



“The Hard Rock News”

April, 2009

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A Message From Our President, Tony Schackmann:

Well, well, well here it is KMGS members and friends—April is here and the skies will no longer be cloudy all day, okay some days. They always say April showers bring May flowers and we will all blossom as we see and do new and exciting things, activities and events.

Our annual Auction will take place at the April General Meeting. We're looking for volunteers to help out with the auction, including the auctioneer. I know there are others in the club that can also perform the duties as auctioneer and would be grateful to see others volunteer. I can say I have enjoyed it for the times I've done it. So if you feel you could do this, let me know as soon as possible.

We had a large number attending last month's meeting. "Thanks" to the Washington State Parks representative for his introduction and description of the impacts of closing many parks from funding issues. "Thanks" to Dean for the program on Wire Wrapping. I'm also glad to see so many people still bringing many items to the display table; and for Garry Mahan to help show them off and explain the great adventures that it may have taken to get them into your possession.

The workshop at the Sunnyslope Improvement Association facility held on March 28th will be reported on at the April meeting before the auction starts. "Thanks" to Bobbie Sack and all the

other volunteers who donated food and for organizing the potluck for everyone who participated. Should this event turn out to be productive, I would like to hear ideas for another. Any money raised from this event will go toward booking another date at the Sunnyslope Community Club facility for another workshop. If the event is deemed not to have had a satisfactory turnout, the proceeds will go to the Scholarship fund.

Dean Norman, the field trip chairman states the first trip of the year at Kalama was very wet and cold, but fun. He mentioned that not much material was collected by the attendees, which surprised him. Everyone did have a good time. Thanks Dean!

Gerry Alexander says we will be ramping-up for the November show as well the Kitsap County Fair. Please keep in mind that displaying your specimens at the fair is a good way to start off. Then move on to the November show and other shows to get into competition, representing our club. I've been reading the NFMS newsletter and wonder if we have any interested members? Check it out! I recommend everyone view all website links that Jack Eads has listed on our website. It doesn't get any easier than that! Plus, check out other state's clubs and see how we compare. Well until next month, keep on rockin!

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

Sincerely, **Tony**

April Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

The April General Meeting (Auction) will be held on Friday, **April 10th 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 April Board Meeting will be on Thursday, **April 16th 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: NO program due to the Auction!

Display Table: NO display table due to the Auction!

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

WANTED: Talkative person with personality plus and the ability to speak fast and point at people. Must also be a quick-thinker and have a good memory for keeping track of numbers and faces. **Any** of these abilities can make **you** eligible for the club's annual Auction's **Auctioneer!** You would be joining KMGS greats such as former auctioneers: Bill Smith, Jim McClure and Tony Schackmann. If you think you can "fill the bill" please contact President Tony Schackmann ASAP!

**We need to put together an "Auction Crew":**

We need a few members to volunteer to help out at the auction. Typically we need folks to keep track of the auctioned items and final bid amounts (bringing a calculator along is helpful if you do this job), others to help check in the to-be-auctioned items, and still others to check-out and -in bid numbers to the bidders. The Auction is a lot of fun to attend but it is just as much fun to help out at—at the same time! Contact Tony Schackmann to sign-up as a volunteer. (360) 372-2777.

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.)

Attention Wire Wrappers: Vangie Mayton will have a wire wrap class on Tuesday, April 14th 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.

Change of Recurring Meeting Date For The "Hard Rock Beaders": The Hard Rock Beaders will meet on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM at the community center at the Steele Creek Mobile Home Park. The Beaders will be changing their recurring meeting date to the first Thursday of every month. **Call Linda Mathison at (360) 698-1562 for directions.** Everyone is welcome!

NEED Auction ITEMS:

Dear KMGS members, We are looking for some really terrific donations from you for our annual auction this month! Take a look around your shop for equipment, tools, rough and finished material, and maybe even a few pieces of your hand-made jewelry (*art!*),

In years past we have also had donations of plants for the garden, indoor plants, books about rocks and minerals, videos, homemade jams and jellies, and we usually have a quilt donated every year.

All of these wonderful items are auctioned off to the highest bidder, so bring along your checkbook and your generosity to make this event a success!

NAME TAG PICK-UP

IF YOU HAVE ORDERED A NAME TAG AND HAVE NOT YET PICKED IT UP—

PLEASE DO SO AT THE NEXT MEETING.

THANKS!!!

Important KMGS Contacts

Committee	Chairperson	Phone Number	Email Address
Membership	Del and Bobbie Sack	(360) 277-0383	
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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.

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.

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
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.



*FIELD TRIP TO KALAMA: Our first field trip of the season had a great turn out. Unfortunately the weather was very bad. It snowed and rained and the wind blew and it was cold. In spite of the weather we dug for agate and jasper and everybody found something of interest. I would say that most people had a good time. Not much we can do about the weather so we live with it and don't let it keep us from exploring our state. Be thinking about the field trip next month over to Saddle Mountain for petrified wood. See you in the field, **John Hubbard***

You too can be a part of this intrepid group!

April Birthstone: Diamond

Color: Clear

Cabochon: White Moonstone

Diamond is a stone that bonds relationships and enhances love. It brings longevity, particularly to relationships, balance, clarity and abundance. It can amplify one's thoughts, strengths, and weaknesses.

It gives one who wears or carries it courage and hope. It speaks of a preference for honesty, integrity and fidelity. A person who gives the precious gift of diamond jewelry says she or he thinks very highly of the receiver of the gift, as he or she is able to appreciate these fine qualities in a person.

Historically, crushed diamond has been used as a cure for many ailments.

via: <http://crystalsandjewelry.com>

KMGS Mentors:

Sign up as a mentor with the newsletter editor.

Skill	Mentor	Contact Information:
WIRE WRAPPING	VANGIE MAYTON	(360) 373-3370
SLABBING, CABBING,	STAN AND RUTH JORGENSEN	(360) 697-2564 email: stanjorgensen@yahoo.com
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.)

KITSAP MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING

13 MARCH 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Tony Schackmann. The Juniors led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tonight we have a guest speaker from Kopachuck State Park, Ranger Matthew (Matt) Smith. He brought the club up to date on the proposed closure of 55 out of 120 Washington State Parks and answered questions the best he was able. Some of the questions and answers were:

Will the Federal stimulus plans being awarded be able to subsidize expenses that are forcing the closure of our park? Matt said that he honestly did not know but seriously doubted we'd be able to use the funding that way.

What will happen to the parks once they are closed? How will the 'riffraff' be kept out? When the parks close all support for facilities and services will cease. The only support that will be available is if someone calls in to report a problem.

Several possible solutions are being considered. Some parks may be taken over by private organizations but there are a lot of administrative and structural issues that make it cost prohibitive for most of these organizations to absorb.

Matt's suggestion is to contact your State Legislation Representatives. Let them know how you feel – speak up – take action.

Jim McClure has more information as well as contact information if you need it. Information can also be found on the KMGS and the NW Federation websites and by contacting your local and State representatives.

In addition to the risks our State Parks are facing, other public lands are facing similar situations of closure due to efforts to protect paleontological interests. One hundred and sixty actions are being bundled together. This will mean closure of digging sites to rock hounds and fossil collectors. Mark Stephens shared a letter he received from Jay Inslee who responded to and email Mark sent expressing his concerns. Linda Mathison did the same and also received a response. Even if we aren't able to come to an equitable agreement it's good to know someone responded from the other side.

Membership: Bobbie Sack asked everyone to please verify their information in the club directory and if corrections are necessary forms are available for noting what needs to be changed.

Announcements: The KMGS workshop is being held on Saturday, March 28th at the Sunnyslope Improvement Association. Members will provide equipment and instruction for those who are interested in everything from slabbing to cabbing. Join the potluck and the fun.

The Port Townsend Club will host their annual Gemboree on Saturday, April 25th. If anyone is interested in doing wax castings, that session will be held on Friday, April 18th. More information will be available at the April KMGS meeting.

The next Mineral Council meeting will be held in Ellensburg on Saturday, March 28th.

Correspondence: We received a very nice thank you note from the Kitsap Food Bank for our donation in December.

Scholarships: Jack Eads and his committee have mailed the announcements to the school that applications for scholarships are now being accepted. The students must live in the Kitsap County area and have interest in majoring in the field of earth sciences.

Guests: Welcome to Heidi Mecham, Melia Wing and Darrell Franck and Gage Guptil who are visiting our meeting tonight.

Display Table: Many wonderfully talented wire wrappers shared their beautiful creations, explaining techniques and tools. No two pieces were alike and were the envy of everyone. Our local Backyard Rock Hound, Jack Eads, shared his box of rocks that he graciously donated to the evening's raffle. Thank you Jack! Bob Lavery shared some interesting stories of his and his wife's adventures digging for Hermiston diamonds in New York. Arnie Urdahl had some mystery rocks and asked for help identifying what they were.

In addition to the wonderful array of treasures, John Hubbard whet many members' appetite for adventure by showing off some of his fabulous carnelian collection. Saturday, March 14th, John will be leading a dig in Kalama for more of this beautiful gem.

Anyone interested in learning to facet can contact Jim McClure for information.

Following a break, Dean Norman presented a DVD on basic wire wrapping. The DVD, and many other great resource materials are available for checkout from the club library. Please see Mark Fawcett if you are interested.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Linda Mathison**

Spring Time Gemboree!

April 24 & 25, 2009

Port Townsend Rock Club – Jefferson Co Fairgrounds

The following classes will be available:

Silver-smithing

Make a cabochon

Wire wrap a stone

Lost wax casting

Glass fusing

Ming trees

Cabochon beading

Hours:

3:00 PM-9:00 PM Friday

(Spaghetti will be served Friday)

9:00 AM—5:30 PM Saturday

There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday, starting at 5pm.

The club will provide punch & coffee.

There will be a silent auction Saturday- All day bidding!

The auction will close after dinner.

If you can't make it to the classes, you are still welcome to come and see what everyone has created and attend the potluck!

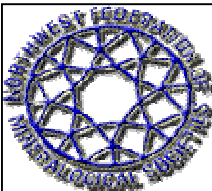
Join us for learning, laughing and fun!

Pre-Event – Saturday April 18th – Lost Wax Model Making 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Teachers – We are counting on you to volunteer to teach on Sat. April 25th!

If you have any questions or suggestions please call:

Kathy Sahli (360) 301-4538



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)**



Northwest Shows - April, 2009

April, 2009 4th 10am - 6pm 5th 10am - 5pm	SE. Idaho Gem & Mineral Society	52st Annual Show	Bannock Co., Fairgrounds Commercial Building Pocatello, Idaho	Marty Rakatansky (208) 233-0538 Kevin Taylor (208) 232-4269
April, 2009 4th 10am - 6pm 5th 10am - 5pm	Mt. Hood Rock Club	Annual Gem & Craft Show <i>Free Admission</i>	Mt. Hood Community College Gymnasium 26000 SE Stark St. Gresham, OR	Stephen Petkovsek 503-780-1825
April, 2009 11th 10am - 6pm 12th 10am - 5pm	Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club	48th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park Community Center 2214 Electric Ave. Bellingham, WA	Wes Gannaway (360) 384-4209 debnews@comcast.net
April, 2009 18th. 10 am- 6 pm 19th 10am - 5pm	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	44th ANNUAL Gem & Mineral SHOW	Idaho Falls Recreation Center 530 Memorial Drive Idaho Falls, Idaho	Steve or Jeanne Hammond 994 W. Center, Blackfoot, ID 83221 (208) 782-1917 rock_hounds@msn.com
April, 2009 18th 10am - 5pm 19th 10am - 4pm	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	Annual Show	Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds Bldg. 1 10th & Chemical Dr.	Dave Westland (509)735-9678
April, 2009 17th 9:am - 6pm 18th 10:am - 6pm 19th 10am - 4:30pm	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	54th Annual River of Gems 2009 theme "Jasper"	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Hwy 99 (Pacific Hy) - 10 miles west of Salem Rickreall, Oregon	Linda Groah 503-873-6930 www.wamsi.org danlindagroah@earthlink.net
April, 2009 25th 10am - 5pm 26th 10am - 5pm	Grays Harbor Geology & Gem Society	41st Annual Earth Treasures	Grays Harbor Fairgrounds 43 Elma/McClearyRd. Elma, WA	Gray Emberley 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 (360)533-6196 info@wamsi.org

Washington State Mineral Council Field Trips April, 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.

4/18 MTBK Where to: Racehorse Creek **Meet At:** 9:00 AM @ Nugent's Corner **Material you may find:** fossils and Morel mushrooms **Bring:** dig, light and split tools

4/18-19 POW Where to: Saddle Mountain/Diatom **Meet At:** 8:00 AM @ boat launch south of Mattawa **Material you may find:** petrified wood and opal **Bring:** dig and light tools

MTBK = Mt. Baker Rock Club **Contact:** Brian Hughes (360) 671-7330, abhughes@comcast.net

POW = Pow Wow Club **Contact:** Rocky McCall (360) 629-2515, rm711@tgi.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/>

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

April, 2009



Schedule of Events

Wow—What an abundance of shows that are taking place in April...check out page eight to scope out the dates and locations of these events!

April 2nd—New Date!!!! Beaders meet at 6:30 PM

April 10th—KMGS Auction 7:00 PM

April 14th— Wirewrappers meet at Vangie's at 6:30 PM

April 16th— KMGS Board Meeting at 7:00 PM

April 18th—WSMC Field Trip to Racehorse Creek

April 18th and 19th—KMGS and WSMC Field Trips to Saddle Mountain

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

Interested In Carpooling? Please contact me (contact info below) if you are interested in carpooling to meetings with members from your area. I will match members up if I get a sign-up from your general area. This might encourage members to attend meetings regularly. - *Editor*

A Message From Our Webmaster: The club has a new web page "Library" Check it out! - Jack Eads

Please Visit Our Website:

www.kmgs.org

Webmaster: Jack Eads

Northwest Federation Website:

www.amfed.org/nfms/

Webmaster: Jack Eads

American Federation Website:

www.amfed.org

Refreshments

for the April Meeting will be brought to us by "M" and "N". (See pages two & three for details.)

April Birthdays:

Virginia Bacon (4-22) Joey Bockman
Sam Evjen (4-28) Joseph Fillo
Ben Garrido (4-4) Phillip Jorgensen (4-27)
Marlene Kennedy Linda Mathison
Cameron and Caitlyn McConnell (4-21)
Chantal McConnell Doug Merson (4-6)
Chad Morgan (4-23) Ryan Mottner (4-30)
Gitta Price (4-7) Kathy Sahli (4-1)
Kitty Stephens (4-8) Sean Walsh (4-24)
Lauren Wadley (4-24)

April Anniversaries:

Patrick and Susan Brown

Please let me know if there are any additions or corrections.—Editor

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Deadline for May, 2009 Newsletter:

April 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*

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TO:

"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 May and Beyond... Mark These Dates On Your Home Calendars!

- 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.
- The "Fall Festival of Gems" show will be held on November 21-22, with set-up on November 20th. Set aside this weekend now and plan to help out!



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Combined NW Federation Show and the American Federation Show

<p>July, 2009 July 30-31st 10am - 5pm Aug.1-2nd 10am - 5pm</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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