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# Rock-A-Teer

*Newsletter of the Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club*

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## **A Change For Our Next Potluck & Auction** Jim Christian

April 28<sup>th</sup> is our next potluck and auction and dinner starts at 6:00pm so please get there before then. For the past few auctions members were encouraged to look around the house, garage, attic, wherever, and bring things for the auction. However, the number of rock-related items diminished over time. Many of you have mentioned this to several of The Board members and thus The Board has changed "the rules". Beginning with this auction we will be auctioning only rock-related items and, because they have proven to be popular, "non-rock" related item(s), homemade jams, jellies, etc., may also be auctioned. So, please check your "stash" of rock or rock-related items for something you can donate and if possible bring them in early so they can be numbered and displayed.

## **We're Having a Raffle** Jim Christian

At our next meeting, April 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll begin to sell raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the last day of our PVG&MC show at Swiss Park in Bonney Lake, 2:30 pm at the club sales table. First prize is a handmade table lamp donated by Jack & Kathy Ragusa, second prize is a 4" trim saw, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> prizes are wire wrapped pieces of Baltic amber. All the prizes will be on display at each meeting until the show and tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10.

## **This & That** Jim Christian

At the **CLUBHOUSE**, we're looking to add wire weaving and soap stone carving to our list of classes and having more fire agate cutting, and wire wrapping classes so if you're interested let LaVon, Tony, or Jim know. It's almost **ROCK SORTING** time again (weather permitting) and, as usual, anyone who helps may take home a "treasure" for themselves. If you are interested in helping please let me (Jim) know. We need **POLISHED ROCKS** for the club show & Washington State Fair. We have the rocks, we need **YOU** to tumble them, so please let any Board member know if you can help. Finally, we have a **Director and Trustee vacancy** on The Board. Here's your chance to help set the future direction of our club -- no experience needed -- just an interest in the future of rock hounding.

## **Greenwater Access** Tony (MAD DOG) Johnson

Many people have heard that some roads in Greenwater were going to be closed. The results from all the meetings and discussions are that the roads going to our rockhounding sites will remain open, with the exception of the half mile spur road going to Government Meadows (petrified wood & opal site). And this might not even happen for another ten years.

Many thanks to Ed Lehman, Bob Pattie and the Washington State Mineral Council for their help.

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## WA State Mineral Council Field trips As Copied from The Council Reporter

Date	Host	Site	Meeting Time & Place	Material	Tools
April 15	Darrington	Racehorse Creek	9AM @ Nugent's Corner IGA	Fossils & Morell mushrooms	Dig & Hard Rock
April 22 & 23	POW	Saddle Mt. Mattawa W	9AM @ Mattawa Lep-Re-Kon Market	Petrified Wood	Dig & Hard Rock
May 13	Ellensburg	Saddle Mt. Mattawa W	9AM @ Mattawa Lep-Re-Kon Market	Petrified Wood (possibly opal)	Dig & Hard Rock
June 15-18	POW	Prineville, OR	"Meet @ Fairgrounds"		
June 22-25	POW	Madras, OR	8AM @ Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds		

Washington State Mineral Council guided field trips are open to member clubs and the general public. Most trips are free. For general updated information, go to: [mineralcouncil.wordpress.com](http://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com) or contact Ed Lehman at [wsmced@hotmail.com](mailto:wsmced@hotmail.com) or Home: (425) 334-6282, Cell: (425) 760-2786. Ed is also the contact for both the Darrington and Marysville Rock Club. The POW contact is Larry Vess, [vessel3755@gmail.com](mailto:vessel3755@gmail.com), (253) 473-3908. Steve Tomns can be contacted at (509) 607-1446 regarding the Ellensburg Rock Club hosted field trip.

## Show & Tell Themes and Program Nights

Date	Show & Tell Theme (always + field trip finds)	Program Meeting
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rocks that look like flowers	
April 28 <sup>th</sup>		Auction/Potluck
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wire Wrapped Jewelry	
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Metallic Material	Agates (Mike Wendt) ???
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Club Show Purchases and Finds	
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Petrified Wood	TBD

## Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club

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.

Meetings are the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Friday of each month except:

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) unless stated otherwise.

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.



### April Birthdays

Jim Christian (9<sup>th</sup>)

Scott Smith (13<sup>th</sup>)

William Peterson (14<sup>th</sup>)

Brandon Dietz (20<sup>th</sup>)

Larry Highton (22<sup>nd</sup>)

Larry Hoffman (24<sup>th</sup>)

Leigh Stone (25<sup>th</sup>)

Joey Skavinsky (28<sup>th</sup>)

Tony Johnson (30<sup>th</sup>)

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!



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://northwestfederation.org>



### H & I Lapidary

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Amber, Jewelry, Beads, Findings,

Gemstones, Slabs, Rough Material,

Fossils, and Aussie items.

### A FORMER DEALER OF JEWELRY, ROCKS AND GEMS IS SELLING OUT!

AVAILABLE ITEMS: MISC. JEWELRY, CABS, CRYSTALS, MINERALS, ETC.

ALSO AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF FLORESCENTS AND SEVERAL LARGE (TABLE AND CLOCK SIZE) WOOD SLABS. SLABS ARE REDWOOD (5'X3 1/2'), CURLY MAPLE (4'), IRON WOOD AND MORE.

THE FLORESCENTS AND WOOD ITEMS WILL BE SOLD IN LOTS, 1-EACH-CATEGORY.

Call Ruth at (253) 627-4936 for an appointment to see this collection. Be sure to leave a message and Ruth will call you back. Best times to see this collection are weekends at 10:00AM. Nancy LeMay is helping Ruth sell her collection and will be present for the appointments as well.

This is a paid advertisement

**CLUB NOTES** (New section for any member to leave a "club note.")

**CLUB SHOW** Nancy LeMay

Club Members please note it is time to sign up for the 2017 Club Show! The Show dates are June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Set-up days are March 31st, June 1st and Take-down is June 4th. I know many of you participate and don't officially sign up. This makes me panic a little bit! 😬 Do me a big favor and call: [253-985-5784](tel:253-985-5784) or email: [beesknees369@gmail.com](mailto:beesknees369@gmail.com) and let me know what you plan on helping with. I will have the sign up sheets at every meeting before the Show so you can add your name at a meeting. Thank you all in advance!

**POLISHED DONATION ROCKS** Al Wible

Each year our club gives out hundreds and hundreds of polished stone to the children coming to our booth at the Washington State Fair. This year will be no different. So if you are going to help out with our supply of polished rocks for the fair – now is the time to start tumbling. If you have polished rocks already for the kids at the fair bring them to any club meeting and see Al Wible. If you need rocks to polish you can also see Al Wible for some rough rocks to polish. Lastly, if you have rough rocks that you would like to donate for polishing bring them in to any club meeting and see Al Wible.

**STATE FAIR DISPLAY** Al Wible

This year our club would really like to have more items displayed at the State Fair. I know that we all have rocks in the rough or great looking stuff that we have made with the material we have found. Items put on display could win prizes (\$\$\$\$) and ribbons. They also promote our club and bring in new members. We would also like to have individuals volunteer to demonstrate different crafts/skills associated with rocks and gems. For display items, the State Fair director would like the following;

1. What you are going to display.
2. Get your display item to the director as soon as possible (before Aug 10<sup>th</sup>).
3. Your name or some other way to identify your items written on/attached to each piece.

**NEW PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET** Tony (MAD DOG) Johnson

The Gator Clamp by Lortone: So far I have heard only good things about this new clamp. It's designed to grab and hold thundereggs.

The Foredom's remote battery operated carver: It's lighter and more powerful than the Dremel and it has a two and a half hour rechargeable battery life.

**ADNA ACCESS** Gina Acosta

Diana Acosta contacted the logging company that owns the Ceres Hill carnelian agate site in Adna to get an access update, if/when the land will re-open to rockhounds. Unfortunately the answer to that turned out to be that it will never re-open, not even with permits. The representative she spoke with very kindly informed her that rockhounds have done too much damage. Live trees were dug under and uprooted, new seedlings trampled, huge "caves" were dug out in the roadside banks, et cetera. This was an amazing site that we are now being denied access to due to a few cases of lack of etiquette knowledge or care to follow the rules. Remember to go out of your way to follow club rules and share the knowledge with others so we do not lose more amazing sites!

**KID'S CORNER** Diana Acosta

Thanks to all who came to the Juniors Meeting this month. The kids did a great job at Show & Tell with their dinosaur projects and rock collections. They never have a problem with talking in front of a group and using a microphone. They are also very good at explaining themselves. We are super proud of them and all they do for our club!

Please join us at our next meeting on April 14th at 7:00 pm. We will be working on Lapidary Arts with Nancy LeMay. She has volunteered to show the kids how to make "Mini Gem Trees" for their lapidary projects this month. I'm sure this will be a meeting the kids won't want to miss! Thank you Nancy!



Junior Aiden's Diorama, made during the dinosaur/fossil unit.

Gems Around the World Brett Lawrence

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12. GARNET
13. HEMATITE
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17. KUNZITE
18. KYANITE
19. LAPIS
20. NEPHRITE
21. PERIDOT
22. RUBY
23. SAPPHIRE
24. SPINEL
25. SUGILITE
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29. TURQUOISE
30. ZIRCON

UPCOMING SHOWS As Copied from the NFMS Newsletter

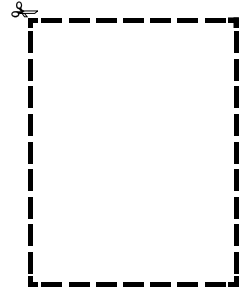
<b>April 8 &amp; 9</b> Sat: 9-6 Sun: 10-6	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock & Gem Clubhouse 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> Street SW Edmonds, WA	Mary Ann Collins (206) 714-3922 collma1@comcast.net
<b>April 14, 15, 16</b> Fri & Sat: 9-5 Sun: 10-4	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy W Rickreall, OR 97371	Mimi Surgeon (503) 602-9405 wams.riverofgems@gmail.com www.wamsi.net
<b>April 22 &amp; 23</b> Sat: 10-5 Sun: 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick, WA 99337	Mary Lou Omstead (509) 783-2798 PO BOX 6652 Kennewick, WA
<b>April 22 &amp; 23</b> Sat: 10-6 Sun: 10-4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	Central WA State Fairgrounds Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima, WA	Marti Sondgeroth Daytime: (509) 910-3484 marthams@q.com
<b>April 29 &amp; 30</b> Sat: 10-5 Sun: 10-4	Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society	Grays Harbor Fairgrounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma, WA	Gary Emberley (360) 533-6196 melissa624@hotmail.com
<b>April 29 &amp; 30</b> Sat & Sun: 10-5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Avenue SW Seattle, WA	Diane Christensen (206) 582-2267 diane@purns.org www.westseattlerockclub.org

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## April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 6PM Cabbing Class	5 5PM Wire Wrapping w/Tony Johnson	6 6PM Cabbing Class	7	8 10AM Silversmithing Class
9	10	11 6PM Cabbing Class 7PM Board Meeting	12 5PM Silversmithing Class	13 6PM Cabbing Class	14 7PM Junior's Group 7:30 Business Meeting	15 Field Trip to Salmon Creek
16	17	18 6PM Cabbing Class 7PM Club Show Mtg @ Swiss Park	19 5PM Silversmithing Class	20 6PM Cabbing Class	21	22 10AM Intarsia w/Tony J
23	24	25 6PM Cabbing Class	26 5PM Silversmithing Class	27 6PM Cabbing Class	28 7:30 Program Meeting	29 Field Trip to Saddle Mt.
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