

Rock-A-Teer

Newsletter of the
Puyallup Valley
Gem & Mineral Club

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Benefits of Being a Member of the Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral club

One of the many benefits of being a member of the Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral club.

For some reason we just love the idea of being "self-made". We love getting swept up in the romance of being the kind of folks who pull themselves up by their bootstraps and hustle their way to the top, with no help from anyone else. It's an appealing idea, but it's a myth.

When you take a look at history you'll find that most people in the world don't succeed alone. Instead they were part of a group or community of friends, peers, and mentors who helped push them to become the people they are today. As an individual we all need support, which happily we get by being a member of our club. One of, if not the biggest reason for being a member is the chance to learn from one another. In order to achieve our goals we all need to find people who have the expertise and skills in areas that we lack.

This is where leveraging the power of our group comes in. There are people in our club who are willing to guide you and give you the benefit of their experience. Rock hounds by their very nature, contain a diversity of opinion, ideas, and knowledge that you would never encounter alone. No matter how talented you may be, or how smart you are, it is literally impossible to know and do everything by yourself. There are many local rock clubs around but most do not have a club house or building with equipment staffed with experienced people willing to teach various lapidary skills. You being a member are very lucky to have this available to you. Take the opportunity to use this resource to learn new skills or refine the ones you have. Contact the club coordinator or the instructors listed on the Club House Classes page.

Glen Ripper, Club President

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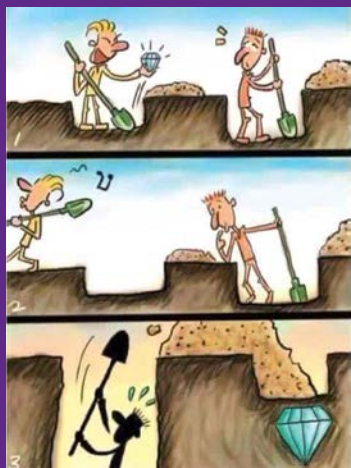
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GLACIER ON SOUTH HILL?

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Have you seen those big rocks alongside the road, those that would require a huge bulldozer just to move it a few feet? Take a closer look; does it have any impression or inclusions? Maybe fossils or parts of shells attached or sticking out, that could be a relic from the past! Many years ago (12,000 to 13,000 years) a glacier (Cordilleran ice sheet) advanced from British Columbia into Washington state, it gouged-out parts of Puget Sound, in the process cutting into the marine land base that was in fact pushed East by the tectonic plates from the coastal reaches of the Pacific ocean, this happened many times, we're talking millions of years ago. These clam shells ie: brachiopods and gastropods fossils end up in the matrix of rock that you now see. This ice sheet covered from the northern Washington border to beyond the South reaches of the town of Eatonville, pushing and dropping many tons of gravel and sand along the way, happily for the Corliss Gravel Co. Oh yes the State never had any dinosaurs at lease their bones have yet to be found, but we had mastodons roaming about, at the time of ice sheet. Remnants bones have been found close to the City of Sequim, this is on private property so don't trespass. So YES, our land was covered by ice eons ago.

By Bob Ballou, President, South Hill Historical Society and local residential *Rockhound*



May Birthdays

May 4th Lacey Garinga

May 5th Larry Graves

May 6th Denyl Linville

May 12th Sherry Lawrence

May 15th John Skierski

May 15th Utah Robak

May 21st Nina LeMay

May 21st Kaitlin Hochstrasser

May 21st Kraig Trophy

May 30th Nichole Davis

May 30th Jerry Rheault

2018 Elected Officers

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Club Calendar May

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR - INSTRUCTOR
1	Tuesday	5:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek
2	Wednesday	10:00 – 2:00 open house 4:00 wire wrapping	Dennis Batchelor Tony Johnson
3	Thursday	5:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek
4	Friday		
5	Saturday	10:00 open house	Glen Ripper
6	Sunday	10:00 beginning silversmithing	Dave Sanderson
7	Monday	10:00 – 2:00 open house	Bill Clark
8	Tuesday	5:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek
9	Wednesday	10:00 – 2:00 open house 4:00 opal cutting	Dennis Batchelor Tony Johnson
10	Thursday	5:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek
11	Friday		
12	Saturday	10:00 round wire wrapping	Korrie Holmes
13	Sunday	10:00 advanced silversmithing	Dave Sanderson
14	Monday	10:00 – 2:00 open house 7:00 opal club meeting	Bill Clark Tony Johnson
15	Tuesday	4:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek
16	Wednesday	10:00 – 2:00 open house 4:00 wire wrapping	Dennis Batchelor Tony Johnson
17	Thursday	5:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek
18	Friday		
19	Saturday	10:00 open house	Jim Christian
20	Sunday		
21	Monday	10:00 – 2:00 open house	Bill Clark
22	Tuesday	5:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek
23	Wednesday	10:00 – 2:00 open house 4:00 opal cutting	Dennis Batchelor Tony Johnson
24	Thursday	5:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek
25	Friday		
26	Saturday	10:00 making up display cases	Tony Johnson
27	Sunday		
28	Monday	10:00 – 2:00 open house	Bill Clark
29	Tuesday	5:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek
30	Wednesday	10:00 – 2:00 open house	Dennis Batchelor
31	Thursday	5:00 cabbing	LaVon Siperek

For questions about a specific class or event, contact the coordinator/instructor

LaVon Siperek @ 253-531-7294, Glen Ripper @ 253-508-7645, Tony Johnson @ 253-863-9328, Dennis Batchelor @ 360-870-87
Jim Christian @ 253-720-9502, Dave Sanderson @ 253-572-8109, Bill Clark @ 360-893-6919, Korrie Holmes @ 360-893-3577

CRAZY FOR GEMS

S A T U R A T I O N D L A R E M E
P E L A R B H E I N C L U S I O N
E O S Q B Z O N I N G L U R E O H
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| 1. ANTIQUE | 12. GEMMY | 22. POINT |
| 2. CARAT | 13. GEMSTONE | 23. PRINCESS |
| 3. CLARITY | 14. HARDNESS | 24. REFRACTION |
| 4. CLEAVAGE | 15. INCLUSION | 25. ROUGH |
| 5. COLOR | 16. LIGHT | 26. ROUND |
| 6. CULLET | 17. LUSTER | 27. SATURATION |
| 7. EMERALD | 18. MARQUISE | 28. SPECIFIC |
| 8. ENHANCE | 19. MIXED | GRAVITY |
| 9. FACET | 20. OVAL | 29. TABLE |
| 10. FLAW | 21. PAVILLION | 30. TREATMENT |

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GOLD & FISH RULES

There has been a bit discussion about the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Gold and Fish Rules for Mineral Prospecting and Placer Mining pamphlet**. Does it or does it not apply to rockhounding and if it does, how/when does it apply? Although these rules were primarily developed for gold prospecting in the areas adjacent to streams and lakes some of them do apply to rockhounding. The most common questions rockhouncers have is - when do you have to have a copy of the pamphlet with you? The answer has to do with “timing restrictions”. Page 10 of the pamphlet deals with “mineral prospecting without timing restrictions” (see tables starting on page 16 of the pamphlet) and in this case, you do not need to have a copy of the pamphlet with you. Page 13 of the pamphlet deals with “mineral propection with timing restrictions. In this case, you must have a copy of the pamphlet on the dig site, not one for each person as has been suggested. To print your own PDF copy, go to <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/mining/> and click on the gold and fish download on the right side of the page.