minute of silence for miner, Larry Marek, who died at the Happy Friday Mine.

A trophy was presented to John Keiser for a competitive junior showcase.

Guest presenter Lynn Schovell gave a presentation on the geology of oil exploration in Alaska.

Not able to approve minutes from the last meeting since they were not available. They were not posted on the website as our webmaster was on vacation, but will be available soon

**Door Prizes:** Door prize was won by Mildred Scheel.

**Correspondence:** Cari Thrapp, our newly elected secretary, read a letter from Veterans Affairs and a show vendor.

**Treasurer:** Report from Bev Bockman, show financial report summarized.

**Programs:** Erec Grim gave a quick overview of future programs. He is working on a Dishman Hills presentation. Dennis Hicks will present in June on Idaho Star Garnets

**Bulletin:** Erma has elected to step down from the position of bulletin editor. She had been the acting editor since 1992, earning many first place awards during her service. Becky Gillespie was appointed to editor of the Rock Rollers Newsletter. Bulletin submissions are due by May 6.

**Federation:** Don Knack stated there will be changes in the federation by-laws to be voted on by the Federation at a later date. There is a new Federation directory in the club library and two to be purchased for \$5 if anybody is interested. Information was placed on the front table in the club.

**Mineral Council:** Report will be in the bulletin by Becky, the mineral council meeting was attended by Mike Shaw and Becky Gillespie.

**Show Chair:** Jerry Pfeiffer said thank you for another successful year. Mike Shaw to be successor show board chairman.

**Library:** Policies reviewed by Marian Knack. Dennis Hicks is making doors for the library shelves.

**Scholarship:** Drawing for five scholarship items will be at the May meeting.

**Field Trips:** Rock-n-Tomahawk Ranch April 30

**ALAA report:** Report from Bev Bockman. Land now open to rock hounds is trying to be closed to rock collecting. Look online at amlands.org to find current issues and who to write to preserve our rock hounding rights.

**Membership:** 126 members, 16 new members as a result of the show. Life members are 20 years or greater.

**Old Business:** Wire wrapping class May 1, details in the newsletter. Cost has been decreased to \$25 per person, \$45 if attending both classes.

**New Business:** Hank Moseley was appointed as the new faceting instructor. A sign up sheet is in the club house. Class size and time to be determined. It was decided that class fees would be \$10 per class. The 3 faceting machines already approved for purchase will need to be ordered.

Saw oil and new grinding wheels will be purchased by Mike Shaw

New shop hour rates: increased from \$2 to \$3 hour starting July 1

Next meeting will be May 24.

Cari Thrapp, Secretary

**Message from President Dave Rapp:**

I would especially like to welcome all of our new members and those of you who have recently rejoined the Rock Rollers Club. It is very enjoyable to get to know our new members and to reacquaint ourselves with former members who have come back to the club. As our objective states: The purpose of the Rock Rollers Club is to unite and associate with persons who are interested in the study of the earth sciences, the collection minerals, gem materials, and fossils and for generally broadening our knowledge in these fields.

We have many exciting activities to look forward to in the coming months including fieldtrips, workshop nights, classes, and interesting and educational programs at our monthly meetings. We will also have a picnic meeting in July at a local park.

**Scholarship:** The three month scholarship drawing will be held at the May meeting at which time there will be five winners chosen. It is not too late to buy tickets so you have a chance to be one of the five members who will go home with one of the five prizes. As a reminder, the money raised from these drawings goes toward paying for some of the Field Study expenses for selected geology majors at Eastern Washington University.

**Board of Directors Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held at 4:30 PM prior to our May club meeting on May 24th. Board meetings are normally held on the Saturday before the Tuesday club meetings at 10 AM.

**May Program:** Dishman Hills Natural Area

**Refreshments:** Refreshments for the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be provided by:

Aura Lee, Gretchen Blume, Mary Jane Brown and Angela Martin.

Thanks to June Robbins, Becky Gillespie, Glynnis Hull and Kathleen Govett for the delicious refreshments provided for the April meeting.

**Hospitality:** member ill, etc.,?? Call Cindie Doppler 216-5473

**Welcome New Members:** There are 27 new members!

**SHOW DISPLAY CASES – Marian Knack**

I want to thank all of you who put in display cases this year. We had 55 cases, but would like to have more next year, so start thinking about it. I would also like to thank the three juniors who put in cases. One of the juniors, John Keiser, put in a competition case. He plans on putting one in again next year and one of our other juniors is thinking about it. Way to go juniors!

**LAPIDARY CLASSES AND SHOP UPDATE**

The Shop will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day. It'll be open on Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Just a reminder - the official shop hours are 6 to 8 pm Mondays and Tuesdays. At least one of the instructors tries to get there a little early to make sure the dop wax is hot and the machines are ready to go. You're welcome to come in early when we open the shop up, but please help get the shop ready before beginning to use the machines. When you're ready to begin working on the machines, sign in with the actual time you start, and sign out when you've completed working for the evening. Otherwise, we have no idea when you've quit working and are just visiting. There's no charge for just hanging out, and we don't want you to be charged for it. You will be charged only from when you sign in until you sign out. Don't use the machines before or after you sign in or out.

Don't forget shop fees go up to \$3.00 an hour July 1<sup>st</sup>. It's still a great bargain considering the cost of buying and maintaining the equipment.

The turnout at the workshop has been fantastic. Thanks to everyone being so helpful in welcoming our new members and helping them learn to use the machines.

Mike Shaw Shop Foreman 251-5473

**FACETING CLASSES**

The Faceting Team will meet after the Club's regular meeting on May 24, to discuss set-up and training schedules for the faceting workshops.

Please call Cliff Mosely 443-0448 if you have questions.

**FIELD TRIPS**

Last month's trip to Saddle Mountain was very successful. Everyone came back with a good amount of wood, and a few hit the jackpot. Lory Roth, Angela Martin, and Jan and Larry Butterfield all came out with some larger pieces that haven't been common for years. The Pend Oreille Club joined us, along with a couple members of the Wenatchee Club. The weather was surprisingly nice and sunny, although the wind came up, and it was really blowing at the diatomaceous earth pit.

The trip to Rock'N'Tomahawk Ranch wasn't quite as productive. We didn't find any real Ellensburg Blue, but we found some other interesting pieces. We went over to the Ellensburg Agate and Bead shop when we couldn't stand the wind anymore and admired the merchandise, and even brought a little home. We found out the locals follow the snow up as it melts, picking up the agate as it is exposed. We may have to change our strategy if we make this trip again.

**UPCOMING JUNE FIELD TRIPS**

Our first field trip will be to Emerald Creek between St. Maries and Clarkia for Star Garnets. We'll meet at the club house Saturday, June 11 at 8 am, and leave from there. These garnets are only found in Idaho and India. It's a fee dig run by the U.S. Forest Service and costs \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 12 to 6. All tools are provided, all you need to bring is lunch, drinking water and a baggie for your garnets. A hat and sunscreen would also be a good idea. Expect to get dirty and wet. A change of clothes isn't a bad idea. There'll be instruction at the shop on Monday and Tuesday evenings on how to find the stars in your garnets and polish them.

The next trip will be June 25th to a small town north of Omak called Riverside, where we'll gather Thulite, a beautiful pink and green rock that takes a great polish. We'll meet Jim Lawson, president of the Chief Joseph Gem and Mineral Club. He will take us to private property where we can dig Thulite, but it costs \$1.00 per lb. to take it home. We'll meet at the Yoke's supermarket in Airway Heights at 8 am, and travel up Hwy. 2 to Omak and on up from there to Riverside.

**THULITE IN WASHINGTON**

Excerpted from Bulletin of the University of Washington University Extension Series, Issue 21 "Ores, Coals and Useful Rocks of Washington" © 1917:

"This beautiful ornamental stone, called thulite, is from a massive deposit located east of the Okanogan River, four and one-half miles northeast of Riverside. Outcrops of thulite are found at several places on the property, in sufficient quantity for quarrying. The stone, when sawed and polished, exhibits very handsome coloring and vein effects which give it a high value for ornamental purposes. The pink and greenish portions of the material are thulite, while the dark green mineral is hornblende; some feldspar is also present."

**NORTHWEST FEDERATION MEETING, APRIL 16, 2011 – Don Knack**

Several resolutions were put forth to be voted on at the annual NFMS meeting, which will be July 29, 30, 31, 2011 in Chehalis, WA at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. There is hotel and camping information on the reference table in our club house. They reminded us to save cancelled stamps and bring them to this meeting. The 2011 directories were given out. Our club was given one for our library and we purchased two more which are for sale to members at \$5.00 each. The directory contains members' information from all the clubs, the Federation Bylaws, and a list of programs that can be used by the clubs. The 2012 Federation annual meeting will be held at the fairgrounds in Kennewick, May 18 – 20, 2012.

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## **WASHINGTON STATE MINERAL COUNCIL REPORT**

The Mineral Council met Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in Ellensburg. Two important topics were discussed. The first was regarding permits required on Forest Service or DNR land for rock collecting. It was decided that any Mineral Council sponsored trips would only be conducted after necessary permits are obtained from the controlling agency. This hasn't always been done in the past. This may affect our Lolo Pass smoky quartz trip, depending on the degree of difficulty in obtaining a permit. I've contacted the Lolo National Forest, and am waiting for their decision on issuing one. There has been significant damage and safety hazards created in the past in this area by rockhounds, but we're hoping that with assurances that we will refill and reseed any excavations, we can get permission to dig in some prime areas. Getting permits for the Little Naches thunderegg-collecting trip has also been a problem.

The second item of discussion was the new "Discover Pass" passed by the legislature and awaiting the governor's signature. It will require a yearly \$30.00 pass to use Washington State Forest or Department of Natural Resource land. A \$10.00 Day Use pass is available, as is a free pass for a volunteer who does 24 hours of approved work. A vehicle access pass will be issued with a hunting, fishing, or Sno-Park license, exempting the license holder from purchasing a Discover Pass. A Golden Age or other national pass will exempt the holder from having to purchase one, also. There will be a \$99.00 fine for noncompliance. If a Discover Pass is purchased within 15 days of being issued a ticket, the fine is reduced to \$59.00. It looks like this is definitely in our future. The bill, SB 5622, is available for review at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5622&year=2011> . Please read this bill for yourself, or wait for an official government publication, as my interpretation is not to be taken as gospel.

### **DISCOVER PASS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR MAY 12**



The Discover Pass will be required as of July 1 for vehicle access to recreation lands and water-access sites managed by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The pass—which will be available for sale in mid-June—will cost \$30 a year per vehicle or \$10 for a day-use pass. State recreation lands include state parks, boat

launches, campgrounds, heritage sites, wildlife and natural areas, trails and trailheads. Holders of certain types of fishing and hunting licenses, registered campers in state parks and other users are exempt from some Discover Pass requirements. For details, visit [www.discoverpass.wa.gov](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov).

Once available, the Discover Pass can be purchased at one of nearly 600 sporting goods or other retail stores that sell hunting and fishing licenses. It will also be available for purchase online or by calling toll free 1-866-320-9933. Beginning next fall, the public will be able to purchase a pass when renewing a vehicle license through the Washington State Department of Licensing. The Discover Pass or day-use pass must be visibly displayed in the front windshield of any motor vehicle.

Revenue from the Discover Pass will fill budget gaps created by the loss of State General Fund support for parks and recreation on state lands. Revenue will be split among the three state agencies that provide recreational access to state lands in proportion to their need for general fund replacement: 84 percent to State Parks; 8 percent to WDFW; and 8 percent to DNR.

From [http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/News/Pages/2011\\_05\\_12\\_discoverpass\\_nr.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/News/Pages/2011_05_12_discoverpass_nr.aspx)

### **NFMS GEM & MINERALS SHOWS**

June 3-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	Fruitland Grange, Puyallup, WA
June 11-12	Butte Mineral & Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Annex, Butte, MT
June 18-19	Oregon Coast Agate Club	Yaquina View Elementary School, Newport, OR

(for more information see NFMS May Newsletter)

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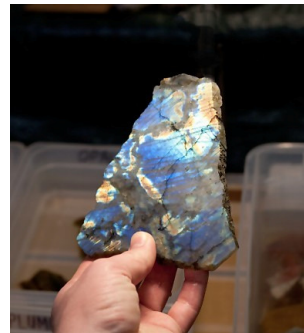
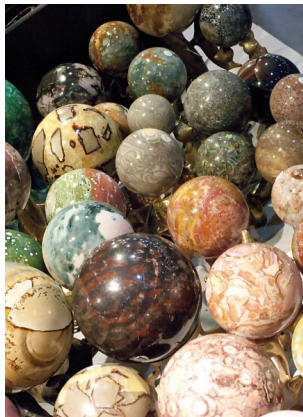
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