



Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society

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"The Hard Rock News"

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A Message From Our New President, Nathan Schackmann:

Summer is finally here! At least I think it is. It's time to start enjoying more barbecues and outside activities, hopefully. Speaking of barbecues, our next get together will be the club's annual potluck picnic, with the grill-master being yours truly. Because of this picnic, there will be no regular club meeting for July. Between now and then, make sure to have an awesome and safe 4th of July. Well I hope your always having fun and staying safe, but take extra care on the 4th.

If you were unable to attend our June rock club meeting, once again you have missed out another outstanding program. This program was led by Howard Jackson who gave us a little rundown on some stone carving work he has whipped out. He had a slide show of some of his best or favorite works. Along with these examples, he showed us a variety of tools that are needed to carve stone and a few techniques and tricks of the trade to answer our questions. Thank you Mr. Jackson for awakening another form of our hobby, and some new ideas!

Don't forget we have our display at the fair coming up in August. If you haven't signed up to display or demonstrate, and would like to, contact Doug Leider or myself. It will come around faster than you think.

Enjoy the summer as much as possible. I hope to see everyone at the potluck.

Sincerely,
Nathan Schackmann

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In Memory of Albert Sigward**Oct 5, 1924—April 27, 2011**

Al was an avid member of KMGS and displayed his beautiful channel work at shows. He was a mentor to several members who pursued this area of lapidary work.

Editor's correction: photo on pg 6 was Dean Cooper, not Jim Thompson



Yearly DUES are due July 1

\$10.00 for Adult Membership

\$20.00 for Family Membership

\$2.50 for Single Junior

If you are going to mail in your renewal, please send it to :

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Meeting News:

There will be no meetings in July and August, the next scheduled meeting is September 9th at 7 pm

Display Table:

There will be no July "display table" per se because we will be having our annual picnic. However, I'm sure there will be plenty of things brought to the picnic for an informal show-and-tell. Also, I would like to hear your comments on how you think we should have our monthly display table. Should we have certain/specific items recommended every month, or just leave it the way it is?—**Garry Mahan**

Juniors:

Thanks for allowing me to serve you for the last few years. I learned a lot from you and all the senior rock club members who helped with lectures, demonstrations, etc. I had a GREAT time! See you in the main meetings.—**Evah Summers**

Port Townsend classes:

The monthly classes for the Port Townsend rock club has been changed from July 2 to July 9 for the Holiday.
—Marie Anderson

IT'S PICNIC TIME, EVERYONE:

Ahhhhhhhh! It is that time of year again.....the smell of delicious barbecue and the sight of wonderful potluck dishes lined up in rows! President Nathan Schackmann will be there, as an added bonus, preparing our favorite hamburgers and hotdogs!



As your Refreshment Chairperson, I find myself longing for cherished food events! Our Annual KMGS Picnic is one of those events!!!! We will be gathering at Raab Park in Poulsbo at noon on Saturday, July 23rd. (We can begin setting-up at 11:00 AM.)

A map to Raab Park is available on our website, www.kmgs.org, go to the bottom of the homepage and click

on "COMING Events", it is the first event listed. **Every club member is invited to attend.**

What to bring: your favorite potluck dish with an appropriate serving utensil (marked with your name). You will need to bring your own paper plates, cups and table service. The club provides beverages and meats.

If questions, please contact Kathy Reimers (360) 731-5963 or dnkreimers@yahoo.com.

KITSAP MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY**GENERAL MEETING****10 JUNE 2011**

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

Guests: The evening's guests were Bambi Morton, Jean Schultz, Bob Smaus, Bob and Barbara Fenner, Herb and Marlyn Vert, Carol Kelley and John Hoffman. Welcome to you all! Glad to have you with us!

Cheer: Kathy McClure reported that although Doran Kennedy has been in the hospital, he may be home by now. Diane Jones has been having issues with her health and other family issues. Mary Balderson's sister passed away – our sympathies to you and your family, Mary. Rose Olivio has been in and out of the hospital and wanted to let everyone know she's thinking about them. Doug Leider, and John Metronic need some cheer. And FINALLY – Mark Fawcett is HOME! It's been a long haul for Mark – welcome home!

Membership: DUES ARE DUE – PLEASE GET THEM PAID!

Field Trips: The next trip is scheduled for June 11th to the Toutle River area. Anyone who wishes to go should meet at the Gig Harbor Safeway store at 7:00.

Scholarships: The recipients have been selected! Charlotte Heesacker and Sierra Schackmann each received a \$1000 scholarship. Charlotte will be attending Gonzaga University and Sierra will attend Corbin College in Oregon. Both were impressive ladies and we are proud to be able to give them

this wonderful gift. Runners up each received \$500 – Both Mitchell Heesacker and Sean Lorimor received scholarships last year and we wanted to award them for their continued success. Congratulations to you all and our best wishes for your continued successes!

Club T-shirts? Is anyone interested in designing a new logo for club shirts? Shall we have a contest? Let Nathan Schackmann know if you would be interested in working on this.

Kitsap County Fair: The Fair is August 24 – 28 and we need VOLUNTEERS!!! Please contact Doug Leider and let him know when you'd like to help. You get FREE Fair passes, FREE parking and FREE entertainment hanging around some really fun people! It just doesn't get any better! VOLUNTEER!!!

Bylaws: The changes have been incorporated. A motion was made and seconded to accept the new club Bylaws. With one opposed and the remainder of the membership voting in favor, the motion passed. The new Bylaws will be available upon request in hard copy and also on the club website at www.kmgs.org. Thank you to Ruth Brooks-Butler, Patt Jolly and Linda Mathison for working on this. Next, we'll tackle the Standing Rules.

Fall Festival of Gems: Don't forget to take flyers and pass them around. Get the word out that we put on the best show around! We also are in need of tumbled material so get those tumblers rollin'! Oh, and we also need VOLUNTEERS! Be part of our reason for being the success we are!

Show and Tell: We had lots of interesting items for display. First was Megan Fagan and a recent acquisition from an auction. She brought several beautifully faceted opals, sapphires, some natural and some lab created. Patt Jolly shared a beautiful

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beaded leather Flower Petal Bag. There was a great story with this you'll have to ask about. Next was our resident Backyard Rock Hound, Jack Eads who always brings such wonderful specimen that he donates to the raffle. There was petrified wood, mahogany obsidian, thunder egg agate, and red jasper. Dean Norman likes to preview what we'll find on the Field Trips and so he brought some samples from Toutle along with green seam material from First Creek. Dean Cooper shared some nice cabochons and Mike Davis brought back some nice material from the Beaver Valley Quarry. Garry Mahan talked about the differences between petrified wood and limb casts. In a nutshell in petrified wood you're able to see the actually cell structures and limb casts have no cell structure showing at all. If you're in doubt of what you have, let Garry look at it and he'll explain what you have.

During the break, our Silent Auction and raffle were alive and teeming with action. Following the break, Howard Jackson gave a very informative talk about rock carving. He showed some wonderful slides and had samples of some of his creations. Thank you, Howard! I think everyone enjoyed that you shared your craft with us.

Don't forget the Annual Potluck Picnic, Saturday, July 23rd at Raab Park in Poulsbo!

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Refreshments for the September Meeting will be brought to you by the letter "B".
(See page five for details.)**

Quick Quiz:

Where is our Annual Potluck Picnic?

What are you going to bring?

Linda Mathis

Jewelry Tips of the Month

TOOTHPICKS

The round, stronger toothpicks have a multitude of uses on the jewelry bench. I use them for mixing epoxy resin, for applying paste solder, with Zam for polishing in tight spots, and with a bit of beeswax for picking up and positioning small stones. They're particularly good for testing the fit of a small faceted stone in a prong or tube set finding.

PUMICE WHEELS

Pumice wheels are good for touching up a bezel after you've set the stone. The hardness is about 6 on the Moh's scale, less hard than quartz, so it shouldn't scratch any of your jaspers. However, I'd avoid or be real careful of using pumice near the softer stones like turquoise, amber, howelite, etc. If you're unsure that a wheel is pumice, test it with a piece of glass. Glass is about 5 ½ on the Mohs scale. If it doesn't scratch glass, it shouldn't scratch quartz.

MAGNETIC PIN FINISHER

There is a good article about making your own magnetic tumbler at <http://www.rchristopher.com/tech/tumbler.html>

The person reporting this on the YahooGroups Jewelry Casting list says he's made two units from these plans and they work very well. In addition to the primary job of burnishing and polishing finished pieces, he also uses the units for cleaning investment from castings.

The stainless steel pins are available from either Gesswein or Rio Grande.

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at

groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/

or

[facebook.com/BenchTips](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips)

June Field Trip to Toutle

By Dean Norman

"Greetings from the Field" On this field trip, John Hubbard was the Leader, we had 6 members and one guest, looking for the colorful Toutle carnelian agates and jaspers. We met at 9:00 on exit 63, the highway 505 beginning from I-5 and caravanned to the Toutle parking area.

It was a short hike to the first dig site, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile on a gentle incline. When arriving at the site, it was apparent there were previous diggers and boy did they tear it up. Fox holes were everywhere, about 2-4 feet deep, along with a 50' live green fir under rooted and fallen. Folks, this is not good! The disrespect of other property owners is what spoils it for the rest. We all must follow the Rock Hound Code-of-Ethics if we want the collection sites to remain open, either private or public property, it just doesn't matter! Nobody had brought a camera, and I certainly forgot mine, didn't get any pictures.

We dug and everyone collected some nice carnelians. These carnelians are different here than other sites. The majority have an outer butterscotch skin that penetrates about an eighth of an inch until you hit the clear agate. The youngest guest brought out the best piece, a nice 5" X 3" deep red agate, wish I had a picture to show of it.

After about 3 hours, it was time to hit another spot about 200 yards across the gully. John Hubbard had collected a 5 gallon bucket of about 50 pounds carnelian, and decided to haul it back to the truck before proceeding to the next dig site. The rest of us FILLED in our holes and headed for the gray-blue-white material.

The digging at this site was a lot easier. You simply scratched the ground with a 3-prong rake, not more than 10" and the material pops out as you scratch. Probing multiple times doesn't take long to hit a target, usually within 5 minutes, it's time to dig the ting! The material at this spot didn't travel anywhere, it has an outer skin that is rough and sharp. All-in-All, John out did us again. He probably collected enough material that combining the rest of our together would equal what he found.

Here is a picture of the material Dean Norman found, weighed in at 55 pounds.



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Rockhound Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations and rules governing collecting on private lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting materials in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning materials - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will support the Rockhound Project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with Field Trip Leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my Club or Federation Officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations and for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of Natural Resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

KMGS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society awarded four scholarships this year. One \$1,000.00 scholarship was awarded to Charlotte Heesaker for her interest in Earth Science especially in Marine Biology. She has been a member of our club for many years and proven her interest in rock hounding. She will be attending Gonzaga University in the fall. The second \$1,000.00 scholarship was awarded to Sierra Schackmann for her leadership skills in drama, journalism and KMGS critter production at the Kitsap County Fair and KMGS November Show. She will be attending Corban University in Salem, Oregon in the Fall. Then as a vote of confidence we awarded both Mitchell Heesaker and Sean Lorimor each \$500.00 as they continue their studies at Gonzaga and University of Washington, respectively. We are so proud of these young people, and it is a pleasure to support them.



July Birthdays

Richard Cooper Sandy Harvey
 John Hubbard Gage Franck (7-1)
 Mike Blanton (7-2)
 Ashton McDonald (7-3)
 Claudette Carter-Drake (7-7)
 Marvin Butler (7-7)Gloria Ice (7-10)
 Brianna McCubbins (7-12)
 Kelly Thompson (7-12) Stan Jorgensen (7-12)
 Eric Sheflo (7-12) Dean Cooper (7-13)
 Heather Thompson (7-14) Krystee Gniot (7-14)
 Gordon Eslava (7-15) Patty Ellerby (7-15)
 Chris Coulter (7-17) Mike Ryan (7-18)
 Tessia Wing (7-20) Doug Leider (7-22)
 Devin Gniot (7-23) Linda Todd (7-24)
 David Orme (7-24) Charlotte Kruse (7-25)
 Shelly Soderberg (7-26) Jacob Ownbey-Evjen (7-31)

August Birthdays

Vangie Mayton Teresa Pershin
 Patrick Brown Ron Wood Andrea Rudman (8-2)
 Megan Anderson-Fagan (8-5) Guy Kruse (8-6)
 Scott Ellerby (8-7) Arianna Conklin (8-8)
 Bill McNeal (8-8) Mary Lu Nary (8-10)
 Bobbie Sack (8-10) Gary Berger (8-12)
 Leonard Ballard (8-13) James Shiver (8-14)
 Talena Webb (8-15) Bailey Vasquez (8-16)
 Elsie Darmiento (8-16) Irene Ceehorne (8-19)
 Patrick Gniot (8-19) Mark Stephens (8-20)
 Ayden Hill (8-21) Janis McNeal (8-21)
 Kathy Morgan (8-22) Trena Davis (8-22)
 Cody Raysinger (8-22) Jack Eads (8-25)
 Emily Ecker(8-25) Brandon Gorby-Encarnacion(8-26)
 John Real (8-26) Samuel Prichard (8-27)
 Vicki McWilliams (8-27) Christine Boone (8-28)
 Vic Anderson (8-30) Gerry Alexander (8-30)
 Annette Orme (8-31) Jim McClure (8-31)
 Theron Perry (8-31)

July Anniversaries

Jack and Wilma Eads (7-20) John Hubbard
 John and Pamela Kosinski Terri Kesteren (7-12)
 Bob and Rocky Lavery
 Dean and Karla Norman(7-14)
 Bill and Janet Smith Mark and Kitty Stephens (7-30)
 David and Stephanie Zegers

August Anniversaries

Gary Berger (8-20)
 Tal and Dianne Conklin (8-28)
 Jack and Chris Coolidge
 Dean and Kathy Cooper (8-17)
 Richard and Norma Cooper
 Ron and Patricia Cummins (8-1)
 Randy and Jan Eggert (8-16)
 Scott and Patty Ellerby (8-15)
 John and Barbara Franke (8-17) Dan and Gloria Ice
 Stan and Ruth Jorgensen (8-29) Tom Lucas (8-17)
 Garry and Nancy Mahan
 David and Annette Orme (8-27) John Real (8-14)
 Del and Bobbie Sack (8-5) Bob and Kathy Sahli
 Don Smith and Linda Todd (8-29)
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WHO NEEDS TUMBLED ROCKS??

Well, we do. The Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society, that's who. The Kitsap Co. Fair is just around the corner, and we need tumbled rocks to hand out to kids who stop by the displays. Our annual Kitsap Show is also coming up quickly too. We need LOTS of tumbled rocks for the kids corner and for grab bags. Please, get those tumblers rumblin'.

You can bring them to a rock club meeting or board meeting, and someone will take them off your hands, give you a big smile, maybe a hug if you are lucky, and say a huge thank you, thank you, thank you.

-Jim McClure



July Birthstone: Ruby/ Carnelian-Cancer (June 22 - July 22)



August Birthstone: Peridot/Sardonyx -Leo(July 23-Aug 21)



The Cancerian character is the least clear-cut of all those associated with the signs of the zodiac. It can range from the timid, dull, shy and withdrawn to the most brilliant, and famous Cancerians are to be found through the whole range of human activity. It is a fundamentally conservative and home-loving nature, appreciating the nest like quality of a secure base to which the male can retire when he needs a respite from the stresses of life, and in which the Cancerian woman can exercise her strong maternal instincts. The latter tends to like and to have a large family. 'Nest like' is an appropriate adjective for the Cancerian home, for its inhabitants tend to favor the dark, mysterious but comfortable type of house which has something of the air of a den about it, a place which belongs to the family rather than existing as a showcase to impress visitors. **Via astrology-online.com**

The gemstone **ruby** is the red variety of the mineral Corundum, the second hardest natural mineral known to mankind. Ruby is the July birthstone, and the Capricorn Zodiac stone. Ruby has been associated with the values of love, success, integrity, passion, and promise.

All colors of corundum other than red or white are called Sapphire. The red color in ruby is caused by trace amounts of the element chromium. The best shade of red for ruby is often given the name "pigeon blood red", but ruby can be any shade of red up to almost pink.

Carnelian (sometimes spelled "cornelian") is an orange variety of chalcedony, whose color can vary from nearly yellow to nearly red. If the color is darker (appearing brownish), it would be called Sard. The color of both is due to iron oxide impurities.

Carnelian is always somewhat translucent; sard may appear opaque.

Carnelian is the traditional birthstone for July, and the Zodiac birthstone for Virgo. It is associated with luck and safety. **Via Firemountaingems.com**

The Leo type is the most dominant, spontaneously creative and extrovert of all the zodiacal characters. In grandeur of manner, splendor of bearing and magnanimity of personality, they are the monarch's among humans as the lion is king of beasts. They are ambitious, courageous, dominant, strong willed, positive, independent, self-confident there is no such a word as doubt in their vocabularies, and they are self-controlled. Born leaders, either in support of, or in revolt against, the status quo. They are at their most effective when in a position of command, their personal magnetism and innate courtesy of mind bringing out the best of loyalty from subordinates. **Via astrology-online.com**

Peridot (pronounced pair-a-doe) is the gem variety of olivine. Peridot is the birthstone for August and the Zodiac stone for the constellation Libra (astrological sources refer to peridot as Chrysolite). Peridot is associated with the values of fame, dignity, protection, and success.

Olivine, which is actually not an official mineral, is composed of two minerals: fayalite and forsterite. Fayalite is the iron rich member and forsterite is the magnesium rich member. Olivine's formula is written as $(Mg, Fe)_2SiO_4$ to show the substitution of the magnesium and iron. Peridot is usually closer to forsterite than fayalite in composition although iron is the coloring agent for peridot. The best colored peridot has an iron percentage of less than 15% and includes nickel and chromium as trace elements that may also contribute to the best peridot color.

Sardonyx is a banded variety of chalcedony (cryptocrystalline quartz), with layers alternating between Sard and Onyx. It is an impure fine-grained quartz whose crystals are too small to see. The color is usually a yellow-brown alternating with white, but other variants are also called sardonyx. Sardonyx is the traditional birthstone for August. It is associated with relaxation and security.

Via Firemountaingems.com

Northwest Shows - July, 2011 (via NFMS website www.amfed.org/nfms/)

July 2011 15th 10am - 6pm 16th 10am - 6pm 17th 10am - 4pm	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	Annual Gem & Mineral Show	Reedsport Community Building 415 Winchester Ave. Reedsport, OR 97467	Bill Hendrickson 100 River Bend Rd. Spc. 17 Reedsport, OR 97467 541-271-6816
July 2011 23rd 9am - 6pm 24th 9am - 5pm	WA. Agate & Mineral Society & The Tenino Rock Cruisers	17th Annual Rock & Gem Rendezvous FREE Admission	Parkside Elem. School on Stage St. South (take I-5 exit 88) Tenino, Washington	Contact: Daniel De Boer 5107 Brenner Dr. NW Olympia, WA 98502 keylock1@live.com
July 2011 29th 10am - 6pm 30th 10am - 6pm 31st 10am - 5pm	Regional Gem and Mineral Show	Show PLUS NFMS Convention & Annual Meeting	Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Chehalis, WA Chuck Sonner csonner2011@gmail.com	Chuck Sonner csonner2011@gmail.com
August 2011 5th 10am - 5pm 6th 10am - 5pm 7th 10am - 4pm	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	Rock & Gem Show	North Bend Community Center 2222 Broadway. North Bend, OR	Don Innes 541-396-5722 PO Box 251 Coo Bay, OR 97420 don-in11@hughes.net
August 2010 13th 10am - 9pm 14th 10am - 9pm 15th 10am - 6pm	Port Townsend Rock Club	Annual Rock & Gem Show during the Fair	Jefferson County Fair Grounds 49th Street Port Townsend, WA	Tom Madsen 2915 SR20 Port Townsend, WA 98368 tommad-sen@olypen.com
August 2010 21st 10am - 6pm 22nd 9am - 4pm	Nisqually Valley Rockhound Society	Annual Show	Yelm Middle School Highway 510 Yelm, WA	Mike Smith 360-458-8747 msmith2012@ywave.com Tim Howard 360-458-7841 tim_wssmi@comcast.net

2011 Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society Field Trip Schedule

Month	Place	Material	Tools Needed	Meeting Time & Place	Leader/Contact
July 23th & 24th	Frost Mountain - Manastash Ridge	Jasper & Seam Agates	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar Light Rock Tools	At Frost Meadows Saturday 9:00am,	Dean Norman (360) 871-2054 Maps to be provided upon request
August 13th & 14th	Red Top & Teanaway River	Geodes, Nodules, Agates	Shovel, Rake, Pry Bar Hard Rock Tools	Teanaway 29 Pines Campground at 9:00am.	Dean (360) 871-2054, Woody, (360) 871-1458 Maps to be provided upon request

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Save Those Stamps

TO:

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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 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 July and Beyond... Update Your Home Calendars!

- The Annual Summer potluck at Raab Park in Poulsbo is coming up on Saturday July 23rd
- The Club will again participate in the Kitsap County Fair and Stampede on August 24th-28th
- Plans are in the works for the November show "Fall Festival of Gems" to take place the weekend of November 19th and 20st. Set-up is November 18th. We need your active participation!



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**11160 NW Holly Rd Bremerton, WA 98312 Deadline for
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*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 left. - **Editor***