



Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society

Celebrating 70 Years!

"The Hard Rock News"

<http://www.kmg s.org>

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A Message From Our President, Tony Schackmann:

Happy 70th Birthday Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society!

Yes folks, our club turns seventy this month. The first official meeting took place at one of the member's homes. That is how they scheduled the meetings during the first few years, they rotated through the membership and held the meetings at their homes. I think the original club members would be very pleased to see us still going strong—seventy years later!

I have enjoyed my time as KMGS President, however, it is time to elect new officers. I would be honored to turn the position over to someone willing to take on the duty. I can honestly say it's been fun and challenging to deal with so many people with ideas, plans and recommendations to improve the club. If you are approached by the nominating committee about a position, please consider taking on the challenge. You will not be alone, you will receive plenty of help.

Well now that is off my chest, I can get back to business. As you all know the November show is getting close and we are desperately looking for your help to make it successful. Please feel free to contact Gerry Alexander, Dave Reimers or myself for assignments. Trust me, we will

not overextend your capacity unless you say so. We have small jobs, large jobs and need leaders in set-up and take-down. We also need your participation by putting in a case at the show. Showing off your rock and/or mineral collection, lapidary arts, faceting, etc. at the show shows our community that we do have a great program for all ages and skills.

Other important dates for KMGS functions are published throughout the newsletter by the editor, please mark your calendars!

We may have some new members that are willing to take on some of the committee positions, so we're looking forward to hearing from them.



That's some thunderegg!

The September KMGS Field Trip: Terry Iverson and I held the last field trip of 2009 to Kaner Flats and the Rimrock area for thundereggs,

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October Meeting News:

The October General Meeting will be held on **Friday, October 9th 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 October Board Meeting will be combined with a show meeting on Thursday, **October 15th at 6:00 PM**. This meeting is also at the church, in the Junior's Activity Room. **All members interested in helping out at the show are encouraged attend.**

Junior's: I hope you had as good a time as I did at the last meeting, learning about GOLD! Did anyone go out and try some gold panning after that meeting? At the October meeting we will be making "critters." Show up with your imaginations. Am looking forward to seeing you all. — Evah Summers, Juniors Leader

Program: The October Program will be on topics for setting up for the November Show, such as how to create an effective display case.
— Dean Norman

Display Table: We will have a Display Table set up for our October club meeting. Bring any lapidary or mineral related item that you think would be of interest to others. Also, for those of you working on your display for our November show, how about a "sneak preview" of something you will be displaying in the show? Juniors are encouraged to participate in this portion of the meeting.— Garry Mahan

Refreshments for the October General Meeting: will be provided by members with last name beginning with the letter "G", "J" and "I". (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.**

Attention Wire Wrappers:

Due to an abundance of previous commitments during the fall, Vangie Mayton will have to put her wire wrap classes "on hold" until January.

**Yearly DUES**

\$10.00 for Adult Membership
\$20.00 for Family Membership
\$2.50 for Single Junior
(Dues were due in June!)

This will be your last newsletter if your dues remain unpaid.

Happy birthday to us — 70 years old!



Come and share some birthday cake at the October meeting!

In Memory Of:

Jan Barron

October 18, 1927 to August 10, 2009

KMGS is having to say goodbye to a very dear friend—Jan Barron. Jan has been a member of our club for twenty-one years and has also been a long-time member of the Shelton Rock Club. Jan was known for her unfailing support of our Junior's program, clever rock critters, pine needle baskets, and love of collecting rocks. She was always in the front row at the meetings that she attended with her husband, Bill. She and Bill were always very generous with donations for our shows and for our annual auctions.

Jan and Bill had been married for fifty-seven years and have six children, numerous grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She was an RN and met Bill in Arizona while attending nursing school. They moved to Washington soon after that although Jan was a Washington native, having been born in Tacoma.

Jan will be missed by her family and all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

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geodes, jasper and agates. However we did not have a good turn-out. We made the best of it, since we were there. The Washington State Mineral Council did show up at Kaner Flats. They had a good turn out. We left about an hour later with some drizzling rain. Then Sunday we did have two members show up at Rimrock and did great. I would say we brought home about 200 lbs of large thunder eggs. Jack Eads will have the pictures posted on the website (www.kmgs.org). We will bring some for the November General Meeting Display Table and give the details. Yes—that means my family won't be at the October meeting, so I've asked Jim McClure to stand-in as President.

The Latest About Shane: For those that know our eldest son, Shane, he will be home at the end of September from Kuwait. Hopefully, he will be visiting first part of October. We'll let everyone know via email. Yes, we're excited for him and proud of him for serving our country and coming back safely.

About the Show: Let me also remind everyone to keep those tumblers going, we are in need of material for grab bags for the November show. We hope not to run out if everyone donates a little—if they can spare it. For larger-quantity donations, the club will reimburse you for the grit should you provide receipts, within reason! Just remember, we need good quality material (*and good quantity*) donated to represent the club in a positive way. This includes donations for our silent auction booth at the show. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

We are the best Rock Club in the state! As President, I look forward to meeting new members and working with all of you.

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

"Hard Rock Beaders: The "Hard Rock Beaders" will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month. They will meet on **Thursday, October 1st, at 6:30 PM.** The meetings are held at the community center at the Steele Creek Mobile Home Park. **Call Linda Mathison at (360) 698-1562 for directions. Everyone is welcome!**

Show News: Junior member extraordinaire,



Miss Sierra Schackmann has volunteered to be in charge of the "critter-making" booth for the upcoming show. She is seeking contributions of material for this very popular show activity. Think about donating polished rocks for bases, smaller polished rocks for critter bodies, and odds and ends that the children can glue to the rocks to make their "critters". Thank you for volunteering, Sierra! We will need many more members to volunteer to help out before, during and after the show.

Lets not forget our monthly raffle.....

Many of our members have other hobbies in addition to rocks. Many of these crafts make nice additions to our club raffle. We have had fresh baked bread, jams and jellies, fresh eggs, nick knacks, and even plants. So if you have something you would like to share, please think about the club. — PS We still need a Raffle Chairperson!

The September Program:

We had a terrific program on Gold Panning last month! Those that wanted handouts on the subject were able to take one. We were also able to see the equipment and review processes used. Very interesting! We hope to be able to have Mr. Pierce back for a second program. See the minutes on page six for more information.

Tumbled Rocks Needed:

Tumbled rocks of various sizes are needed for rock talks, the fair and the show. We are able to accept donations at any meeting. Thanks so much for your support!



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Job Opportunities Within KMGS

The Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society thrives on our club members volunteering to help out with essential tasks.

We always need new volunteers to bring fresh ideas to the club.

Jobs that will be vacant at the beginning of the year and that are still not filled at this time: Membership Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, Northwest Federation,

Mineral Council, and Raffle Chairperson. Please consider helping out, if you can.

Talk to Acting-President, Jim McClure, at the October meeting, if you feel you can help the club in any of these ways. Thanks!

**"Nobody can do everything,
but everyone can do something."**

~Author Unknown

MINUTES OF THE KITSAP MINERAL AND GEM
SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
11 SEPTEMBER 2009

The meeting of the Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society was called to order by President, Tony Schackmann. The Juniors led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tony welcomed everyone to the "New Year" giving a brief introduction to the officers, committees and general information about this evening's events. In addition, this evening's program will be presented by Ray Pierce who will talk to us about gold panning.

Guests: Welcome to the following guests: Diana Wasson, Jenn Kampmeyer, Amy Haller, Mike and Vicky Willmis, Glenn and Lona Freiman, Tom Lucas, Lynn Kehor, Dylan Estano, Isaiah Banks, Abby Nelson and Talena and Forrest Webb. We also had approximately five new members attending!

Announcements: The Port Townsend Club will host a workshop tomorrow, September 12th, and then the first Saturday of each month beginning in October. Many flyers were on display for upcoming events in the region as well as our own club flyer for the Fall Festival of Gems.

Show and Tell: Jack Eads began the sharing with a box of surprises. "It takes everyone to make the messes they do," Jack said and he handed out awards from the Federation Show in Billings to deserving club members.

Garry Mahan – Honorable Mention for an article he submitted about Agate Nodules.

Wilma Eads – 6th Place for her article about our dear member, Helen Rath.

Dean Norman – 5th Place for his wonderful article about his petrified wood bird houses.

Kathy Reimers– from the American Federation of Mineral Societies, Honorable Mention as editor of our "Hard Rock News". And from the Northwest Federation – FIRST PLACE FOR THE "HARD ROCK NEWS"! WAY TO GO KATHY!

And last but certainly not least, the NW Federation honored Jack with 2nd Place for the KMGS Website that he maintains.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!! Be sure to let these great people know how much you appreciate what

they do for you and our club! THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US!

Garry Mahan then introduced all the wonderful items on the show and tell tables. Some fascinating specimens came from near and far; Dean Norman had items from the Frost Mountain field trip; Jill Wetzel showed off items from Oil City out by the ocean, and a piece of Madagascar Labradorite tile used for a countertop where she works; Jan King was busy beading cabs at the Kitsap Fair; Leslie Wing was inspired by belt buckles Garry had shown and brought bolo ties and cabs; Vic Anderson showed off some material from New Mexico, and Arizona along with sharing some very funny stories about his recent diggings. Christopher Garcia collected a large Selenite sample he found in a shop while in Sholo, Arizona, and shared his agates, petrified wood and an agate nodule. The show and tell continued with Pat Jolley who always has interesting pieces to share and is happy to share where she got them. This time she was at the Yellowstone River poking around gravel bars bringing dendrite agates, petrified wood and fossilized algae. Finally Garry talked about some green jasper with agate, blue opal and Tahoma agate he recently found in a new roadcut at Greenwater. Thank you everyone for sharing your recently acquired treasures!

Rock Talks – on 27 August, Linda Mathison, Tony Schackmann and Don Lorimor split up a group of approximately 65 kids ranging from 5 – 11 years of age out at Subase Bangor's summer school camp at the Lighthouse. Each talked about a kind of rock, Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic, along with many samples for the kids to look at and some take home pieces of tumbled material. It was a great experience and the kids really enjoyed their time.

The Juniors were dismissed to go work on their project with Evah Summers.

Committee Reports: Nothing was new on Membership except to remind everyone who has not paid dues that they are now in arrears and need to see Bobbie and Del Sack.

Newsletter: Kathy reminded everyone that we need to get our items in as soon as possible. She also is looking for someone to train as her replacement.

We also need people to take positions on the Raffle and Door Prize Committee, The Mineral Council, and
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...*"Minutes" continued from page five...* Northwest Federation representatives. If you or anyone you know is interested in filling any of the upcoming vacancies, please let one of the board or committee people know. They'd love to have you and will be happy to train you.

NW Federation: Jim McClure reported that approximately 4200 people attended the show in Montana, resulting in near \$15,000 in merchandise being sold. Sounds like everyone had a great time.

Ruth Brooks-Butler reported on the Billings, Montana Federation meeting. One point of interest is a new award we can all consider. Submit a short write-up to our Hard Rock Newsletter citing someone you believe is an outstanding person in our club. These people can be considered for selection and announced at the next annual meeting. Contact Ruth if you have questions about this or need more guidance.

Field Trip: The next trip is September 19th and 20th to Naches. Meet Tony at the Kaner Flats Campground, 9:00 Saturday morning.

Washington State Mineral Council map books are still available -- \$9 for color and \$6 for black and white.

The KMGS Workshop will be held tomorrow, September 12th, 10 - 4, at the Sunnyslope Improvement Club. Hope to see a lot of you folks there!

Fall Festival of Gems: CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!! Gerry Alexander can't stress enough the importance of volunteering for this annual show. Please consider helping out wherever and whenever you can! UNCLE GERRY NEEDS YOU!!!

The Puyallup Club has graciously offered an exchange with KMGS. In exchange for our members volunteering to help with the spinning

wheel at the Puyallup Fair hobby hall, they will loan us the Space Needle display made from Washington State rocks. This is an impressive display and quite worth the effort.

Our program for the next meeting will be about setting up a showcase for Federation Competition. You won't want to miss this one, especially if you plan to have a display at the Fall show.

It's getting to be that time of year again and so far we only have one person who raised his hand - Jim McClure is one member volunteering for the Nominating Committee. We need another person to help and we need volunteers for committee and board member positions. Don't be shy! This is your club!

Tonight we were treated to a lesson on the rules and how-to's of gold panning. Guest presenter, Ray Pierce, gave a very thorough talk about the regulations and then show some of the equipment used for this fascinating hobby.

References for panning in Washington are:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife:
(360) 902-2534

Gold and fishing pamphlet: on the WDFW at:
www.wdfw.wa.gov

Note the following regulations:

RCW 78.44.330 regarding trespassing

RCW 77.15.300 regarding mining permits

RCW 77.55.291 for more information.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting is Thursday, 17 September, 7:00 at Chico Alliance. Everyone is invited.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Mathison

Cool Websites:



www.amfed.org/nfms/
www.amfed.org

Neill's Geology for Kids:

<http://www.geocities.com/missneill>

See this newsletter in color at **our website:**

www.kmgs.org



Dear Fellow Members:

Please be prepared to sign-up for show cases and show work positions at the next meeting. It's definitely time to get those sign-up sheets filled-up!

Please set aside Friday, November 20th for show set-up (8:00 AM until done).

A large measure of the enjoyment of our hobby consists of collecting in the field. For that reason, the members are proud to endorse the following:

"Rockhound Code of Ethics"

(via the AFMS website)

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

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public 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 material in collecting areas.

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

I will leave all gates as found.

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

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

I will fill all excavation holes which may be

dangerous to livestock.

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

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

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

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 authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations 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.

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.
October—"G", "J", and "I"
November—"S" and "P" and those inadvertently missed

previously in the year. 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.

Opalized Wood is Extremely Brittle: Clamp it and slab it with care, exerting as little pressure as possible. This is a heat sensitive material and should be kept wet and cool at all times while working. A drum sander or horizontal lap works better for

removing saw marks than grinding wheels. Cerium oxide, tin oxide, or Linde A on a moist felt buff will bring a mirror polish. It is not usually precious opal—but do remember that opalized wood is opal.

via—6-09 Bems Tumbler , 2-98 Lapidary Journal, and many more

Northwest Shows - October, 2009 (via NFMS website www.amfed.org/nfms/)

October, 2009 10th 10am - 5pm 11th 10am - 5pm	Marysville Rock & Gem Club	35TH Rocktoberfest Show	Totem Middle School 7th Street & State Ave. Marysville, WA	Rocky McCall 360-629-2515 rm711@tgi.net Bill Moser 425-238-8222 bill-ij@comcast.net
October, 2009 17th 10am - 6pm 18th 10am - 5pm	Hells Canyon Gem Club	43rd Annual Show "Hidden Treasures"	Nez Perce Co., Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Ave. Lewiston, ID 97013	Rick Westerholm 208-746-2101 rkwester@cablone.net
October, 2009 24th 10am - 5pm 25th 10am - 5pm	Bellevue Rock Club	Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show "Octoberfest of Gems"	Vasa Park 3560 W. Lake Sammamish Blvd SE. Bellevue, WA 98009 (I-90 Exit 13)	Marjorie McKinley PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009-1851 206-633-1421 bellevuerock-club@comcast.net Club Website
October, 2009 24th 9am - 6pm 25th 10am - 5pm	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Nature's Beauty in Stone 2009	Clackamas County Fairgrounds Pavilion 694 NE. 4th Ave Canby, OR 97013	Rick Mauer 9878 SW Alsea Dr, Tualatin, OR 97062 (503) 691-6395 tallerricardo@juno.com
October, 2009 16th 12pm - 7pm 17th 10am - 7pm 18th 11am - 4pm	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	52nd Annual Rock & Gem Show	Gateway Mall 3000 Gateway Street Springfield, OR	Bob Smith 541-741-0060 Jim Randall 541-683-2661 sweetbot-tom@juno.com

Washington State Mineral Council Field Trips October, 2009:

(KMGS is a WSMC Member Club) mineralcouncil.org

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.

10/4 **Field Trip To:** Money Creek **Meet At:** 9:00 AM **What you may find:** ore and picture jasper **What to bring:** lights and light hard rock tools **Contact: (Northwest Rockies)** Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282 or wsmced@hotmail.com Or Kathy Ernst (360) 856-0588 or earnstkk@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/>

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

NAME TAG PICK-UP AT THE "WELCOME TABLE"

**IF YOU HAVE ORDERED A NAME TAG AND HAVE NOT YET
PICKED IT UP—PLEASE DO SO AT
THE NEXT MEETING.**

THANKS!!!

*****Reminder*** Dues were due**

**in June! October's "Hard Rock News" is your last newsletter
....if dues remain unpaid.**

Happy



Halloween!

October Birthstone: Opal or Tourmaline
Color: Varying, or for Tourmaline: Light Rose
Symbol Of: Faithfulness, Confidence, Stability

October's birthstone treats the eye to an explosion of shimmering colors, not unlike those of a magnificent rainbow following a summer rain. The Opal derives its name from the Latin word "opalus," meaning precious jewel. Prized for its unique ability to refract and reflect specific wavelengths of light, the Opal was called "Cupid Paederos" by the Romans, meaning a child beautiful as love. One legendary explanation for this gemstone's origin is that it fell from heaven in a flash of fiery lightning.



Ancient monarchs treasured Opals, both for their beauty and for their presumed protective powers. They were set into crowns and worn in necklaces to ward off evil and to protect the eyesight. These gemstones were also ground and ingested for their healing properties and to ward off nightmares.

The Opal dates back to prehistoric times. It is a non-crystallized silica, which is a mineral found near the earth's surface in areas where ancient geothermal hot springs once existed. As the hot springs dried up, layers of the silica, combined with water, were deposited into the cracks and cavities of the bedrock, forming Opal. This gemstone actually contains up to 30% water, so it must be protected from heat or harsh chemicals, both of which will cause drying and may lead to cracking and loss of iridescence. Opal must also be guarded from blows, since it is relatively soft and breaks easily.

Most of the world's Opal deposits are found in Southern Australia. Other sources of this gemstone are Brazil, Mexico, Czechoslovakia and Nevada. Quality Opal is very expensive, made more so by the caution that must be exercised in cutting, polishing and setting it into jewelry.

A gift of Opal is symbolic of faithfulness and confidence. And the powerful energy radiating from this fiery gemstone will surely illuminate any occasion!

Alternate Birthstone



An alternate birthstone for October, Pink Tourmaline has the seemingly magical property of pyroelectricity. Scientifically speaking, this means that when heated, the gem takes on a static electric charge, making it capable of attracting lightweight objects. No wonder this gemstone was revered for its mystical properties centuries ago!

Considered the "stone of the muse," it was believed to stimulate the creative process of its wearer. Pink varieties of Tourmaline range in color from pastel pink to ruby red and are mined in Brazil, Afghanistan, Burma, and India. A gift of this stone is symbolic of hope.

Learn about the mineral properties of the opal at [Conservation and Survey Division](#) of the University of Nebraska. via [aboutbirthstones.com](#)

October Birthdays

Arthur Bacon (10-8)
 Jan Barron — *In Memory Of* (10-18)
 Josh Britton (10-22) Bernie Brooks
 Ruth Brooks/Butler(10-11)
 Beatrice Burch (10-1)
 Eric Crandall (10-29)
 Samantha Duffy (10-6)
 Shirley Erickson Hannah Evjen (10-25)
 Mark Fawcett (10-17)
 Helena Ann Jones (10-4)
 Jack Kienholz (10-26)
 Drew Lambert (10-6)
 Joe Lownik (10-10)
 Jodi Marks-Cook Don Mayton
 Steven McConnell (10-13)
 Paul Morgan (10-15)
 Suzanne Pobanz (10-13)
 Joyce Price (10-3)
 Linda Radke (10-29)
 Dale Roberts Del Sack (10-24)
 Albert Sigward (10-5)
 Bill Smith Ryne Wadley (10-8)
 Jill Wetzel (10-26)
 Adam Williams (10-21)
 Stephanie Zegers

October Wedding Anniversaries

Chris and Renee Amundsen
 Leonard and Donna Ballard
 Susan Killins Cherie Kesti (10-6)
 Rich and Andrea Rudman (10-8)

Refreshments for the
 October Meeting will be
 brought to you
 by "G", "J" and "I"

**(See pages two & seven
 for details.)**

Quick Quiz:

How old is KMGS?

(Hint: The answer is somewhere in this newsletter!)

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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 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 November and Beyond... Mark These Dates On Your Home Calendars!

- 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!
- KMGS's annual Christmas Potluck will take place at the Bremerton Son's of Norway Hall (by Olympic College) on Friday, December 11th. It is our first time at this site. We are looking forward to a wonderful time! Wilma Eads has graciously agreed to entertain us with her piano playing—so this should be a very special occasion for us!



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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***