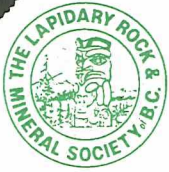
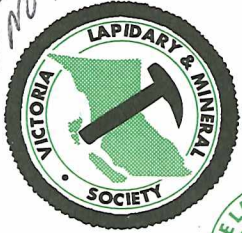


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January Meeting: Monday . January 3. Time: 7:30 pm.
Place: Burnside Bowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton.

Program: This will be our Annual General Meeting. Details in this issue of the Newsletter.

Executive Meeting: January 31, 2011 7:00 pm - Location to be announced

Show Meeting: Tuesday January 18. Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Burnside Bowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton.

President's Message

Cameron Speedie.

We are on the cusp of a New Year, hopefully one of promise and achievement for all of us. My vision for the next year will see the VLMS grow in membership and in our activities; with the new workshop, more course offerings and by incorporating your thoughts and ideas we should have no problem in making that vision a reality. I would also like to thank all those that helped out in the years past as well, your efforts truly make the club the dynamic and fun organization that it is.

On a personal note I wish each and every one of you a prosperous, healthy, and meaningful New Year!

Editor's Remarks

Barbara Smith.

Happy New Year to you all. Hope you all had a good time over Christmas. Now is the time to get into the organization of our show. If any of you have small items suitable for donating to the Spin & Win, please let me know. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“He who knows others is clever, he who knows himself is enlightened.”
Lao-Tzu.

Minutes of VLMS General Meeting December 6, 2010

As this was our annual Christmas Party there was no business transacted.



Sunshine Corner.

Lorena Taylor.

Nothing to report at present. Please phone me at 250-384-0755 if you hear of anyone under the weather.

Membership.

Murdo Smith.

New Member

Welcome

Kathleen Jensen,
#314 – 830 Pembroke St.
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If you have not yet renewed your membership please do so at the next meeting as we are completing our report to British Columbia Lapidary Society (BCLS), which is due by February 15, 2011. If your membership is not renewed by February 7, 2011 we will not be able to place your name on the BCLS report and you will not be insured for going on field trips.

Field Trips.

Gilles Lebrun.

No field trips this month.

S H O W S & E V E N T S

- January 1 – 31 Gem & Mineral Show, Desert Gardens R.V. Park, Quartzsite, Ariz.
- February 4 – 16 Rock & Gem Show, Gila Co. Fairgrounds, Globe, Arizona
- February 11 – 14 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, Convention Center, Tucson.
- 26 - 27 Everett Rock & Gem Show, Washington National Guard Armory,
2730 Oakes Ave. Everett, Wash.
- March 12 – 13 Port Alberni Rock & Gem Show, Cherry Creek Community Center,
- 18 – 20 Victoria Lapidary & Mineral Society Rock & Gem Show,
Leonardo Da Vinci Center, Bay Street, Victoria.



Christmas Party

We had a successful party last month with over 50 members present. As usual the food was varied and delicious. We did miss some of our older members. Gifts were exchanged and we sent a large amount of food to the Victoria food bank. A good time was had by all.

Nominations for the Year 2011

The Elections for the year 2011 Executive will be held during the Annual General Meeting portion of the January meeting. The following people have been nominated for positions on the 2011 executive. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the meeting night. Please be sure the person you nominate is willing to accept the nomination .

Elected Positions

President	Cameron Speedie
Vice President	To be nominated
Secretary	Carrie Maier
Treasurer	To be nominated
Members at Large – new, 2 years	Barbara Smith & Manfred Agath
Members at Large – continuing, 1 yr.	Brad Woollven & Greg Shea

Appointed Committee Positions

Library	To be determined
Membership	Kathleen Kane (assistant Murdo Smith)
Workshop	To be determined
Field Trips	Gilles Lebrun
Editor	Barbara Smith
Sunshine Corner	Lorena Taylor
Coffee Hostess	Molly Beddington
Show Chair person	Gerri Speedie
Mailing Newsletters	Phyllis Hoffman
Properties	To be determined
Members Event	To be determined
Island Zone	Cameron Speedie, Gerri Speedie, Magdalene Magon



Island Zone

The Last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be in March during our Gem Show.

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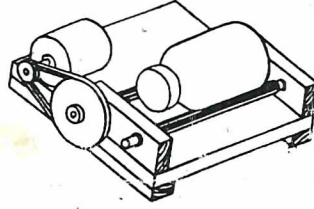
Teacher: "Why are you late Joseph?"
 Joseph: "Because of a sign down the road."
 Teacher: "What does a sign have to do with you being late?"
 Joseph: "The sign said 'School ahead, go slow'."

Hints & Tips

Burnishers

via Creations, and ebench newsletter.

Old needle files make great burnishers. The various shapes of files provide you with an almost endless assortment of different shaped burnishers. To make the burnisher, grind the teeth off the old file, being careful that you do not overheat it as you do not want to remove the temper from the metal. Then polish the metal to a high shine.



Tumbling.

via Tulip City Conglomerate, by Tom Mueller.

Use many different sizes of rocks when doing a batch in the tumbler. The small rocks help to polish the larger rocks. Do not use too many large rocks in the batch or none will polish nicely.

Muffin tins can be used for sorting and storing. They are neat and may be stacked up. Plastic bins with lids are handy for sorting trays of rocks.

Cushioning rocks in the tumblers is important especially during the polishing stages. Insufficient cushioning can cause rocks to scratch each other, rather than moving freely in the polishing agent and get a good shine. Plastic or ceramic pellets may be purchased for this purpose. These may be washed and used again but they must only be used in the same kind of grit or polish.

Harder Than Diamond

Via Stone Chat & Golden Spike News.

General Electric scientists announced the hardest substance ever made by man or nature, an entirely new material. It is a crystal hard enough to scratch a diamond and able to withstand twice as much heat. Named Borazon, it is expected to have far reaching impact on industrial polishing and cutting operations. In 1957 the inventor, Dr. Wentorf, started with boron nitride, commonly called white graphite which is very similar in appearance and feel to talcum powder.

Using pressure of about one million pounds per square inch and temperatures of over 3,000' F he changed the crystal structure from hexagonal to cubic, like diamond. While a diamond burns at 1,600' F, Borazon can withstand temperatures of up to 3,500' F.

Borazon became G.E.'s trademark in 1969. Editor



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