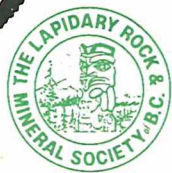




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June Meeting:

Monday, June 6. Time: 7:30 pm.
Place: Burnside Bowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton Rd.

Program:

This will be our annual Strawberry Social serving everyone with sponge, ice cream and strawberries.

Executive Meeting:

August 29th – 7:00 pm – Workshop at Les Passmore Center,
Saanich Silver Threads, Hampton Rd.

President's Message

Cameron Speedie.

We are quickly approaching our summer break, hopefully the weather takes the hint soon. As you know the club does not engage in as many activities during the summer but we still do have a few things going on. Check the website for availability of the workshop. There will be no classes so it should be easier getting in there to use the workshop. We will be continuing ad hoc field trips. Check with Gilles for these. We also will be having a club bar-b-cue and social coming up. Check in the newsletter or the website for details. Have a safe and happy summer with lots of great rockhounding.

Editor's Remarks

Barbara Smith.

May you all have an enjoyable summer and think about telling all your friends about it through this newsletter, even if it is only a few lines.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“To err is human but it is against company policy.”

Anonymous.

Minutes of VLMS General Meeting May 2, 2011

Note - Abbreviated meeting due to the Auction.

President Cameron Speedie opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors.

Minutes of Last Meeting - Motion to Accept Gerri Irwin, Herb Hellmoldt - **Carried**

Treasurer's report - Treasurer absent so no report

Correspondence - no items

Sunshine Corner - Lorena Taylor - No new reports for this month.

Workshop - Brad Woollven/ Brian McMillan - Going well but could use a few more people to attend.

Basic Lapidary - Cameron Speedie - Finished one session, another starting in May.

Opal - Cameron Speedie - Possible session in the fall.

Silversmithing - Cameron Speedie - Finished one session, another starting in May.

Membership - Kathleen Kane - Murdo Smith - everything seems in order.

Library - No Librarian's report.

Field Trips - Gilles will be having a trip coming up - check with him for details.

Programs - Cameron Speedie - June will be the Strawberry Social - September will be a program put together by Magdalene Magon on "Minerals".

Laphound News - Murdo Smith - no issues but please have submissions in by the 15th of the month.

Island Zone - no new information.

Rock and Gem Show - Gerri Irwin, Don Myers - Show follow up meeting was held. Financially the show was good but waiting on final figures.

President's Report - Invitation to everyone to attend the Strawberry Social next month.

Unfinished Business - none

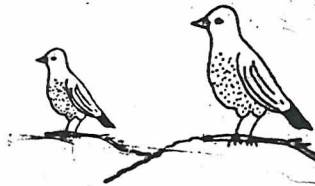
New Business - none

Announcements - none

No Display table or Member's event due to the auction.

Motion to Adjourn - Frank McMahan, Sandy Burns **Carried.**

Program - This Months Program is the Club Auction, Next Month's will be the Strawberry Social.



Sunshine Corner.

Lorena Taylor.

Nothing to report at present.

Membership.

Kathleen Kane.

No new members this month.



Field Trips.

Gilles Lebrun.

Our next trip will be on 12th June to Loss Creek for gold panning and other rocks.

We will meet as usual at Colwood Corners at 9 a.m. If you intend to participate please call me at 250-382-6119.

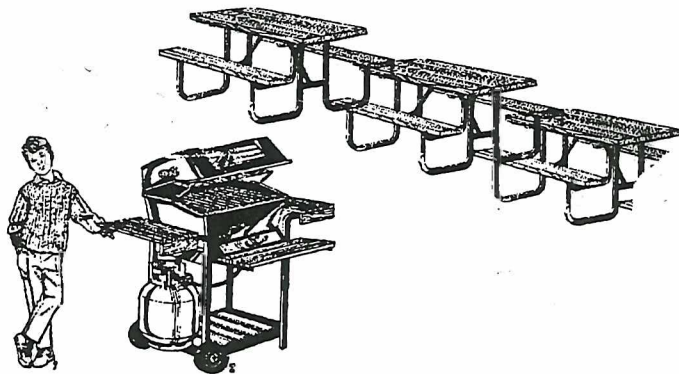
If anyone wishes a field trip in July please let me know and it can be arranged.

Hints & Tips.

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 of 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.

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

- June 8 – 10 Vancouver Island Zone Gemboree hosted by Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club at the home of Charlie and Lena Hallstrom, 3906 South Island Highway, Campbell River, B.C.
- 11-12 Ripple Rock Club Show at 1681 S. Dogwood, Campbell River.
- June 30 – July 4 All Rockhounds Pow-Wow Club of America, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Madras Oregon.
- July 16 – 17 Vernon Lapidary Club – Winfield Memorial Hall, 3270 Berry Rd. Winfield, B.C
- August 21 – 24 Rendezvous at Princeton, at the junction of the Simikameen and Tulameen Rivers on Old Hedley Road.



Summer VLMS Picnic

July 23rd - 12:00 – to when ever we decide to go home. Held at 1625 Pear Street – Bring your own entrée and a pot luck dish to share, as well as a folding chair if you can manage, we will have plates, cutlery, beverages, condiments, and fun there for you. We will be having some fun things to do as well as a rock swap so bring your treasures and see what you can swap them for!

She Sells Seashells.

Mary Anning (1799 – 1847) lived in Lyme Regis. Dorset, England. Her Father owned a souvenir shop and, finding abundant fossil shells from the sea fetched high prices, Mary began collecting them to sell. It was she who inspired the tongue twister ‘She sells seashells by the sea shore.’

In 1811 she found her first skeleton of an ichthyosaur (a dolphin like reptile) and later dug up many other skeletons of Jurassic marine animals from the age of dinosaurs. Many fine specimens in the British Museum of Natural History and other museums around the world were found by Mary Anning.

Ref. Rocks and Fossils Revised by Arthur B. Busbey 111, Robert Coenraads, David Roots & Paul Willis. Submitted by Leni Gagnon.

Pezzottaite

Pezzottaite is a mineral that is very similar to Beryl but it contains lithium and aluminium as well as some rare elements. Cesium replaces some of the beryllium in its chemical structure. It is therefore scientifically classified as a separate mineral from beryl. It was recently discovered in Madagascar. It is very expensive and can easily be confused with red beryl. It crystallizes in the trigonal crystal system. Colours range from pink to red and orange. About 10% of rough would show chatoyance when polished. It has a hardness of 8 and is brittle with a conchoidal fracture. It streaks white. This material has also been found in Afghanistan where it was thought at first to be morganite. Pezzottaite will lose its colour if heated to 450°C for 2 hours. However it can be restored with gamma irradiation.

Ref: Wikipedia and others.

For Sale.

Lapidary machines including the following:-

- Hilquist – 2 wheel sanding arbor. This unit is portable.
- Lortone – 2 wheel grinding arbor.
- Highland Park – 6” saw.
- Home – built – Single wheel sanding arbor with belt sanding arrangement opposite.
- Home – built 6” saw with spare blade.
- Crystal Master – flat lap with 6” diamond discs.
- Roll of 4” wide spare sanding belt.

Call Murdo Smith at 250-479-7881 for details and arrangements to view.

V.L.M.S. Lapidary Courses.

If you are interested in any Lapidary or Lapidary related courses check the VLMS website or phone Cameron Speedie at 250-385-0597.

