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AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK ----

Most of us know long time club members Mike and LaVon Siperek, but only a few of our members today are aware of the countless time and amount materials they have contributed to the club over the years. I offer but one example: they donated a small house on their property which we now call The Clubhouse and I think we all know how successful that has become.

On August 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th, 9AM to 6PM daily, Mike and LaVon are having a huge rock sale at their home, 4203 99th St. E., Tacoma, with lot's of great material at great prices and you'll need to bring your own buckets. However, setting up for this sale will require time and effort, and then there is the need to help customers during the sale as well.

SO, HERE IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK ---

Considering what Mike and LaVon have done for our club, as Club President, I'm asking that you call either Mike or LaVon at 253-531-7294 and ask what you can do to help them with their sale.

Jim Christian

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the editor.

LOOKING AHEAD Jim Christian

THE JUNIOR'S PROGRAM is moving from the clubhouse to the 2nd floor of The Grange. Next meeting is Friday, July 8th, 7PM on the 2nd floor of The Grange.

CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC is Saturday August 27th and don't forget the tailgate sale.

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR begins Friday, September 2nd. Get your space on the sign-up sheet filled before someone else takes it.

NEXT SILENT AUCTION and potluck is Friday October 28th. Start saving your donations now and don't forget that they can be thins other than rocks.

THE NEXT GEM FAIRE will be the weekend of November 11th, 12th, and 13th, and this year we, along with The Cascade Club, are planning to have a presence. More information to follow.

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July Field Trip

On July 9, 2016, Tony Johnson will be leading an exciting field trip to the Clipper Copper Mine up to Coplay Lake. The caravan will be leaving at 9:00am sharp (please arrive several minutes prior to 9:00am) from Rosie's IGA gas station, located in the Buckley Shopping Center at 29393 WA-410, Buckley, WA 98321.

The Clipper Mine is located in the Carbon River Mining District. Around 1900, miners followed a copper ore vein into the mountain, while also turning up small amounts of gold and silver. This field trip will be centered around hunting for Tourmaline and Chrysocolla with pyrite at the mine and around Coplay Lake. There is a large tailings pile to dig through at the mine, but also plan to bring hard rock tools. I am unsure as to whether or not entering the mine is part of the plan, or even allowable, but bringing along a helmet and flashlight will do no harm.

Stay safe and enjoy these exciting locations!

Show & Tell Themes and Program Nights

Date	Show & Tell Theme	Program Meeting
July 8 th	Red, White, and/or Blue Rocks	
July 22 nd	Carnelian Agate	TBD
August 12 th	Washington State Fair Entries	
August 26 th	NO SHOW AND TELL	Club Potluck Picnic

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

<http://puyallupgemclub.org/> (static for visitors), or <http://puyallupgemclub.org/blog>

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.

Maps to the clubhouse are available at the Business and Program Meetings.

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>



July Birthdays

Jonathan Morris (5th)
Gary Burgess (7th)
Sandy Hoffman (13th)

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Brad's Bench Tips By Brad Smith

DO BEZELS SHRINK

The engineer in me says there's no reason a bezel should shrink when I solder it onto a base plate, but I sometimes find that the stone won't quite fit into the bezel that was perfect just before soldering.

If that ever happens to you, here's a fix that usually works for those times when there's just a minor problem. I file or sand the stone down a little around

its base. For soft cabs like turquoise, lapis, jet or howlite, you can use a sanding stick. Harder cabs like jasper or agates will require a diamond file. In a pinch, a ruby nail file from the drugstore will work.

There are two important things to remember when doing this. First, you can only make a minor adjustment to the stone's size. All filing or sanding has to

be hidden by the bezel because it takes the polish off the stone. Secondly, remember to round off all sharp edges on the bottom of the stone. A sharp edge here might sit on a little extra solder that's in the bottom joint of your bezel. Just a little bump here can put enough stress the stone to risk breakage when you burnish the bezel down over the stone.

STRAIGHTENING WIRE

Have you ever pulled out some silver wire only to find that it's all bent up? The easiest way I've found to straighten it out is to stretch it a bit.

Simply put one end in the vise and grab the other end with a pair of serrated tip

pliers. Then pull just enough to feel the wire stretch like a rubber band. This works best on smaller wire diameters, up to about 16ga.

Be careful if you are trying to pull hard on a thick wire. Brace yourself in case the wire breaks or pulls out of the pliers.



Get all 101 of Brad's tips in "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and his newest publication, "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" on Amazon.

Kid's Corner By Diana Acosta

Our Pebble Pups meeting was a great success! Thank you parents for all your hard work with building mineral collections with your kids. The collections turned out great-each unique in its own way. Most of the kids have completed enough activities in Unit #1, to have earned their first badge. The badges should arrive before our next meeting for distribution to them.

NEW LOCATION - Our next meeting will be held on July 8th @ 7:00 (Business Meeting Night) at the Fruitland Grange. Hopefully, this will be our permanent location for Kids Meetings. We will begin Unit #2 (Earth Resources) of our manual and start with Activity 2.2: Minerals in the home. Please refer to the AFMS website: www.amfed.org for the Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program. It is full of information and will help parents understand how the program works. Hope to see you on July 8th!

Chapman's

Planning a trip someday along the coast down to California? If you do there is a place that all rock hounds just have to see. It's called *Chapman's Gem & Mineral Shop and Museum* and its located on Hwy 101, 4 miles South of Fortuna. They have a nice selection of rough material as you can see from this picture but the real attraction is the more than 7500 square feet of showroom that's filled with beautiful material from around the world, and there are some who refer to Chapman's as North California's answer to The Rice Museum. You can decide after you see it for yourself. You can visit their web site at www.chapmansgemandmineralshop.com but the web site doesn't do them justice, you really have to see it in person.



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

Date	Host	Site	Meeting Time & Place	Material	Tools
July 16	POW	Sweetwater	10AM @ Darrington Show	Travertine	Dig & Hard Rock
August 20-21	NWOS	Greenwater	9AM @ Enumclaw Ranger Station	Agate & Jasper	Dig & Hard Rock

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 or contact Ed Lehman at wsmced@hotmail.com or Home: (425) 334-6282, Cell: (425) 760-2786. Ed is the current contact for POW. Tony Johnson, (253) 863-9238, is the contact for the Northwest Opal Society (NWOS).

Mineral Riches - American Mines XI By Brett Lawrence

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O T L O A D L A S S I E J E A N E	AHLSTROM	CZARINA
N S A P R I L F O O L I D C E L T	APRIL FOOL	DEFENDER
K I C R E E T T O L R A H C L A T	BAILEY	ESTELLA BERTRANO
E V K I D C L E Y A D Y A M S T Y	BELLE ISLE	GENTRY
Y A D M N Z G T L W R R A A I E O	BETTY ONEAL	GUNMETAL
W N I R E A S E H C R C T R E M N	BILLIE DAY	HOOLIGAN
R E A O F R N A N I A I I I L N E	BLACK DIABLO	JUANITA
E U B S E I H I E T N R N E L U A	BLACK PANTHER	LASSIE JEAN
N B L E D N T L L A R O O T E G L	BONITA	LITTLE LINDA
C R O O P A E A U L D Y B T B M E	BRANDY	MARIETTA
H B R A N D Y J S N O W B A L L V	BRODINE	MAYDAY
D B A J X A M I L C I L B U P E R	BUENA VISTA	MONKEY WRENCH
B A I L E Y A D N I L E L T T I L	CARRIE	ORACLE
H O O L I G A N Y A D E I L L I B	CHARLOTTE	PRIMROSE
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Upcoming Shows As Copied from the NFMS Newsletter

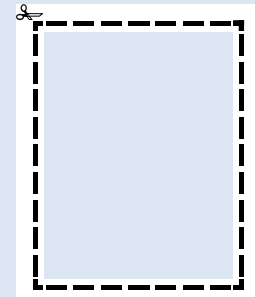
July 16 & 17 Sat & Sun: 10-5	Darrington Rock and Gem Club	Manford Grange 1265 Railroad Avenue Darrington, WA	Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282 wsmced@hotmail.com Angela Moore (360) 436-2107
July 22, 23, 24 Fri & Sat: 9-6 Sun: 9-5	WA Agate & Mineral Society of Olympia, Tenino Rock Cruisers	Parkside Elementary School 301 Central Avenue Tenino, WA	Daniel De Boer keylock1@live.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10AM Hands-On
3	4	5 6PM Cabbing Class 7PM Board Meeting	6	7 6PM Cabbing Class	8 7PM Junior's Group 7:30 Business Meeting	9 9AM Field Trip
10	11	12 6PM Cabbing Class	13	14 6PM Cabbing Class	15	16 10AM Hands-On
17	18	19 6PM Cabbing Class	20	21 6PM Cabbing Class	22 7:30 Program Meeting	23
24	25	26 6PM Cabbing Class	27	28 6PM Cabbing Class	29	30
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