

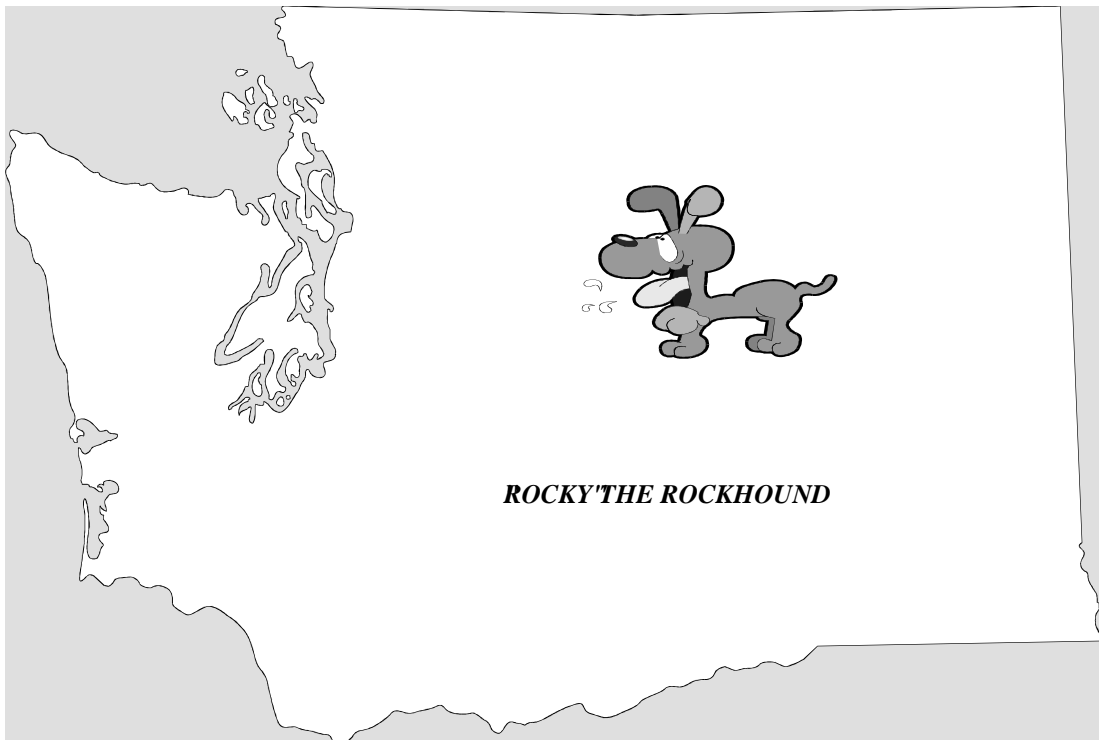


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The West Side Board meets the third Tuesday of each month between Quarterly meetings, unless a meeting is specially called. Usually no meeting in July and December dependent on Board action.

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It has come to my attention that I had included an article on a field trip to the Kalama area. I definitely should not have done that since the Green Mountain area is currently closed to the public due to logging 7 days a week.

The trip by the Kitsap club was unauthorized and due to a misunderstanding. It should not have happened at all. The Kitsap club has since discussed this with Longview Timber and assured them that will not happen again.

I have removed the article from the online version of the newsletter but there are still copies out there in print. Please advise your members that the area is still closed to collecting. Also, please remove any reference to the trip from your newsletters to prevent the spread of this bad information.

When I was putting the newsletter together for some reason the closure of the Kalama area and this field trip did not click, I must be getting old! In any case, I will be more vigilant in the future so that misunderstandings like this can be avoided.

I apologize to Longview Timber and you, the member rockhounds for this mistake.

Regards,
Glenn Morita
Mineral Council Newsletter Editor

Combined Board Meeting Minutes 05/05/12

The meeting was brought to order by President Brian Waters at 9:40 am.

Treasurer: Kathy Earnst has the bills paid up to date. The dues for Walker Valley have gone up 12%. A motion was passed to pay the bills.

There was a discussion on the cost of the maps that are sold to the members of clubs. They are ordering 100 of the color and 50 black and white maps. The cost to the members is \$9.00 for the color and \$6.00 for the black and white.

In the future, all major expenditures for anything have to be approved before being paid. The motion was accepted and passed.

The gate to Walker Valley will remain open until the logging is done.

Wagon master: There will be a trip to China Hollow in a couple weeks. The Racehorse creek was a success. They found better material that is more solid.

Old Business: There was the discussion on the Adna site. The site is still closed. The Kalama site is also closed.

June 19, 2012 Westside Board Meeting AGENDA

- Opening of Meeting
- ◊ Brian Waters
- Treasurer's Report
- ◊ Kathy Earnst
- Committee Reports
- ◊ Wagonmaster -Ed Lehman
- Old Business
- New Business
- Open Comments

Meeting Calendar for 2012

West side board meetings:
1/17, 2/21, 4/17, 6/19, 10/16

At 7:30PM at the
Maplewood Clubhouse
8802 196th St SW, Edmonds

General meetings :
3/31, 5/5, 9/22, 11/3

All general meetings will be held at:

Palace Café
4th & Main
Ellensburg
Meeting @ 9:30 AM

They discussed the cost of e-mail verses the mail in sending the news letter out.

Lisa Bishop-Waters is trying to get a rock display at Cabelas. Bob Paddy is working on establishing long term sustainable opportunities on department managed lands for the rock hounding communities. There will be a meeting at Maplewood on May 15. 2012 at 6; 30 on the maps.

The meeting was adjourned.

Acting Secretary:
Millie Lyons

HOW FAR IS A "FIELD TRIP"?

A special treat this month – field trip suggestions from longtime member Bill Williams. Many thanks to Bill for his generous submission. -Editor-

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When a person says “field trip” to a rockhound, they get a mad gleam in the eye and the first thing they want to do is jump in the old four-wheeler and head for some far-distant mountaintop where man has never left a footprint. If it is 500 to 1500 miles away it is a real field trip to brag about at the next club meeting. Just remember, there are rocks everywhere. God was not stingy. When you look at a map you can see we live close to one of the greatest rock farms in the USA, with mountains, rivers, cut banks, roadside ditches, even BLM lands, and lots of campgrounds...which brings up “old age passports.” If you qualify, go to a US Forest Service office and get a Golden Age Passport. I think it is for 50- plus and solid gold if you are an older “outside” person. Then use it – saves you money.

Even with mining claims, private land, and forbidden government land, there are many local areas where gemstones and unique rocks can be collected legally. However, there are rockhounds who dig bomb craters, leave gates open and do not understand the word “consideration.” Of course, no one in the Ginkgo Mineral Society fits that description!

When guiding local field trips we prefer small groups – eight to ten maximum are usually the most successful. You can talk about what you want to find and where to go to find it. If you want fossils, take WA 17 about 2 miles north of Plain to the corner. The clay bank on the south has leaves, limbs, and other fossils in the ditch and up the clay hillside. Leave a few for others.

What used to be Squaw Ponds Road (now Indian Maiden Lane) has large actinolite crystals in the creek. Alpine Lake hiking trail up the back side of Dirty Face Mountain has two old survey digs for gold. Lots of quartz, no gold. First Creek has garnets and agates. A small campground, White River Falls campground, on the falls road, is a good base. There are agates just up the White River a short hike. It's a good place for a camp out and pancake breakfast for 10-12 rockhounds. There are tables there too. Rock Mountain trail south of Lake Wenatchee has green garnets, and a nice campground on the lakeshore with parking for small motorhomes, vans, or SUVs. The Teanaway River, both north fork and west fork are good places to look for gold jasper and black jade. There are three beautiful campgrounds in that area. Lion Rock Park is a good place to find fluorescent rock with a black light. It has good parking and two access roads. This would make a good weekend field trip.

What is a “field trip,” and how far do you want to go? And how much time do you have to play with rocks? Our home is in Blewett Pass, and very pretty and hard red river rocks have been found just across US 97 from us in Peshastin Creek. Is that a field trip? How about soapstone, a creek bed full. Several places are accessible from Blewett Pass. Following is a list of some of the materials available for collecting within about 50 miles of Wenatchee, most of them with easy access:

- Actinolite – green crystals
- Porphyry – Chinese writing rock (Blewett)
- Clear, smoky, and white quartz
- Red, green and brown garnets
- Green, gold and black soapstone
- Latite – picture rock

- Agate
- Fossils – leaf & limb
- Ellensburg blue (agate)
- Thunder eggs
- River rock, especially multicolored red
- Marble
- Black and green jade
- Petrified wood
- Opalite

From The Petrified Digest, 04/12



Dave Reimers at the base of the crystal plate wall



Crystal plates from the McCracken Mine

Editor's Arizona Trip Report

March brought a visit to the Wiley Wells District near Blythe, California, to collect at the famous Hauser Geode Beds. These beds have been producing for over 70 years, and after that long, one may assume “everything has been dug out”. Our trip started out slow but perseverance and a little luck found us finally pulling geodes out of the soft

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Local Area Shows for 2012

DATE & TIME	CLUB	SHOW	LOCATION
June 2012 1st 12pm—5pm 2nd 10am—5pm 3rd 11am—4pm	Puyallup Valley Club	Annual show	Swiss Park 9205 198th Ave. E. Puyallup, WA
June 2012 2nd 10am—6pm 3rd 10am—5pm	Everett Rock and Gem Club	59th Annual show	Everett Soccer Arena 2201 California St Everett, WA
June 2012 2nd 9am—5pm 3rd 10am—4pm	North Idaho Mineral Club	Annual show	Kootenai County Fair and Event Center Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
June 2012 9th 10am—5pm 10th 10am—5pm	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Mineral and Gem show	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Ave. exit 127 North Butte, MT
June 2012 16th 10am—6pm 17th 10am—4:30pm	Oregon Coast Agate Club	49th annual show	Yaquina View Elementary School Multipurpose Room 351 SE Harney St. Newport, OR
June 2012 21st 9am—5pm 22nd 9am—5pm 23rd 9am—5pm 24th 9am—4pm	Prineville Rock Club	Annual show	Crook County Fairgrounds S. Main St Prineville, OR
July 2012 12th 10am—6pm 13th 10am—6pm 14th 10am—6pm 15th 10am—6pm	Rock Rustlers	Annual show	Marina Park Columbia River Gorge Marina Dr. Cascade Locks, OR
July 2012 20th 10am—5pm 21st 10am—5pm 22nd 10am—4pm	Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary	Annual show	Reedsport Community Bldg. 451 Winchester Ave Reedsport, OR
July 2012 21st 10am—6pm 22nd 10am—5pm	Darrington Rock and Gem Club	Annual show	Grange Hall 1265 Railroad Ave. Darrington, WA
July 2012 21st 10am—6pm 22nd 10am—4pm	Northwest Rock Chucks	5th annual show	Northwest Montana Fairgrounds 265 N. Meridian Rd Kalispell, MT
August 2012 11th 9am—5pm 12th 10am—5pm	Maplewood Rock And Gem Club	6th Annual Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA
September 2012 8th 9am—6pm 9th 10am—5pm	Clallam County Gem And Mineral Association	Annual show	Vern Burton Community Center 308 E. 8th St. Port Angeles, WA
September 2012 8th 10am—6pm 9th 10am—4pm	Umpqua Gem Club	42nd annual show	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear St. Roseburg, OR
September 2012 8th 10am—5pm 9th 10am—5pm	Marcus Whitman Gem And Mineral Society	Annual show	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Center 9th St. and Orchard Walla Walla, WA

LIST OF WSMC FIELD TRIPS FOR 2012 - (May be altered during the year. Please check back often.)

The WSMC sponsors field trips through various rock clubs in the state. These trips offer the general public as well as the experienced rockhound the opportunity to collect a wide variety of materials from agate and jasper to crystals and fossils. Experienced guides familiar with the sites are on-hand to help find good quality material. Check with the local clubs in your area for further information. **AREAS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO COLLECTING: LUCAS CREEK, ADNA, DIATOM PITS (FRENCHMAN HILLS).** No motorized vehicles allowed: Green Mountain (Kalama) and First Creek.

Check out the trip info, and tool listings at: mineralcouncil.org.

Updated: November 14, 2011

Date	Host	Site	Meet @	Material	Tools
1/28	Msvl	Bvr Valley Quarry	10:30 @ Pt Ludlow C of Comm	Chert, Zeolites, Geodes	Hard rock tools
2/18	Msvl	Cedar Ponds	9:00 @ Monroe, WA Jack 'n Box	Red & Yellow Jasper	Dig & light hard rock
3/11	Evt/LkSd	Sadl Mtn/Dtm Pts	9:00 @ Mattawa, WA-Harvest Foods	Pet. Wood & Diat. opal	Light & dig tools
4/14	MtBk	Racehorse Crk	9:00 @ Nugent's Corner, E of Bellnham	Fossils; Morel mshrms	Dig, light, & split tools
4/21-22	Pow-Wow	Saddle Mtn	8:00 @ Boat launch: S. Mattawa	Petr. Wood	Light hard rock & dig tools
5/19-20	Msvl	Wasco, OR	8:00 @ Biggs Junction, OR; Shell Gas	China Hollow Pic Jasp(\$)	Regstr. Opens 3/16/ - 5/1 \$25 Deposit
6/13-16	Tri-Fed	Idaho	Cancelled		Contact Fed. Representative
6/23	Spkn	Emerald Creek, ID	8:00 @ Emerald Creek Parking Area	Star Garnets (\$ Fee dig)	Old clothes, Ziploc bag/\$fee dig
6/27-7/1	Pow-Wow	Madras, OR	8:00 @ Jefferson Fair Grounds	Agate, jasper, wood, T-eggs(\$)	Dig & light tools
7/21	Msvl/Dar	Darrington	10:00 @ Rock Show behind IGA Store	Travertine & Spelunking	Hard rock dig, dress for water
7/28	WSea	Lake Wenatchee	9:00 @ Coles Corner Gas Sta.	Garnets, actinolite, talc	Screen, wood saw, dig tools
8/4	Yak	Timberwolf Mtn	9:00 @ Ace Hardware, Naches, WA	Quartz Crystals	Shovel, pick, rock hammer
8/11	Spkn	Lolo Pass, ID	8:00 @ Lolo Hot Springs Parking Lot	Smoky Quartz Crystals	Shovel & pick (lots of digging)
8/18-19	NW Op	Greenwater	9:00 @ Enumclaw Ranger Station	Agate, Jasper	Dig & light hard rock
9/8-9	Pow-Wow	Red Top	8:00 @ W Fork Teanaway Camp	Geodes, Agate, jade	Dig & light hard rock
9/15	NW Op	Little Nachese	9:00 @ TBD (Kaner Flats?)	Thunder eggs, Rhyolite	Dig & light hard rock
9/29-30	Msvl	Wasco, OR	Cancelled		
10/6	Spkn	Chewelah Area	9:00 @ Chewelah Safeway	Magnesite, Var. Minerals	Container, and rock hammer
10/27	Msvl	Happy Thought Crk	9:00 @ Hwy 2, Money Creek Campgrnd	Picture Jasper	Rock Hammer & Container
11/10	MtBk	Blanchard Hill	9:00 @ I-5 exit 240, Gas Mart	Stilpnomelane in Quartz	Hard rock tools

(* Deposit must be received no later than 30 days before trip date to reserve spot; deposit fully refundable.) Participants must be age 16 or older; no children or pets, please; maximum of 40 participants so get your reservations in early!)

ALWAYS CALL TO CONFIRM TRIP DATES AND DETAILS!— SEE BELOW

Abbreviation	Host	Contact	E-mail
Evt	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Brad Johnson (206) 403-3073	cavemanrocks@yahoo.com
LkSd	Lakeside Gem & Min Club	Andy Johnson (509) 546-1950	cbagates@hotmail.com
Msvl	Marysville Rock Club	Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282	wsmced@hotmail.com
Msvl-Wasco trip		Stu & Kathy Earnst (360) 856-0588 27871 Minkler Rd, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284	earnstkk@comcast.net
MtBk	Mt Baker Rock Club	Kris Menger (360) 927-0994	kmenger@comcast.net
Nw Op	NW Opal Association	Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238	ynotbandit@earthlink.net
Pow-Wow	All Rockhounds Club	Cliff Matteson (253) 475-8433	cliff.conniematteson@gmail.com
Spkn	Rock Rollers of Spokane	Mike Shaw (509) 251-1574	mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com
WSea	West Seattle Rock & Gem Club	Brian Waters (206) 290-2312	bwaterss2011@gmail.com
Yak	Yakima Rock & Min Club	Jery Wichstrom (509) 653-2787	jewtmew@aol.com

Trips are open to all. Most 2 day trips include Sat potluck, Sun free breakfast, tailgating, swap, and horse shoes. Small fee required for Pow Wow and Madras trips. FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Ed Lehman at wsmced@hotmail.com or (425) 334-6282. Or see mineralcouncil.org

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ash layer they were hiding in. We did have to get away from the most visited areas, but it was worth it.

Next I made one of two trips to the Cuesta Fire Agate Mine off old Route 66. This is the third year I've been to this mine and it seemed almost played out. Other diggers had been using electric power tools and removed buckets and buckets of the precious agate. I stayed a total of 7 days and had found little material until the last day, when I changed my tactics and finally found some muddy vugs filled with fire agate. I ended up bringing home some 40lbs of fire agate including brilliant 2- 1/2 lbs. solid piece surrounded by crystals.

Fellow club member, Dave Reimers and I got together to visit the McCracken Mine near Alamo Lake. This large abandoned old silver mine now supplies lucky Rockhounds with Amethyst crystal plates, running in veins and vugs throughout the host rock. A video of the mine can be found at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWK5r03vdao>

So now as I start to get ready to come home, my first priority, is to find a place for all those pretty rocks!

From The Hard Rock News, 04/12

DAMAGE REPORT

This damage report is to let you know that members of the clubs associated with the Washington State Mineral Council have observed behavior that could or has caused damage at the following described site. This information is provided as a public citizens concern with our environment and the proper use of our public and private lands.

Site Location: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Vehicle License Number: _____

Make and color of vehicle: _____

Number of persons involved: _____

Names of individuals (if known) _____

Describe what you observed: _____

Would you be willing to testify if necessary? Yes ___ No ___

Your name _____

Your phone number: _____

Below are contacts for public lands management agencies. If you're not sure of which one to contact ask your club officers or contact the Washington State Mineral Council

Colville National Forest: Colville National Forest 765 South Main Street Colville, WA 99114

Gifford Pinchot National Forest: 10600 N.E. 51st Circle Vancouver, WA 98682

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: 2930 Wetmore Ave., Suite 3A Everett, WA, 98201

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest: 215 Melody Lane Wenatchee, WA 98801

Olympic National Forest: 1835 Black Lk Blvd SW Olympia, WA 98512

Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington: 1103 N Fancher Road Spokane, WA 99212

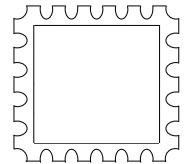
Washington State DNR: PO Box 47000 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98504-7000

Washington DFW: 600 Capitol Way N. Olympia, WA 98501-1091

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