



LAPHOUND NEWS

VICTORIA LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY

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November Meeting:

Monday . 1st November, Time: 7:30 pm.
Place: Burnside Bowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton.

Program:

Members to discuss books. Also B. Woollven, will talk about the Summer Camp @ Little Fort and his thoughts about it.

Executive Meeting:

Monday 29th November, 2010 at 7 p.m. Location to be announced.

Show Meeting:

Tuesday November 16, at 7:00pm. Location - Burnside Bowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton.

President's Message

Cameron Speedie.

Well our new workshop is now fully up to steam, we are now running several courses and I must say it is a very nice to have both the space and excellent equipment. A group of us did a general assessment and clean up of surplus items and we are now ready to have general working time in the shop as well. The general lapidary time will be Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00.

We hope to offer more space for lapidary use and silversmithing as we complete courses The complete schedule is up on the web site under the member's area. As well we hope to be offering both one day workshops and some other interesting courses coming up soon!

I would also like to extend a big Thank You to all those that have helped out with the workshop over the years, providing either space or their time, and to all those that are helping out currently to assist with the shop!

Editor's Remarks

Barbara Smith.

Thank you to Leni Gagnon for the article last month on part of her holiday last summer. Anyone else who has an interest in writing for this newsletter would be very welcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Man never made any material as resilient as the human spirit.”

Bern Williams.

Minutes of VLMS General Meeting October 4, 2010

President C. Speedie opened the meeting and welcomed members and new member **Kathleen Sumners**. Visitor(s): 0

Minutes: September 13th Minutes printed in Laphound News. Motion to accept as printed made by G. Shea, seconded by G. Boudreau. **Carried.**

Treasurers Report: read by P. Lambert

Balance fwd.	\$22,139.55
Credits	\$1,179.02
Debits	\$2,557.98
Gen. Ledger	\$20,760.59
Outstanding Cheques	\$306.02
Bank balance	\$21,066.61
Petty cash	\$73.23
Total cash	\$21,139.84

Motion to accept made by P Lambert, seconded by Mike Hill. **Carried**

Correspondence: emails from Rachel Searle and Sid Tafler

Sunshine Corner: B. Godwin not well and G. Taylor not attending due to his health. Julia Konkin, John’s wife is in Hospice.

Workshop: New Genie is awesome and the shop has lots of room to work along with great lighting. We only have one key for the shop, so have to figure out how to get shop opening more accessible. Check web site for what courses are upcoming.

Basic Lapidary: First class went well using new machine.

Opal Classes: Will not be running this course for a little bit.

SilverSmithing: Class going well. Cameron will put together a notebook on how to do and use this for next ones.

Membership: Rock Hound magazines ordered for J. Dempsey and B. Woollven are available for pick-up. Kathleen Kane assisting Murdo with membership and great thanks with much appreciation to her for stepping up to volunteer her time.

Library: New Book: *Geology: Eastern N. America* available.

Field Trip: Jonanco club show was more “*about rocks than seeing rocks*”. Next outing, Sept. 17th @ 9:00 a.m., Sunday, Loss Creek for gold panning and collecting garnets. Contact Giles if wanting to go. Meet up @ Colwood Corners Plaza.

Programs: The program for this meeting was “Walk and Talk” for members to show what they are doing and talk about it. Next meeting we will talk about books; articles that members have read related to our club interests. We encourage people to get them out and look at what we have available for them. Also B. Woollven, will share what the Summer Camp @ Little Fort was all about. 2011 Summer Camp will be on Texada Island and Giles will make it a field trip for those interested.

Laphound News: Nothing to report.

Island Zone: Cameron working on the website for the Zone, posting information about it as well on our club website so others can see what this is all about.

Rock & Gem Show: Gerri Irwin said first meeting went well and requested a budget of \$10,000 for show expenses. B. Brown made a motion to accept. After discussion voted and **Carried.**

Oct 19th next meeting, looking for volunteers. A spreadsheet will be made available to see what is needed. Encourage new people to join in and help. Show theme: “Prospecting in B.C.” Pretty open topic so should lead to some interesting showcases.

New Business:

-New Geni in shop, thanks to Mike Hill for ordering and getting it in.

-Need to spend some money and show that we are a Non-profit society in terms of taxes.

-Question by members as to when they can see the shop. Answer Open House was held for this purpose. Since Saanich runs building, there are limitations to unplanned access and times, so can only go when allowed to and or know in advance when we will be present. Many other things running @ Silver Threads where workshop is located.

Minutes of VLMS General Meeting (continued)

Times to come at present are as follows: Thursdays for SilverSmithing, 7-9 pm and Sat. 1-3 pm for Lapidary so welcome to drop in to see shop then.

-Question - A member asked about other courses, like working with precious clay and wire wrapping. Answer is that we are looking for teachers to do this.

-Criteria to be still completed for whom and how much to give out donations.

-BCLS calendar now available for purchase and an order sheet avail. @ Meeting for sending out to BCLS @ \$14.00 per. Can also check link on club website for ordering (BCLS link).

-Query from member to have name of club on library items like magazines, etc. to protect them. A: suggestion is to have slipcover sheets placed on them to protect and then our name over next while.

Display: Demonstration how to mount minerals... tagging/label properly and opals to see.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Patrick Lydon.

Members Event: enjoyed by all.



Sunshine Corner.

Lorena Taylor.

Julia Konkin has now been moved to the Priory, we wish her well there.

Membership.

Murdo Smith.

New Member.

WELCOME

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Field Trips.

Gilles Lebrun.

Our next trip will be on Sunday 14th November to Island View Beach. We will meet at Colwood Corners at 9 a.m. Please phone me if you will be attending, 250-382-6119.

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

November	13 – 14	Delta Rockhounds Show, South Delta Recreation Centre, 1720 – 56 th Street, Tsawwassen, B.C.
	26 – 27	San Francisco Crystal Fair, Fort Mason Center, 99 Merino Blvd., San Francisco, Cal.
December	6 th	VLMS Christmas Party, Burnside Bowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton.

Notice.

A sales table will be allowed at future meetings (except Christmas).
No commercial sales. Sellers will be limited to five items at one time on the table, priced and with the owner's name on the articles.
Sellers will be responsible for looking after their own articles.



For Sale or Take Away.

We are down sizing our collection of rocks and lapidary equipment. Some of the rocks are for sale and some are available for taking away. The selection of rocks include rhodonite, jasper, laurel stone, dallasite, agate and geodes. There is also a selection of crystals. The lapidary equipment includes saws, sanders, flat lap etc. Call 250-479-7881 for arrangements.

Plancheite

Plancheite is a hydrated copper silicate hydroxide, a secondary copper mineral, it is colourful, attractive and has interesting crystal habit. Almost turquoise in colour and unique in it's fibrous radial habit. Specimens were first brought from the Congo region. It can be found with other colourful secondary copper minerals such as diopside, shattuckite, conichalcite, brochantite and chrysacolla.

Colour	Commonly pale blue to turquoise to dark blue.
Luster	Vitreous to silky.
Transparency	Translucent to opaque.
Fracture	Fibrous.
Hardness	5.5
Specific Gravity	Approx. 3.6 – 3.8
Streak	Pale Blue.
Associated Minerals	Cerussite, diopside, limonite and other copper related minerals.
Occurrences	Congo and Arizona.
Field Indicators	Colour, crystal form, density and locality

