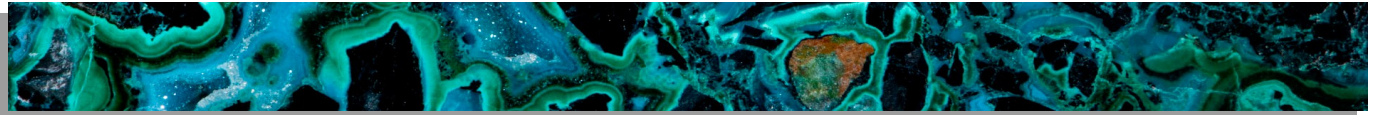


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A crosscut of banded rhodochrosite
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President's Message

Hi Rock Club Members,

We will be having days that the shop is open to work on your rocks. So be sure to check the schedule. June 11th will be a trip to Walker Valley. I am looking forward to seeing how many people go. It is my birthday so what funner way is there to spend it than by finding rocks! Don't forget the meeting on June 4th and bring your pink rocks!

---Eric Self

Next Meeting

June 4th 10am

Gem of the Month: Pink Stones

Program: Dave will present the 2nd half of the video "The search for diamonds in Canada"



No meeting or newsletter in July.

For upcoming info check out our website at skagitrockandgem.com Next meeting after June 4th will be August 6th!

Gem of the Month: Pink Stones

A number of different gem varieties occur in one or more shades of pink, including ruby, sapphire, spinel, tourmaline, rhodolite garnet, kunzite, morganite and pezzottaite. You will find the most vivid pinks in sapphire and spinel, especially in the rare Tanzanian stones known as Mahenge spinel. But you will find the widest range of pinks in tourmaline. For pink gems in large sizes, kunzite and morganite are your best choices.

A terrific pink crystal of tourmaline
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Skagit Rock and Gem Club Annual BBQ and Swap Meet July 9th @ the Vandenberg's

Danny and LaVonda, longtime members of the club, invite everyone to a pot-luck BBQ at their gorgeous property on Fruitdale Rd. They have a fun outdoor area with a zipline, walking trails, pond, and lots of other treasures to find.

It is also time for club members to bring items from their own collection to share, sell or trade.

The swap starts at 10am or come at Noon for the BBQ. Bring a dish to share.

Directions: Fruitdale Rd. does not go thru from Hwy 20. Head up Hwy 9 from Sedro to Mosier Rd (a little over 2 miles up). Take a Right on Mosier and a Left on Fruitdale. When you pull in the driveway head straight up the hill to find the parking area.



Schedule of upcoming events

June 11th **Walker Valley Field Trip** Meet at 10am at Big Lake Park and Ride (across from the Elementary School. 16802 Lakeview Blvd Mount Vernon, WA.) Bring eye protection, gloves and some tools like a shovel, mattock, and crowbar.



Shop Open June 18th @10am. Dave will be teaching a class on making cabochons. Space is limited so please let him know if you are interested. A donation of \$3 per person for use of the shop helps with the cost of saw blades and supplies.

Bellingham Swap

June 18th 10am-5:30

Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club Rockhound Rendezvous (Rock Sale)

There will be a \$25.00 charge for a 10 foot space. This will be for members to sell their wares, but it needs to be anything related to the rock hounding hobby.

Location: Bloedel Donovan Park, 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham

Potluck at Joanie's

Aug 13th @ Noon

Bring a dish to share. She has a pool so bring your suits!

24251 Alexander St. Sedro Woolley, WA





Board Meeting Minutes May 7th, 2016

- President Eric called the meeting to order at 9:20
- **Members Present:** Eric Self, Greg Hochmuht, Debbie Frank, Dave Britten
- **Members absent:** Susan May, Virgil Keltz and Linda Keltz
- **Board Meeting Minutes:** Approved as printed in the newsletter
- **Treasurer's report:** Read by Dave and approved
- **Gem of the month for June:** Any Pink Stone
- **Program for June:** Dave will present the second half of the video on Diamond Mining in Canada
- **New Member applications:** Two new members were accepted– Andrea and Franklin Eventoff
- **July Swap Meet and BBQ:** Will be at the Vandenburgs July 9th
- Meeting adjourned at 9:50

General Meeting Minutes May 7th, 2016

- President Eric called the meeting to order at 10:10
- **Guests:** Joe's son Bryan was our guest this month
- **New Members:** Julie and Merrilee were present and introduced. Welcome!
- **Meeting Minutes:** Approved as printed in the newsletter
- **Treasurer's report:** Read by Dave and approved.
- **Sunshine:** Please let us know if you or someone in the club is ill or needing some sunshine from the club
- **Program:** Dave presented a fun video on the search for diamonds in Canada
- **Display Table:** David, Eric, Wes, Janet, Joe, Peggy, Gayle, Julie, Merrilee and Debbie. Debbie won a prize. Thank you for sharing!
- **Refreshments:** Thank you to Noni, Gayle and Peggy!
- **Field Trip:** A field trip to Walker Valley has been scheduled for June 11th @ 10am
- Meeting adjourned at 11:30
- Submitted by Debbie Frank



Field Trips

June 10-14 Succor Creek, hosted by the Spokane Rock Rollers.
Looking for Thundereggs and Agate Contact: Mike Shaw,
mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com, 509-244-8542

June 18 Forest Roads 17 & 18, Hosted by Darrington Club.
Looking for Jade, Serpentine and Hematite. Contact Ed Lehman,
wsmsced@hotmail.com, 425-334-6282

July 17th Sweetwater, Hosted by Darrington Club during their
Gem Show. Looking for Travertine. Contact Ed Lehman,
wsmsced@hotmail.com, 425-334-6282

***** Always contact the host club before attending their field trip**

Local Gem Shows

June 3,4,5 10am-5pm Puyallup Valley Show
Swiss Park 9205 198th Ave E. Puyallup, WA

July 16,17 10am-5pm Darrington Show
Manford Grange, 1265 Railroad Ave Darrington WA (behind
the IGA)

@@@For more info and a full list of Gem Shows and
Field Trips go to the club's website:
skagitrockandgem.com

Officers and Committees

President	Eric Self
Vice President	Greg Hochmuht
Treasurer	David Britten
Secretary	Susan May
Fed Director	Virgil Keltz
Bulletin Ed	Debbie Frank
Past President	Linda Keltz

Annual Show Chair-Eric Self
Banquet- The Women
Display Table-Open
Education Coordinator-Open
Facilities/Field Trips- Dave Britten
Greeter-Linda Keltz
Library-David Britten
Scholarship-Nona Avery, Joe Kantor
Mineral Council & PLAC-Open
NFMS Competition-Open
Nominating Committee-Executive Board
Program-Open
Publicity-Frank Isca
Stamps-Virgil Keltz
Sunshine-
Swap-Vandenburgs
Ways & Means-Executive Board

Every Committee
 that says 'OPEN' is
 an opportunity
 to help!

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Meetings are on the FIRST Saturday of the month
 (except for Jan, July and Dec) at 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



Refreshments	Schedule	
February	Debbie Frank	Eric Self
March	Francie Hansen	Jenny Miller
April	Peggy Peterson	Janet Garner
May	Nona Avery	Marie-Claire Dole
June	Greg Hochmuht	Linda Keltz
July	Potluck & Swap	
August	Susan May	Frank Isca
Sept	Violet Munion	Margo Perry
Oct	Marion Melville	Lee Tennefoss
Nov	Joanie Self	David Britten
Dec	Xmas Potluck	
Bringing snacks not mandatory, only if you're able		



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You Might Be a Rockhound If

1. You can pronounce "molybdenite" correctly on the first try.
2. The bookshelves in your home hold more rocks than books; and the books that are there are about rocks.
3. You think road cuts are built as tourist attractions.
4. On a trip to Europe, you're the only member of the group who spends their time looking at cathedral walls through a pocket magnifier.
5. You think you KNOW how to pronounce "chalcedony."
6. You describe your vacations by the rocks you brought home.
7. You planted flowers in your rock garden.
8. You purchase things like drywall compound just to have another nice bucket to carry rocks in.
9. The first thing you pack for your vacation is a chisel and a hammer.
10. You find rocks when you empty your pockets at night.