

## Minutes of the 06/17/03 Westside Board Meeting

VP Stu Earnst opened the meeting at 7:32pm.

Treasurer's report read by Kathy Earnst.

Minutes approved as published in the newsletter.

### Old business:

Bob Pattie gave us news on Bob O'Brien. Bob is well and faceting stones in Iraq

Walker Valley sign issue tables until 8-16-2003 meeting

Bob Pattie was able to resolve the lost bank account issue and the funds have been returned to the WSMC

### New business:

Kalama- Longview Fibre wants letter and insurance info on WSMC for their file to do Kalama trips there. Bruce Himko will be the key holder for that site. All mineral council trips will be coordinated through Bruce for the Kalama area. Ed will have the certs sent to them. Norma will make the letter and submit.

Bill Snell will remain the sole key holder and coordinator for the First Creek area. Discussed multiple key holders and it is better to have one person so that the timer companies don't begin to feel overwhelmed by requests. If we bombard them with requests then they will close the areas off as too much trouble.

Discussed emailing newsletters and this idea may be implemented in the future to ease expenses in producing and distributing info.

Middle Fork News. Things have been quiet. We believe there are some legal challenges coming from California that are making our forest service cautious.

Bruce talked to Denny Mohan at Longview Fibre about Sorensen creek area and possibility of getting a key. Denny indicated that there could be no keys issued for that area due to special environmental issues of the area but that we could enter and walk in all we wanted to.

### Wagonmaster Report:

Request for Walker Valley lease paperwork received. Ed will prepare these documents.

Walker Valley will have a gate by the end of the month. Then we will be able to see what kind of box we have to work with in getting our padlock.

Montana Rockies trip report. Ed has info available via email for anyone interested even if not going, the info could be useful for your future trip.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Kikkert, Secretary.

### Field Trip Report: Cherry Creek

On Saturday, June 7, the WSMC Wagonmasters, led by Ed Lehman, sponsored a field trip to Cherry Creek in the Duvall area. Kevin McCully attended the trip and has this report:

Rock collected: Black petrified wood with marcasite (pyrite), brown petrified wood, red jasper, red and yellow jasper, quartz.

Trip log: Parked at gate, hiked downhill approximately 1.5 miles (25 minute walk). Entered feeder creek, found some brown and black wood. Also saw hollow tube in basalt where tree once was. Bark grain could still be seen in the basalt. Tube is 24 inches in diameter, 3 feet deep. Wood still in back of hole. Hiked out of feeder creek to trail leading to Cherry Creek. trail cam out at the falls, which are approximately 30 feet tall and 100 feet wide. Very beautiful with large base pool. Hiked down slope into Cherry Creek. Found black and brown wood and red jasper. Found all we could carry and hiked back to the gate. Ate lunch and replaced fluids. Next drove further upstream to hunt for jasper. Parked on road and hiked down to creek. Walked upstream collecting red and red/yellow jasper. Had to bushwhack through undergrowth, but once through, many larger pieces of jasper. Continuing on we came upon a beaver dam that was approximately five feet tall. There was too much water behind the dam and the kids were getting tired (adults too). Went back to the cars. The kids had fun, but I think they were more interested in eating the salmon berries and some blue huckleberries.

Wildlife spotted: Young buck with new felt antlers, dragonflies, crawfish, freshwater clams, beaver dam, jumping trout, salmon smolt, western tiger swallowtail.

Attendees: Ed Lehman was leader, 16 people with 6 kids.

from Issaquah Valley Rock Club, 6/03

### **Try This at Home!** **Crystal Towers**

Ingredients: 2 pint jars, 1 jar lid, 10 tablespoons Borax (washing soda), a strip of old towel (1 inch by 18 inches), measuring spoon and cup, stirring spoon, hot tap water, a cookie sheet

This demonstrates how cave type stalagmites are formed. Place two jars on a cookie sheet next to each other separated by jar lid. Fill each jar with a solution of Borax and water - 12 ounces of hot tap water into each jar with 5 tablespoons of borax in each jar. Stir until dissolved. Put one end of the towel in each jar with a dip in the center between the jars so that the solution will travel along the towel and drip in between the jars onto the jar lid. It will drop one by one drop and create a pillar of crystals. If let this go long enough the pillar will grow down from the towel and up from the lid until it meets in the middle just like in a real cave!

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### **How to Cut Obsidian**

**Gold Sheen:** Saw with the bands, as if they were a stack of plates and you wish to unstack them. Watch for "fire spots" in gold sheen. It is not plentiful, but opal-like colors do occur.

**Rainbow Sheen:** Cut parallel to the flow layers. These can be seen by looking directly overhead. Note the bands are not always straight, it may be necessary to turn the stone slightly between cuts. Examine each slab set with either water or saw oil to see if the correct angle has been attained.

**Iridescent:** In cutting the two types of iridescent obsidian, orientation is important. One type is banded and the color lies in the bands. On the other type, the surface has to be chipped to find the color in the conchoidal fracture surface. Cut the banded material parallel to the bands. To get rainbow effects, cut the stone at about 15 degrees across the bands.

**Midnight Lace:** Lace-pattern obsidian should be cut across the surface pattern that you want to reproduce.

Sand out all scratches with grit and wet sanding (to reduce heat) before going to polish. For final polish, use felt with cerium oxide.

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