

Rock-A-Teer

Newsletter of the Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club

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Show and Tell & Program Themes

October	November	December
<i>Show and Tell</i>	<i>Show and Tell</i>	
10/14 Anything Opal	11/11 Fluorescent Material	12/10
10/28 None	11/25 None	Holiday Party
<i>Program</i>	<i>Program</i>	
Auction/Potluck	Bingo	

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October 28th is our Potluck and Auction night. The potluck will start at 6:00 pm to allow us time to eat and get ready for the auction. Auction will start approximately at 7:00 pm so if you don't want to attend the potluck be sure to come around 7 or earlier for the auction. If you have items for the auction please bring them to any meeting in September and give to Mark or bring them that night. All items get registered and numbered to make it easy for you the bidder to keep track of what you are bidding on and for the Treasurer to keep track of everything that is purchased and by whom.

November 25th is the day after Thanksgiving and this is our time to have a little fun. We usually don't have a huge member turn out for this meeting as it is after a holiday but we get out our antique bingo cards, have some great little prizes and socialize all night. If you don't have anything to do, come join us and have a little bingo fun.

December 10th is our Holiday Party. This is a potluck dinner with the club providing the meat of turkey and ham. We are currently looking for volunteers to help organize this function. We will also have our new Board of Officers induction and awards ceremony.

Elected Officers for 2011

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The Rock-A-Teer, our club bulletin along with our club activities are dedicated to the encouragement of friendliness, good fellowship and to inform the members of earth sciences.

Please visit our web sites for more information about our club.

<http://puyallupgemclub.org/> (static for visitors) or <http://puyallupgemclub.org/blog/> (new member only site)

PUYALLUP VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB

Meetings are held on the second (2nd) and Fourth (4th) Friday of each month except for:

August (Potluck Picnic 2nd Meeting)

December (Holiday Dinner 1st Meeting, 2nd Meeting cancelled.)

Time: 7:30 PM, except for Potluck nights (times to be announced)

Where: Fruitland Grange

(112th & 86th, Puyallup, WA)

Board Meetings are held on the Tuesday prior to the 1st meeting of the month.

Dues are \$20.00 for a single membership and \$25.00 for a family membership.



The Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club is a member of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Washington State Mineral Council and affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms>



Committee Chairs

Committees indicated below without a contact are accepting volunteers and will be filled by the President.

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Summer Picnic:			
WA State Mineral Council:			

Advertising

If you are a small business owner and would like to advertise in our newsletter and on our web page, please contact Paul James for web layout information. Members receive a link to their web site or a page created for them on the club web site and advertising space in each newsletter for one year. Location in newsletter is determine by the Editor. Proceeds help offset the cost of maintaining our web page. Pricing is as follows:

Members:	\$25.00 link to your web page
	\$50.00 web page
Non Members:	\$50.00 link to your web page
	\$75.00 web page

Bench Tips by Brad Smith

REMOVING A STONE FROM BEZEL SETTING

If you've forgotten to use dental floss and got your stone caught in a bezel, there's one thing you can try before starting to pry. Find some sticky wax or beeswax. Roll it into a pencil-sized cylinder and stick the end onto the top of the stone. Mold it on well and yank.

If all else fails, you either have to very carefully pry open the bezel with a sharp knife blade or drill a small hole in back of the stone and push it out with the point of a scribe.

MAKING YOUR OWN MOKUME

Ever think about making your own mokume? Here's a link to the detailed steps in the sequence as done by a professional. Look for mokume on <http://www.rchristopher.com/tech/>

FOREDOM STAND

A quick and easy way to suspend a Foredom over your jewelry bench is to use some steel pipe components from your local hardware store. It attaches with a couple screws and costs a little over \$10

I use 1/2 inch galvanized pipe and fittings. To build a stand that attaches to the top of your bench, all you'll need is a flange and a thirty inch length of the pipe. If you prefer a stand that attaches to the side of your bench, you'll need a little longer pipe, three foot, a flange, and a 90 degree "street elle".

Finally, make a hook that goes into the top of the pipe to hang the motor from. You can use heavy coat hanger wire or better yet, a 1/8 steel rod from the hardware store.

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More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at

groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/

or

facebook.com/BenchTips

October 2011

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 7:00 pm Board Mtg.	12	13	14 7:30 pm Bus Mtg	15 9:30 am Hands on
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Possible Field Trip
23	24	25	26	27	28 6:00 pm Auction	29
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- Oct 11th, 7:00 pm Board Meeting at the Fruitland Grange.
- Oct. 14th, 7:30 pm Business Meeting at the Grange.
- Oct. 15th, 9:30 am Hands On, Details to follow via web or at the meeting on the 14th.
- Oct. 22nd, possible Field Trip. Details to follow via web or at the meeting on the 14th.
- Oct. 28th, 6:00 pm, Auction/Potluck at the Fruitland Grange. NOTE: Early start time for the potluck.

Editor's Report by Dana James

Well you are receiving this newsletter early via the web site if as I will be unavailable the first of October to get it to you. So, with that said, there are some items missing such as the October field trip and hands on activities which haven't been planned yet. If you are interested in those activities be sure to check the web site and attend both the 9/23 and 10/14 meetings for more information.

For those of you that volunteered to work the Puyallup Fair at our booth in the Hobby Hall, thank you so much. It really is a lot of fun and for those of you that didn't, you'll have to sign up next year. Also we had great participation from our members in the Lapidary Arts competition and lots of ribbons were won by all. Congrats to everyone. By the way, I have posted pictures of the fair cases on the club web site.

Just a reminder to everyone, nominations for next years board will be announced on October 14th and again on the 28th if there are additions. I will publish all the names here in the November newsletter. We will vote at the first meeting in November which is the 11th. We need your help running the club so please consider putting in your name for one of the open positions. Those positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (although I think we have Larry talked into running again), Federation Director, 3 yr. Trustee and a 3 yr. Director.

If you are interested but do not know what you would be doing in that position please let Mark, Brett or Nancy know and they will give you an overview of the position.

Please note the Editor is not responsible for accuracy of content of articles submitted.

If you would like to submit a letter to the Editor, an article, pictures from a recent field trip, poem, recipe or anything at all that club members might find interesting, please send to E-mail address: djames50@gmail.com, or mail to 5044 S. Park Ave., Tacoma, WA 98408.

PVGMC General Meeting

Meeting Minutes for September 9th Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM.

There were 54 members attending and 6 guests.

- Larry Hoffman read the Treasurer's report, and it was approved as read.
- Paul Geise read the Secretary's report, and it was approved as read.
- The guests were welcomed and several introduced themselves.

Committee reports:

- **Auctions:** Mark Baumann announced tonight's silent auction and recognized Kathy Brown as she provided the items for tonight. Mark also reminded the Club about the October potluck and auction to take place on 10/28th. Potluck starts at 6:00 PM that night. LaVon Siperek donated a nice slab of Ocean Jasper for the 10/28 auction.
- **Club Show:** Nancy announced the first Club show---planning meeting will take place October 4th at 7:00 PM at Mike and LaVon Siperek's home. Floor plans were handed out to those interested in getting ahead start on designing a floor plan at the new location, Swiss Park.
- **Field Trips:** Mark Baumann announced that the Buchanan Thunder egg dig (Oregon) coordinator was overwhelmed with interested parties. Parties must have reservations to attend/camp. Parking is limited and carpooling is suggested to the dig site. Parties need to arrive on September 16th. Club Field trip will be to Little Naches on 9/17. Arrive early at the Enumclaw ranger station. Field trip coordinators will be leaving the station at 9:00am sharp. Bring picks, hammers and only street legal vehicles. The walk in can be hard/steep.
- **Nominations:** Nancy announced that Mark Baumann, Brett Lawrence and herself would be seeking names to fill the vacancies on the 2012 Board. The election date is November 11th.
- **Programs:** September 23rd, Hands on demos of Silver solder, beading, opal cutting, gem trees and wire wrapping.
- **Puyallup Fair:** Some spaces still need filling. Several club members received awards for their entries in the Lapidary Arts competition in the Hobby hall.

Old Business:

- Old Timer's club Junior's Grant – application has been completed and mailed by LaVon Siperek.

New Business:

- Inga Holmquist discussed the Boards decision to amend the Club By-Laws to add another committee a 'Speaker's Bureau'. This committee would facilitate special educational requests by Scout Troops and others interested in Geology. Doug Davis suggested we have a sample presentation kit so that anyone could give a demonstration or class. Paul James challenged each member of the Club to bring in a specimen from their private collection with a write up to be added to the sample kit.
- Club members were invited to attend and participate in writing out the Operational Procedures for the Club's committees. The first meeting will be at Allan and Kandy Henneberry's home on September 20th at 6:30 pm.
- Club members were asked to volunteer to help build a storage cabinet for the case liners that are currently being stored in the small house on Mike and LaVon's property. This cabinet will then be relocated to the barn.
- Club members were also asked to volunteer to help, when the time comes, to relocate items in the small house so that it can be converted to a workshop.
- Laura Shomshak announced the winners of the Club picnic games.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Nina and Nancy LeMay.

President's Report

Dear Club Members,

This month I want to sincerely thank everyone that signed up to help at the Puyallup Fair Hobby hall booth. Out of 136 slots we filled all but 2 single spaces! That is an awesome response! Thank you for volunteering your time (some multiple times). A special thank you goes to John Gottschalk for working so hard to get the spots filled and the tickets mailed to everyone.

We made a great impression on the Hobby Hall staff. I received many compliments on our Club case and the beautiful entries to the Lapidary Arts competition.

Thank you also to Sandy, Jerry and Eric Chilson, Bob Ballou, Mike Wendt and Nina LeMay for setting up our booth and filling the Club display case.

Thank you to those that contributed some of your collections to the Club case. Another big **Thank You** to those that contributed tumbled rock for the spinner wheel.

I mentioned at the last Business meeting that several of our club members won first, second and third place awards in the Lapidary Arts division contest. I would like everyone that received an award to bring them in and show off their ribbons and the items they entered at the October 14th business meeting. We will have a special table set up to show off the winner's entries before Show & Tell that night. Once again thank you all very much and congratulations to our Lapidary Arts contest winners!

It's time to start gearing up for Hands on classes. If you have something you would like to teach or learn more about contact one of the board members as soon as you can.

We are filling the ballot spots for next year's board. Don't be shy. If you are interested in being part of the 2012 board, come and see me. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of the planning for Club activities. Election night is November 11th.

See you soon,
Nancy

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

If you haven't checked out the AFMS web site there is a lot of good information on our hobby. If you like to travel to other areas of the country then there are plenty of shows from other regions to take in. <http://www.amfed.org/> Most recent newsletter: http://www.amfed.org/news/n2011_09.pdf

Northwest Federation News

Link to the NW Newsletter <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/nwnews/nw0911.pdf> as this is early the October edition is not available yet. Click this link to check for an update: <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm>

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. is a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. It was founded in 1938, and one of the original four founders of the AFMS in 1947. It encompasses the Northwest region of the United States, including Alaska and consists of about 70 member clubs with over 4400 total members.

Upcoming Gem and Mineral Shows

October 2011 7th 10am - 5pm 8th 10am - 5pm 9th 10am - 2:30pm	Clallam Co., Gem & Mineral Association	Boy's & Girl's Club 400 W. Fir Street Sequim, WA 98382	Terry Stockman PO Box 98 Sequim, WA 98382 terlin@wavecable.com Foster Thompson fostert@olypen.com
October 2011 8th 10am - 5pm 9th 10am - 5pm	Marysville Rock & Gem Club	Totem Middle School 7th Street & State Ave. Marysville, WA	Bill Moser 425-238-8222 bill-jj@comcast.net George Haage 425-339-2272 haag@frontier.com
October 2011 22nd 10am- 5pm 23rd 10am- 5pm	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park 3560 W. Lake Sammamish Blvd SE. Bellevue, WA 98008 (I-90 Exit 13)	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009-1851 bellevuerockclub@comcast.net Club Website
October 2011 22nd 9am - 6pm 23rd 10am - 5pm	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds Pavilion 694 NE. 4th Ave Canby, OR 97013	Bea Settle 503-631-3128 rockhound@clackamettegem.org Rick Mauer (503) 691-6395 tallerricardo@juno.com Club Website

A ROCKIN' WEEKEND by Brett Lawrence

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H & I Lapidary

Amber, Jewelry, Beads, Findings, Gemstones, Slabs, Rough Material, Fossils and Aussie Items.

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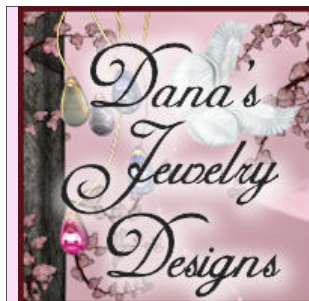
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