

Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society  
Celebrating 68 Years!

# “The Hard Rock News”

April, 2008

<http://www.kmgs.org>

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## A Message From Our President, Dan Ice:

Hi Everyone,

Well, here we are, coming up to the April club meeting. The first third of the year has passed and we are looking forward to a great deal of fun and fellowship in the months ahead.

As you all know, the April meeting is our annual auction to benefit the club treasury and the scholarship fund so that we can carry on the fine traditions of the past and enjoy our hobby to the fullest.

The auction is heavily dependent on two things. First, there must be lots of nice items to auction off, so please bring in good stuff so that we have a basis of items to auction. Second, we need to have active bidders and buyers of the auction items so please come out and bid repeatedly and strongly. These two things will cause the auction to be a success and you could even go home with neat stuff that you didn't have before.

I know that I have mentioned this before, but it apparently needs to be repeated. The ongoing work of this club is conducted by volunteer effort. I have volunteered my effort by agreeing to run for president and you good people have elected me to serve this year in this capacity. Each of the elected offices and each of the appointed offices are either filled by volunteers or need to have someone volunteer to help the club. When I have asked for volunteers to be Vice President, to help with updating of the club library and to help audit the clubs books, I have received a resounding silence. Two things I have learned in my nearly 70 years of life are, 1) life is not all skittles and beer so we need to roll up our sleeves and help, and 2) the club will not run itself. I am deadly serious when I say that I will NOT go around and twist arms to get volunteers. You are all adults and need to stand up and be counted. I am also deadly serious when I say that any function that doesn't get volunteers will be discontinued. I have been a member of many different clubs over the years as I have moved from place to place when my employment changed. I have also been an active member of each of these clubs. I have functioned as president, vice president, field trip leader, bulletin editor, federation director, mineral council delegate, and show chairman for several of these clubs. In addition I have also displayed at club shows, demonstrated at club shows and done other necessary jobs to further the hobby.

Some of you are thinking "I don't need to do that because someone always does" (WRONG!); some of you are thinking "I don't have the time to do that" (WRONG!, neither do we); some are thinking "I'm not good at doing that" (SO WHAT!, come learn then you will be); and for those of you who think there is a ruling clique in the club that wants things all their own way (THINK AGAIN!, there isn't any clique, only people who volunteer to do their best). Come on in the water is fine, deep but fine, find the real fun of club membership and help make your club better.

- Dan

## ***April Meeting:***

In place of our General Meeting, our annual Auction will be held on Friday, **April 11th at 7:00 PM** in the basement day care center (entrance in the back) of Chico Alliance Church 3670 Chico Way NW Bremerton, Washington.

This is a *fun* event, it is a real auction with an auctioneer (actually just one of the members) and it is typically one of the best-attended meetings of the year. Everyone looks forward to the Auction. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund. Plan to attend, it is an experience! **(More about the Auction on page six, and below-right.)**

***(There will be no Display Table, Program or Junior's Program due to the Auction.)***

***Refreshments for the April Auction: will be provided by members with last name beginning with the letter "R" and "S". (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.***

***(Refreshments for May will be provided by members with last name beginning with the letter "M" and "N".)***

## **Keeping Up With Our KMGS Friends:**

**Convalescing:** Jack Eads is at home, convalescing after emergency heart surgery performed just before Easter. We're thinking of you both, Jack and Wilma. **Get Well Soon, Jack!**

**In Basic Training:** Shane Schackmann is off to Basic Training at Lackland AFB in Texas (close to San Antonio). His family has heard from him, he is doing well.

*We miss you, all—hurry back!*

*"There is no time like spring when life's alive in everything" - Christina Rossetti*

**For Sale:** Lortone Arbor with two expanding rubber drums which take sanding belts. Also included is a polishing disk which can also be threaded onto the arbor. It is ready to be connected to a motor but no motor is provided. \$120 Mark Fawcett (360) 308-9942 msf1032@tscnet.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.)***

### **KMGS's April Field Trip:**

**Where To?** Saddle Mountain

**When?** on April 12th and 13th

**What You Will Find:** Petrified Wood and Opals

**Tools Needed:** Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Hard Rock Tools

**Leader:** Gerry Alexander **Contact #:** (360) 876-4543

***Meet at the Mattawa Shell Station at 9:00 AM on Saturday. Maps Available Upon Request.***

**Wire Wrappers:** Vangie Mayton continues her wire wrap instruction **on April 15th @ 6:30 PM**. This will be held at Vangie's home. **If interested, please call Vangie for directions and sign-up, (360) 373-3370.**

The Wire Wrappers will have a May meeting and then will be off until the fall. You'll want to take advantage of these last two sessions!

*Hint:* wire wrap that beautiful piece of Labradorite or some Blue Lace agate—wearing it may give you some help with "knowing the right time" and "tranquility". See page eight, bottom, of this newsletter and the March "Hard Rock News". - editor

### **Questions about the Auction?...**

**OR to volunteer to help at this event please contact:**

Officers to contact will be:

Ruth Brooks/ Butler, our Treasurer (360) 377-5713, and our President, Dan Ice (360) 598-5974.

Tony Schackmann, our Auctioneer, can be reached at (360) 372-2777.

***See message from Tony (and auction forms) on page six, top.***

**"What to Donate to the Auction?"** Right now, **every-one** is thinking that. Look around your home or shop for items that would be of interest to other members of the club. Surplus material, lapidary equipment, tools for digging, crafted items and jewelry, homemade jams or jellies, plants or maybe something you specifically would like to purchase for donation to the auction. All of those items are highly valued. Remember, if it has some value to you, chances good that it will be of value to someone else.

## 2008 Appointed Chairperson(s)

Committee	Chairperson	Phone Number	Email Address
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### “Oh NO Say It Isn’t So!”

Due to **unfortunate** circumstances (our Secretary, Linda Mathison is having some computer issues) we will **not** be able to publish our March Minutes in this issue. We are going to try for the May issue.

I know you enjoy those minutes as much as I do, we will be eagerly awaiting the May “Hard Rock News” to be reminded about what a great time we had at that March meeting! - *editor*

Cool Website: [aroundkitsap.com](http://aroundkitsap.com)  
Kitsap County Events Calendar  
(KMGS contributes to this website)

### KMGS Mentors:

*Sign up as a mentor with the newsletter editor.*

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BEADING /LAPIDARY	HARD ROCK BEADERS	“Hard Rock Beaders” Jan King, Lorene Leider, or Bobbie Sack

## What to Take Along On The Field Trip — By Jim McClure

*The following is a list that Jim has come up with. Cut this article out and store it with your field trip tools as a reminder of things to bring.— Editor*

### ITEMS TO TAKE TO THE SITE:

Sturdy boots/shoes appropriate for climate and locality; rock hammer; compass; whistle; safety glasses; gloves; hat; matches (for fire); snack or candy bar (in case you get lost or stranded); water for drinking and spray bottle to wet specimens; notepad and pen (to record your findings in the field); camera; backpack, heavy cloth bag or five gallon bucket to carry back your treasures (I use military style canvas bags because they are made for heavy uses); and first aid kit.

### FIRST AID KIT:

Inside a Ziploc bag I always carry these items: (If kept in bag, they don't get dirty or wet inside of your pack). Assorted Band-Aids; 4X4 dressings; 2" cling tape; surgipad; plastic spoon or popsicle sticks for finger splint; and sling for shoulder or arm. If anyone has allergy to bee stings, you should carry your allergy kit also. I try to keep sunscreen and mosquito spray handy, and a snake bite kit when I dig in that kind of area.

### HARD ROCK MINING TRIPS:

Along with the regular field trip items, I take a pry-bar; star drill; heavy sledge or crack hammer; rock hammer; chisel; come-along; rope; and leather gloves.

### SOFT SOIL DIGGING TRIPS:

As before, I take my regular items plus a sounding rod to probe soil, rock hammer; sturdy shovel; pick to loosen soil; raingear and change of clothes; appropriate boots.

### 4X4 OR BACK COUNTRY:

Along with the usual items, I would include a winch; ropes or cable; tire chains; GPS and compass; maps of the area; flashlight plus extra batteries; overnight camping gear like a tent; stove for cooking; and extra water.

If you have any questions about equipment, please feel free to contact me at home. **Jim McClure (425) 865-3011**

### Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society Field Trips for 2008:

2008 Month and Day	Place	Material Collected	Tools Needed	Leader	Mtg. Time & Place	Contact Info
<i>April 12th &amp; 13th</i>	Saddle Mountain	Petrified Wood & Opals	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Hard Rock Tools	Gerry Alexander	Mattawa Shell Station @ 9:00AM Saturday	(360) 876-4543 Maps avail. upon request.
<i>May 17th</i>	Riffe Lake - Mossy Rock	Petrified Wood	Shovel, Rake	Dean Norman	Gig Harbor Safe-way @ 7:00 AM	(360) 871-2054
<i>June 21st</i>	Greenwater	Jasper & Agates	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Light Rock Tools	Gerry Alexander	Greenwater Forest Service Road 70 @ 9:00 AM Saturday	(360) 876-4543 Maps avail. upon request.
<i>July 12th and 13th</i>	Frost Mountain - Manastash Ridge	Jasper & Seam Agates	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Light Rock Tools	Dean Norman	Frost Meadows Saturday @ 9:00 AM. Will provide maps.	(360) 871-2054 Maps avail. upon request.
<i>August 9th</i>	Red Top	Geodes, Nodules, Agates	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Hard Rock Tools	Garry Mahan	Teaway 29 Pines Camp-ground @ 9:00 AM	(360) 871-2815 Maps avail. upon request.
<i>September 20th</i>	Little Naches	Geodes, Nodules, Agates, Thundereggs	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar, Light Rock Tools	Terry Iversen	9:00 AM @ Kaner Flats Campground	(360) 698-0360 Maps avail. upon request.



**Greetings From The Field,**  
The March 15th field trip to Kalamama was attended by seven adults and seven juniors. We arrived at gate 21 at 0930am only to find that our key would not work for the lock that was on the gate. I called the security man for Longview Timber Co. and he directed us to use gate 23. We drove the few extra miles and were able to enter that gate and drove to our hunting site. There was a lot of wood cutting

last year and the area has changed in appearance but I managed to get us to the correct location. We grabbed our gear and walked



through the forest about a hundred yards to the collecting area. I explained to the children how to dig and what to look for and then placed them in various holes to try their luck. The adults chose their sites and everybody proceeded to get down and dirty (or maybe muddy is the right word). The weather was a very typical day for March with clouds, sun,

rain, hail and sometimes all of these at the same time. Everybody had a great time and all found something of interest to bring home. The next field trip is to Saddle Mountain for Petrified Wood. Get out and enjoy.

**See you in the field, John Hubbard- Trip Leader**



**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Del and Bobbie would like to request that, if paying in cash for your dues, that you have *exact* change. Checks are accepted. Please bring your membership card for update.

If you have **not** already had your membership card updated, showing paid-up to June, 2008, please see Del and Bobbie at the next meeting. They can provide you with a new card, if needed.

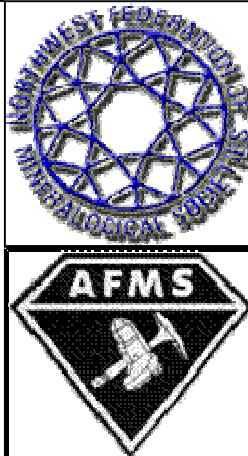
It is important to carry your membership card to KMGS outings like field trips. If you attend a field trip sponsored by the Mineral Council or Federation, you may need to show it to prove your membership in KMGS. If you have any questions or concerns about your membership in KMGS, please contact Del or Bobbie at (360) 277-0383.

**New Members:** You may access the Northwest Federation Newsletter at:

**[www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm](http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm)**

(KMGS membership is updated with the Federation yearly.)

Refreshments for the April meeting will be brought to you by "R" and "S".  
(See page two for details.)



**Please Visit Our Website:**

**[www.kmgs.org](http://www.kmgs.org)**

Webmaster: Jack Eads

Northwest Federation Website:

**[www.amfed.org/nfms/](http://www.amfed.org/nfms/)**

Webmaster: Jack Eads

American Federation Website:

**[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)**

### A Message From Our Auctioneer... Tony Schackmann

The annual Auction is an important event which benefits both the KMGS Scholarship Fund and the club's general expenditure fund, which helps to fund our November Show and other KMGS activities. Here is how the auction generally operates:

**Donations: Plan to arrive early** ( by 6:30 PM, if possible) with the items that you plan to donate and the donation form(s) filled out as much as possible. Please take the time to fill in a description of the item, it will help things run more smoothly. (See forms below, feel free to copy for more donated items.) There will be additional forms and someone to help you with the donation process if you wish to wait until you arrive at the auction. The item you donate will then be given a designated number. The item will then be placed on the front tables for previewing by potential bidders.

**Bidding:** If you are planning to participate in the auction as a bidder, you will need to **arrive early**, sign up for a bidding number and prepare your "Wish List". You should take full advantage of the time the auction items are up at the front tables for the preview. Make your "Wish List" consisting of the item number, a brief description of the item(s), and possibly a maximum price that you would like to pay to add this treasure to your collection. When the auction starts, items will be called off by number along with a brief description of each item. Pay attention to the prices that are being called to make sure that there is no misunderstanding of the current price level of your bid. Hold up your card for the auctioneer to call your bidding number, along with the bid price. Don't be afraid to do what it takes to get your number noticed, sometimes the out-bidding wars can go very fast. If you end up with the highest bid for the item, your bidding number will be recorded along with your bid for that item. You will then have your item delivered to you by one of the auction helpers. When the auction is over, you will proceed to the check-out line to turn in your bidding number card and to pay for your purchases and obtain your receipt for your paid items. Keep your paid receipt handy as you leave, you may be asked to show it as you exit the building.

Having fun is the number one thing in this organization and leaving the auction with an item of great value to you gives you an experience you will never forget.

If you have any questions regarding the auction process or you want to help at the auction, please contact the members noted on page two of this newsletter.

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## A Whale Of A Tale: Fossil Collecting On The Olympic Peninsula Of Washington State

3/21/2008 By John Cornish [cornish@tfon.com](mailto:cornish@tfon.com)

Hi Everyone, As many of you are aware, Gloria and I both have a love and fascination for fossils. Mostly this stems from our close association to the fantastic Oligocene marine deposits near where we live, here on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State. When we were first introduced to fossil collecting by our friends, Albin Zukofsky and Ruthann Toney, in a working quarry located about 45 minutes west of our home, we were hooked... and then things got really exciting! On our very first day collecting, Gloria found a brand new species of fossil decapod! Unfortunately, there was not enough of the creature for it to be described, still, it was mentioned in one of the several paleontological publications wherein treasures we've found have been mentioned and or described. Exciting!

This locality, the Twin River Quarry, located here in Clallam County, was at one time, in my opinion, our State's finest working fossil locality. We'd visit the quarry during the late Spring, Summer and early Fall while the pit was in operation, usually working the late afternoon - early evening hours after we'd gotten off work. Each day when working, a section of the pit would be quarried by huge earth moving equipment. The commodity here was clay, it would be mined here and then barged to Seattle where it would be used as a component of Portland cement (1).

Dozers would first thunder over the sediments pulling sturdy, fierce ripper blades behind them which were thrust deeply into the clays. These blades carved and loosened this material as the Dozer progressed across this working ground. Next, massive Scrapers would rumble by, scooping the loosened gray colored ground into their mechanical bellies. They'd transport this material down-ramp to the barge landing below at water level, beneath the actual operating level of the pit itself. With this process repeated continually throughout the day, new material was constantly being exposed.

Unlike some localities, the operators here loved to have collectors come by! Reason being, the fossils were an impurity and if concentrated enough in large enough quantities or in big enough pieces, it became a problem. Solution, encourage those gosh - darned fossil collectors to haul as much of this material away as possible! Essentially, this would mean that if you were working in an unproductive area of the pit while the equipment was running, they'd come over and steer you to a more productive area and then... they'd often scrape that area for you!

When they scraped an area, fossils would literally "POP" from the ground and be setting there pretty as you please, just waiting to be picked up! Fossil clams, and snails, and shrimps, and crabs, and are you ready... even vertebrate fossils...

We'd been working the pit for several seasons when one Friday evening, I headed out west for a bit of fun. I'd been working for about an hour in the quarry, systematically scouring over areas I knew to be hot spots. One of the treasures I looked most intently for during my visits was fossil clams. I'd collect the perfect ones and then later at home, I'd crack them open. Often, fluid filled cavities existed within the shells which were lined with beautiful crystals. Quartz, calcite, barite, gypsum and even sphalerite had been recovered from therein, and eagerly I sought these glittering little treasure chests, anxious to peer within. Shelled fossils were easy to find, just look for the color white and so, on I went, scanning back and forth as I progressed towards new ground. And that's when things got exciting...

Things changed from casual collecting to intense, intense, intense as I spotted first one large chunk of rock and then another and another... treasure! These "rocks" were actually a type of sedimentary concretion. Concretions are hard, compact masses or aggregates of mineral matter generally formed by orderly and localized precipitation from aqueous solutions, often around a nucleus or center, such as a shell or bone (2). And these concretions, they'd formed around bone, and a lot of it! It was everywhere! The ripper blades of the Dozer had torn right through some large animal and had scattered bones and bone bearing concretions over a fairly large 20 plus foot long area. Chunks were everywhere partially buried and or lying right out on the surface. Clashing with the dull brownish -gray of the concretions, the rich brown color of the bone really stood out. I was ecstatic and had a ton of fun ahead of me. I pulled my gear off and began, again systematically, to collect everything.

Every little scrap of bone was liberated as I discovered them and was piled into what was quickly becoming a monstrous accumulation of goodies. After a time, I began hauling things back to the truck. First one load and then another and another. Hundreds of pounds of bones and bone bearing rock was recovered that night and carefully hauled back to my little S-10 pick-up. And the hours crept silently by until eventually, I'd worked out an approximately 20 by 20 foot wide area of all its loose material. Loose is the key word here. As I continued working, scrapping away loose garbage sediments, I began to expose a large 10 by 10 foot area where innumerable bones were still solidly in place. I figured I had at least 500 pounds of bones and bone bearing rock collected and still had at least another 1000 pounds of treasure still solidly entombed. With darkness almost complete, it was obvious, I'd need help!

Sorry...See "Whale, Part II—Next Month...!"

(1) Portland cement, to learn about, see...<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/materialsgrp/cement.html>

## Northwest Shows - April, 2008

**Do you need a suggestion for something to do on a weekend?  
How about going to a show?**

April, 2008 5th 10am - 6pm 6th 10am - 5pm	Mt. Hood Rock Club	Annual Gem & Craft Show Free Admission	Mt. Hood Community College Gymnasium 26000 SE Stark St. Gresham, OR
April 2008 12th 10am - 6pm 13th 10am - 5pm	Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club	47th Annual Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park Community Center 2214 Electric Ave. Bellingham, WA
April 2008 18th 9:am - 6pm 19th 10:am - 6pm 20th 10am - 4:30pm	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	53rd Annual River of Gems Show	Polk County Fairgrounds Hwy 99 - 10 miles west of Salem Rickreall, Oregon
April 2008 19th 10am - 6pm 20th 10am - 5pm	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	Annual Show	Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds, building #1 10th & Chemical Dr. Kennewick, WA

**Or..... How about a field trip?**

### Washington State Mineral Council Field Trips For Spring, Early Summer 2008: (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.

**4-12-2008 *NWR*** to Racehorse Creek; meet at Nugent's Corner IGA @ 9:00AM; for fossils and mushrooms - bring dig tools

**4-19 & 20-2008 *POW*** to Saddle Mountain and diatom pits; meet at the boat access south of Mattawa; for petrified wood and opal; bring dig tools

**5-17 & 18-2008 *NID*** to Saddle Mountain & diatom pits; meet at 9:00 AM @ Lepricon Mkt; for petrified wood & opal; bring dig tools

**6-7 & 8-2008 *ELB*** to First Creek; meet at 9:00 AM @ 29 Pines campground; for Geodes & thundereggs; bring: dig & light hard rock tools

**7/2 & 6-2008 *POW*** to Madras, OR; meet at 8:00 AM @ Jefferson Fairgrounds in Madras; for thundereggs, jasper, petrified wood; bring: all tools

***NWR*** = North West Rockies **Contact:** Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282 or wsmced@hotmail.com

***POW*** = Pow Wow Club **Contact:** Rocky McCall (360) 629-2515 or rm711@tgi.net Pauline Miller (360)658-8091

***NID*** = North Idaho **Contact:** Diane Rose - (208) 667-8591 or rockinroses2@msn.com

***ELB*** = Ellensburg Rock Club **Contact:** Steve Townsend, srtrocks@aol.com

*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/>*

*Oregon clubs - Tim Fisher - <http://www.OreRockOn.com/>*

#### **The Metaphysical Properties of Blue Lace Agate:**

Blue lace agate is a gentle, calming stone that engenders tranquility. It assists in flight, grace, reaching higher Spiritual planes. It can ease the harsh edge off communication in difficult times, enhance public speaking, and smooth discussions. It is an inspiring stone that can assist in inner attunement, and has been used to perform miracles. As with all agates, it is a protective stone. Physically it has been used to aid with arthritis, headaches, digestive issues, growth, and bones. Blue Lace agate is related to the element of Air.



# April, 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5 Show
6 Show	7	8	9	10	11 KMGS General Meeting @ 7:00 PM;	12 WSMC Field Trip; KMGS Field Trip; Show
13 KMGS Field Trip; Show	14	15 Wire Wrappers @ Vangie's 6:30 PM	16	17	18 Show	19 Shows
20 Passover; Shows	21	23	24	25	26 Newsletter Deadline	27
28	29	30				

### April Birthdays:

Joseph Fillo Ben Garrido (4-4) Onzel Gilman Ruby Gilman  
Phillip Jorgensen (4-27) Marlene Kennedy Linda Mathison  
Doug Merson (4-6) Chad Morgan (4-23) Richard Otero  
Gitta Price (4-7) Kathy Sahli (4-21) Kitty Lewis—Stephens (4-8)  
Lauren Wadley (4-24)

### April Anniversaries:

Bill McConlogue

### Name Tags are ready for Pick-Up:

Cherie Kesti Marianne Hoffman Gordon Oshesky Jeff Weil

### "Welcome" New Members:

Shannon Aries Diane Dalton The Evjen Family  
David and Sterling Johnson William, Jeanene, and Brian McCarty  
Robert and Colin McGee The Wadley Family James Wagner

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*

### Schedule of Events

April 5th and 6th— Show: Annual Gem and Craft Show, Mt. Hood Rock Club, Gresham, OR

**April 11th—KMGS Auction 7:00 PM; Arrive early if you are donating or working at the Auction.**

**April 12th and 13th KMGS Field Trip to Saddle Mountain**

April 12th and 13th—Show "47th Annual Show", Mt. Baker Club, Bellingham, WA

April 12th WSMC Field Trip to Racehorse Creek

**April 15th—Wire Wrap Instruction at Vangie Mayton's 6:30 PM**

April 18th, 19th, and 20th—Show: "53rd Annual Show", Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, Rickreall, OR

April 19th and 20th—Show: "Annual Show", Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Kennewick, WA

**April 26th—"Hard Rock" Newsletter Deadline**

**April Birthstone:  
Diamond  
Cabochon:  
Rock Crystal (Quartz)  
Color: Clear  
Symbol Of: Innocence**

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The object of the Society is to 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.

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

- The Port Townsend Club's annual "**Gemboree**" is scheduled for May 9th and 10th. Lost wax casting starts at 3:00 PM and continues to 9:00 PM on Friday, May 9th. No unattended children, please. Saturday, May 10th—Hours are from 10Am to 5:00 PM. Potluck Dinner immediately follows and then clean-up.
- Oregon hosts three very good shows this June to early July: NFMS Show and Convention is in Ontario, OR—June 20-22nd. Then....
- Go to Prineville, OR on June 26-29th for the Rockhound Pow Wow! Finish in Madras, OR — July 2-6, 2008. Oregon is a wonderful place for rockhounds!
- KMGS's annual picnic will be held at Raab Park in Poulsbo on July 26th. From noon to 6:00 PM.
- Kitsap County Fair—Plan ahead to help out your club at the Fair. Dates are August 20th-24, 2008.
- AFMS Show and Convention is in Humble, TX—September 25-28, 2008.
- Plan for KMGS's 2008 "Fall Festival of Gems", which will be November 22nd and 23rd. Set-up on Friday, November 21st.



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