



SKAGIT GEMS

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Next Meeting: August 3rd 10am
Gem of the Month: Blue/Green rocks
Refreshments: Kevin & Violet

Chrysocolla

Chrysocolla is a gemstone-quality hydrous copper silicate, often forming with copper salts, iron and manganese oxides. It is especially prized for its attractive colors and unique multicolored patterns. Chrysocolla belongs to a very small group of copper-bearing gems, which also includes malachite, azurite, larimar, Oregon sunstone, Paraiba tourmaline and turquoise.

Chrysocolla is a rather soft gemstone, so extra care should always be taken to retain its attractive polish. It can be easily scratched by other gems and jewelry, so it should be worn and cleaned separately. Chrysocolla cabochons and beads are quite popular for jewelry use, especially in pendants. Chrysocolla is not recommended for everyday rings, but with a clear quartz layer, it may be durable enough to wear with care.

Chrysocolla happens to be one of this editor's favorite stones which is why it adorns the front of our newsletter this year.



Local Gem Shows

August 2019 10th 9am—5pm 11th 10am—5pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	13th Annual Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA
October 2019 5th 10am - 5pm 6th 10am—5pm	Marysville Rock and Gem club	45th Rocktoberfest	Totem Middle School Cafeteria 605 7th Street NE Marysville WA

Mineral Council Field Trips

8/17	PVGM	Greenwater (Sat BBQ)	Enumclaw Ranger St. 9:00am	Agate, Jasper, Opal & Wood	Dig & Lt HdRock
9/7-8	POW	Red Top/Teaway	Teaway @ middle fork Camp 8:00am	Geodes, Agate, Jasper & Jade	Dig & HdRock
9/21	PVGM	Little Naches	Enumclaw Ranger Station 9:00am	T-Eggs, WA Lily pad & Fossil	Dig & Lt HdRock
10/12	MSVL	Money Creek	Money Creek Campground 9:00am	Picture Jasper	Dig & R. Bar pick
11/16	DARR	Blanchard Hill	I-5 Exit 240 Gas Mart 9:00am	WA Dalmation stone/Chert	Hard rock tools

Please wait for guide before going off collecting, and obey their rules. They are familiar with managers needs. We will get you a good area at site.

100 % of map booklet sales goes to Walker Valley lease, insurance for access to private property and general operation of WSMC

ALWAYS contact host for updated info a week before trip !!!

HOST CLUB CONTACT INFO

MSVL = Marysville Rock Club Ed Lehman wsmced@hotmail.com h# (425) 334-6282 c# (425) 760-2786

DARR = Darrington Rock Club " " " " " " " :

SPOK = Spokane Rock Rollers Mike Shaw mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com (509) 251-1574 or (509) 244-8542

NOA = Northwest Opal Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238

POW = All Rockhounds Pow Wow Larry Vess vessel3755@gmail.com or (253)473-3908

Keep updated on <http://www.mineralcouncil.wordpress.com> Land management changes, and roads close regularly. There is a area on web page with tool category in pictures and names of tools.

Always have proper cloths and gear for conditions. Be prepared with safety, first aid, food and drink.

A week before trips I (Ed Lehman) will have a pdf file with map and info for that trip I can send you on request. I will do the same for trip host.

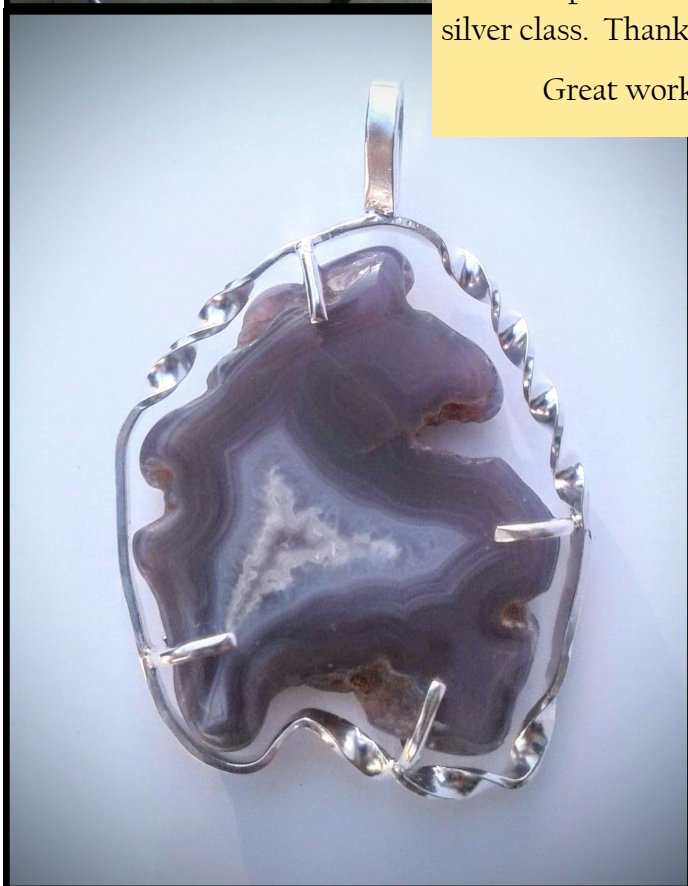
Try to be at the meeting site 30 minutes before trip time for details and instructions with a full tank of gas.

Use code of ethics, keep our lands open to rockhounding.



A few pictures from the recent
silver class. Thank you Marie-Claire.

Great work everyone!



SKAGIT ROCK & GEM CLUB**Board Meeting****June 1, 2019**

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Greg Hochmuht at 9:15 am.

Board Members Present: Greg Hochmuht, David Britten, Virgil Keltz and Linda Keltz.

Members Absent: Wes Frank, Debbie Frank and Eric Self

Minutes: The minutes of the May 4th meeting were M/S/P.

The Swap/Potluck will be held on July 13th, at Vandenburg's park. Swap at 10am and Potluck at noon.

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Keltz, Secretary

SKAGIT ROCK & GEM CLUB**Regular Meeting****June 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by Vice-President Greg Hochmuht.

Guests: George & Quin Voile and Diane Danielson

Treasurer's Report: David Britten reviewed the financial statements. A motion to accept the report as given was M/S/P.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 4th meeting were approved as printed in the GEMS.

Display Table: The gem of the month – Petrified Wood. There were 7 displayers with a wide variety of items displayed. The display prize was won by Jim Anderson.

Field Trips: Greg reviewed all the upcoming trips.

July 13th: Swap/Potluck at Danny Vandenburgs. The Swap will begin at 10:00 am. Potluck is at noon. Danny's "Park" has a full kitchen, beautiful surroundings and all you need to bring is your swap items and a food dish to share.

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Announcements: Flint Knapping class immediately following the meeting today in front of our clubhouse. Jewelry class begins at 1 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Keltz, Secretary

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Meetings are on the FIRST Saturday of the month (except for Jan, July and Dec when we have other activities scheduled)

10:00 am at the

Mount Vernon Community (Senior) Center
1401 Cleveland St. Mount Vernon WA 98273



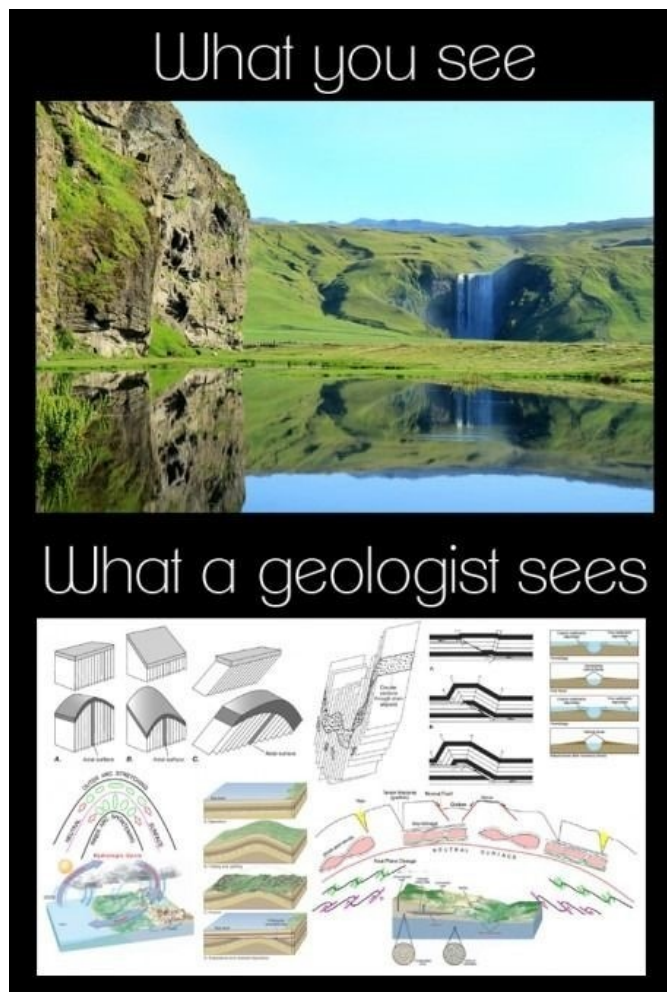
- The purpose of this non-profit earth society shall be to stimulate interest in the study of geology, lapidary, and the collection of geological specimens
- We are a member of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Washington State Mineral Council. We are affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.
- Dues are \$15.00 per year for adults and \$7.50 for those under age 16
- Visit our website: skagitrockandgem.com
- Email: skagitrockandgem@gmail.com
- Mailing address: PO BOX 244 Mt. Vernon 98273

2019 Officers

President	Wes Frank
VP	Greg Hochmuht
Treasurer	David Britten
Secretary	Linda Keltz
Fed. Director	Virgil Keltz
Bulletin Editor	Debbie Frank
Past President	Eric Self

Committees

Annual Show Chair-Eric Self
Facilities/Field Trips- Dave Britten
Greeter-Linda Keltz
Library-David Britten
Scholarship-Noni Avery, Joe Kantor
Publicity-Frank Isca
Stamps-Virgil Keltz
Sunshine- Noni Avery
Swap-Vandenburgs



IT'S TIME TO START GETTING READY FOR OUR ANNUAL SHOW! NOVEMBER 9 & 10

We need your help! We put on a show for the public each fall to raise money for the scholarship fund and the club. We will have display cases where you can show off your collection. Please make some time to work a few shifts at the show. Look for the sign up sheets at the Sept and Oct. meetings.

We need: Raffle ticket sellers

Greeters

Set-up, Clean-up

Demonstrators

Kids Craft Helpers

Also---Raffle prizes needed. These can be items from your rock collection, jewelry you've made, or other rock-related items. They should be nice items that people will want to buy raffle tickets for.

Membership Dues

The club's year runs from September to August and its time to pay dues for the 2019/2020 year. Your dues provide the monthly newsletter, access to club field trips and classes, and use of the club lapidary shop. See Dave or another officer at the meeting.

Dues are:

\$15.00/ yr for adults

\$7.50/yr age 16 and younger



Another great time at our annual BBQ. Thank you to the Vandenburg's for hosting us at their beautiful property.





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Coming in the Fall:

NFMS Show & Convention hosted by Hells Canyon Gem Club, Inc.

Nez Perce Co. Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Ave, Lewiston, Idaho

Friday, October 18:

NFMS Annual Meeting: 4 PM @ Little Red Barn, Fairgrounds

Saturday, October 19:

All Editors Breakfast: 8AM @ Little Red Barn,

Fairgrounds Officers Luncheon: Noon @ Little Red Barn,

Fairgrounds Social Hour (No Host) 6:30 PM @ Red Lion Hotel

Awards Banquet: 7:00 PM @ Red Lion Hotel

go to: www.hellscanyongemclub.com for more info

