



# SKAGIT GEMS

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**Next Meeting: September 7th 10am**

**Gem of the Month: Agates**

**Refreshments: Peggy, Noni**

**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 our 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.

## No Board Meeting in August

### SKAGIT ROCK & GEM CLUB · Regular Meeting · August 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by President Wes Frank.

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 June meeting were approved as printed in the GEMS.

Program: Dave presented an excellent video on formation of gemstones, specifically Oregon Sunstone and Turquoise

Display Table: The gem of the month – Blue Green Rocks. There were 9 displayers with a wide variety of items displayed. The display prize was won by Susan May.

Field Trips: Mineral Council Trips for the rest of the year are printed in the August newsletter

Gem of the Month for September: Agates

Announcements: Dave will have the shop open on August 17th 10am for members to work on projects. Donations are needed for raffle prizes and door prizes at our gem show

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

---Debbie Frank

## It's Dues Time!

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



# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocktoberfest

**Free Admission**

Saturday, October 6th  
Sunday, October 7th  
10am - 5pm

- ◆ Jewelry Artists
- ◆ Displays
- ◆ Demonstrations
- ◆ Door Prizes
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Kids Games



Rocks from  
Around the  
World!

[www.marysvillerockclub.com](http://www.marysvillerockclub.com)

Facebook: Marysville Rock and Gem

1605 7th st. NE, Marysville,  
Totem Middle School



**Meetings** are the first Saturday of the month (except for Jan, July and Dec - we have other activities ) 10:00 am at the Mount Vernon 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
- Website: skagitrockandgem.com Email: skagitrockandgem@gmail.com
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## **2019 Officers**

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## **Committees**

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

9/7-8	POW	Red Top/Teanaway	Teanaway @ 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**

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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.





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