



“The Hard Rock News”

November, 2008

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A Message From Our President, Tony Schackmann

Hello KMGS members and friends, my first words to begin this message would be to say **Thanks** to Gerry Alexander for acting president on my absence for the last meeting. I've heard great reports of the attendance and the meeting's success.

Winter is coming and it is time to go out and hound for that precious material that everyone always wants, and stay cool doing it. However, it is hunting season and you will need to be prepared. The most important thing to do is to cover your upper torso with hunter orange. At the minimum—a plastic safety vest is available at your local hardware store for \$4.99. It is a small price to pay for your safety.

I'm sure November will be a big month for everyone with the holidays arriving and our great show, only a few weeks away. The “Fall Festival of Gems” show is sponsored by our club is on the 22nd and 23rd of this month. Chairperson/point of contact is Gerry Alexander (360) 876-4543 . Show set-up is November 21st , beginning at 8:00 AM (we supply the coffee and doughnuts!!). There is a lot of preparation involved and we could use everyone's help even if it is small, light, large or heavy. Any help is appreciated, so if you're one of the many who don't know where to begin, ask any one of the members to point you in the right direction. I give big applause to the volunteers for their efforts and commitment, it is looking like we can look forward to another successful show. Polished/ tumbled material is needed for a variety of show projects. I have been notified that we are lacking, so if you have any to part with, it would be greatly appreciated.

I am saddened that we have lost a couple more great rock enthusiasts, Helen Rath and Onzel Gilman, whom I've not personally met, but have heard so many great stories about. Our hearts and prayers go out to their families with great sympathy. They will be missed, but their memories will stay with us, especially for those who were very close to them.

Voting for officers for 2009 and for changes to our bylaws and standing rules will take place towards the end of our next meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please let us know. The installation of elected officers will be held at the Christmas Potluck in December.

I'm still looking for a few more chairperson/committee job descriptions that I feel need to be updated. We will make the job descriptions available to members to help them determine how they may best participate.

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

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November Meeting Dates and Times: The November General Meeting will be held on Friday, **November 14th 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 November Board Meeting will **not** be held this month due to our "**Fall Festival of Gems**" show on November 22nd and 23rd. Show set-up is Friday, November 21st starting at 8:00 AM.

Display Table: There will be a display table for the month of November. We've had some great display tables over this past couple of years. However, we are making two changes: (1) The idea of a "theme" for each month has been dropped due to lack of participation in this aspect of the display table. (2) Each person bringing material for the display table is requested to only talk about one or two items due to time constraints (It's OK to bring more, but just use one or two of the items you bring for the "show and tell" portion. People can come see the rest of your items during the break.). Hopefully, this will help get the meeting over at a more reasonable time. So with that said, bring in any lapidary or mineral-related items of your choice. As usual, juniors are encouraged to participate in this part of the meeting.

Program: "Rock Tumbling" will be presented by Jim McClure.

Refreshments for the November General Meeting: will be provided by members with last name beginning with the letter "G", "H", "I", "J" and anyone who may have been inadvertently missed during the year. (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.**

Remember, our Christmas Potluck takes the place of the December meeting. P.S. This is the BEST Potluck in the world!)

Attention Wirewrappers: A double treat for November: Vangie Mayton continues her wirewrap classes on Tuesday, November 4th and Tuesday, November 11th at 6:30 PM, both evenings. This will be held at Vangie's home.

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

Club Announcements

Yearly DUES

\$10.00 for Adult Membership

\$20.00 for Family Membership

\$2.50 for Single Junior (Associate Member)

(Dues are due in June of each year.)

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

She also has a never-used White Metal Detector for sale for \$300, or best offer.

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

For Sale: **Doug Leider** is selling two items from his shop:

12 lb single barrel Lortone rock tumbler. It has good rubber and a good motor, \$50.

10" Lortone rock saw. Works perfectly, \$150.

See Doug at the meeting or call **(360) 627-8142**

Jack and Wilma Eads have a new email address. Please put this address in your email address book and KMGS Directory:
jacke@wavecable.com

New Historian Found!

Hello Members! **Heather Schackmann** has graciously agreed to take over as your Historian starting in January of 2009.

We all know how dedicated Heather is from her many years as the club's "Junior's Leader". She continues to be a very valuable member of KMGS!

The KMGS Is Missing Some Items:

A video: "*Walking With The Dinosaurs*" and videos on "*Wirewrapping*", amongst others. Please check your shelves for any KMGS library materials. Materials are to be checked-out for one month only. If you need to renew, return them and check them out for a second month. Thanks! - **Mark Fawcett, Librarian**

Saying Goodbye to Helen Rath

On Saturday, October 25th, friends and family gathered for a Memorial service for Helen Rath at Martha and Mary Chapel in Poulsbo. Helen was a forty-three year member of KMGS. To say she was an active member would be an understatement. There were many "Helen" stories told at the service which elicited both laughter and tears. A very moving tribute to Helen was written by Wilma Eads and this appears on page seven of this newsletter. **We miss Helen!**

Helen's "Dirty Marbles" game board and rock marbles to be auctioned off at the November meeting. This is the board game, made by Del Sack, that was with Helen at the nursing home. Many KMGS members played this very fun game with her on this board. Due to material costs—the minimum bid will be \$50. Proceeds will benefit the KMGS's Scholarship Fund.

In Memory of: Robert Olson 1928-2008

Robert Olson, father of KMGS member **Diane Heesacker**, passed away on October 4, 2008. Mr. Olson was a prominent Silverdale businessman and community leader. Our heartfelt sympathy to Diane and family for their loss.

Kitsap Faceters

Members of Kitsap Faceters were invited to Mt. Vernon's meeting and potluck luncheon. We had five members from Kitsap and approximately ten members of Tacoma Faceters car-pooling to the event! Wow, it was a great day!! Lots of ideas exchanged, new topics discussed with the speakers, new tips and tools were discussed and displayed. We all enjoyed the day. If you missed out, you should be excited to go when they invite us again. Thanks to the members of the Mt. Vernon Club for hosting this day. - **Jim McClure**

Trude "Onzel" Gilman Sr.

April 2, 1922 to
October 3, 2008

Onzel Gilman, 86, died
October 3, 2008 at his home.

Onzel and his wife, Ruby, were active and faithful members of KMGS for thirty-five years. They were instrumental in obtaining the church as our meeting site and have been the club's liaison with the church.



Ruby passed away on August 14th of this year.

Onzel enjoyed collecting coins and stamps. He was a rockhound who will be remembered as an "all around good guy."

He is survived by his sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

The Hard Rock Beaders are ready to spend some quality time together this winter. We have planned to meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 pm at the Steel Creek Mobile Home Park community center off Old Military Road in Bremerton. Call Linda Mathison for directions at (360) 698-1562. Everyone is welcome. Bring a project to work on. - **Jan King**

KMGS Mentors:

Sign up as a mentor with the newsletter editor.

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BEADING /LAPIDARY	HARD ROCK BEADERS	"Hard Rock Beaders" Linda Mathison, Jan King, Lorene Leider, or Bobbie Sack

Proposed changes to the KMGS Bylaws – September/October 2008:

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section 1. Change from: "The newly elected officers shall take office on January 1st" – Change to, "The newly elected officers shall take office **at the next general meeting.**"

Section 3, paragraph 3a. A sentence was added so the paragraph now reads, "In the absence or temporary disability of the President the Vice President shall perform the duties of that office. **See section 1 for order of officers.**"

Section 4. Change from: "any unexpired term of an officer shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs." -- Change to, "Any unexpired term of an officer shall be **filled by nomination from the floor, elected and installed** at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs."

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. Change from, "Only paid-up members shall vote." – Change to, "Only paid-up members **are eligible to vote.**"

Section 7. Change from, "the fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year. The financial records shall be closed on June 30th. An audit committee shall be appointed by the President at the June meeting. And audit report shall be presented at the October meeting." – Change to, "The **membership** fiscal year shall be from July 1st to June 30th of each year. The financial records shall be closed on **December 30th**. An audit committee shall be appointed by the President at **the November** meeting. An audit report shall be presented **to the board within a reasonable time frame.**"

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 4. Change from, "The Executive Committee shall consist of..." – Change to, "The **Board Members** shall consist of..."

ARTICLE VII. SCHOLARSHIPS

Section 1 has been reworded and Section 2 added.

Change from, "Section 1. An annual scholarship shall be provided by the club. The monetary amount available for scholarship shall be approved by the Board at the October Board meeting and presented to the club members for approval at the November club meeting each year. Scholarship notices shall be submitted to local schools by the following January to allow time for the selection process to occur prior to graduation ceremonies. Scholarship criteria shall be as specified by the Scholarship Committee, but recipients will normally be limited to Kitsap County residents, except for non-county residents who are immediate family members of a club member. The definition of immediate family member is a son or daughter."

Change to, "Section 1. Scholarship(s) may be provided by the Society annually upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and approval of the Board. The monetary amount available for the scholarship (s) shall be approved by the Board. Scholarship notices shall be submitted to local schools allowing time for the selection process to occur prior to graduation ceremonies. Recipients will be limited to Kitsap County residents except for non-county residents who are immediate family members of the Society. The definition of an immediate member would be a daughter or son and are students with a focus on the study of earth sciences."

Section 2. Any designated memorials or other specified gifts and fund raising events as well as 50% of the proceeds from the annual KMGS auction shall be used to fund the scholarships.

Proposed changes to the KMGS Standing Rules – September/October 2008:

1. The Treasurer is authorized to pay club related bills and **receipts** presented by elected officers and appointed chairpersons of standing committees for **supplies related to club business.**
4. Members taking items from the Club Library will pay a fine of 25 cents **per month** per **item** held more than one month. The money derived from fines on past due **items** will be used for the purchase of library materials.
5. To allow for two representatives: "The Washington State Mineral Council Representative(s) will be allowed transportation expenses for the quarterly meeting."

MINUTES FOR THE KMGS GENERAL MEETING, 10 OCTOBER 2008

President Tony Schackmann was not in attendance so Past President, Gerry Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The Juniors led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With the upcoming election of officers and the voting on By Law and Standing Rules changes we were reminded that members who have not paid dues by the end of September are ineligible to vote.

Display Table: This month's theme focused on colored gemstones although there didn't seem to be many gemstones on display. Among the items brought for show and tell, Dean Norman brought his backpack with information from Sportsman's Guide for ordering if anyone is interested. Woody Woodward shared agate, carnelian, jasper and some soapstone from Lake Wenatchee that he is working into a carving. Pat Fagan showed off his People's Choice ribbon from the Kitsap Fair along with items he had displayed. Garry Mahan brought examples of reds and blues from Montana and the Toutle River area in Washington. He too is working on carving soapstone. Mark Fawcett brought some wonderful Rhodocrosite and Malachite specimens, Jack Eads brought a box of fine rocks and crystals for the raffle and Nathan and Cameron McConnell shared their treasure chest of Ammonite, geodes and "stuff from the yard". Thank you everyone for sharing!

The Juniors were dismissed to work on their critter projects.

Visitors/New Members: Welcome to Paul and Bahereh Brons.

Treasurer: Ruth Brooks-Butler reached a birthday milestone this month. Congratulations Ruth! She read the monthly report and passed around the can for those members who did not wear their badges.

Correspondence: We received information about the Bellevue Rock Club's South Sound Show on November 7 – 9. Anyone interested in attending can get the information from Linda Mathison. Also if anyone is interested, Gerry Alexander has information on some changes being made by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted in the Newsletter. The minutes were approved as published.

Library: Jan King donated an excellent book on Tumbling that has been added to the library. The Board had approved the purchase of a series of DVDs from the University of West Virginia featuring a classroom series titled, "Introduction to Geology" that was recommended by Linda Mathison.

Cheer: Kathy McClure reported that the services for Onzel Gilman were held today. On the "get well" list are Jan Boren, Vic Anderson (Mr. Bulldozer? Sounds like a story!), Lloyd Patterson and Bob Sahli.

Field Trips: Dean Norman said there isn't anything on the calendar for now. Dean did remind everyone going out on their own right now that it's hunting season so make sure to wear something bright so they wouldn't be mistaken for a bear or elk!

Mineral Council: In Tony's absence there was nothing new to report. Everyone was reminded however that if they join the Mineral Council for one of their field trips that they would need to be carrying the KMGS membership card.

Federation: Jim McClure had nothing to report except that at this time there have been no decisions made regarding the issues with Saddle Mountain.

By Laws and Standing Rules: The changes were published in the October newsletter for everyone to review. In addition Linda read them at this meeting. At the November meeting we will vote whether to accept the recommended changes and additions.

Newsletter: Submissions are due to Kathy Reimers by 24 October.

Election of Officers: Gerry asked for volunteers for a nominating committee. There being no volunteers at this time Gerry will revisit the subject before the end of the evening.

November Show: Friday will be the BIG day for setup. Hopefully some of the setup can be done on Thursday afternoon but there's no guarantee. Setup begins on Friday at 8AM followed by a potluck around 6. We still need volunteers for cases, and various jobs during the show Saturday and Sunday. Saturday there will be a buffet dinner at Angel's on Wheaton Way and Sunday pizza will be provided to all who help with the teardown and cleanup. PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP! There's lots of work to be done and the whole show

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"Minutes" continued from page five.... can't be a success without YOU!!! Mike Heesacker needs egg cartons for the Scout projects as well as tumbled rocks. Again he and his Scouts will provide a wonderful geology sample case to the school that has the highest number of students who attend our event on Saturday. Last year Emerald Heights was the proud winner of the case.

Announcements: Vangie will hold her wire wrap class on Tuesday at 6:30. Contact Vangie for details. On Wednesday, November 12th the beaders will meet at the Steele Creek Community Center at 6:30 and plan to meet the second Wednesday of each month thereafter. Contact Linda Mathison for directions. Jim McClure attended the Faceters' Conference in Mt. Vernon in September. Approximately 40 people attended the event. There will be a Board Meeting on Thursday, October 16th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Program: Following a break and the silent auction and raffle results, Gerry gave a very informative program on assembling a display case. Instructions are still available if anyone is unsure what to do. Nothing is turned down and the way a display is assembled can make a huge difference in how your hobby is viewed by others. Beginners and Juniors are encouraged to have a case. It's a wonderful time to show off!

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Linda Mathison**

The Latest from John Cornish....

Hi Everyone, While traveling to the Pacific Northwest Friends of Mineralogy Symposium last weekend, I made a stop and did some collecting. Come check out the adventure, just click the link below! All the very best! - **John Cornish**

<http://www.mcrocks.com/ptr08-4/CornishOctober2008.html>

Can Anyone Do This?

I was reading through the National Geographic, November 2008 issue and found an article on the giant crystals of Naica, Mexico. Neat article. Also, towards the last pages of this issue is a notice that the National Geographic channel will have a program, Giant Crystal Cave, that will be aired at 10:00 PM on November 17th. Do you think we could find someone that has this channel and convince them to tape it? - **Don Lorimer**

GEOLOGY ROCKS!

This year at our show we'll be doing both the Geology Clinic for Scouts and giving away a display case for the school with the largest percentage of students that attend our show on Saturday. For the Geology Clinic, if you have some "egg carton" sized samples of really cool rocks for the Scouts



collections..., please bring those to our November meeting. Also, I can always use a few more egg cartons to make sure that everyone has a container for their collections.

The display case is done in partnership by the KMGS and Boy Scout Troop 1506. KMGS supplies the specimens and then the Boy Scouts provide the display case. I'll bring the case to our next meeting but here's a photo to give you a sneak peek. - **Mike Heesacker**



Our Opal
 Memorial Tribute for Helen Rath
 (1916 - 2008)

Helen Rath was an **opal**.



Helen was a **precious** opal. Her iridescence (flashes of red, blue and green) awed us all. She radiated with excitement and energy. All considered her to be an authority in rock identification, lapidary work and jewelry design. She was our matriarch. Her name was spoken with respect (almost reverence) by Bill Smith, Bob Sahli and other lapidary artists.

Helen was an opal **embedded** in matrix. She was tough, determined and stubborn. Even before I met her, I remember being at the clay fossil pit at Twin Rivers and it was time to go, but she had not arrived back at the cars. Bill Smith said that he would have to go and find Helen. She was the last to give up on her hunt for agates on the beach. She was so misnamed: obstinate maybe but never wrathful.

Helen was an opal set in **gold**. She was comfortable with dirt or diamonds. Along with her ruggedness there was finesse. Our first scholarship meetings were held at her house. She had an agenda of business and prepared lovely refreshments. Her artistically designed jewelry would reap the largest prices at our scholarship auction.

Helen was different **types** of opal. At times she was a fire opal --transparent, fire-filled, hot and spicy. Other times she was a black opal --dark velvet, dark star filled night. Most times she was a white opal - good, kind, generous, helpful, perfectionist.

Helen was a **massive** opal. She was the opal of opals. She always held open house of spirit, talent, knowledge, fun, life. She was accessible, outgoing, as well as, intimate, and a confidant. She was the prize.

Helen was an opal with 10% **water**. It was her family that kept her from drying and cracking. She loved to be bottled with them. They were her source of rejuvenation especially in her Martha and Mary years.

Thank you, Helen Rath, for being **our opal**.
 You drew from, us all, awe, love and respect.



Washington State Mineral Council Field Trips November, 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.

11/8/2008 MtBk to Blanchard Hill; meet at 9:00 AM @ 15 exit Gas Mart; for stilpnomelane in quartz; bring hard rock tools.

MtBk = Mt. Baker Rock Club **Contact:** Brian Hughes (360) 671-7330 or abhughes@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/>

Northwest Shows - November, 2008

November 2008 7th 10am - 5pm 8th 10am - 5pm 9th 10am - 4pm	Northwest Opal Association & Boeing Employees' Mineralogical Society	3rd Annual South Sound Gem, Opal & Mineral Show	Expo Hall, Puyallup Fairgrounds Meridian St. S. & 9th Ave. SW Puyallup, WA
November 2008 8th 9am - 5pm 9th 9am - 4pm	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	Annual Show	Maplewood clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA
November 2008 8th 9am - 5pm 9th 10am - 5pm	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	TREASURES of the EARTH	Sedro Wooley Community Center 720 State St. Sedro Wooley, WA

All About Our Show...

As you know, our annual show "Fall Festival of Gems" is being held November 22nd and 23rd. We still have openings in the work shift schedule for the show. Final sign-ups will be at the November meeting. Please call Gerry Alexander (our show chairman) at (360) 876-4543 if you have any questions regarding the show and/or show work shift schedule.

If you have any questions regarding your case or case sign-ups, please contact Jim McClure (253) 265-3011.

Show set-up is Friday November 21st at 8:00 AM. (We will provide coffee and doughnuts.) It usually takes the entire day to set up. We will have our traditional potluck dinner **for all members and the dealers** at approximately 6:00 PM. Please be generous with extra portions of food that you bring to the potluck because we feed all those hungry dealers besides ourselves, and remember to bring a marked serving spoon for your dish!!! **Club members should bring their own plates, napkins, cups and utensils.** The club

provides coffee and beverages as well as plates, napkins, cups and utensils for the dealers. Salads, sandwiches and desserts are appreciated! Keeping hot dishes hot can be a challenge as there is not a lot of space/plug-ins available in the area that is designated for the potluck. Bring a hot dish if it stays safely warm for a long time without being plugged-in. It is wonderful to have a hot meal after a long day of work! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Reimers (360) 275-5986.

After show closure on Saturday night, those that are interested can go over to Angel's Homestyle Buffet. Mark Fawcett has reserved an area for us there. The costs are: \$11.89 for adults, \$10.81 for seniors, and for children - prorated cost depending upon their age. Angel's is located at: 4111 Wheaton Way in East Bremerton and their phone # is (360) 377-7044.

Show take-down begins immediately after the show closes on Sunday night. All members are needed to participate! We will continue the tradition of pizza and soda for our take-down crew and any dealers that care to partake!

**Refreshments for the November meeting will be brought to you by "G", "H", "I" and "J" and any others inadvertently missed earlier in the year.
(See page two for details.)**

November, 2008



Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4 Election Day—Please Vote!; Wire-wrappers	5	6	7 Show	8 Field Trip; Shows
9 Shows	10	11 Veteran's Day; Wire-wrappers	12 Beaders	13	14 KMGS General Meeting @ 7:00 PM	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Show Set-Up @ 8:00 AM	22 SHOW
23 SHOW 30	24 News-letter Deadline	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29

November 2nd—Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 4th—Election Day; Wire Wrappers meet at Vangie's @ 6:30 PM

November 8th—WSMC Field Trip to Blanchard Hill

November 11th—Veteran's Day; Wire Wrappers meet at Vangie's @ 6:30 PM

November 12th—Beaders meet at 6:30 PM

November 14th—KMGS General Meeting at 7:00 PM

November 21st—Show Set Up; Potluck at 6:00 PM

November 22nd and 23rd—"Fall Festival of Gems" Show

November 24th—Newsletter Deardline

November 27th—Thanksgiving

November Birthdays:

Gina Boling (19th) Yvonne Clayton (11th)
 Duane DeBoer Carey Duffy (25th)
 Wilma Eads (10th) Amy Evjen (22nd)
 Dana Farley (11th) Marianne Hoffman (27th)
 Sue Horvath (24th) Dayn Leigh
 Brian McCarty (13th) Jeanene McCarty (11th)
 Lucy Moores (11th) Lloyd Patterson (6th)
 Louis Peltier (25th) In Memory of :Helen Rath (7th)
 Steven Raymond Jim Reid Rich Rudman (21st)
 Bob Sahli (27th) James Thompson
 Quanah Turrieta (3rd) Karen Wagner (6th)

November Wedding Anniversaries:

Bill and Janet Barron Emily Ecker
 William and Jeanene McCarty

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

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*

November Birthstone:

Topaz or Citrine

Cabochon:

Amber

Color:

Gold/Orange

Symbol of:

Fidelity

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving. ~H.U. Westermayer

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Deadline for

December, 2008 Newsletter:

November 24, 2008

"The Hard Rock News"



PO Box 3342
Silverdale, Washington
98383-3342

Save Those Stamps

November, 2008

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

KMGS's Christmas Potluck will be held on December 12th, at 6:30 PM. *What's new for 2008?* The location: the log cabin hall (John Horsley Community Center) at Island Lake Park, north of Silverdale. There will be some limitations: general parking will be at the upper level parking lot, lower level (by the cabin) will be reserved for drop-off and handicapped only, since many of our members are older or are handicapped. There is no refrigerator, stove top, oven or microwave. There **will be** plenty of plug-ins so plan your potluck dish accordingly. *The up-side to all of this is a truly beautiful setting for our party!*



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**For those of you who REALLY LOVE to plan ahead:
Here is the combined NW Federation Show and the American Federation Show for 2009**

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