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**NOVEMBER - JERRY SPRENGEL**

**DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Attention all rockhounds. A bill has been introduced in our state Senate that will allow rock collecting on Department of Fish and Wildlife managed lands and codify allowing rock collecting on Department of Natural Resources managed lands. This is SB 6057. Also, a companion bill has been introduced in the state House, HB 2600. We need all members of every rock club in the state to contact their state senators and representatives and ask them to sponsor these bills. SB 6057 is sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Hatfield, Becker, Schoelser, Shin, Delvin and is currently in the Committee on Energy, Natural Resources and Marine Waters. HB 2600 is sponsored by Bailey, Blake, Chandler, Kelly, Goodman and Anderson and is in the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.**

**The link for info is:**

**<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>**

**Legislator contact link is:**

**<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/default.aspx>**

**BUY...SELL...TRADE**

**ROCK SALE FEDERAL WAY WA**

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**BRING CONTAINERS FOR YOUR AGATES,**

**PETRIFIED WOOD, CRYSTALS ETC. PHOTOS**

**AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

**<https://picasaweb.google.com/103676220619863773973/2011121rocksale#>**

**MOVING SALE, EVERYTHING SOLD BY THE POUND.**

*This column is offered free to WAMS members to buy, sell or trade equipment or material related to rocks or minerals.*

**TREASURY REPORT:** We have \$4568.56 in checking, along with our 20 tables and a sizable rock inventory for future sales. In February we will sign up for the 2012 Lacey Fun Fair to be held on May 19-20 (check your calendar Bob and Todd). The entry fee is \$100.

**BRIAN WATERS**

**PRESIDENT OF WASHINGTON**

**STATE MINERAL COUNCIL**

## LOCAL FIELD TRIPS (PUB. WSMC)

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Pvgm = Puyallup Rock Club Tony Johnson 253-863-9238  
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BELL = Bellingham Rock Club Brian Hughes 360-671-7330  
EVR = Everett Rock Club Bob Johnson 425-408-0849  
NID = North Idaho Diane Rose 208-667-8591  
PVGm = Puyallup Valley Tony Johnson 253-863-9238  
Elb = Ellensburg Rock Dave Master (509) 925-3827  
WAMS = Wa Agate & Mineral Club.  
Boe = Boeing Rock club Erik Chilson 360-825-3138  
Swms = SWest WA Mineral Society Dave Roth 360-295-3567  
W Sea = West Seattle Rock Club Brian Waters 206-290-2312  
Always call the club rep to confirm all trip data. Some trips have fees to non club members, so they can be a day member and be covered under club insurance. The usual fee is \$.50 a day. Pow Wow requires membership \$3 each a year. WSMC 6100 Road trip rider fee is \$8 to help offset the \$65 vehicle access permit we must purchase. Some trips have no charge.

## UPCOMING SHOWS: 2012

**WHIDBEY ISLAND GEM CLUB: FEB 11-12. OAK HARBOR SENIOR CENTER 51 SE JEROME STREET OAK HARBOR WA**

**NORTH SEATTLE CLUB: MARCH 17-18. LAKE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER 12531 28TH AVE NE SEATTLE**  
**MT BAKER ROCK CLUB: MARCH 31-1. BLOEDEL-DONOVAN PARK 2214 ELECTRIC AVE BELLINGHAM WA**  
**CITY OF PORT ANGELS: 2ND ANNUAL ROCK, GEM AND JEWELRY SHOW MARCH 24-25 VAN BURTON COMMUNITY CENTER 308 EAST 4TH STREET PORT ANGELES WA 98362. INFO CINDY 360-417-4550**  
[CKOCHANEK@CITYOF.PA.US](mailto:CKOCHANEK@CITYOF.PA.US)

**EVERETT ROCK AND GEM CLUB: APRIL 14. BUS TRIP TO ABBOTSFORD BC FOR THE CANADIAN REGIONAL GEM SHOW. OBVIOUSLY PASSPORT OR ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED. COST PER ADULT IS \$20, JUNIORS \$10. MUCH MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 360-658-7435**

**WEST SEATTLE ROCK CLUB: APRIL 21-22. ALKI MASONIC TEMPLE 4736 40TH AVE SW WEST SEATTLE**  
**GRAYS HARBOR CLUB: APRIL 28-29. GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 43 ELMA/MCCLEARY ROAD ELMA WA**

**2012 NFMS ANNUAL GEM SHOW. MAY 18-20 LAKESIDE GEM & MINERAL CLUB. BENTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 1500 SOUTH OAK KENNEWICK WA**  
[dac.bioguardtech.com](http://dac.bioguardtech.com), [www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com](http://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com)  
**ACTIVITIES:**

1. KENNEWICK MAN, 2. SEVEN STORY CIRCLES AND INTERPRETIVE CENTER 3. SACAJAWEA HERITAGE TRAIL, 4 Lighthouse AT CLOVER ISLAND 5. CHREST MUSEUM IN RICHLAND AND OBTAIN "ATOMIC" MARBLE, 6 DISCOVER ANIMALS AT THE MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, 7 HANFORD RANCH-COLUMBIA RIVER NATIONAL MONUMENT, 8 WALK THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE, 9 FRANKLIN COUNTY MUSEUM IN PASCO, 10 VISIT ROCK AND GEMS ROCK SHOP ACROSS FROM HUBBY'S PIZZA IN KENNEWICK.
2. 90 MINUTES NORTH IS SADDLE MOUNTAIN, WITH THE DIADOMITE OPEN PIT MINE CLOSE BY. VISIT GINKO PETRIFIED FOREST MUSEUM.

**EVERETT ROCK AND GEM CLUB: JUNE 2-3. EVERETT SOCCER ARENA 2201 CALIFORNIA STREET EVERETT WA**

**"OUR CLUB": JULY 23-24. SET UP JULY 22 WITH EVENING POTLUCK.**

**FIELD TRIPS: 2012**

**HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY FROM MINERAL COUNCIL. SUGGEST YOU CHECK THE MINERAL COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR ANY TRIPS IN FEB OR EARLY MARCH.**

**NORTHWEST FEDERATION RETREAT LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT THE HANCOCK FIELD STATION, ANTELOPE OREGON. COST IS \$270 PER PERSON FOR ROOM AND BOARD PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$45 FOR CLASSES. CLASSES MAY INCLUDE CASTING, CABLING, FACETING, SILVERSMITHING AND BEADING. ALSO ON TAB ARE FIELD TRIPS, SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS, AN AUCTION AND "SHOW AND TELL." INFORMATION AT WEB SITE [WWW.AMFED.ORG/NFMS](http://WWW.AMFED.ORG/NFMS)**

## INTERNET ROCK SITES

1. [www.orerockon.com](http://www.orerockon.com) - Pacific NW field trips, equip buy/sell, misc.
2. [www.wrightsrockshop.com](http://www.wrightsrockshop.com) Has everything.
3. [www.agateswithinclusions.com](http://www.agateswithinclusions.com). The name sums it up.
4. [www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Forest/2031/](http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Forest/2031/) . Terry's Oregon Rock Page has info on Oregon collecting.
5. Information on collecting in Eastern Oregon during the Madras Pow Wow: Write Eula Dillard, 145 E. 179th, Spanaway WA 98387 or call 253-847-2755.
6. [www.wyodonor.org](http://www.wyodonor.org) and [www.thermopywy.net/bhbf](http://www.thermopywy.net/bhbf) for dinosaur excavation trips.
7. <http://mineral.galleries.com/minerals/byname.htm>  
Part of Amethyst Galleries, Inc.'s web site, this is a listing of all the minerals in that company's (extremely extensive) database. More than a mere list, however, each entry is linked to its own page, giving info. such as the mineral's chemical composition, history, physical characteristics, and so on.
8. <http://www.goodearth.com/virtcave.html> The virtual cave site offers a directory of all caves in the US that are open to the public.
9. <http://www.luckystrickemine.com> Info from Prineville, OR rock dig site.
10. <http://www.the.gemshop.com>. The Gem Shop in Cedarburg, Wisconsin hold claims to central Oregon rock sites.
11. [www.rockhounds.com](http://www.rockhounds.com) This is a great site! Every aspect of rockhounding is addressed or it gives you a link.
12. [www.stonetrails.com/ORlocs/ORlocs.htm](http://www.stonetrails.com/ORlocs/ORlocs.htm) Oregon rock sites Replace OR with WA...you'll get Washington sites.
13. <http://www.kinglseynorth.com>. **Buy grit in bulk.**
14. [www.fs.fed.us/](http://www.fs.fed.us/) - Fees and required permits for access to Federal lands.
15. General interest sites: [www.rockhounds.com](http://www.rockhounds.com), [www.fireagate.com](http://www.fireagate.com), [www.awesomegems.com](http://www.awesomegems.com)
16. Be sure to go to our website (See top of Page 1). There are numerous links to other sites.
17. WEBSITES FOR DINO LOVERS  
<http://dsc.discovery.com> Look for games and videos  
<http://www.paleoportal.org>  
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com> Look for technology and science.  
<http://www.geo.ucalgary.ca>  
<http://www.scienceschoolhouse.com>
18. <http://www.jescoproducts.com> **Buy grit in bulk**

### OFFICIAL BLM REGULATIONS REGARDING COLLECTING:

You can collect a reasonable amount of rocks and minerals from BLM lands, but a permit or fee may be needed if you exceed certain amounts as described below. Note that the collecting limits for petrified wood are slightly different.

#### A REASONABLE DAILY COLLECTING AMOUNT

*No BLM permit or fee required.*

- fits in a car trunk or is a partial pickup truck load and,

- weighs less than 250 pounds  
- and the material is not for commercial use.

(For petrified wood see below)

#### MORE THAN A REASONABLE DAILY AMOUNT

*Requires a permit and fee from BLM.*

- is a full pickup truck load or,  
- involves more than one trip (or partial load) and,  
- weighs more than 250 pounds  
- or the material is for commercial use,  
- or explosives or power equipment is used.

#### PETRIFIED WOOD:

Collecting petrified wood is free up to 25 pounds per day, plus one piece, but no more than 250 pounds per year. Pooling of quotas among two or more people to obtain pieces over 250 pounds is prohibited. A permit is needed for amounts over these limits.

### AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

#### CODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations and rules governing collection on private lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting materials in collection areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, building, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning materials--matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will support the Rockhound Project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless or how found. I will cooperate with Field Trip Leaders and those in designated authority in all collection areas.

## MINUTES JANUARY 3, 2012

Boxscore: 18 adults, 4 juniors, 5 guests

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Charley Price

Guests: Gregg Wilson, Celeste and Jaden Wade, Mike Cairns, Janet Baker. Gregg Wilson signed up as a member.

### SHOW AND TELL:

Evan: Petrified wood

Jamie: Blue Agate from First Creek

Kathleen: Petrified wood from Bear Creek Oregon

Bob: Polished carnelian and petrified wood from his new 6" diamond polishing machine.

Keith: Rock animals and critters.

Greg: Agate nodule from Blewett Pass and crystal nodules from First Creek.

Zoe: Leaf fossils from Blewett Pass and crystal nodules from First Creek.

Mike Cairns: Amethyst crystal plate.

Jerry: Carnelian and jaspers from Toutle area.

Charley: Carey plume/moss agate clock.

Jaden Wade won junior drawing and Charley won the adult drawing.

Mineral Council: No report.

Treasurer Report: Per newsletter.

Old Business: Talked about name tags. Greg and Bob will research different options for name tags. No new information on access to Kalama/Green Mt collecting area.

New Business: Charley raised the idea of paying for some program presentations, for information only at this time.

Program: Charley presented a slide show on polished cabs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

### MAIL TO:

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