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SKAGIT GEMS

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Next meeting: May 6th, 10am @ the Mt. Vernon Senior Center

Gem of the Month: The Last Rock I Found

Refreshments: Volunteers appreciated!



WE NEED COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

If you would like to contribute to our club and volunteer on a committee, let us know at our next meeting.

Publicity and Sunshine Committees have openings!

Upcoming Washington State Mineral Council Field Trips

Updated 04/12/23

The WA St. Mineral Council plans guided fieldtrips to collecting sites. Open to member clubs, and the general public. Most trips are free. Included are the Pow Wow trips (must join to go on trips). Host clubs and contact persons will be set up as I gather info. For updated info, go to mineralcouncil@zoho.com or contact Ed Lehman at wsmced2@outlook.com or h ph# (425) 334-6282 Cell# (425) 760-2786. Pow Wow Dues are \$7.50 each or &15 a family. They supply 3 free breakfast's on trips (what a deal).

April 23 Racehorse CK.—Fossils & Morel Mushrooms

May (Late in month)—Rainbow Chert @ Verlot

June—Saddle Mt Wood & Diatom Opal

July 22nd 11am from Darrington Rock Show July 22 & 23 10am to 5pm Travertine & Sauk River Bars.

Aug 19 & 20 Greenwater @ 9am Enumclaw Ranger Station Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238

Sept—9 & 10 Pow-Wow—Teaway Community Camp 8am Agate, Jasper & maybe Jade . Dues required Larry Vess (253)-473-3908 or vessel13755@gmail.com

Sept 16 10am @ Hwy 410 & F R 19 Thunder Eggs, Fossils & Lilypad Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238

Oct - Money Ck Camp 9am Picture Jasper

Nov— Blanchard Hill 9am @ I-5 & Alger Exit gas & go Dalmation Stone & Green Chert

https://mineralcouncil.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/fieldtrips_2023.pdf

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From the Editor,

It was such a pleasure and an honor to have Ed Lehman speak at our last meeting. He is a true legend in his field and a wealth of knowledge. A real gem. We are also blessed in having so many different varieties of naturally occurring gems and minerals so close to us! It is also pretty awesome to have so many talented and knowledgeable people in our own Club! Look at the incredible displays below! Violet and Eric really outdid themselves at the Mount Baker Rock and Mineral Show! And seeing the joy and intensity our young members and future leaders in our field emanated while out exploring on the Walker Valley Field Trip was inspiring!

Until next time...

Charlene



Photo courtesy of Peggy Peterson

Mount Baker Rock and Gem Club March 25 & 26, 2023 Rock and Mineral Show

Two of our Skagit Rock & Gem Club members, Violet Self-Munion and Eric Self, contributed stunning displays to the event. The top photo shows Violet's wirework with its charming and fun designs and intricate detailing. While the lower photo shows several of Eric's striking and impressive specimens that are quite remarkable. Both were definitely extraordinary!



Photo courtesy of Peggy Peterson

FIRST SPRING FIELD TRIP TO WALKER VALLEY!



Photo courtesy of Violet Self-Munio



On April 1st about a dozen members of the Skagit Rock and Gem Club braved the weather and met up for an outing at the Walker Valley Rockhound Site.

You can see some of the youngest members having a great time!

It was great to get out and do what we love to do!



Photo courtesy of Violet Self-Munio



Photo courtesy of Erin Dever

Skagit Rock and Gem Club Minutes April 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.

Board Members Present: Eric Self, Peggy Peterson, Norma McDonald, Charlene Rhodes

Guests: Dan Coffee, Ed Lehman, Stephanie Humble, Will Stokes, Kevin Witcoff, Minza Schiptra

March Meeting minutes approved as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurers report read by Dave Britton.

Program: Jade and local rockhounding by Ed Lehman. Ed reviewed some of the local areas where jade is found and had samples for showing. He also highlighted other types of rocks found here in the Skagit Valley area. And locales with directions to locate these. He also noted that the Mineral Council organization needs volunteers for a new wagonmaster, and other officer positions.

Show and Tell: Jade rocks brought by members as well as some maybe jades.

Old Business: the move of the workshop is still waiting for a lease to be drawn up and executed. Dave has not heard from the city yet. The proposed new location is 118 S Barker St.

Show: Dealer contracts will be sent out and the rate will increase from \$12.00 per linear foot to \$15.00 per linear foot.

Field Trip: April 8, 2023. Walker Valley, meet at 10:00 am at the Big Lake store. Will need a Discover Pass. Bring Lunch, tool, shovel and pick.

New Business:

Scholarship committee: Peggy motioned that the name of the scholarship be updated to a more current memorial mention. It was approved by the membership to rename the Scholarship the Frank Isca Memorial Scholarship.

Next Rock of the Month: last rock you found or treasures from the field trip to Walker Valley.

Upcoming shows:

Yakima Show April 21 through 23. 1301 S Fair Avenue Yakima WA

Kennewick Show April 29 through 30. 1500 S Oak St Kennewick WA

Seattle Mineral Market May 20 & 21. 7400 Sand Point Way NE Seattle WA

Everett Rock Show May 27 and 28. 18359 Cascade View Dr Monroe WA

Puyallup Show June 2 through 4. 9205 198th Ave E Bonney Lake WA

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.



VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Meetings are on the FIRST Saturday of the month except for Jan, July and Dec) at 10:00 am at the Mount Vernon Community (Senior) Center 1401 Cleveland St. Mount Vernon WA 98273

The purpose of this non-profit earth society shall be to stimulate interest in the study of geology, lapidary, and the collection of geological specimens.

We are a member of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Washington State Mineral Council. We are affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Dues are \$15.00 per year for adults and \$7.50 for those under age 16

Visit our website: skagitrockandgem.com

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Committees

- Annual Show Chair-Eric Self
- Facilities/Field Trips- Dave Britten
- Greeter-Peggy Peterson
- Scholarship-Peggy Peterson, Kim Kellems
- Publicity-Open
- Sunshine-Open
- Swap-Vandenburgs

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COMING TO A TOWN NEAR YOU!

EVERETT ROCK & GEM CLUB

68th Annual

GEM, JEWELRY & MINERAL SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY • MAY 27 & 28, 2023
SAT 10-6 • SUN 10-5

Evergreen State Fairgrounds
USE EAST ENTRANCE
& WATCH FOR SIGNS
18359 Cascade View Drive
Near Monroe, Washington, 98272

CRYSTALS & GEODES

DISPLAYS & EXHIBITS

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

DEMONSTRATIONS

JEWELRY MAKING

FOSSILS

BOOKS & MAPS

SILENT AUCTION

CLUB SALES TABLE

HOURLY DOOR PRIZES

GEM & JEWELRY DEALERS



FREE ADMISSION

Free Parking Disabled Access Snack Bar
everetrockclub.com

THE PUYALLUP VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB

IS HOSTING 2 SHOWS IN 2023

"Come Rock with Us"

June 2th 12pm to 5pm, June 3th 10am to 5pm,
& June 4th 10am to 3pm

The Puyallup Valley 2023 Gem & Mineral Show
Swiss Park, 9205 198th Ave. East,
Bonney Lake, WA.

August 11th, 12th, & 13th, 2023
10am to 5pm daily

The 2023 Gem Show in The Trees
Tacoma Sportsmen's Club
16409 Canyon Road East, Puyallup, WA.



Join us for the 15th annual

Seattle Mineral Market

May 20th & 21st 2023

mineral specimens
fossils gems jewelry
PNW collected materials
FREE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 11am-5pm
Magnuson Park ~ Hangar 30 Building
7400 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115

www.ElementalEndeavors.com

Magnetite-Hastingsite, Black Tuesday Mine, Chelan Co, WA. Photo: Gerard Cookson



What is Stonerose?

Stonerose is the name of a fossil site, a place where impressions of plants, insects, and fish that lived millions of years ago can be found in shale. These fossils are the result of events that happened long before there were people to observe them.

The organisms found at Stonerose lived nearly 50 million years ago, in a time known as the Eocene Epoch. At that time, the area now occupied by the City of Republic was part of an ancient lake. Over many years, layers of sediment built up on the lakebed. Much of this material was powdery ash from volcanic activity occurring in the area.

These layers of the old lake bottom can be seen today as layers of fine-grained tuffaceous shale, volcanic ash hardened into sedimentary rock. The layers of shale split apart like pages in a book revealing fossils and information about the ancient lake and its surrounding vegetation. Within these layers, the insects and fish that drifted to the lake bottom, and the leaves and twigs that floated downstream or blew into the lake can now be seen as fossils.

By the time the Stonerose fossils were laid down, the great age of the dinosaurs was long past. The giant reptiles had been extinct for fifteen million years. The Pacific Northwest was very different from the region we know today. The Cascade Mountains were not there to block the flow of warm, moist air from the Pacific, so the climate was warmer and wetter than today's. The ancestors of our familiar temperate-forest trees intermingled with broadleaved trees, which are now native to the southeastern states and to plants that today grow only in the Far East.

Some of the plants/animals found at Stonerose are now extinct; all we will ever see of them are fossils. The ecologically successful plants have left many descendants that are still recognizable all around us.

STONEROSE FOSSILS ANNUAL AUCTION

Saturday, June 24, 2023 5pm-8pm
Patterson Park, Downtown Republic

Join us to support science, education & this amazing fossil resource!

Silent and Live Auction!

Serving heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine

Entertainment by **Hannah Jackson**

\$45 per person

\$50 per person after June 10th

Seating is limited, get your tickets early!

Tickets are available online

www.stonerosefossil.org

or at Stonerose Interpretive Center
15 N Clark Ave (corner of 6th & Clark)
509-775-2295 stonerosefossils@gmail.com

Stonerose fossils hold important clues to our eventual understanding of the geologic and biologic past of the Pacific Northwest.

Stonerose Fossil Site and Interpretive Center is managed and operated by the Friends of Stonerose Fossils, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit.

<https://stonerosefossil.org/what-is-stonerose/>



Stonerose's famous *Florissantia Quilchenensis* fossil (flower from an extinct cocoa tree).

Upcoming Rock & Gem Show Dates

April 2023

21-23—YAKIMA, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Yakima Rock and Mineral Club; Central Washington State Fair Park Modern Living Building, 1301 South Fair Avenue; Fri. 10-4, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$6, \$1 off with coupon, Students \$2, K 12 years old free with paying adult; Sparkling Parade of Gems - 2023 - Celebrating our 60th Show. Jewelry Dealers, Children's Activities, Rock, Mineral & Fossil Dealers, Grab Bags, Wheel of Fortune, Door Prizes, Raffle, Silent Auctions, Special exhibits and displays. Food will be available, Free Parking at Gate #5. There are nearby RV parks; contact Marti Sondgeroth, (509) 910-3484; Email: marthams@q.com; Website: www.yakimarockclub.com

29-30—KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club; Benton County Fairgrounds, Building 2, 1500 South Oak Street; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5 children 14 and under free with paid adult; Exhibits; Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Dealers; demonstrations including cabochon fashioning, gemstone faceting, gem trees, sphere making, silversmithing, wire wrapping; silent auction; junior activities; door prizes; raffle; Fluorescent displays; Geode cracking; tailgating Sunday morning; contact Larry Hulstrom, (509) 308-8312; Email: rockhound132@charter.net; Website: www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com

29-30—WEST SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: Annual show; West Seattle Rock Club; Alki Masonic Temple (West Seattle), 4736 40th Avenue SW; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free; Silent Auction, Vendors, Demonstrations, Activities for Kids; contact Annette Nelson, (206) 379-3677; Website: www.westseattlerockclub.org

29-30—ELMA, WASHINGTON: 55th Annual Rock Show; Grays Harbor Rock and Gem Club; Grays Harbor County Fair and Event Center, 43 Elma-McCleary Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4:30; free; Silent auction. Kids spin a wheel. Demonstrations. 1/2 hour drawings. Vendors. RV parking; contact Gary Emberley, (360) 533-6196; Email: melissa624@hotmail.com

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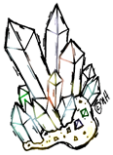
20-21—SHELTON, WASHINGTON: Retail show; Seattle Mineral Market; Magnuson Park Hangar 30 Building, 7400 NE Sand Point Way; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; free; We have over 60 dealers and demonstrators in Minerals, Fossils, Gems, Jewelry, Mineral Art and more! Door prizes, Free Rocks for Kids, Free parking; contact Brittany Burkhardt; Email: seattlmineralmarket@gmail.com; Website: elementalendeavors.com/seattle-mineral-market

27-28—MONROE, WASHINGTON: 68th Annual Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show; Everett Rock and Gem Club; Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Weikel Event Center, 18359 Cascade View Drive; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free; Crystals and geodes; displays and exhibits; tools and equipment; kids activities; silent auction; Club Sales table; hourly door prizes; dealers; and demonstrations. Free Parking; contact Fritz Mack, (425) 232-0809; Website: www.everettrockclub.com

June 2023

2-4—BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club; Swiss Park - Bonney Lake, 9205 198th Ave. E; Fri. 12-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free; contact Jillian Higgins, (253) 987-6751; Email: pvgamc@gmail.com; Website: puyallupvalleygemandmineralclub.com/

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