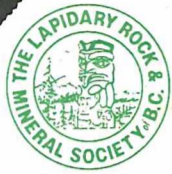




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February Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2013

Place: Burnside Lawnbowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton Rd.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program

Annual General Meeting and elections of officers

Executive Meeting

Last Monday of every month

Place: Les Passmore Centre, (club workshop)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Mineral Show Meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 2012

Place: Burnside Lawnbowling Club

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Field Trips

Gilles Lebrun.

NO FIELD TRIP THIS MONTH!

President's Message

Patrick Lydon.

As I write my final report, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Membership for all their hard work and dedication during the year of 2012. We have had a great Show, many exciting Field Trips and wonderful presentations at our monthly meetings. Some members have expressed concern regarding our very healthy savings account, but I see our savings as a reflection of the stellar work done by our veteran members over the past 55 years. We the Members, are only temporary guardians until the future Members take over! It is our responsibility to be sagacious with our spending and to be frugal with our funds, in the hope that Members of the future will have the monies to buy their own Clubhouse. Please help our new President, Mike Hill, in any way possible. I wish all our Members a happy and safe holiday at this special time of year. Patrick Lydon, President.

Membership Report**Kathleen Kane & Murdo Smith.**

Happy New Year everyone! A new year means it is time to get your 2013 membership if you have not already done so. Thank you for bringing exact change or a prepared cheque (we have a VLMS stamp) to speed up the process.

We would still appreciate some help at the monthly meetings processing memberships so please consider volunteering your time to find out how that aspect of your Club works.

-Kathleen Kane and Murdo Smith

Editor's Remarks**Leni Gagnon.**

We've come to that time of year again when we vote for a new board to lead us for another year. It is important for the club's success that we vote in members who will be conscientious and work for the benefit of the club. At this time, we are looking for someone to become our Secretary. This position is vital to any club. It is the person who holds this position who is the lynch pin that keeps things running smoothly. So please help the club find our lynch pin by stepping forward yourself or nominate a person who you think would make good secretary. Please ask them first if they would allow their name to stand.

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and wish you all a happy, healthy, and Prosperous 2013.

Sunshine Corner**Lorena Taylor.**

Pam Dyer's, Dave passed away on the morning of December 15. He had been having problems with his heart for 2 years and finally suffered a massive heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Pam.

On December 16 at 10am R.Lewis Thompson, Life member and Past President of the Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club, and also member and Past President of the Ripple Rock Club, died. There will be a Celebration of his life in the second week of January, which will allow his family from Eastern Canada, time to make arrangements to get here.

I will send the precise date and place when I get them.

The address of Lewis's long time partner is

Joan McCormack

Apt 110

2525 Fitzgerald Ave, Courtenay, BC,

V9N 6J4

Library Report**Leni Gagnon.**

Thank you to the members who have returned books they borrowed in 2011. There are still some books that need to be returned. We will also be contacting members who have borrowed earlier in 2012. I know that we have no set due time but please remember to return the books so that other members may enjoy them too. Thank you for your cooperation.

I will no longer be the librarian after this month. The new librarian(s) will be announced at the general meeting. I enjoyed the two years that I was the librarian but others duties within the club and otherwise are keeping me busy.

VLMS Rock & Mineral Show 2013**Gerri Irwin.**

All is coming together for the exciting show in March.... always looking for the support of the VLMS members to volunteer throughout the weekend.

Also looking for volunteers for the hobby show at the West Shore mall.

Please contact Mike Hill

Island Zone Report**Patrick Lydon.**

On Saturday, the 24th of November 2012, Mike Hill, Greg Shea and I attended the Island Zone Meeting in Parksville. The meeting was held in the beautiful home of Marion Barclay, and we had a lovely lunch, provided by the members, before the meeting took place. The Business meeting began at 12.45PM and some 14 Members were present. Janice Boyes from Courtenay was unable to attend.

Pat Lydon was designated President and Greg Shea was proclaimed Secretary/Treasurer for the next two years. Mike Hill will become the Junior Member from the Victoria Club. Reports were read from many Clubs and various concerns were expressed. The Secretary will provide more accurate minutes of the meeting!

Three particular concerns were highlighted -

1. The need to revitalize and reactivate the Gemboree activity, and make it the great fun party that it used to be!
2. The need to improve communication between Zone Members and indeed to facilitate inter club communications as well.
3. The need to review the role of the Zone in the light of new electronic and Internet developments and the possibility that business could be achieved with less meetings in future.

The meeting was friendly and organized and a wide number of issues were discussed. The meeting adjourned at 2.30PM and motion of thanks to Marion was loudly applauded.

I look forward to our next meeting in Victoria on the 17th March. Pat Lydon. President.

This report is a little late in being brought to your attention but the meeting happened after the last Laphound went out.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS JANUARY 2013

The election of the VLMS Board for 2013 will be held at the January meeting. We are looking for members who would like to serve on the board. If you would like to nominate a fellow member please make sure that you have your nominee's agreement that he/she wants their name to stand. If you would like to nominate someone or put your own name forth, then please contact Patrick Lydon or Carrie Maier as soon as possible. Please support your club!!!!

The Board positions are to be voted on by the VLMS membership. The Positions and Nominees are:

President - Mike Hill**Vice-President** - David Hosking**Past President** - Patrick Lydon**Treasurer** - Greg Shea

Secretary -* Carrie Maier stepping down. No nominations to date. It is important that we fill this position.

Members at Large - 1 year – Brian McMillan and Yvan Gagnon
 - 2 years - Vanessa Steffens and Leni Gagnon

The following positions are for the Committee heads and are appointed positions:

Field Trips - Gilles Lebrun**Sunshine Corner** - Lorena Taylor**Membership** - Kathleen Kane & Murdoch Smith**Gem Show** - Gerri Irwin & Vanessa Steffens**Librarian** - Vacant**Laphound Editor** - Leni Gagnon**Programs** - Vacant**Coffee Hostess** - Molly Beddington & Barbara McKenzie

Workshop - Brian McMillan & Vanessa Steffens

Members Event - Lorena Taylor & Sandy Dyer

Island Zone - Patrick Lydon, Greg Shea & Mike Hill

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

Christmas gathering was full of comrade, jovial conversation and sharing of memories as well as thinking of those not present that were not well or loved ones in need of them at their side. Plenty of food of all kinds were shared and desserts were bountiful! Gift exchange assisted by our Santa elves, Sean and Gilles and few others in the blur of the business of it all... we were short one gift for Herb and when one was given from another, he graciously gave it back in the circle of giving without keeping one for himself. Acts of kindness and giving like this were seen and experienced within our membership and in greatest kind, the hostess master, Molly along with her daughter, Barb, were at the top of the Nice List for Santa. Thank you for all that volunteered to assist with set up before the start of the event and to all for the donations to Mustard Seed Food Bank. Carrie Maier, Secretary.



TO ALL CLUBS

The BCLS Executive has secured a new Editor for the BC Rockhounder magazine commencing January 1, 2013.

An announcement as to the new editor is being released in the Winter 2012 edition of the BC Rockhounder, which is in its final stages of layout and then printing sometime during the week of December 10th.

I wish to thank all of the Clubs and their members for their support and patience during my time as Editor.

The email address for the editor will remain the same. The new Editor will receive the emails associated with editor@lapidary.bc.ca.

Please keep your articles and photos coming – they are greatly appreciated.

Please provide a Club update for the Spring 2013 edition for the section titled Around the Clubs by January 10, 2013 to editor@lapidary.bc.ca.

I will continue to maintain the BCLS web site. If you require any changes to your Clubs Information on the web site please send me an email to: bclswebmaster2008@gmail.com. In the event that the web site is assigned to someone else this email address may be passed onto future web masters.

Katrinia Walter
Editor, BC Rockhounder & BCLS Calendar 7 BCLS Web Master

SHOWS AND EVENTS

January 1 to
February 28 Quartzite, Arizona Show

January 31 to
February 18 Various Shows around Tucson, Arizona

February 23-24 Maple Ridge Lapidary Club
Maple Ridge Alliance Church, 20399 Dewdney Trunk Rd.
Maple Ridge, BC (Note: New Location)



BRIAN MCMILLAN

Brian was born in Cumberland on Vancouver Island in 1936. He was the youngest of 4 children. While still in his teens he became an army reservist for 18 ½ months. During that time he decided that the army life was not for him. So, at the tender age of 18 he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy. This kind of life must have suited him better because that is where he stayed for the next 25 years. As if this was not enough, Brian went to work for the Dockyard in 1981 and also reenlisted as an army reservist. Military life really must have suited him.

In 1957 he married his sweetheart, Sonia, and they had 3 children. While Brian was busy sailing the seven seas, Sonia had ran a Bed and Breakfast. In 1991 Brian bought a house in Mesa, Arizona and spent their winters there. They sold the house in 2001. In 2009, Sonia, his wife of 52 years passed away.

Brian is a man who has many interests. Among some of his hobbies are: winemaking, gardening, woodcarving, tying flies for fishing, and salmon fishing. He volunteered his time as a gardener at Government House (still does), served as a fruit tester and a dahlia judge. He also sang bass in a choir. He was the troop leader for a troop of Boy Scouts for 12 years.

He said that for 17 years played at Lapidary and Silversmithing. In 2010 Brian joined VLMS and finally took the Lapidary and Silversmithing courses. It wasn't long before Cameron, his instructor, told him that he should be teaching the courses. Brian can slab and polish a stone in ten minutes.

At this time Brian has added a couple of other activities to his already busy life. He runs and the VLMS Workshop on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons, where he teaches the Lapidary and Silversmithing courses. Brian and runs the lapidary workshop at the Monterey Center in Oak Bay in cooperation with Pierre Lambert. He can be found teaching the courses there on Wednesday afternoons.

His experiences and wide range of interests makes Brian a very interesting man to get to know. His outgoing personality will draw you to him. You can always tell when Brian is around, just follow the sound of his whistling

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Tanzanite gemstones have been found only in the area where they were initially discovered in Tanzania and Kenya. Tanzanite is a blue to violet variety of zoisite. Gemmy zoisite crystals have been found in this area in a wide range of colors, including yellow, green, brown and blue. Expert heating of these stones to the right temperature will cause them all to turn blue.

2. "Chalcedony" is a general term used for all varieties of fine-grained quartz that are built up of thin layers of fibrous crystals. Chalcedony showing color banding is called agate. Because

chalcedony can have a variety of attractive colors and patterns, it is commonly cut into beads or cabachons or used in carvings.

Source: knowledge cards quiz deck

SHOP HINTS

Coating wheels with Diamond Powder

By Neal Immega

This is a version for use with easily available materials.

Materials:

1. Home Depot Marine Bondo epoxy - \$21 for two one pint cans. Do NOT use Bondo styrene mixes for car repair.
2. Diamond powder - A supply of 100, 200, 600, and 3000 grits treated with silane to bond well with epoxy.
3. Fumed silica - a one pound bag is enough forever. Warning - Silicosis!
<http://www.fiberglasssupply.com/>
4. Color - from Michaels or Hobby Lobby, candle colors can be purchased. Get one color for each grit size if you want your wheels color coded.

Mixing - Weigh the resin and hardener. Do not try to eyeball the portions. Use 1 / 1.133 hardener/resin by weight. Don't think that 1:1 is good enough. This makes 2 mils of mix.

Dip a tooth pick in the color and add to the epoxy.

Add enough fumed silica to the mix to make it as thick as peanut butter - you do not want it runny.

Add the epoxy, color, silica, diamond and stir for one minute. Do not skimp on the mixing time. Only stir once.

For a standard 7 7/8 inch diameter by 1 = inch wide wheel use 8 mils of epoxy mix. Do not try to put on a thick coat. Use: 20 cts of 600, 1200, or 3000 size grit

15 cts of 200 size grit

10 cts of 100 size grit

Clean and dry the wheel to be coated. Wipe well with acetone (Home Depot). Don't use anything else. The surface will dry immediately.

Coat immediately. If you wait more than two minutes re-wipe with acetone.

Coat with a clean or gloved finger. Do not try to get real smooth.

Coating lasts in our shop for about six months and cuts much faster than regular wheels.

A THANK YOU

Victoria Rock Club Members,

As this years show chairman for the Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association, I want to thank you for attending our rock show.

I have not been over to your rock show but hope to come over in 2013. I look forward to the opportunity to see other rock shows and how they run. :)

Thanks again,

Jennee Bourassa

2012 Show Chairman

Thanks for taking the time to visit us. Here's to happy drinking.

Ed Bourassa-President

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TWAS THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS

Twas the month after Christmas and all through the house
 Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
 The cookies I 'd nibbled, the eggnog I taste.
 All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
 When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
 When I walked to the store (les a walk than a lumber).
 I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
 The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
 The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
 And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
 As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
 And prepared once again to do battle with dirt---
 I said to myself, as I only can
 "You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
 So—away with last of our sour cream dip,
 Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip
 Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
 Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
 I won't have a cookie—not even a lick.
 I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
 I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
 I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
 I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore---
 But isn't that what January is for?
 Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
 Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!
 Author Unknown

HAPPY NEW
YEAR!