



“The Hard Rock News”

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A Message From Our President, Tony Schackmann:

Dear KMGS members and friends, March is here already, time is flying! We have some new events

being planned and we will need volunteers and mentors to help out. Of course we say that every time, we all know that KMGS members like to help the club to succeed.

I want to say “Thanks” to Jim Radtke for fixing the microphone and the compact clip on mini microphone for the PA system, without them it makes it difficult for everyone hear.

We had a large number in attendance last month for the member’s sale; many of those who participated said that they did well. There was a variety of material; machines with many parts, tools and components; and handcrafted jewelry and lapidary items. Great job everyone and keep up the good work! I have heard members inquiring as to who makes a certain item or who may have a specific material. This is a good thing to see and hear, so keep the communication going strong.

During the January meeting I mentioned a possible site for a workshop, with the board members approval. The January board meeting was held at the Sunnyslope Improvement Association, which is the facility we are looking at for this purpose. The date decided upon is March 28th from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM as the stop-work time to allow for cleaning of the facility. There is a full kitchen and

Bobbie Sack has graciously volunteered to handle sign-ups for potluck food items, even snacks to keep everyone going. The workshop will be chaired by me and I will be looking for assistance with the sign-up sheets. There will be tables available for mentors and demonstrators at no charge. In addition, I will allow active KMGS members to rent a six foot table for \$5.00 during the workshop for the purpose of selling their creations to those who are interested. The money raised will either go to the Sunnyslope Community Club for future usage or may go to the Scholarship fund. This is subject to how many people are willing to be actively involved. So mark your calendars

Dean Norman will present a DVD on wire wrapping as the program for the March meeting. We are looking for a larger screen for the multi-media system which will allow him to present a larger view for the benefit of those in the back of the room. If anyone has a spare or could allow the club to borrow one for specific presentations, please let Dean know. This would also encourage club members to share their field trip pictures and possibly pair them up with Display Table themes.

I’ve been informed that we will have a special guest that has asked for approximately thirty minutes before the presentation at the March meeting to discuss state park closures.

Be ready for the first field trip of the season this month, Dean will have the details, so break out the tools and get

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March Meeting Dates, Times and

Locations: The March General Meeting will be held on Friday, **March 13th at 7:00 PM** in the basement day care center (entrance in the back) of Chico Alliance Church 3670 Chico Way NW Bremerton, Washington.



The March Board Meeting will be on Thursday, **March 19th at 7:00 PM**. This meeting is also at the church, in the Junior's Activity Room. **All members are encouraged to attend Board Meetings. Please feel free to participate.**

Program: Dean Norman will be presenting an easy-to-follow guide on professional Wire Wrapping. This is an approximately thirty minute DVD on "Simple and Elegant Wire Settings—Cinderhill Style". It would be appreciated if wire wrappers would bring in a few samples of their wire wrap creations for the Display Table to compliment the DVD.

Display Table: We will have a Display Table at our March meeting. Bring whatever you like as long as it is lapidary or mineral-related. As usual, juniors are encouraged to participate in this part of the meeting. Wire wrappers, please see above program note.—Garry Mahan

Refreshments for the March General

Meeting: will be provided by members with last name beginning with the letter "R" and "W". (Please provide finger foods that can be placed on a napkin.) **Remember that this involves refreshment set-up and clean-up after the meeting has been concluded.**

Beader's News: The Hard Rock Beaders will meet on March 11th at 6:30 PM at the community center at the Steele Creek Mobile Home Park. **Call Linda Mathison at (360) 698-1562 for directions.** Everyone is welcome!

I need a person with a wealth of knowledge to help me identify the rocks/material that I have. Can only afford \$100 for your time. - Shane McWilliams (253) 229-2074 mcfowl@msn.com

Club Announcements**Yearly DUES****\$10.00 for Adult Membership****\$20.00 for Family Membership****\$2.50 for Single Junior (Associate Member)****(Dues are due in June of each year.)**

For Sale: Belma Hampton is offering for sale some of her husband's beautiful cabs, belt buckles and bolas.

Please contact **Del and Bobbie Sack** for questions or to view the items **(360) 277- 0383**

Attention Wire Wrappers: Vangie Mayton will have a wire wrap class on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 PM. This will be held at Vangie's home.

If interested, please call Vangie for details, directions and sign-up, (360) 373-3370.

In Memory Of: Bill Barnard, a member of the Port Townsend Rock Club, passed away in early February. KMGS members will remember Bill from the silversmithing classes that he gave at the Port Townsend Club's annual "Gemboree". He also took the field trip with us to the Rice Museum five years ago.

No services have been planned. A memorial picnic will take place in the spring.

KMGS Workshop:

Date: March 28th

Time: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM (clean-up to follow)

Where: Sunnyslope Community Center; located at 5830 Old Clifton Rd. SW, Port Orchard

Who Should Come: Everyone!

(More details and sign-ups will be available at the March General Meeting.)



The following members have name tags ready to be picked up at the March meeting:

Al and Cindy Bockman Darlyne Cashman
 Duane DeBoer Marianne Hoffman
 Shane McWilliams Linden and Carolyn Richter
You may pick them up at the "Welcome Table".

Important KMGS Contacts

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Refreshment F.Y.I.: We rely on our club members to provide snacks for our General Meetings! **Bobbie Sack**, our Membership Chairman, has crafted this schedule for 2009 by using the first letter of your last name, based on membership records.

March—"R" and "W"
April—"M" and "N"
May—"K" and "L"

June—"E" and "F"
July / August—Club Picnic
September—"A" and "H"
October—"G", "J", and "I"
November—"S" and "P"
December—Potluck

When it is your turn to bring snacks, please remember that we prefer that it be finger food that can be placed on a napkin to minimize messy clean-ups. Healthy snacks are also

encouraged! The club provides the coffee, tea and other beverages.

Please note on your calendar the meeting that you will be bringing refreshments to. You will need to plan on participating with the set-up prior to the meeting and clean-up in the kitchen following the meeting. Please take your leftovers home.

You may switch assigned meetings with another member, if necessary.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING:
KITSAP MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY**

**MEMBERS' SALE
FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

We're gonna talk - about the rocks tonight, we're gonna talk, talk, talk till broad daylight; we're gonna talk, gonna talk all about the rocks tonight!

Ok, I'm no song writer but I couldn't help but enjoy the lively chatter as members talked and shopped at the annual membership sale. Normally held in January, the sale was moved to February and the turnout was very good. There was something for everybody and who could resist those bargain prices?! Talk about a potential for spending some money and really getting a lot of bang for your buck! Thank you, Dean Norman, for planning this event and a huge thank you to all who participated. Whether buying, selling or simply mingling, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

A few announcements were made throughout the evening:

The February Board meeting will be held in the daycare center on Thursday, 19 February at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Jim McClure urged folks to sign a petition to our State Representatives regarding the closing of thirteen State Parks in Washington. Of special interest is Kopachuck State Park in Gig Harbor. The signatures will be sent to the appropriate representatives at the end of the month. Contact Jim if you have any questions.

Tony Schackmann announced the club's first workshop to be held on 28 March at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 10:00 AM until we drop. Mark your calendars and come on down and join the fun. More information will be available later.

Whether buying one or two or three or four if the sale ran out we yelled for more...ok, I'm done.

Thanks again to all who participated in the sale.

Respectfully Submitted, **Linda Mathison, Secretary**

The following is excerpted from the petition Jim McClure has been circulating with regards to proposed State Park closures:

LETTER TO THE STATE LEGISLATORS

**POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF KOPACHUCK AND
OTHER STATE PARKS**

We urgently appeal to all State Legislators to retain Kopachuck State (and/or all State Parks) from being cut from the 2009/10 State Budget. Understanding that you are facing difficult decisions, we truly appreciate your efforts in these trying times. We would like to call the following points to your attention in making this decision:

1. The loss of a unique and valuable natural resource to campers, hikers, kayakers, scuba divers and all who appreciate nature is not in our best interests
2. Criteria and evaluation of the parks in Vision 2013 was done without the benefit of public input and is based on a subjective evaluation of outdated information
3. Revenue and jobs should be retained, especially in our current economic crisis. Closing a State managed park with proximity to urban areas is detrimental to our property values and to local business revenues.
4. Protecting the Parks within the State system ensures the safety and security of those who visit it. Trained Park Rangers have the expertise and authority to enforce regulations and educate park users in ways that will enhance their experience and preserve the existing features of the park and adjacent properties.

Preserving the forests, habitat, aquifers and shoreline of Kopachuck State Park is vital! Were the park closed, there is still a very real possibility that it could be returned to the state park system should economic conditions eventually improve. It is imperative that any designated local agency acting as caretaker should be pledged beforehand to retain the park in its current state, and not to alter any portion of the park for new uses.

We are asking for your help in preserving parks that give us the opportunity to enjoy recreation close to home in an affordable, safe and enriching way. PLEASE do not make your decision in haste – our families are counting on you!

ANAGRAMS: (When you rearrange it)

SNOOZE ALARMS:

When you rearrange the letters:
ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT:

When you rearrange the letters:
IM A DOT IN PLACE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

When you rearrange the letters:
TWELVE PLUS ONE

Did you know that the Port Townsend Club has some wonderful opportunities for us? Their shop building is open the first Saturday of each month (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) for rock cutting and polishing, and silversmithing. Assistance will be provided. There is a fee to defray their costs: \$4.00 per person or \$5.00 per family, plus the cost of any materials used. Bring a sack

lunch. For more information please contact these Port Townsend Rock Club members (they are also KMGS members) : Marie Anderson (360) 382-0420 (*Pt. Townsend*); Bobbie Sack (360) 277-0383 (*Belfair*) or (360) 509-4772 (*Cell # Silverdale*); OR Vangie Mayton (360) 373-3370 (*Bremerton*). Jefferson County Fairgrounds address: 4907 Landes St., Port Townsend

Field Trip Schedule for 2009—Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society
(No field trips are scheduled in January, February, October, November and December.)

2009 Month and Day	Place	Material Collected	Tools Needed	Leader	Meeting Time and Place	Contact Information
March 14th	Green Mountain—Kalama	Carnelian Agates/Jasper	Shovel, Rake	John Hubbard	Gig Harbor Safeway @ 7 AM	(360) 731-7899
April 18-19th	Saddle Mt.	Petrified Wood and Opals	Shovel, Rake Pry Bar, Hard Rock Tools	Gerry Alexander	Mattawa Shell Station @9 AM Saturday	(360) 876-4543 Maps to be provided upon request.
May 9-10th	Twin Rivers Area (Strait of Juan DeFuca)	Marine Fossils	Bucket, Light Rock Hammer	John Cornish Dean Norman	To Be Determined- Low Tide is @ 9 AM	Dean (360) 871-2054
June 20th	Greenwater	Jasper and Agates	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Light Rock Tools	Gerry Alexander	Greenwater Forest Service Rd. 70 @9 AM Saturday	(360) 876-4543 Maps to be provided upon request.
July 11-12th	Frost Mt.—Manastash Ridge	Jasper and Seam Agates	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Light Rock Tools	Dean Norman	Frost Meadows @9 AM Saturday	(360) 871-2054 Maps to be provided upon request.
August 8-9th	Red Top	Geodes, Nodules, Agates	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Light Rock Tools	Dean Norman	Teanaway 29 Pines Campground @9AM	(360) 871-2054 Maps to be provided upon request.
September 19-20th	Rimrock	Nodules, Agates, Thunder-eggs, & Jaspers	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Light Rock Tools	Tony Schackmann	Rimrock Lake @9 AM	(360) 372-2777 Maps to be provided upon request.

March Birthstone:
Aquamarine

Color:
Blue-Green to Blue

Cabochon:
Bloodstone

Bestows Courage, Insight, Victory

Aquamarine is the accepted anniversary gem for the nineteenth year of marriage. It is mined primarily in Brazil, Nigeria and Zambia.

KMGS Mentors:

Sign up as a mentor with the newsletter editor.

Skill	Mentor	Contact Information:
WIRE WRAPPING	VANGIE MAYTON	(360) 373-3370
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MINERALS	MARK FAWCETT	(360) 308-9942
FACETING	KMGS FACETERS	Jim McClure (253) 265-3011 email: pogy2@worldnet.att.net
BEADING /LAPIDARY	HARD ROCK BEADERS	"Hard Rock Beaders" (See page two for current meeting schedule.)

Clay City and the Clay Pits

By Garry Mahan

Some time back, Dean Norman was told that near Kapowsin/Northwest Trek there used to be a place where you could dig soccer ball-size geodes. The name of the place was Clay City and in some of the clay pits you could find the geodes. During Clay City's heyday, the clay pits were used as a source of clay for making the old clay drain tiles and bricks. Some of the geodes from these pits were reported to have amethyst in them. Dean had been told what the area was like 40 to 50 years ago, but some of us decided to go try to find some of these geodes anyway, having absolutely no clue what we would run into. Richard Price found the clay pit site on the map, so taking the information Dean had with what Richard found, we headed out in Woody and Kathy Woodside's truck to see what was there. When we got there (on a Saturday morning)

we found that the entire area was posted with no trespassing signs, but there was a 1-800 number we could call to inquire about entry. We tried that number, but of course there was no answer (on a weekend). We then inquired with some of the locals and confirmed that the tale was true about the nodules of old time. We also found out that the land owner sells permits (at a convenience store in Kapowsin) to private parties to go on his property for mushroom hunting, deer/elk hunting, herb hunting, or even rock hunting. We also found out that unless you were a local, it probably wouldn't be worth the annual permit (permit cost is in the \$150 range) to go rock hunting there, with the price of fuel these days. If anybody out there knows more about these amethyst-filled nodules, please give me a call or send me an email garrymail24@yahoo.com so we find out more about them. My phone number is (360) 871-2815.

Washington State Mineral Council Field Trips March, 2009: (KMGS is a WSMC Member Club)

ALWAYS CALL/CONTACT GROUP TO CONFIRM INFORMATION:

Most trips will have 8 1/2" X 11" WSMC direction signs. Most weekend trips will have a Sat evening potluck, and a Sunday morning free pancake breakfast. Material swapping, and tail-gating encouraged.

3/14 MSVL Where to: Cedar Ponds **Meet At:** 9:00 AM @ Monroe Jack In The Box **Material you may find:** jasper and fossils **Bring:** dig and light hard-rock tools

MSVL=Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282 or wsmced@hotmail.com

Bob Johnson (425)-231-0716, bobinevrt@hotmail.com

Bill Moser, jj@comcast.net

Other Listed Contacts: BC Wagonmasters - Bob Morgan: mineralsbycilor@yahoo.ca

Lapidary Society of B.C. has a web site at <http://www.lapidary.bc.ca/>

Washington State Parks Are Closing

Jim McClure has been leading the KMGS charge in opposition to thirteen Washington State Park closures. Please see Jim for information and how you can help this cause. Closures of public lands are on the rise and for those of us who love the natural world, it is always a blow to hear about more. Our state parks give access to people who are generally less able to spend time in the "great out-of-doors". We are being squeezed into fewer

open public lands year after year.

Please see the petition heading on page four, right. If you feel you can support this and want to obtain signatures for this cause, please email Jim and he will respond with an attached petition.

The next Washington State Parks Commission Meeting is set for 3-5-09 in Gig Harbor. Please contact Jim McClure at (253) 265-3011 pogy2@centurytel.net for updated information or visit www.pop.kreha.org.

Swarf—and How to Tame It

Swarf is that milky liquid you get when you cut cabochons or facet stones. Although it appears to be harmless, swarf can be deadly to your plumbing system and lapidary equipment if not handled properly.

When you grind rocks to make cabochons or faceted stones, you're removing tiny bits of the rock and carrying them away from your work with water. When the water evaporates, the tiny rock bits are left behind as a sort of concrete gunk. Over time, this gunk hardens like concrete.

So how do you tame the swarf? Never, never, ever, dispose of your swarf in your plumbing system. Don't pour

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them ready.

If committee members or volunteers need time at the March meeting for announcements or need me to make the announcement for you, please email me, or see me before the meeting. We have a couple of jobs still needing to be filled.

it down a sink or toilet because eventually that gunk hardens and eventually narrows your pipes. Because it's concrete-like when hardened, it is almost impossible to remove! Instead, take your swarf outside to a non important part of your garden and dump it there. Or if there is no garden handy, allow the swarf to settle in the bottom of a bucket for a day or two. Then carefully pour off the now-clear water, scoop out the swarf, put it in a plastic bag, and toss it in the trash.

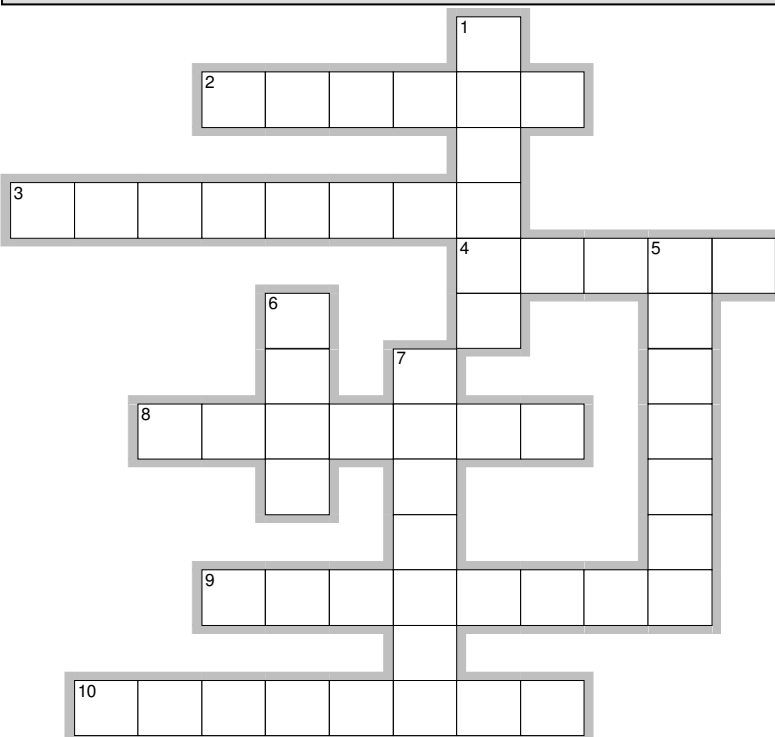
from Gem Cutters News - November 1984,

via The BackBender's Gazette - 10/2007

Let me also remind everyone to keep those tumblers going and keep making preparations for the Kitsap County fair and the November Show all year round. As President, I look forward to working with all of you.

Thanks for your confidence in me; I'll do my best as sworn. Sincerely, Tony Schackmann

How Well Do YOU Know The Mohs Hardness Scale?



Across

- 2. Mohs Hardness Scale 2 Absolute Hardness 2
- 3. Mohs Hardness Scale 6 Absolute Hardness 72
- 4. Mohs Hardness Scale 8 Absolute Hardness 200
- 8. Mohs Hardness Scale 3 Absolute Hardness 9
- 9. Mohs Hardness Scale 4 Absolute Hardness 21

- 10. Mohs Hardness Scale 9 Absolute Hardness 400
- Down**
- 1. Mohs Hardness Scale 7 Absolute Hardness 100
- 5. Mohs Hardness Scale 5 Absolute Hardness 48
- 6. Mohs Hardness Scale 1 Absolute Hardness 1
- 7. Mohs Hardness Scale 10 Absolute Hardness 1500

Northwest Shows - March and Early April, 2009

March, 2009 7th 10am - 6pm 8th 10am - 5pm	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	<i>GEMS ARE FINE FOR 2009</i>	O'Conner Field House Canyon Co. Fairgrounds 2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho	Tom Roger 6508 E. Lewis Lane Nampa, ID 83686 (208) 465-5529 lmr_tmr@safelink.net Club: www.owyheerocks.com
March, 2009 7th 10am - 6pm 8th 10am - 5pm	E. King Co., Rock Club	<i>Annual Rock & Gem Show</i>	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave. NW Issaquah, WA	EKCRC, P. O. Box 2203 Redmond, WA 98073 Norma Kikkert east-kingco@gmail.com geocities.com/eastkingco
March, 2009 7th 9am - 5pm 8th 10am - 4pm	Rock & Arrowhead Club	<i>Annual Show Wonderful World of Jasper</i>	Klamath County Fairgrounds 3531 S. 6th St. Klamath Fall, OR. 97603	Amanda Newnham (541) 892-8364 dustyrocks@aol.com or Garwin Carlson (541) 882-8276
March, 2009 13th 9am - 5pm 14th 10am - 5pm 15th 10am - 5pm	Tualatin Valley Gem Club	<i>51st Annual Show "Nature's Design"</i>	Washington Co., Fairplex 873NW 34th Ave. Hillsboro, Oregon	Cal Davis (503) 357-4954 Rose Jackson jeweledrose@comcast.net Club: www.tvgc.org
March, 2009 13th 10am - 6pm 14th 10am - 6pm 15th 10am - 5pm	Rock Rollers of Spokane	<i>50th Annual Show "GOLD"</i>	Spokane Fair & Expo Center N. 604 Broadway & Havana Spokane, WA	Leigh Klettke (509) 299-6662
March, 2009 13th 9am - 6pm 14th 10am - 6pm 15th 10am - 5pm	Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society	<i>58th Annual Gemstone Junction</i>	Union Station 2501 Wall Ave. Ogden, Utah	Richard (801) 648-5060 club@goldenspikegem.org
March, 2009 14th 10am - 5pm 15th 10am - 4pm	Magic Valley Gem Club	<i>Magic Valley Gem Show</i>	Boys & Girls Club 999 Frontier Rd. Just east of C.S.I. Twin Falls, ID	Harold Waggoner 3439 N 3300 E Kimberly, ID 83341 (208) 423-9668 Shirley Metts rmetts@cablone.net
March, 2009 27th 8:30 am - 6 pm 28th 9am - 5 pm	Panorama Gem & Mineral Club	<i>9TH ANNUAL SHOW Free Admission</i>	Fort Colville Grange Hall 1 mile east on Hwy 20 Colville, WA.	Bill Allen (509) 935-8779 sago@theofficenet.com
March, 2009 28th 10am - 6pm 29th 10am - 4pm	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	<i>61st Annual Rock & Gem Show "Thundereggs"</i>	Sweet Home High School Activity Gym handicap parking 1641 Long St. Sweet Home, OR	Dee David (541) 367-4895 ced@centurytel.net
April, 2009 4th 10am - 6pm 5th 10am - 5pm	SE. Idaho Gem & Mineral Society	<i>52st Annual Show</i>	Bannock Co., Fairgrounds Commercial Building Pocatello, Idaho	Marty Rakatansky (208) 233-0538 Kevin Taylor (208) 232-4269

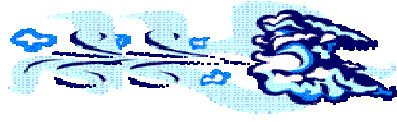


Save Those Stamps:

Save stamps for **NFMS**. These stamps are cleaned and resold to dealers (mostly overseas) and the money earned is sent to cancer facilities. Please do not remove the stamp from the envelope and try to retain at least 1/4" of the envelope around the stamp. - **Jim McClure** (NFMS Representative)



March, 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Shows
8 Shows	9	10	11 Beaders Meet @ 6:30 PM	12	13 KMGS General Meeting @ 7:00 PM; Shows	14 Shows
15 Shows	16	17 Wire-wrappers Meet @ 6:30 PM	18	19 KMGS Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM	20	21 Newsletter Deadline
22	23	24	25	26	27 Show	28 Shows
29 Show	30	31				

Schedule of Events

March is a great month to go to a show. See the NW Show Schedule listed on page eight.

3/11—Beaders meet at 6:30 PM @ Steele Creek Mobile Home Park

3/13—KMGS General Meeting @ 7:00 PM

3/14 KMGS Field Trip to Green Mountain/Kalama

3/17—Wirewrappers Meet at 6:30 PM @ Vangie's

3/17— St. Patrick's Day 

3/19— KMGS Board Meeting @ 7:00 AM

3/21—Newsletter Deadline

March Anniversaries:

- Eric and Selena Crandall (3-6)
- Doran and Marlene Kennedy (3-17)
- Jim and Kathy McClure (3-17)
- Sam and Linda Holcomb

March Birthdays:

- Donna Bauman Carol Clough Joan Cook (3-12)
- Pat Fagan (3-20) David Farley (3-5)
- Gay Fawcett (3-22) John Franke (3-30)
- Eileen Gettle (In Memory Of) Bill Halligan (3-17)
- Belma Hampton Linda Holcomb
- Jonathan Jolly (3-31) Diane Jones
- Lorene Leider (3-1) Kathy McClure (3-12)
- Quay Nary (3-5) Sierra Schackmann (3-1)
- Evah Summers

Please Visit Our Website:

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www.amfed.org/nfms/

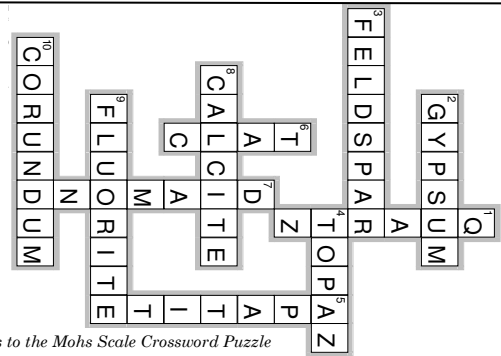
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Refreshments

for the March Meeting will be brought to us by "R" and "W". (See pages two & three for details.)



Answers to the Mohs Scale Crossword Puzzle

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Deadline for April, 2009 Newsletter:

March 21, 2009

Feel free to contact me if you want to put an announcement in the newsletter. Keep in mind the monthly deadline and that the newsletter usually arrives around the beginning of each month, so plan your announcement accordingly. Contact information is at right. - Editor

"The Hard Rock News"



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Save Those Stamps

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"The Hard Rock News" is the Official Publication of the Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the second Friday of most months at Chico Alliance Church Daycare (entrance in the back). Address: 3670 Chico Way NW, Bremerton, Washington.

The object of the Society is to provide a general dissemination of knowledge pertaining to the earth sciences; to sponsor regular meetings and field trips for the benefit of the membership and to be helpful along these general lines to one and another. The Society is social and educational in character.

Our club is a member of the Washington State Mineral Council, the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Looking Forward to April and Beyond... Mark These Dates On Your Home Calendars!

- Our annual auction will be held at the April, 2009 meeting. Start thinking about what you will donate to the auction, possibly something you crafted.
- The Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society's annual picnic is July 18th at Raab Park in Poulsbo.
- The Kitsap County Fair will be held August 26th-30th. Plan to support your club by helping out at the KMGS booth.



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Combined NW Federation Show and the American Federation Show

<p>July, 2009 July 30-31st 10am - 5pm Aug.1-2nd</p>	<p>Hosted by Billings Gem & Mineral Club</p>	<p>FMS / AFMS Combined Show</p>	<p>Holiday Inn Grand Montana 5500 Midland Rd. Billings MT</p>	<p>Doug True (406) 670-0506 dtruefos-sils@yahoo.com</p>
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