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October Meeting

Monday, October 1, 2012
Place: Burnside Lawnbowling Clubhouse, 274 Hampton Rd.
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program

Carrie and Sean Maier will present a program about their trip
To the BCLS, Creston, Summer Camp

Executive Meeting

Last Monday of every month
Place: Les Passmore Centre, (club workshop)
Time: 7:00 p.m

Mineral Show Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2012
Place: Burnside Lawnbowling Club
Time: 7:00 p.m.

We are looking for photos of the 2012 show. If you have any please contact Gerri Irwin

President's Message

Patrick Lydon.

At our September meeting I mentioned the passing of two of our Veteran Members but I missed the opportunity of welcoming back all our members after the summer hiatus. It was great to see all the familiar faces and to start making plans for the future. Our main event is the Rock and Gem Show scheduled for March 15 - 17th, and as usual, we need as much help as possible to get that underway and I appeal to all who are prepared to serve on the Show Committee, please let me or Carrie know of your interest! We are looking for three members to serve on the Island Zone Committee, that co-ordinates Vancouver Island Club activities and this has only two Meetings to attend. (Who said that you had to join the navy to see the world?). I look forward to an active, interesting and friendly set of activities as we move into fall. Tally Ho! Patrick Lydon, President.

MARCH SHOW
15-16-17 2013

Minutes of the General Meeting -September 10, 2012

Call to order and welcome by Patrick Lydon, President

Guests welcomed to the meeting.

Announcement made about the loss of Tom Vaulkhard (owner of Rock Hound shop) and Vie Tait (long standing member who did a lot with the Lap Hound News)

Minutes: June 2012 published in LHN - Motion by Herb Hellmoldt. to accept and seconded by J. Konkin . **All Accepted** as read. **Carried**

Treasurer Report:

Rock & Gem Show

Summary:	Revenues Total:	\$16 441.75
	Expenses Total:	<u>10 012.61</u>
	Profit:	\$6 429.14 (details read @ meeting)

Motion to accept as read: Leni Gagnon and seconded by Mike Hill. All in favour and Passed as read.

June, July, August 2012 Financial Bank Balances

June 30	\$26 511.70 (includes \$2.19 interest)
July 31	\$26 355.44 (includes \$2.24 interest)
August 31	\$26 214.42 (includes \$2.23 interest)

High Interest No-Fee Savings Account: accrued interest \$46.68

GICs as of June 27th interest = \$292.75

Motion from Gerry Bently to accept as read; seconded by Pam Dyer. **All in Favour and Motion Carried.**

Greg stated a discussion was required within the Executive as to maintaining a non-profit society and where funds should be put and used. Greg will be approaching the bank as to what would be most prudent for these funds in hand at present.

Correspondence: Jade workshop November 12-16th in Vancouver by famous carver, Donn Salt, from New Zealand. Contact 604 537 8843 or email: pagodastone@gmail.com

Sunshine Corner: Card and letter to Tom Vaulkhard's family. Lorena also went to visit Betty Goodwin in hospital. Lorena will find out an address for Vie Tait to send a card to.

Workshop: Basic Lapidary and Silver smithing on Saturdays exclusively coming up.. Fees will increase by a small amount for workshop courses. Brian has proposed that we have a new Genie for work shop as we have a good number of users that would meet this need; He has recently priced out two and one can be for Monterey Centre (that he is a member of) and the other for our club; the present ones are quite old. He also has new replacement wheels to help the old ones keep going for now. Committee is also looking for some others who can teach courses within the w/s.

Membership: application for renewal is starting now. Laphound news will now be mailed directly to members and cost will be an extra \$8.00 for the year (updates on these costs will be in the LHN)

Library: Leni is trying out new ways to protect books and more accessible to view when club meetings are held. Suggestion box is also on the Library table for all to add suggestions or comments for Executive to review and address as needed.

Field Trip: Last outing planned to Loss creek, Sooke, cancelled as too much water to access area. So now will be September 16 @ 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning @ Senior's centre parking lot, Juan De Fuca Recreation Centre. Contact Gilles in advance. Note: this information for contact is always in the LHN.

Unfinished Business: none

Programs: encouraging new members to take over this role as a few Executive have been adding this their present volunteer positions. October will be from Carrie and Sean Maier on the BLCS, Creston, Summer Camp. DVD projector needed as in the past years it has been, along with a laptop, from the hospices of Cameron and Gerri's. We now have the overhead pull down screen up in the hall and thanks to Molly Beddington and Co. for getting this done. Executive have given a okay for David Hosking to research DVD projector prices to bring forth for consideration of purchasing.

Future suggestions stated by Greg were for John Gunton and Eileen Van der Flier-Keller (past guests) who would both like to come back again to present other things of interest.

Request by member was made to use microphone for meetings so easier to hear. Patrick responded that due to many cords and trip but will make attempt.

Laphound News: looking for entries into the newsletter to make it as interesting as possible. Membership made it known that we appreciate all her work and doing a great job.

Island Zone: vacant positions coming available shortly for Secretary, Treasurer and Chair. If interested please let Executive know.

Gem Show: We are requiring a Chair show person due to Gerri's illness. Confirmed that we will be continuing March 16 & 17th and at Da Vinci Hall once again. Murdo made it known that we need to, as a club, have this show every year. It would be devastating to see this fail to continue as we have over the years. Emphasis should be made on making this a priority with regards to having a committee established. Tuesday, October 16th @ 7pm in hall and past committee please consider to attend to help new ones along.

New Business: none

Presidents Report: none

Announcements: none

Display Table: Minerals by Brad: serpentine, dolomite, garnets; Gilles brought view of thumb-nail way of displaying minerals; some minerals from Jeffrey Asbestos Mine, Quebec. Brian McMillan has different size grit for flat laps so can contact him to purchase. Sean had specimens from Creston area.

Member Event: enjoyed by all

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mike Hill and seconded by Gerry Bentley.

Membership

Kathleen Kane & Murdo Smith.

Membership renewal for the 2013 calendar year is underway. Here is a clarification of 2013 membership types and rates:

Single Adult (<i>18 years & over</i>)	\$25
Couple (<i>2 Adults at same address</i>)	\$35
One-Adult Family (<i>1 Adult plus children under 18</i>)	\$35
Two-Adult Family (<i>2 Adults plus children under 18</i>)	\$40
Student (<i>over 18, with valid ID card</i>)	\$20

Other options you may pay for at the time of renewal include:

BC Lapidary Society Rockhounder magazine	
-Mailed directly to your address	\$24
BC Lapidary Society Directory (<i>picked up at meeting</i>)	\$ 4
VLMS Nametag Replacement	\$14

Paid up members receive the monthly newsletter, the Laphound News, for free, either electronically via e-mail or as a print copy mailed to them. If a non-member would like to receive the Laphound News there is a \$15 annual charge for printing and mailing.

Editor's Remarks

Leni Gagnon.

This month has gone by so fast. It seems like I just finished the Spetember issue of the Laphound News and now I'm scrambling to get the October issue out. Time just flies by. I have been researching some topics to try out in the next few months. It certainly is an interesting position to hold in the club. Any suggestion?

Field Trips

Gilles Lebrun.

Place: Island View Beach
 When: October 21, 2012
 Meet at: Meet at Island View Beach
 Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Instructions: Please phone Gilles to let him know if you'll be going.

Library Report

Leni Gagnon.

We are enjoying a wonderful September. Now is the time to get out and enjoy the sun while it is still here. Soon it will be time to enjoy the indoors and get into some good reading.

We still have some club badges \$2.00; pins \$2.00; decals \$.75 for sale. You can get them at the library on meeting nights.

Sunshine Corner

Lorena Taylor.



Nothing to report at this time.

SHOWS & EVENTS

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| October | 8-9 | Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club
Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Frear St.,
Roseburg, Oregon |
| October | 12-14 | Friends of Mineralogy 2012 Symposium
Red Lion Motel, Kelso, Washington |
| October | 12-14 | Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Association
Washington County Fairplex, 873 34 th Avenue
Hillsboro, Oregon |
| October | 20-21 | Surrey Rockhounds
Sullivan Hall, 6302 – 152 nd Street, Surrey, BC. |
| October | 27-28 | Bellvue Rock Club
W. Lake Sammish Parkway SE, Bellvue, Washington |
| October | 27-28 | Port Moody Rock & Gem Club
Kyle Center, 125 Kyle St., Port Moody |
| November | 12-16 | Jade Workshop
Where ? |

JADE WORKSHOP

Brian Matheson is hosting a Jade workshop in November. This time it is with a very famous New Zealand carver, Donn Salt. Please feel free to contact Brian at 604 537 8843 or email pagodastone@gmail.com.

CLUB WORKSHOP

Brian McMillan & Brad Woollven

NOTE- in order to take any courses offered by the Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society (VLMS)

- to use the facilities of the workshop, you must ;
 - be a member of VLMS
 - be a student under supervision, or
 - have successfully completed the Basic Lapidary Course

1. Basic Lapidary (#1203) – 10 hours. Will be conducted on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the following dates;
 - a. October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3
 - b. Cost- to be determined, but there will be a slight increase over previous (\$20.00) years.

2. Basic Silver Smithing (#1204) - 10 hours. Will be conducted on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 1:00pm
 - a. November 10, 17, 24, and December 1 and 8
 - b. Cost- to be determined, but there will be a slight increase over previous(20.00) years. There will also be a charge for the silver required, approximately \$50.00.

There are currently 5 people signed up for the Basic Lapidary course, room for one more. If there is the demand, another Basic Lapidary course may be conducted before Christmas, subject to shop space and instructor availability.

The next Basic courses will begin in February 2013. This will permit members time to finish their Christmas projects, give the instructors a break and allow time for some shop maintenance.

To sign up for either of the above courses please
 contact : Brad Woollven-250 727-9175
 or
 Brian MacMillan-250 385-2700

INSTRUCTORS WANTED-members have expressed interest in receiving instruction in the following skills:

- a. Wire wrapping
- b. Opal cutting
- c. Faceting
- d. Precious metal clay
- e. Chains and chain maille
- f. Investment (lost wax) casting
- g. Enamelling

Any member who would like to pass on their skills in any of the above; or if you know of any person, not necessarily a VLMS member, please pass the information to Brad or Brian.

SHOP HINTS

1. To see inside stones before faceting, immerse them in oil of cinnamon or oil of cassia. These are sold in most drug stores. Their refractive index is near that of most gemstones. Surface irregularities of the stones will vanish and you can see the flaws and inclusions.
2. Spic and Span has oxalic acid in it. It is an excellent source for the final polish of tumbled stones. Use one cup of Spic and Span for each six pounds of stone. This is not suggested for calcite-based stones or other soft stones. Test on your stones before using.

Source: Chips & Splinters website; Via : The Pegmatite; Via: Calgary Lapidary Journal-Feb. 2010

DID YOU KNOW ?

Gold is so soft and malleable that 28 grams (one ounce) can be stretched into a hair thin wire that is 80 kilometres (50 miles) long.

The biggest pure gold nugget was found in Australia in 1869. It was 71 kilograms (156 pounds).Platinum is so rare that 8000 kilograms (8 tons) of ore may contain 28 grams (1 ounce) of metal.

The minerals Aegirine, Neptunite , Quitzalcoatite and Watatsumiite are all named after sea gods. In order, the gods are Teutonic, Roman, Toltec and Japanese.

WHY WE HAVE A MINERAL SHOW.

1. Members have a chance to show off work they have done or specimens collected.
2. It is an event that we can look forward to annually. It reacquaints us with friends and fellow rockhounds from near and far.
3. It is educational. We give a crash course in the hobby through demonstration, display cases, answering questions and talking to members.
4. We promote the hobby through word of mouth, brochures, and poster, etc. This spreads information about the hobby to people who do not know about it.

It takes a lot of planning and work to put on a successful show. So now is a good time to start that beautiful piece of work you want to display. It is also a good time to think about putting a showcase together and what to put into it and how best to display it.

Source: Calgary Lapidary Journal and Leni Gagnon

FOR SALE

Assorted rocks including, petrified wood, rhodonite, flowerstone and slabs. There are also some odd tools and books.

Please phone: Barbara at 250-479-7881 for more information.

WANTED

I'm looking for flintknapping items: chert, flint, stained glass and cast-off deer antlers. If there are any of our members wishing to sell or get rid of any of these items they can contact me:

Telephone: 250-592-0159 (leave message) or e-mail me at jaytoo@!shaw.ca. Thank you.

Jay Prazm

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless but because they are PRICELESS.

QUIZ

1. What are the 3 basic categories for lapidary?
2. What is the more common name for Ulura? (hint: Northern Territories, Australia).
3. In what kind of rock are fossils found?
4. What are the building blocks of rocks?
5. Manufactured gems are called?
6. In what city in the U.S.A. is there a large Rock/Mineral/Fossil Show held each winter?

7. What is Coprolite?
8. What kind of rock is formed when Magma solidifies?
9. What is the mineral name for Ruby in Zoisite?
10. In what city was Summer Camp held this year?

TRIP TO PORT ANGELES

Leni Gagnon

Patrick thought it would be good if a group of the Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society members could get together and go to support the members of the Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association and their Mineral Show which was held on September 8 & 9th.

Every year members of their club come to Victoria for our show but we haven't been able to go to theirs. In the past the CCGMA has held their show later in October. By this time the Coho sailings have been cut. We would have had to stay overnight, which is not always possible for our members. This time we were determined to support them.

It was decided to go by car but we couldn't get reservations for Saturday (which was our preferred day). It was then decided to go as walk-on passengers. After emailing back and forth for a couple of weeks, 7 of us went. Patrick Lydon, Margaret Stead, Jessica Hedberg, Natashia and George Mihova, Yvan and Leni Gagnon. We were picked up in Port Angeles by Ed.

We had a great time and bought some treasures. We met some wonderful folks who were very appreciative of our support. The Vern Burton Community Center is a nice facility with lots of parking. We decided to walk back to the ferry terminal to catch some of the sun and the 5:20 ferry home.

Perhaps the best thing to come about from this trip was the camaraderie and fun we had as club members. I would highly recommend that we make it an annual event for us with more members joining in.

OCTOBER BIRTHSTONE

OPAL & TOURMALINE

October is another month that has two birthstones. The traditional one has always been the opal and the newer one, since 1952, is the tourmaline. Both are beautiful and very colourful.

The opal comes the Latin word "Opalus" meaning "precious stone".
Tourmaline is thought to come from the Singhales (Sri Lankan) word "Tura Mili" meaning "stone with mixed colours".

OPAL

Most opal is about 65 million years old and is formed where ancient volcanic hot springs existed. Opals contain up to 10% of water and must be protected from heat or harsh chemicals, which will cause damage to the gem.

Precious opal is opal that is used to make gems. The silica particles are packed in regular rows and layers. Moving the stone causes light to diffract, or split, as it grazes the opal surface. This light diffusion shows iridescent flashes of green, blue, aqua and sometimes yellowish or red colours, which are referred to as fire.

The chief area from which opals come is Australia (98%). Many fine opals also come from Mexico. Other locations are Brazil, USA, Central America, Japan and Ethiopia.

Opal is symbolic of faithfulness and confidence. Opal is also the accepted gem for the 13th wedding anniversary.

TOURMALINE

Tourmaline occurs as lustrous elongated crystals commonly having a rounded triangular cross section and narrow grooves running parallel to their long direction. Tourmalines are formed in granites and granite pegmatites. They are found chiefly in Brazil, East Africa, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Eastern USA.

Tourmalines are often referred to as “Gemstones of the Rainbows”.

Tourmaline has an unusual property. When it is warmed or rubbed it attracts bits of paper and lint. This comes from charged static electricity. Ben Franklin used tourmaline in his experiments with electricity.

Tourmalines are symbolic of balance, endurance and safety.

Sources: Geminews September 2010; Wikipedia

Answers to quiz:

1. tumbling, cabachon cutting and carving
2. Ayer’s Rock
3. Sedimentary
4. minerals
5. synthetic gems
6. Tucson, Arizona
7. dinosaur dung (Poop)
8. igneous
9. Anylite
10. Creston, BC.



She looked like a sculpture
 Chipped from black onyx
 On exhibit in the middle of my path home
 Her eyes were like two topaz stones, fixed
 Shining like lighthouse beacons
 Or a hypnotist’s medallion on the upswing
 I stood there like an art critic
 Admiring her chiseled form
 Then she broke from the pose
 Leaving the path empty
 And me with bad luck

Source: internet- Halloween site and images

MINERAL SHOW MEETING

REMEMBER TO ATTEND THE MINERAL SHOW 2013 PLANNING MEETING ON OCTOBER 16th. THE PLACE IS OUR REGULAR MEETING PLACE AT 7:00 p.m.

It is important that we get as many members to help out as possible especially the newer members. We need you to acquire the experience and knowledge to be able to carry on with the show in the future.