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# SKAGIT GEMS

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**\* Note the change in Date, Time and Location for December meeting! \***

December Meeting will be Christmas Party Pot Luck and Gift Exchange

When: Saturday, December 9th - approximate time—12 noon to 5 PM

Where: Clear Lake Historical Association (Between Post Office and Evelyn's Tavern)

12655 Hwy 9, Clear Lake, WA

### December Meeting/Potluck/Gift Exchange

Our potluck and gift exchange on Saturday, December 9th will be held at the Clear Lake Historical Association building in Clear Lake. Our new members, Rick and Shelley Van Pelt, have graciously offered it for this event. It should be a great place for a potluck and party with plenty of room for all of us!

We will be checking it out to see what will be needed for decorations and set up for the potluck. We will send out an email closer to the date with updated information!

Be sure to bring a tasty dish to share, and a wrapped gift, valued around \$20, if you want to join in the gift exchange. See you then!

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It's that time of year for selecting new Officer's!

Our **Secretary position is open**. The Secretary keeps the minutes of all meetings, handles correspondence, and keeps records of the Society.

We are also looking to fill the position of **Federation Director**. This position requires a bit of travelling, where you will represent the Society at functions of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and make a full report of any transactions of the Federation that are of interest or concern to the Society.

The **Sunshine Committee** position is also open. This person would express congratulations, sympathy or concern to members of the Club in the event of illness, bereavement or milestone events.

We would also gladly accept donations of cards to send out for these occasions.

There will be more opportunities in the upcoming year to pitch in and contribute to the club. It's also a good way to get to know other members and learn new things!

Let us know at the upcoming December Potluck if you are interested in any of these positions!

## Welcome New Members!

Will Green  
Debbie James  
Isabella Payne  
Luke Payne  
Devon Rogers  
Rick Van Pelt  
Shelley Van Pelt

From the Editor:

Seasons Greetings Fellow Rockhounds!

I hope you were all able to make it to our annual show earlier this month. It was great seeing everyone contribute their time and talents to make this show such a success, Being able to meet some of the long-time members that I haven't met at the meetings was nice, and seeing how readily our newest members stepped up to help with setting up, tearing down, and various activities during the show was great! What a wonderful organization to be a part of. There were over 900 people who showed up, so I'd say this year's show was an extreme success!

Moving forward we have our December meeting coming up. We are very fortunate to have new members Rick and Shelley Van Pelt offer the Clear Lake Historical Society building for our upcoming Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange. It will be great to see everyone there in a relaxed environment where we can have some fun and get to know each other better. Maybe even plan some fun field trips for next year! Be sure to note this is the second weekend in December, at a different location and time from our usual meetings. We will send out an email closer to the event to keep you updated. Stay tuned!

Also, in January there is no regular meeting, but we will meet up at a restaurant after the holidays. You can order a meal or just have a cup of coffee and chat. There will be more info on that later...

Till next time—Keep Rockin'

*Charlene*



We are collecting names and payment for membership pins/nametags. We need to order these in bulk, as the cost for a single badge has gone up to \$25.00 (!!!) plus tax, but if we order two to ten, they are \$12.50 (plus tax totals \$13.60 each). Members pay upfront, and when we have several requests the club will order them to get the lower pricing. Please let Dave know if you are interested in ordering one before or at our next gathering.

## Last Call for 2024 Dues!

Club dues will give membership thru August 2023. Please pay dues if you would like to continue your membership and receive the newsletter. Membership dues must be paid to use the club shop.

Membership forms are available at every meeting. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

Your yearly dues cover membership privileges from September 2023 through August 31st, 2024. Dues are \$15.00 per year for adults and \$5.00 for those under age 16.

Payment can be made by cash or check at a meeting or by mailing the form and payment to address below:

Dave Britten  
PO Box 244  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273



Maplewood Rock and Gem Club

### Holiday Gift Sale

December 9 & 10th, 10am-5pm



Variety of vendors with unique items and one-of-a-kind gifts. Jewelry, Gems, Fossils, Zen Stones & so much more...

Come shopping & join the fun!

- FREE Admission & Parking \* ADA Accessible \*
- 8802 196th St SW - Edmonds, WA
- www.maplewoodrockclub.com

### UPCOMING SALES AND SHOWS

February 10 - 11—2024

Oak Harbor, WA

Whidbey Island Gem Club's  
58th Annual Sweetheart of Gems Show.

Oak Harbor Senior Center,  
51 SE Derome St.

Info.—Victoria Lovett, vick\_o\_rama@hotmail.com

### UPCOMING Mineral Council Field Trips

Stay tuned for next years upcoming field trips!

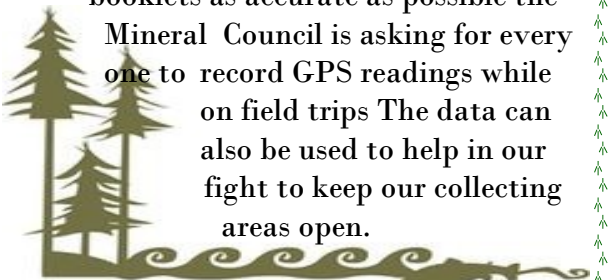
### 2024 Skagit Rock and Gem Club Schedule

- January TBA – Installation Banquet
- February 3 – General Meeting
- March 2 – General Meeting
- April 6 – General Meeting
- May 4 – General Meeting
- June 1 – General Meeting
- July TBA – Annual Barbeque and Swap Meet
- August 3 – General Meeting
- September 7 – General Meeting
- October 5 – General Meeting
- November 2 – General Meeting
- November TBA – Skagit Rock & Gem Annual Show
- December TBA – Annual Meeting for the purposes of elections, Potluck and Gift Exchange

**Don't forget--Check out the WA State Mineral Council webpage for all the gem shows and field trips next year.**  
<https://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com/>

#### GPS Co-ordinates Needed

The WSMC needs the GPS co-ordinates of any and all of the collecting sites in the state. In an effort to make the map booklets as accurate as possible the Mineral Council is asking for every one to record GPS readings while on field trips. The data can also be used to help in our fight to keep our collecting areas open.



## SKAGIT ROCK & GEM CLUB MEETING MINUTES

### **General Meeting Minutes November 4, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10.

Board Members present: Eric Self, Dave Britten, Peggy Peterson, Charlene Rhodes.

Guests: Shelley and Rick Van Pelt, Debbie James, Will Green, Steve Erickson, Devon Rogers, Donna and Oscar Chavarro, Earnest Russell, Kendra Bowen, and Luke and Isabella Payne.

Treasurer's report read by Dave Britten and approved as read.

Show and tell: Thunder Eggs and interesting rock samples brought in by members.

No program in lieu of upcoming show discussion.

Upcoming field trips: Next Saturday November 11th to Blanchard Mountain to look for dalmatian stones. Meet at Shell Gas Station - Alger at 9:30

Sunshine: Daves's wife, Sherry Broome is recovering from surgery and a positive COVID test. Norma McDonald is recovering from an accident to her just repaired foot.

New Business:

Secretary position is open.

Our Rock , Mineral, Gem, Fossil and Jewelry Show - Saturday November 11 - Sunday November 12 at Sedro Woolley Community Center

We need volunteers to help set up Friday November 10 - 9:00 a.m. till we are finished setting up.

We need donations of items for the Scholarship raffle, candy treats for the kid's games and silent auction tables. Please bring your items Friday.

Sign up for various jobs in 2 hour shifts during the show.

Old Business:

We will start moving out of the shop after the show.

There will be no regular meeting in December, instead we will have our Christmas Party potluck and gift exchange—gift value should be around \$20.00. Date, time and venue to be determined and announced via email when finalized.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Kim Kellems



## VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Meetings are on the FIRST Saturday of the month  
(except for Jan, July and Dec)  
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 \$5.00 for those under age 16.

Visit our website: [skagitrockandgem.com](http://skagitrockandgem.com)

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### 2023 Officers

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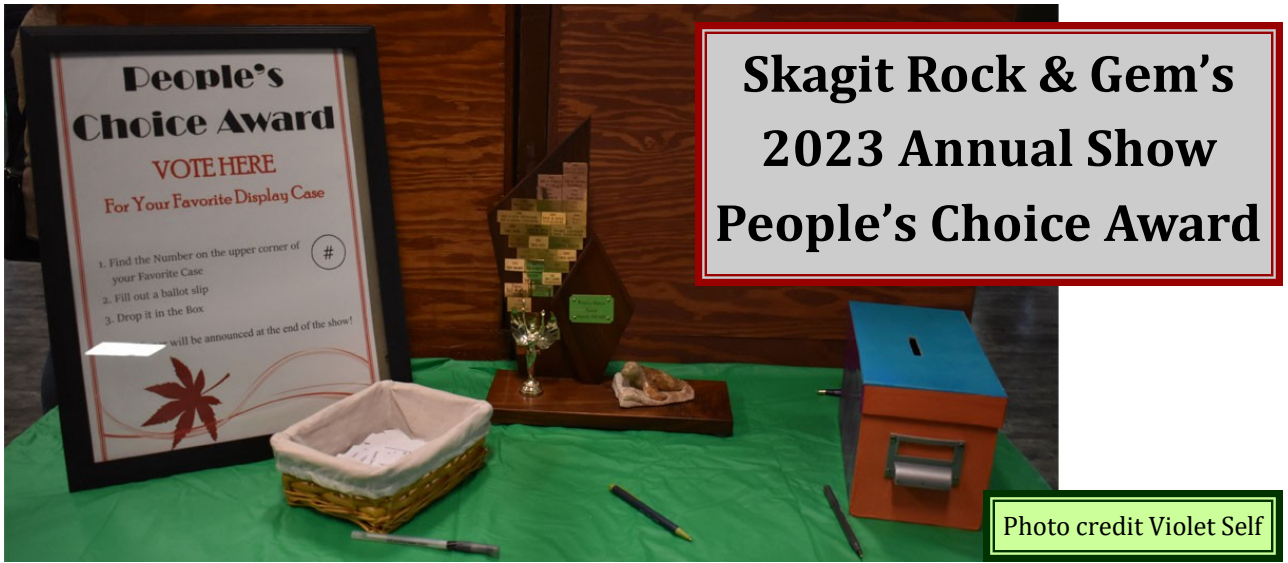
*Happy Holidays*



### Committees

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





**Skagit Rock & Gem's  
2023 Annual Show  
People's Choice Award**

Photo credit Violet Self



**And the Winner is: Peggy Peterson!**

Photo credit Violet Self



**People's Choice Award Winning Display Case**

More Awesome Display Cases



Last year's People's Choice Winner



Zoie  
cat heaven



More Awesome Display Cases





# More Awesome Display Cases



**And One More Awesome Display Case!**



**SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE PRIZES**





Vendor photos credit Violet Self

**Vendors  
Tables**



**Skagit Rock & Gem Club** Presents  
**A GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL  
& JEWELRY SHOW**  
Nov. 11th, 9 - 5 · Nov. 12th, 10 - 4

Sedro Woolley  
Comm. Center  
703 Pacific St.  
**FREE  
Admission**

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