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VICTORIA LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY

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January Meeting: Monday 2nd. January. Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Burnside Bowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton Rd. Please note that the meeting will be held on this date, even although it is considered to be a holiday.

Program This will be our Annual General Meeting and Elections for the Executive for 2012.

Executive Meeting: To be announced.

Show Meeting: Tuesday January 17, 2012 - 7:00 pm at Burnside Bowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton Rd.

President's Message

Cameron Speedie.

By the time you read this I will be on the verge of stepping down as President of the VLMS. I would like to thank all of those that helped out with the club during my tenure. It is your efforts more than anything that helps make the VLMS a healthy, active, and fun club! I would encourage you to lend your support and assistance to the new executive to continue making the VLMS a great club to belong to! Thanks for your support and help through the years!

Editor's Remarks

Barbara Smith.

After 22 years as editor of this newsletter I am finally retiring. Leni Gagnon will take over in the New Year as soon as they return from their trip. I wish her good luck and hope you will all support her and our Newsletter.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed during my time as editor. It has been an enjoyable though sometimes bumpy ride.

VLMS General Meeting – December 5, 2011

There was no business meeting as this was our Annual Christmas Party.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

“In life all good things come hard, but wisdom is the hardest to come by.”

Lucille Ball.

Sunshine Corner.

Lorena Taylor.

Nothing to report at present.



Membership Report

Kathleen Kane.

If you have not already renewed your membership for the year 2012, please do so by the end of the January meeting. The Membership Report has to be submitted to B.C.L.S. by the end of February.



VLMS Christmas Party.

As always the party was a great success though Molly did not have the usual number of helpers to set up. The food was delicious and plentiful and santa was welcomed along with gifts for everyone. A large box was donated to the Food Bank .

SHOWS & EVENTS

- January 25 – 29 2012 Quartzite Gem & Mineral Show, Quartzite, Arizona.
- February 9 – 12 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, Convention Center, Tucson Arizona.
- March 10 -11 Port Alberni Rock & Gem Show, Cherry Creek Community Centre
- March 16 -18 Victoria Lapidary & Mineral Society Rock & Gem Show, Leonardo Da Vinci Centre, Bay Street, Victoria.



Field Trip.

Gilles Lebrun.

There will be no organized field trip for January unless anyone wishes to visit the Smith's rock pile. Please phone me if you wish to participate – 250-382-6119.



Island Zone Report for December 2011 at Parksville

Cameron Speedie

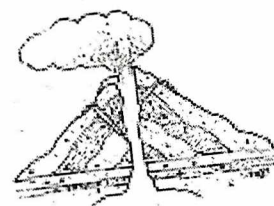
All clubs were in attendance except Cowichan. Discussed coordinating shows between the clubs. Some of the clubs are finding it challenging to put on shows. Discussion and agreement on sending a letter to the BCLS expressing our displeasure at the last minute fee increase and asking that any fee increase be made known in September at the latest so that clubs can adjust their fees. Discussion of strategies for drawing new people to the clubs and what worked for the various groups. The group enjoyed the hospitality of Marion Barclay and express their thanks to her.

For Sale.

- 1 Lapidary Equipment and Machines.
Lortone 14" vibrating flat lap, 120 volts 0.25 hp. Motor, two grinding pans and one polishing pan.
Portable two wheel sanding arbor with 0.25hp. 120 volt motor.
Polishing arbor with 0.25 hp. 120 volt motor.
Selection of rocks including jasper, rhodonite, Oregon geodes and thundereggs.
Floor-standing display cabinet.
Phone 250-479-7881 for information and appointment to view.
- 2 Jewellery Related Item
I have a used but well cared for flex shaft for sale. Includes handpiece, chuck key, foot pedal and some burs. Looking to get \$150 for it.
Contact:- Cheri Wilhelm by email at aromapothecary@gmail.com or Phone – 250-598-6985.

Rock Classification.

Reference :- Internet



There are three basic rock groups:-

Metamorphic :- Means change in form and sedimentary or igneous rocks can be changed into metamorphic rocks by heat, pressure or through chemical action. As a result of this often new minerals are formed.

Sedimentary :- This rock is formed when mineral or organic matter settles and accumulates from a solution. This rock forms a very small amount of the earth's crust. Forming in layers as strata this rock gives a lot of information about the history of the earth and of life. Sources from this strata are a great variety of fossils, minerals, coal and water.

Igneous :- Those are called 'fire rocks' as they are formed from magma beneath the earth's crust and become igneous rocks when they cool. They are also formed from the lava from volcanoes, as it cools above ground. An example of igneous rock is porphyry.

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Nominations for the 2012 Executive.

The nominations for the positions to be elected for the 2012 executive are:-

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| President | Patrick Lydon (for one year.) |
| Vice President | Mike Hill |
| Secretary | Carrie Maier |
| Treasurer | Greg Shea |
| Members at Large – new, 2 years | Brian McMillan |
| | Brad Woollven |
| Members at Large – 1 year | Barbara Smith (continuing) |
| | David Hoskins (new to complete the term for Manfred Agath.) |

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. If you wish to nominate someone please check with them beforehand to be sure they will accept the nomination.

The following persons have agreed to serve in the Appointed positions noted below.

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| Library | Leni Gagnon |
| Membership | Kathleen Kane |
| Workshop | Brian McMillan & Brad Wollven |
| Field Trips | Gilles Lebrun |
| Editor | Leni Gagnon (commencing March) |
| Sunshine Corner | Lorena Taylor |
| Coffee Hostess | Molly Beddington |
| Show Chairman | Gerri Speedie |
| Properties | |
| Member's Event | |
| Island Zone | Cameron Speedie, Gerri Speedie and
Magdalene Magon |



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NEW
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