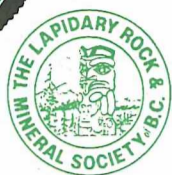




LAPHOUND NEWS



VICTORIA LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY

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	- Brad Woollven	Membership	- Murdo Smith
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September Meeting: Monday September 13, 2010. Time: 7:30 pm.
Place: Burnside Bowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton.

Program: After coffee, everyone will share their summer experiences.

Executive Meeting: To be announced.

President's Message **Cameron Speedie.**

I hope all of you had a safe summer with fun and productive rockhounding. The VLMS Summer Bar-b-que was well attended with gorgeous weather for the event, shady spots being most frequented. A big thanks to all who attended and helped out.

We have a pretty dynamic year coming up. We have moved into our new workshop and have done our initial class. We will have an open house there in September to welcome the club members to this new space. We also hope to be offering more diverse and frequent courses. It is also hoped that we can have a few more activities on the go with regards to programs and field trips – watch for them in the upcoming newsletters.

Editor's Remarks **Barbara Smith.**

Former member of the club, Joanne Wallace died at the beginning of the summer, condolences to her family.

Five of us went down to the Madras Pow Wow in Oregon this summer. The weather was not as good as it usually is but we had fun anyway and bought some goodies. We also took in the Sisters Show and had a nice wander around the town. On the way home we shopped in Portland for bargains. It was a nice break.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Life does not begin at the moment of conception or the moment of birth. Life begins when the kids leave home.”

— Anonymous.

Minutes of VLMS General Meeting June 7, 2010

President, C. Speedie opened the meeting and welcomed visitors and new members.

New member: Brian McMillan. Visitors: Three visitors were present.

Minutes: May General Meeting accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: As of May 31, 2010

Balance fwd.	\$29,831.20
Credits	\$1,744.58
Debits	\$23,580.61
General. Ledger	\$27,995.17
Outstanding Cheques	\$2,100.00
Bank balance	\$30,095.17
Petty cash	\$73.23
Total cash	\$30,168.40

Acceptance Moved by Pierre Lambert, seconded by M. Farley

Carried

Correspondence: Emails received read out and left for membership to view – Win Robertson re: Jade Buddha in Aldergrove ; Marria Gauley; looking for those who can work with shell, affixed to a flex band watch; Barbara Meek inquiring who sent her an enamelled Oakleaf broach, a surprise receipt after attending the R& G show. Two thank you cards for condolences sent to Walcer family and Beryl Chapman's.

Workshop: needs a bit more work – goal is to start a condensed Lapidary Beginners Course before the summer is upon us. Also try and get an open house. If members want to see it before open house set up, they can come before then and help with finishing set-up.

Basic Lapidary/Opal Classes: Condensed one if anyone is interested. Please approach Cameron Speedie.

Sunshine Corner: Lorena shared that Wally West had a sudden death and on behalf of VLMS, an obituary was placed into the Times Colonist.

Membership: Club name tags were available for pickup with Murdo Smith along with BCLS membership cards for those who joined before April. Rockhouser magazines unclaimed available for \$3.50.

Guidelines of what constitutes the following for membership categories: Single – Adult 18 yrs+ (receive one Laphound News); Family - 2 adults and children under 18 yrs (receive one copy of Laphound News to one address); Student – one who is in full-time attendance at a recognized institute of education (receive one copy of Laphound News); Couple – two adults living at the same address (receive of one copy of Laphound News between them).

Library: four new items in. P. Strong estate has produced funds to purchase books for the club.

Field Trip: Loss Creek outing in May -gold panning and garnets found, as well, John and Carrie Gaber found gold with quartz. Next: GMFC Ripple Rock Show, June 12th in Campbell River, July 11th Loss Creek once again, and August 8th Mt. Tzouhalem for crystals. Call Giles Lebrun ahead if plan to attend. Greg Shea shared the outcome of the recent field trip to UVIC Geology Dept. with Eileen.

Programs: Greg Shea shared the outcome of the recent field trip to UVIC Geology Dept. with great attendance by membership and enjoyed by all. Thought is to do a follow-up specifically related to mineral identification and welcomed by the membership to do so. A gift to be given to professor, Eileen Vanderfluer-Keller for her allowing the field trip to take place and sharing her knowledge and generous time given. Regarding Programs, a request was made to head this up and request that if any members have any suggestions for a program, to approach executive with this as it is welcomed. G. Shea, at this time, will assist along with C. Speedie to continue with keeping programs happening.

Laphound News: B. Smith stated nothing to report other than she received a call with an inquiry to have a large piece of jade cut if anyone can assist with this.

Island Zone: next meeting at the end of August.

Minutes of VLMS General Meeting (continued)

Rock & Gem Show: Don Meyer gave out awards for the show competition as follows:

Advanced Silversmith – 1st M. Hill, 2nd D. Hosking, 3rd Mev Frey; Beginner. Silversmith – 1st M. Jarvie, 2nd T. Dempster, 3rd J. Forish

Other:- \$500 donated to Burnside Lawn Bowling Club for use of the hall for our meetings, etc. Special thanks to Molly for taking care of the place.

Beryl Chapman's Estate – to show her fondness for our club she has bequeathed money to purchase something that the club wants. Item suggested that would be a great memorial to Beryl would be a Genie for the new workshop as the present old one is not going to last much longer. A memorial plaque would be applied to it. Suggest \$1500 from our funds and \$1000 from Estate funds. Motion made to accept by L. Taylor and H. Hellmoldt. **Carried.**

Old Business: 1) Operating Manual still being put together – volunteer positions, executive... provides continuity and understanding of the individual roles. 2) Charity donations – coming up in September to submit a list of places/causes i.e. children, health education, etc. that meets criteria approved by members to donate monies that help meet our Non Profit designation.

New Business: Certificates of Recognition and Thanks for going above and beyond for the club given out by C. Speedie on behalf of the Executive to the following individuals - Betty Godwin, Magdelene Magon, Irene and John Phillips, Barb Smith, Murdo Smith, Don Meyers, Patrick Lydon, Molly Beddington, Lorna Taylor, Giles Lebrun, Gordon Taylor. Certificates also give out to those who completed the last Basic Lapidary Course.

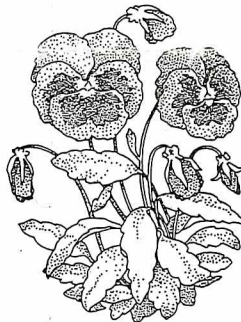
Announcements: Jade Buddha for Universal Peace, will be on display in Aldergrove, B.C. in Aug. It has been on a world tour that started in Vietnam and it is 2.7 metres high, a single piece of translucent nephrite jade and the largest ever found in northern B.C. in 2000.

Display table: Chromium quartz specimen; Jeffrey mine specimens and rocks salvaged from Island View Beach under microscope.

Program: Strawberry ice-cream social end of year club event.

Motion to adjourn meeting by G. Shea.

Carried



Sunshine Corner.

Lorena Taylor.

Julia Konkin is in hospital, we wish her well.



Field Trips.

Gilles Lebrun.

Sunday 19th September we will have a field trip to Jonanco. Meet as usual at 9 a.m. at Colwood Corners.

Sunday 10th October we plan to go to Loss Creek for gold panning. Meet at 9 a.m. at Colwood Corners.

If you plan to attend either of these field trips please let me know - Phone: 250-382-6119.

Membership.

Murdo Smith.

New Member.

WELCOME

Brian McMillan,
175 Bushby St.
Victoria, B.C.

Phone:- 250-385-2700

SHOWS & EVENTS

September 25 – 26 San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society, Craft show, 4134 Judah at 47th Ave., San Francisco.

For Sale

(1) 1 - 14" Drop Saw 1 - 6" Trim Saw 1 - Tumbler & Lots of rocks
Phone John at 250 - 474- 5870 or 250- 208-0652.

(2) 1 Lortone Tumbler along with some jeweler's tools and rocks.
Phone Lynda at 250-382-2999.



QUEENS BERRY
1300
BLINKINSOP
THURLANE

In Memorium

Wally West

On May 22, 2010, VLMS lost another of its Life Members when Wally West passed away, Wally was predeceased in 2007 by his wife Dorothy, who also had been a Life Member. Both of them could always be found helping at our Hobby Shows and generally helping new members with advice.

Wally was a gentle man, with a kindly disposition, who was pleasant company. He was a skilled lapidary and a keen faceter. Faceting was his main interest during the last few years, up to the time he was no longer fit for this. We will miss him and we express our sympathy to his family.

Discovery

via Stone Chat

Gemfields PLC announced the discovery of an exceptional 6,225 carat rough emerald at its Kagen Mine in Zambia.

The emerald was recovered during normal mining operations in February of this year and is being examined by Gemfield's experts to establish a clearer understanding of its value and significance. They will continue to evaluate the gem before any final decision is taken in terms of its future.

The emerald has been named 'Insofu' (or elephant in the vernacular of the Bemba people indigenous to this region) in consideration of its size and in honour of The World Land Trust's "Elephant Corridor Project", of which Gemfields is a participant.

Blue Lace Agate.

Via Beading Designs & Stone Chat

Blue Lace Agate is a variegated chalcedony that displays clearly defined colour bands or markings. It has become very popular, but the amount mined is lessening. If new deposits are not found in the future the stone risks extinction.



Island Zone

Saturday 21st August was a warm sunny day in Black Creek. After a delicious pot luck lunch, 15 members attended the Zone meeting.

Treasurer reported the zone has \$2,462.70 at present.

Murdo was asked how the booklet "Belonging" was coming and he said a rough copy should be out by next spring.

Club Reports.

Alberni Club had no representative so there was no report

Courtenay Club reported on their May Show which went well. Their new shop is almost ready at Boyes's.

Cowichan Club have had several successful field trips and also had workshops in faceting, cabbing and wire work.

Parksville Club have also had field trips and speakers at their meetings. The workshop has been in operation. They had a picnic and attended the market doing demos.

Ripple Rock Club have now more than 100 members. Their show went well.

Victoria Club have now 151 members. They had a successful summer picnic. Also several field trips. The new workshop is now in operation. The next year's show will be held 18th to 20th March 2011. After this meeting the Island Zone delegates for the Victoria Club will be Cameron Speedie, Gerri Speedie and Magdalene Magon.

Wit & Wisdom.

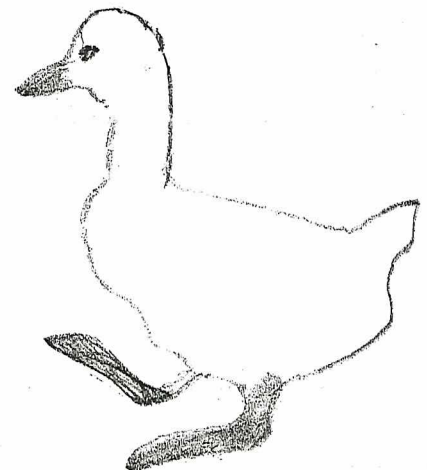
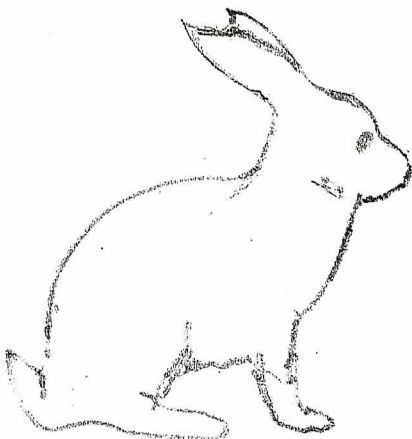
via Calgary Journal.

Friendship Vitamin – B1

The grass may be greener on the other side of the fence but it still has to be mowed.

The length of a meeting rises with the square of the number of people present.

An ounce of patience is worth more than a bushel of brains.



SEPT 25 11-1300

S.S. BASIC

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SEPT 21 1900 R & B SHOPS
HERE

HELP MEMBERSHIP
LHP SHOP
SHOW

SEPT 30 1900-2100
OCT 21