



Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society

Celebrating 71 Years!

"The Hard Rock News"

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A Message From Our President, Nathan Schackmann:

The year is quickly coming to an end but we can't end without the biggest bang of the year-The 2011 Fall Festival of Gems! We still need some positions filled

to help keep the show running smoothly, so please sign up if you haven't already. There is no reason to be intimidated by these activities, just about all of them have more than one person working the booths so you will never be alone. If you are unsure of the tasks required, you can ask any of the show committee members for some pointers. You will most likely be paired with someone who at least has a good idea of what goes on anyway. Anyone can do these activities; we have had club juniors work these booths before with little to no problems.

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The following are the show positions that need to be filled: For Saturday, from 2-5pm, we need 1 membership, 2 silent auction, 2 grab bag wheel of fortune, and 1 critter land table volunteers. Also from 10am-noon and noon-2pm we need 1 critter land volunteer as well. For Sunday, from 10am-noon, we need 1 security watch, 1silent auction, 2 grab bag wheel of fortune, and 2 critter land table volunteers. From noon-2pm, we need 2 security watchers, 1 membership, and 2 critter land table volunteers. From 2-5pm, we need 2 grab bag wheel of fortune, and 2 critter land table volunteers.

Notice all these positions have short, 2 hour durations, which is quick and painless. Then you are free to tour more of the show or to be on your way. We don't expect you to volunteer your whole day; we just need a little help from everyone to help our show move along as smoothly as possible, without over working others. Any help is greatly appreciated.

The end of the year also brings up the fact that it is time to rotate officers for the club. The Secretary position still needs to be filled. President

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President's message continued

and Treasurer positions are still open if anyone would like to step up, however, the current officers have agreed to continue these duties. Nominations for all positions are still accepted. The Secretary position must be filled! On this note, we also need someone to run membership as the current committee person will not continue past the first of next year. We also need help for kitchen duty. We are struggling to find someone to fill these shoes to keep the refreshments that everyone looks forward to so much, on the table where they need to be nicely prepared the way they have been. Librarian is yet another position that we could use filled.

Just to make sure we are all on the same page, I want to repeat that I made a mistake in my last President's Message. There will be a meeting next month, November 11, 2011. I am sorry for the confusion. With this being said, I hope to see you all at the next meeting. Hopefully you will bring your nominations with you.

Sincerely,

Nathan Schackmann



Meeting News:

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

November Board Meeting:

The next Board Meeting will be on **Thursday November 17th at 6:30pm** at the Chico Alliance Church, in the Juniors Activity room. **All Members are encouraged to attend board meetings and participate.**

NOVEMBER DISPLAY TABLE

We will have a display table for our November club meeting. Please bring something that is lapidary, fossil, or mineral-related that you feel others would enjoy seeing. Opal will be the specific item of interest for this meeting, but you can bring anything of your choice. Juniors are encouraged to participate in this part of the meeting. **-Garry Mahan**

Juniors:

Dianne Conklin has agreed to become the new Juniors leader starting in January. This is a very important position and our junior membership is something that makes our club strong, provides continuity to our club and our leaders for tomorrow. Many thanks to Dianne for taking over, and remember there is a junior program at every club meeting and anyone wishing to help during these programs are more than encouraged to participate.

-Heather Schackmann

Festival of Gems

The Annual Fall Festival of Gems is coming again, it's time to start preparing your display and supporting the Show. November 19th and 20th. Setup will be on the 18th.



REMINDER



Refreshments for the November Meeting will be brought to you by the letters "O", "P", "Q", "R" and Anyone that was missed during the year. (See page seven for details.)



KITSAP MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING

14 OCTOBER 2011

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

Guests: This evening we welcomed the following guests: Matt and Amber Hansen, Tammy Milner, David and Stephanie Prado, Dough Lindenstien, Mary Watson and Missi Buchholz. We're happy you could join us!

Newsletter CORRECTION: Nathan wants everyone to know that there was a typo in the recent Hard Rock News – there WILL BE a November meeting, Friday, November 11th at 7 PM.

Fall Festival of Gems: VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER! We can't emphasize that enough. Whether you walk the floors as a security person or submit a case, this is YOUR show so be proud and strut your stuff. Our biggest reason for success is your enthusiasm, so don't miss out.

We need volunteers for set up beginning on Thursday, help with the Friday night potluck, volunteer duties during the show and of course the tear down and clean up on Sunday. Pizza will be served on Sunday around 7:00. We also have several cases that need to be filled. No matter how much or how little, we appreciate all you can do to help out. Thank you in advance.

There will be two drawings at the potluck for show dealer gift certificates: one for adult cases and one for junior cases at each \$50 -- another great reason to have a case. Remember, cases cannot be assembled until the skirting goes on.

Thank you Donna Ballard for printing the wonderful flyers! In addition to the flyers, our ad will appear in the ValPak touching more than 10,000 households county-wide.

We need someone to demonstrate flint knapping. We also need someone to put up and take down our show signs around the local streets. If you can help out, contact Jim McClure.

Among our special displays we may have access to a beautiful lighthouse. The 8 foot case will display some outstanding jade sailing ships from China and John Cornish is going to share some fantastic Tourmaline he's found recently. This is why you and everyone needs to come to the show! We have some really great stuff and a lot of fun coming your way!

Scout Geology Clinic: They aren't just egg cartons; they are "vessels of fortune and glory" and Mike Heesacker and the Scouts need them for the Geology Clinic! This is the 7th year of our clinic and over 900 Scouts have earned their Geology Badges at our shows!!!

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Show and Tell: Pat Fagan found some great treasures at the show up in Sequim. Among them were African Blue Lace Agate, Ocean Jasper, Poppy Jasper and some fine blue pieces of glass called Slag Obsidian. Jack Eads, wonderful gentleman that he is, brought thunder eggs, Mexican Coconut, Petrified Wood, carnelian and geodes to donate to this evening's raffle. Mike and Morgan Davis recently acquired some equipment and have been learning to make their own cabs. Since retiring, Woody Woodside has found more time to sharpen his knapping skills (that is with a "k"). He brought some beautiful knives that included handles made of antlers with turquoise inlaid designs. Beautiful work, Woody! Garry Mahan talked about Iris Agate and Rainbow agate explaining how to identify them by their dense banding. It was an interesting lesson, Garry, thank you. He also showed off some black druzzy with gold wire wrap. Very beautiful!

Juniors: The Juniors were dismissed for their time with Heather Schackmann.

Nominations of Officers: Yup, it's that time of year already. Nathan Shackmann will remain President and Patt Jolly Treasurer for one more term. Up for grabs are the positions of Vice President and Secretary. Current VP, Bob Lavery, will have his hands full taking over the Festival of Gems for Jim McClure and current secretary, Linda Mathison recently got married and plans to be involved in other adventures as well as the Rock Club.

As pointed out, the Secretary really has a fun job and Linda highly recommends it. The VP sits in for the President when he is unable to attend meetings.

Nominations are open and will be taken at the next meeting which will be election night. Leslie Wing threw his hat in the ring for Vice President...if you'd like to follow suit, let Jim McClure know. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Also up for consideration: Kathy Reimers needs help with the Kitchen duties at our meetings. And we would like to thank Diane Conklin for volunteering to take the Juniors group!!! Our Juniors are quite valuable to our club and it's important to continue promoting their involvement. Thank you Diane!

Cheer: We send Well Wishes and prayers to Mrs. Garrido, Marvin Butler, Doug Merson and the Bower Family. We are all thinking about you.

Following the break, raffles and snacks there was no further business. The meeting adjourned.

Paul Brons made a couple of announcements: He has a 14 inch drop rock saw for sale -- \$350. Also he is involved with a scrap gold party arrangement and thought perhaps we might want to investigate holding such a show with part of the proceeds benefitting the club. Contact him for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shadel (Mathison)

Show Food

Show set-up starts Friday, November 18th 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 on Friday evening. 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!

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 near the end of the take-down and clean-up process!

If you have any questions about any of the above events, please contact Kathy Reimers (360) 731-5963.



Bobbie

Wilma

Diane

WHAT MAKES THE CLUB GO 'ROUND?

I think we all know that people make the club go 'round. A few people set the wheels in motions; but it takes all of us working together to keep things moving as efficiently as a well-oiled machine. All of us are important in this process. We all love functions like the Christmas Party Potluck, Kitsap Gem Show, Club picnic, field trips, and Kitsap Fair. These activities are possible because some are willing to do the work. For the last couple of years, we have been short on volunteers to support these events, causing many to work double and triple shifts. If we ALL help during our club functions, we can all share the fun and the success!! Come join the fun, help carry the burden of jobs we all benefit from. Be part of this wonderful club by participating!

Thanks, Dave Reimers

A Wonderful Club Website

Dean Norman shared The Panorama Gem and Mineral club website: Check out their map with the rock sites, GPS coordinates and linked newsletter articles! Their newsletter archives are also just a fabulous resource.

<http://panoramagem.com/>

Refreshment Rotation for 2011 & 2012

We rely on our club members to provide snacks for our General Meetings. Here is our schedule for 2011, it will repeat again for 2012:

If the first letter of your last name begins with a "A" , "G", "U", "V", or "W" you will be responsible for bringing refreshments for the April meeting.

April "A", "G", "U", "V" and "W"

May "H", "I", "X", "Y" and "Z"

June "E" and "F"

July and August—No

Meetings— *KMGS*

Picnic /Potluck in July

September "B"

October "S" and "T"



November "O", "P", "Q" and "R" and anyone that was inadvertently missed earlier in the year

December—*Christmas Potluck*



We encourage finger food that can be placed on a napkin. We also encourage healthy snacks as well as those yummy treats that we are all used to having at the meeting! The club provides the beverages.

Remember that when it is your month to bring refreshments, you need to plan to help with set-up and clean-up in the kitchen for that meeting.



- Kathy Reimers

A Message From Bobbie Sacks

Hello members, As the Historian, I would appreciate articles or pictures of Club activities with names of the people. They do not have to be on photo paper, but no disc's please. If you have old newsletters you would just toss, I may be able to use them, especially the year of 2010.

Thanks, Bobbie Sacks

For Sale

Paul Brons is selling his 14" Diamond Rock Saw. It has oil feed and (1) good blade and (1) used blade. If interested, call him at 360 731 6536.



November Birthdays

Bonnie Aubrey (11-10)

Lyndsey Barnhill (11-5)

Cherie Bates-Fox (11-24)

Stevie Butterfield (11-28) Cassandra Davis (11-24)

Duane DeBoer Wilma Eads (11-10)

Amy Summers (11-22) Dana Farley (11-11)

Justin Gniot (11-9) Alma Graf (11-8)

Daniel Hacheney (11-7) Sam Holcomb (11-6)

Pearl LeBouf (11-9) Dayn Leigh Jim Reid

Marvin Mocan (11-16) Rose Olivo (11-15)

Lloyd Patterson (11-6) Larry Rodgers (11-4)

Rich Rudman (11-21) Bob Sahli (11-27)

Lois Schonauer (11-9) James Thompson

Arne Urdahl (11-10) Theresa Vail (11-20)

November Anniversaries

Robert and Pam Carrifee

Jason and Rhonda Boddy (11-24)

Jan Drake and Claudette Carter-Drake (11-9)

Emily Ecker (11-11)

Daniel and Sandy Hacheney (11-8)

If there are any additions or corrections, please contact Kathy Reimers at (360) 731-5963 or dnkreimers@yahoo.com





Scorpio

**November Birthstone:
Citrine/Topaz-Scorpio
(October 24– November 22)**



Scorpios are the most intense, profound, powerful characters in the zodiac. Even when they appear self-controlled and calm there is a seething intensity of emotional energy under the placid exterior. They are like the volcano not far under the surface of a calm sea, it may burst into eruption at any moment. But those of us who are particularly perceptive will be aware of the harnessed aggression, the immense forcefulness, magnetic intensity, and often strangely hypnotic personality under the tranquil, but watchful composure of Scorpio. In conventional social gatherings they are pleasant to be with, thoughtful in conversation, dignified, and reserved, yet affable and courteous; they sometimes possess penetrating eyes which make their shyer companions feel naked and defenseless before them. **Via astrology-online.com**

Citrine is the traditional birthstone for November, and is an alternate Zodiac stone for Scorpio. Citrine jewelry is given as the gemstone gift for the 13th and 17th anniversaries. Citrine is associated with the values of hope, cheerfulness, youth, health, and fidelity.

Citrine is any quartz crystal or cluster that is yellow or orange in color. Although often cut as a gemstone, citrine is actually somewhat rare in nature. Most citrines on the market have been heat treated. Specimens of low grade, inexpensive amethyst or smoky quartz are often cooked at high temperatures to produce the more profitable orange yellow citrine. Citrines whose colors have been produced by artificial means tend to have much more of an orange or reddish cast than those found in nature, which are usually a pale yellow. Much of the natural citrine may have started out as amethyst but heat from nearby magmatic bodies may have caused the change to citrine.

Interestingly, a popular gemstone on the market is a mixture of half amethyst and half citrine and is given the name ametrine. The manufacturer takes

an amethyst stone and heats it, which converts it to citrine. He then bombards a portion of the stone with beta radiation which converts citrine back to amethyst. By using a metal mask (possibly in the shape of a heart) to block a portion of the beta radiation, an unusual citrine and amethyst gem is produced.

Unfortunately for citrine it is often confused with the more expensive orange-yellow topaz and is at times sold as topaz by unscrupulous dealers. This practice has soured many potential citrine fanciers who see citrine as a fake topaz and not as a legitimate gemstone. The finest citrine gemstones have a pure yellow color that cannot be duplicated by golden topaz, which will always have hues of orange or brown to darken the gem.



Topaz is the November Birthstone and the Sagittarius Zodiac stone. Blue topaz has been considered a valid alternate birthstone for December, and is given on the 4th anniversary. Golden topaz is given on

the 23rd anniversary. Topaz is associated with the values of strength, wisdom, and courage. Topaz is a common gemstone that has been used for centuries in jewelry. Its golden brown to yellow color is classic but is confused with the less valuable citrine, which is sometimes wrongly sold under the name topaz. The blue topaz that is often confused with aquamarine is rarely natural and is produced by irradiating and then heating clear crystals.

Topaz is the hardest silicate mineral and one of the hardest minerals in nature. Topaz crystals can reach incredible size of several hundred pounds. Topaz can make very attractive mineral specimens due to their high luster, nice colors and well formed and multifaceted crystals.

Topaz may be colorless, yellow, orange, red, blue and green.

Via Firemountaingems.com

Quick Quiz:

When is our Club Show?

Have you volunteered for any club positions?

Northwest Shows - November 2011 *(via NFMS website www.amfed.org/nfms/)*

November 2011 11th 5pm - 9pm 12th 10am - 5pm, 13th 11am - 4pm	Chugach Gem and Mineral Society	10th Annual Alaska Rock and Mineral Show Admission--Free	Sheraton Hotel 2nd floor 401 E. 6th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Anita Williams, 907-522-4664 PO Box 92027 Anchorage, AK 99509
November 2011 12th 9am - 5pm, 13th 10am - 5pm	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	Annual Fall Show (3 miles W. of I-5) Maplewood Club-house 8802 196th St. SW	Maplewood Club-house 8802 196th St. SW Edmonds, WA 98020	Kim Lee 425-773-2419 in-fo@maplewoodrockclub.com
November 2011 12th 9am - 5pm 13th 10am - 5pm	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	TREASURES of the EARTH 50th Anniversary Admission Free	Sedro Wooley Community Center 720 State St. Sedro Wooley, WA	Vi Jones rocks1x1vi.george@frontier.com
November 2011 18th 12pm - 7pm 19th 10am - 7pm 20th 11am - 4pm	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	54nd Annual Rock & Gem Show	Willamalane Center Sports & Recreation 250 S. 32nd. Street Springfield, OR	Bob Smith 541-736-0060 John Randall 541-683-2661 PO. Box 312 Springfield, OR 97472
November 2011 11th 10am - 5pm 12th 10am - 5pm 13th 10am - 4pm	The NW Opal Asso. & Cascade Mineralogical Society	7th Annual Gem, Opal & Mineral Show Adults \$4.00 under 12 free	Puyallup Fairgrounds Expo Hall Meridian Street S. & 9th Ave SW Puyallup, WA	Lyle Jorgensen 425-483-0557 mechanix@comcast.net
November 2011 19th 10am - 5pm 20st 10am - 5pm	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Fall Festival of Gems Free Admission	Kitsap County Fairgrounds The President's Hall 1200 Fairgrounds Road Bremerton, WA	Jim McClure 253-265-3011 pogy2@centurytel.net Club website

WHO NEEDS TUMBLED ROCKS??

Well, we do. The Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society, that's who. And our annual Kitsap Show is 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



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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 December and Beyond... Update Your Home Calendars!

- 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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*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***



2011



Fall Festival of Gems

Sponsored by

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November 19 & 20

Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DEALERS

- Jewelry
- Fossils
- Equipment
- Rough Material
- Minerals & Gems

**FREE
ADMISSION**

DEMONSTRATIONS

- Gem Faceting
- Silversmithing
- Wire Wrapping
- Bead Making
- Making Cabochons



CLUB DISPLAYS JUNIOR EVENTS SILENT AUCTION RAFFLE PRIZES

The President's Hall
 Kitsap County Fairgrounds
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