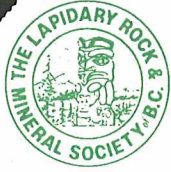




LAPHOUND NEWS



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	Yvan Gagnon
	Vanessa Steffens
	Leni Gagnon

Next Meeting:

When: Monday, May 6, 2013
Place:- Burnside Lawnbowling
 274 Hampton Road
Time:- 7:00 p.m.

Program:- CLUB AUCTION

Items to be auctioned **drop off** at 6:00 p.m. **To view items** 7:00 p.m (no earlier) and **auction starts** at 7:30 p.m.

Committees

Programs	Vacant
Librarians	Sylvan Burnside
	Christine Paton
Show Chair	Gerri Irwin
	Vanessa Steffens
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	Murdo Smith
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Workshop	Brian McMillan
	Vanessa Steffens
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Board Meeting:- Last Monday of every month (except when it falls on a holiday) (No meetings in Dec. June & July)

Place:- Les Pasmore Center, (Club Workshop) 286 Hampton Rd
Time:- 7:00 P.M.

Field Trip:

When: Sunday, May 26, 2013
Place: Jordan River (exploring)
Time: Please meet at the Juan de Fuca Senior Center at 9:00 a.m.
If you are going please phone Gilles

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**Mike Hill**

We had a very successful show this past March. The people enjoyed it but we always get the same complaint - that it is just too crowded. This month I went to the show in Abbotsford. The venue is bigger and the aisles were nice and wide. There was no crowding and jostling to see what the vendors had to sell. I keep thinking how nice it would be for us if we had more space. Not only would our visitors be more comfortable but we could expand in so many other ways as well. We'll have to keep looking for the right place for us.

The club is still looking for a new Secretary. Carrie Maier has been doing a wonderful job for the past couple of years. She graciously agreed to stay on a monthly basis until we could get a new secretary. She has other obligations that need her time. This position is vital to our club, so please step forward and support your club.

We also need a Program Coordinator. The duty of the Program Coordinator is to arrange for activities or speakers for the monthly meeting. Programs enrich the meetings and would encourage more members to turn out to the meetings.

SUNSHINE CORNER:**Lorena Taylor**

No news for this month. If you have news to report (good or bad) please let Lorena know. We want to support our members.

2013 ROCK AND GEM SHOW**Gerri Irwin & Vanessa Taylor**

Our club once again had Showcase Winners for the show. David Hosking was second and Leni Gagnon was third.

The Awards went to:

Beginners Lap: Sylvan Burnside

Beginners Silver: 1st Place: Dylan Cross; 2nd Place: Vanessa Steffens
3rd Place: Sylvan Burnside

Intermediate Lap: Vanessa Steffens

Advanced Lap: 1st Place: Neil Needoba; 2nd Place: David Hosking; 3rd Place: Tied Brian McMillan & David Hosking

Metal Wire: 1st Place: Dylan Cross; 2nd Place: Jojo Nielsen; 3rd Place: Dylan Cross

Congratulations to all the winners. The Grand Prize winner was Ryan Wilson and he choose the Jade Dragon.

Once Again, a big **thank you** to all the volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.

MEMBERSHIP:**Kathleen Kane & Murdo Smith**

We would like to introduce Jessica Hedberg who not only helped out at the membership desk in April, but who has graciously volunteered to assume the role of membership

coordinator for the Club. Thanks, Jessica! For the May and June meetings, Jessica will be assisting Kathleen and Murdo before she takes over in September. Please show your support by stopping at the membership desk to introduce yourself and to welcome Jessica to her new role. We are still looking for another person to help with membership, particularly during renewal times, so please consider stepping forward to volunteer.

LIBRARY:

Sylvan Burnside & Christine Paton

There are still numerous overdue books. Please members, if you think you have a VLMS Library book, return it at the next meeting or contact me at 250- 360-0418.

EDITOR'S REMARKS:

Leni Gagnon

Every time we take a trip I always tell myself that this time I will take notes and write an article about it for the Laphound News. When we get home, I think of all the wonderful places we've seen along the way and can't decide what to write. Then, of course, it doesn't get written. I tell myself that just because we enjoyed what we saw doesn't mean that others would enjoy it too. It is so much better to see something for yourself rather than read about it. Sooooo, here I sit again pondering what to put into this month's issue of the Laphound News. Maybe the next trip will be worth being written up for the LPH.

However, if you have done anything or gone anywhere you would like to share with the club membership, I will be more than happy to include it into a future issue of the Laphound News.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The best thing you can give a person is one more chance.

SHOWS AND EVENTS

MAY

4-5 **COURTENAY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB**

Courtenay Royal Canadian Legion Hall
367 Cliffe Ave
Courtenay, BC

17-20 **RENDEZVOUS 2013**

Ashcroft River Inn
2167 Community Place
Kamloops, BC
NB. - Contact Pam Lott
e-mail jp62@shaw.ca
If attending as she is taking numbers for food ordering

JUNE

8-9 **RIPPLE ROCK GEM & MINERAL SHOW**

Timberline Secondary School
1681 S. Dogwood Rd.
Campbell River, BC.

JULY

26-28 **VANCOUVER ISLAND GEMBOREE**

GEMBORO 2013

The GEMBOREE 2013 will be held on the weekend of 26th, 27th, 28th of JULY.

The Location is 2916 Macaulay Road, Black Creek-- Jack and Jan Boyes' place.

The Summer Zone meeting will be Sunday the 28th at 1pm. Same place Camp set up and registration will be Friday the 26th--any time you get here.

There is free Dry Camping.

Donations accepted to help defray the cost of the Porta Potties.

For tenters, there is a kitchen in the well lit Shed(Gasthaus)--Fridge, stove and sink, tables and chairs. And one in the Club Workshop.

There are also sinks, showers and toilets in the workshops.

We have room for tents, campers, trailers and motorhomes.

Contact Jan at 250-337-8461 or janboyes@telus.net to reserve a spot.

Gemboree Schedule will include the Friday evening "gathering round the fire" if weather permits, or if wet, in the Gasthaus (Shed). Coffee pot will be always on and kettle& tea available. Cold drinks in the fridge. Pay on the honour system.

Saturday morning--do your own breakfast (two kitchens) make your lunch and assemble for fieldtrips. We hope to have 3 trips to choose from. A Fossil Trip, an easy river or beach trip, and something more ambitious, if we can get into the mountains.

After returns from the field trips, in the afternoon, coffee break and the

Bucket Draw.

Pot Luck Supper and Entertainment. Remember to get your gang together to perform something.

Sunday Morning--Pancake Breakfast and Rock auction.

BBQ lunch provided and the Zone meeting.

Break camp and take your treasures home.

, I am also asking for donations of any old white elephants you may have hanging around at home, for our Bucket draw. Rocks for the auction would be nice too.

Thanks, Janice



WHAT IS THE ISLAND ZONE?

By Murdo Smith

The Lapidary Rock & Mineral Society of British Columbia is divided into zones. There are four of them; the Vancouver Island Zone, the Interior Zone and the Kootenay Zone and the Northern Zone. Today The Lapidary Rock & Mineral Society of British Columbia is called the British Columbia Lapidary Society, sometimes

British Columbia is called the British Columbia Lapidary Society, sometimes referred to as B.C.L.S. and was originally incorporated in 1955. Four years later, in 1959 the By-Laws were revised to more or less the present form. This was made necessary when the Lapidary Club of Vancouver was broken up as it had grown too big and several clubs were formed in 1958. These clubs wanted to retain some ties to further the objects of the Society and therefore the current format was devised.

The Island Zone (**The Vancouver Island Zone** - to give it its full name) consists of six of the lapidary, rock and mineral clubs on Vancouver Island. The six clubs in the Island Zone are Ripple Rock (Campbell River); Courtney; Parksville; Port Alberni; Cowichan Valley and Victoria Lapidary & Mineral Society. They each appoint three delegates to the Zone, one per year, for a three year period, a senior delegate, an intermediate delegate and a junior delegate. Each of these clubs takes a two-year turn at being the Executive for the Island Zone; the club representatives being President, Secretary, Treasurer. For the years 2012-2013 VLMS provides the Island Zone Executive. The term commenced at the end of the August 2012 meeting and will continue to end of the August 2014 meeting.

The Island Zone clubs have three business meeting each year, one in the Spring normally during the VLMS Rock & Gem Show, one in the Summer usually in Black Creek and one in the late Fall usually in Parksville. These meetings are accompanied by a

Potluck Lunch to get the meeting off to a good start.

In addition to these business meetings the Island Zone Clubs each take their turn to host a Gemboree each year. In the past this was usually held in June. However after the 2012 Gemboree the clubs considered that this had outlived its usefulness and decided to try a different time of the year as June was turning out to be a rather busy month. In 2013 it will be held at the end of July.

To facilitate the business of the B.C.L.S. and to make it more financially possible for as many Directors as possible to take part in its operation the Zones elect a chairman and he/she represents them at the general meetings of the Society.

Let's look first at the objects, which are the objects of all our local clubs and see how the Society has attempted to fulfil them along with the Zones.

The Objects of the B.C.L.S. are:-

a) To promote and encourage the study, collecting, cutting, polishing and engraving of gemstones, minerals, rocks and other geological materials, as well as lapidary work generally. It was a hobby, not for the purposes of trade, industry or business.

b) To encourage exploration of British Columbia for lapidary material and to promote British Columbia finished and unfinished rocks and stones, thus creating greater interest in these.

c) To promote and encourage closer association with and exchange of information between rock hobbyists and lapidary groups, and to stimulate interest generally in and disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and Earth Sciences;

d) To provide equipment, machinery and educational, scientific and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of members and persons interested in lapidary work for their instruction and enjoyment.

The Functions and Standing Committees are:-

Annual Gem & Mineral Show - Held on the Lower Mainland, usually in late summer or fall and open to all member clubs for participation. It fulfils objects (a), (c), and to some extent (d) by being a showcase of members activities and bringing them together to share in information and fellowship. Members also have the opportunity to purchase equipment, supplies and finished jewellery from dealers, who carry a wide variety of materials from around the world.

Annual Rendezvous - This is the annual meeting of the Society and is held in the Interior of the Province. It includes in addition to the Annual Meeting, field trips, rock auction, displays, demonstrations and a dinner. This event is often held in smaller communities and brings exposure of the hobby to local people in centres away from the heavily populated areas of the cities. It also allows members to collect materials from places they would not otherwise have access to.

Summer Camp - Held during July or August. This event was begun to answer object (b) and (c). Generally a week long camp-out held in various parts of B.C. and sometimes the Yukon, Alberta, and once the State of Washington. The Summer Camp gives members a chance to explore different parts of the country, collect and search for rocks, fossils, minerals, etc. and hopefully find new locations and new materials. The fellowship of evening campfires leads to many long term friendships.

Rockhounder Magazine - This publication has taken the place of a publication that was known as Quarterly Newsletter.

A number of other features are available from or through the Society. A description of these can be made available in a future article if there is interest in this.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This came in from the Ripple Rock Club in Campbell River. Their show is on Jun 8 and 9, 2013

We are still looking for vendors for our show. This year if you want to do one day only, the table rental 32" X 8 ft. will be \$30. For 2 days \$50 a table. Check out our website for more information.

<http://www.ripplerockgemandmineralclub.com/rockshow.html/default.html>

Also this year we will have tables available for people wanting to sell

2nd hand lapidary equipment. No fee for the table but 20% of the sales would go to our club.

I hope you can get this out to your members and people don't have to be members of a rock club to sell their lapidary equipment at our show. So if you know of anyone who inherited their parent's equipment and don't want it or just want to get rid of things because they are not being used, this would be a good venue.

Regards,
Jan Burkholder
Show Chair 2013

A REQUEST

Do you know of anyone who would like to downsize their collection of small to medium sized stuffed animals?

The residents at the Gorge Road Hospital would love to have them. Stuffed animals are the favorite prizes at the weekly Bingo activity.

If you know of anyone who would like to donate any "stuffies" please call Leni at 250-479-6214.



FOR SALE

Assorted rocks including petrified wood, rhodonite, flowerstone and

other assorted slabs. There are tools, books and a small display case.

Please call Barbara at 250-479-7881

SCRAMBLED MINERAL QUIZ

By Leni Gagnon

Unscramble the letters to get the mineral names. Clue: the first letter is in the right position.

1. HPIMIHEOTMRE -----
2. TULNOMARI -----
3. MEACILAHT -----
4. ROHSRDHOTCOIE -----
5. SITBTNEI -----
6. WLEVLITAE -----
7. HTEILA -----
8. CLYRHLOSAOC -----
9. MEBEONLTYDI -----
10. FUELTOIR -----

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SHOP HINTS

Polishing in tight areas can be very difficult. It can be quite easy if you make your own polishing points. Remove cotton ends from cotton swab. Then, using an abrasive disc in a flexshaft, narrow the ends to a point. Use one cotton swab to apply a small amount of polish compound to the area you want to polish and mount another in the flexshaft handpiece, sticking out about an inch. To get a high shine, use a new dry swab to finish polishing.

Source: via Content; Jewelry Making Supplies, Feb. 2012; Creations Nov. 2012



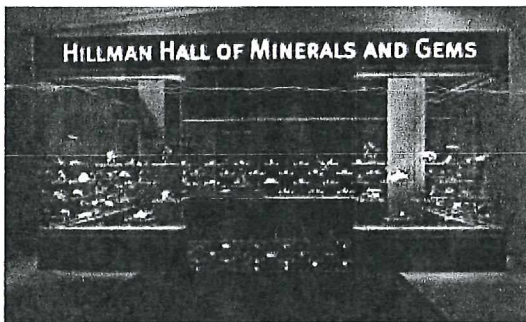
DID YOU KNOW

1. Malachite is very poisonous in its raw State. Never lick it to see its color. When grinding, wipe contaminated oil off your skin ASAP.
2. The oldest spiderweb found in amber was in the South coast of England. It dates 140 million years ago.

Source: Star-O-Lite Dec. 2009

MINERAL MUSEUMS

Yvan and I have visited many museums featuring exhibits with minerals and fossils. My very favourite Museum has to be the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.



They have the biggest piece of Stibnite In the world. It is impressive. The mineral display is in a room with mirrors all around it, making the display look as if it goes on forever.

There is also a very good educational exponent. The fossil area is also very well laid out. The rest of the museum is just as interesting.

However, the Carnegie Museum is not the only excellent museum with great minerals and fossils. There are many may throughout the world. So if you plan to travel, check on the internet to see if any of these will be in the area you plan to visit.

THE IMAGES OF MOTHER

Author unkown

4 YEARS OF AGE – My Mommy can do anything!!!

8 YEARS OF AGE – My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 YEARS OF AGE – My mother doesn't really quite know everything.

14 YEARS OF AGE – Naturally, Mother doesn't know that either.

16 YEARS OF AGE – Mother? She is hopelessly old-fashioned!

18 YEARS OF AGE – That old woman? She's way out of date!

25 YEARS OF AGE – Well, she might know a little bit about it.

35 YEARS OF AGE – Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.

45 YEARS OF AGE – Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?

65 YEARS OF AGE – Wish I could talk it over with Mom.

Source: an email sent to me years ago

ANWERS TO SCRAMBLE QUIZ

1. Hemimorphite 2. Tourmaline
3. Malachite 4. Rhodochrosite
5. Stibnite 6. Wavellite
7. Halite 8. Chrysocolla
9. Molybdenite 10. Fluorite