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NEXT MEETING:

When: Monday, April 6, 2015

Place: Burnside Lawnbowling
Clubhouse
274 Hampton Rd.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: What do Cenotes of Mexico and Dead Dinosaurs Have in Common? - Amazing Facts about Yucatan Mexico's Most Famous Geological Feature" followed by a short film on diving in Cenotes.

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

When: Last Monday of every month
(**no** meeting July, August & December)

Place: Club Workshop, 286 Hampton

Time: 7:00 p.m.

FIELD TRIP:

When: Sunday April 19, 2015

Where: Muir Creek

Time: 9 am-5

Meeting place: Colwood Senior
Centre parking lot

Please call Gilles Lebrun if you plan to attend

For further details see page 2

WORKSHOP:

When: Thursday evenings

Where: 286 Hampton Rd.

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

When: Saturdays

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

NOTE: When classes are being run, the Saturday hours will be from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Check with Brian or Karen.

You must have taken the lapidary course before you can use the machines. If you are interested in taking a course, contact Brian or Karen at vlmsworkshop@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have enjoyed yet another successful Rock and Gem Show. This is fully due to the efforts of all the folks that volunteer and make the show happen! A big Thank You to the Show Chairs, the committee, and all the people that came out and helped. The VLMS is dependent on the show for our operations budget and for exposure to the public and hence new members. The show has become a landmark event in the Rock and Gem community in not just BC but Western Canada. We depend on the effort of the club members to make that happen, so if you are not contributing please ask yourselves "Why Not?!" and come out to the next show meeting to find out how you can contribute.

Cameron Speedie

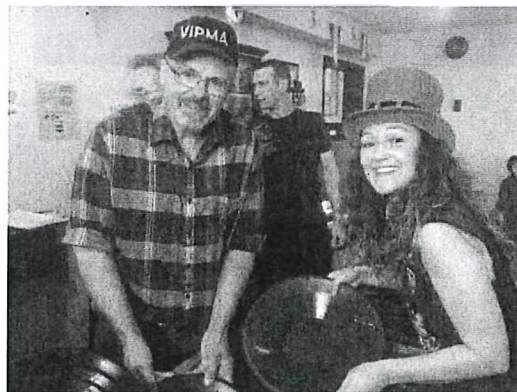
EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I was just tickled this year to be able to attend and help out with the Rock and Gem Show. For the last 5 years I was actively looking for a Rock and Gem show to attend, but I was travelling so much I kept missing the shows wherever I went! So you can imagine how excited I was to finally be in the right place at the right time.

I found the show to be a little overwhelming for me, stimulating to all my senses! So many rocks, crystals, fossils, minerals all in one place, sparkling under the chandeliers; I found I really needed two days and several hours to see and buy and experience all the treasures I wanted to see and buy...until I finally had to cut myself off and send myself home.

The show provided a wonderful opportunity to connect and learn from geologists, artisans and gem and mineral dealers from the Island and beyond. As well I think my boyfriend has caught the gold fever after panning with the boys from the local Vancouver Island Placer mine Association. He has been showing off his vile of gold flakes to all our friends, and is now asking me to dig out my gold pans and shovels, Thank you Perry and boys!

Jennifer Good



FIELD TRIPS

On Sunday April 19, Gilles will be guiding us on a field trip to Muir Creek. We will be hunting for fossils of the early Neogene period, 15-25 million years ago. According to the Muir Creek website, we can expect to find gastropods, bivalves and barnacles, fossilized wood (60 million y/o), and even marine mammals. The three mammals identified there were:

Chonecetus, a primitive whale;
Cornwallius Sookensus, a species of *Desmostyilia*, a semi-aquatic mammal;
and perhaps a *Kolponomos*- a large, bear-like carnivore, (or similar species).

If you would like to join us for the field trip please call Gilles Lebrun and let him know you will be there. Meet at 9 am at the Colwood Senior Centre parking lot.

Source:

www.muircreek.org/Fossils.html

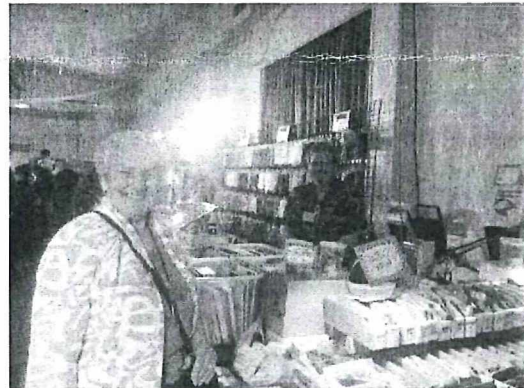


SUNSHINE CORNER

Lorena Taylor

Please send warm thoughts and kind words to John Burns and family as he is in hospital at present.

Lorena keeps in contact with Molly Beddington regularly, and says she is doing well.



GEM SHOW 2015

The Rock and Gem Show put on by VLMS was a great success!

Special thanks to Allana Shillito, Gerri Speedie, and the rest of the hard working organizers!

Congratulations and thanks to the demonstrators, show case contributors, donators, and volunteers.



Library Report

S Burnside/ C Paton

For those of you that don't know!
The Library is full of interesting books for members to sign out each month, Minerals, Gold Panning, Lapidary just to name a few. There are Magazines as well Rock and Gem and Lapidary. The Library is open each month Except for December (Christmas Dinner) and May (Auction). Every book in the VLMS Library was donated, many have in memory of someone that has passed away. I encourage members to stop by the Library at our next meeting April 6, 2015 and see if there is a book that interest you. I am usually set up by 7:00 pm each meeting.

Happy Rouckhound reading Sylvan & Christine



MEMBERSHIP COMITTEE

Margaret Braithwaite

Last meeting we omitted to welcome new members enrolled at the workshop

Joanne Kenzie and
Stirling and Mrs Parker

At the last meeting new member Jeff Kidd joined.

At our show with Arlene's help we enrolled:

Vanessa Barbosa and her
children Carter and Lukas

Dean and Janine Wolfe and their
children Nathan, Benjamin and
Zachary

Sara Quist and Peter Platten and
their child Thea Tate

Diane Nichol and Oscar Corletto
and their son Michael Nichol who
operate Bamboo Beads etc.

Peter Lerch and Maria Powers of
Mias Metals

Jess Kisby and Theo Dwyer
Gina Pinangat and
Cherrie Jenkins

Please welcome these new members
and help them enjoy our club's shared
interests.

To all members who annual dues were
submitted to BCLS in December their
cards are now available for pick-up.



SHOWS AND EVENTS

Please note there were many shows that came up for April-May, I have only listed those as far off as Oregon- for others not listed here visit

www.rockngem.com/ShowDates

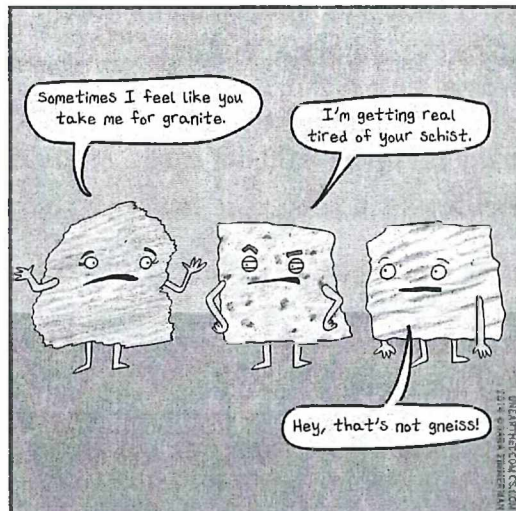
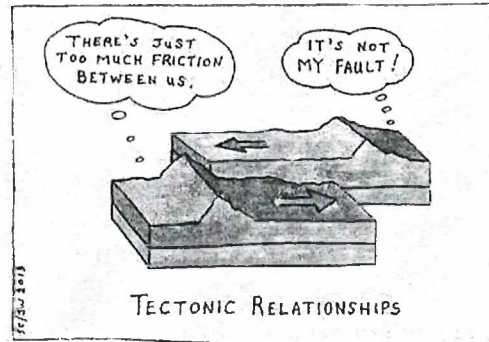
- Sweet Home, Oregon March 28-
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- Eugene Oregon April 3-5
- Abbotsford BC April 10-12
- Yakima Washington April 11-12
- Kennewick Washington April 18-19
- Grant Pass Oregon April 24-26
- Elma Washington April 25-26
- Seattle Washington April 25-26
- Roseburg Oregon May 2-3
- Everett Washington May 2-3
- Lakeview Oregon May 16-17
- Seattle Washington May 16-17
- Ripple Rock Gem & Mineral Show, Campbell River June 13,14

(looking for vendors/displays call Molly Milroy 250-203-2447 or email mollymilroy@gmail.com)

VLMS CLUB BURSARY

Our club is proud to offer a bursary meant for students of gemology or earth sciences programs, the bursary is worth \$1000 towards classes of this nature. Please see the attached notice and application form. Applications must be received by the executive by May 15, 2015; they will come to a decision by June 15.

JOKE CORNER



**KEEP
CALM
AND
LICK
ROCKS**

VICTORIA LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY

Post-secondary education bursary:

The VLMS is a non-profit society with the objectives of promoting interest in the lapidary arts and in geology and its various branches especially in reference to Vancouver Island. Use of VLMS resources to support students studying in the earth sciences makes an ongoing contribution to the hobby and knowledge of earth sciences.

The VLMS may grant up to two bursaries in the amount of \$1,000 each per academic year. The students eligible to apply must be residents of Vancouver Island at the time of their application and must intend to be, or be, registered in an earth sciences program at a public post secondary educational institution located in BC.

Applications must be received by May 15 of the year in which the course or program starts (usually this will be in September). The applications will be reviewed by the VLMS board of directors or a committee of the board. The decision on successful applicants will be made by the board of directors by June 15.

Any person resident on Vancouver Island at the time of application who has been accepted into, or intends to register for, an earth sciences program or course for the next starting academic year may be nominated by a member of any of the BCLS Island Zone lapidary and mineral clubs for the bursary. The bursary may be applied to the cost of tuition and books for earth sciences courses or other expenses reasonably related to such courses at any publicly funded post secondary institution in BC.* The person can be nominated for a bursary each year they are registered in the program. One of the bursaries will be awarded to an applicant resident in the Capital Regional District and the other to an applicant resident elsewhere on Vancouver Island. If no applicant from either the CRD or elsewhere on Vancouver Island is deemed suitable, the bursary which would have been awarded in that geographical area may be awarded to an applicant from the other area. No award will be made if no applicant is deemed suitable for the bursary. If the person to whom a bursary is awarded does not register in an earth sciences program or course as was expected and was the basis for making the award, the bursary must be returned to the VLMS.

The bursary will be advertised on the VLMS website and Facebook, in the Laphound News, in the BCLS Rockhounder and by notice to the Island Zone executive.

The selection criteria include:

- nomination by a current member of an Island Zone club;
- demonstrated interest in relevant subject areas such as the lapidary arts, earth sciences, ecology or natural history;
- proof of acceptance to a BC public post secondary education institution in the year of the application;
- experience in extra-curricula school and community education, sport or social services activities;
- course or program and year in program in which person is registered or intends to register.

* There are 25 publicly funded post-secondary institutions in BC: 11 universities, 11 colleges and 3 institutes (www.aved.gov.bc.ca/publicpsed/welcome.htm).

VLMS Post-secondary education bursary application:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Date application submitted to VLMS: _____
Institution to be attended: _____
City of the institution: _____
Program or course(s) which you plan to take: _____
Program or course(s) start date: _____
Degree, diploma or certificate sought: _____

Attach pages with not more than 600 words to describe your previous and current interest in the earth sciences, lapidary arts or other subject related to the purposes of the VLMS bursary.

Attach pages with not more than 600 words to describe your involvement in extra-curricular school, sport or community service activities.

Attach:

- A resumé or CV (include extra-curricular activities, sports, community activities, work experience and any hobbies)
- Signed and dated nomination form (scanned and emailed is sufficient)
- Post-secondary education institution letter of acceptance (scanned and emailed is sufficient)

Applications must be submitted to VLMS by email or post by May 15th of the year in which the program starts. Email: vlms@vlms.ca Website: www.vlms.ca

VLMS Post-secondary education bursary nomination form:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone and email: _____
Member of which Island Zone Club: _____
How many years have you been a member: _____
Email of club secretary to confirm current membership: _____
How long have you known the applicant? _____
Name of and your relationship to the applicant? _____

Attach page(s) with not more than 300 words describing your knowledge of how the applicant has demonstrated an interest in the lapidary arts, earth sciences or other subject related to the purposes of the VLMS bursary.

Attach page(s) with not more than 300 words explaining why are you nominating the applicant. (Include things like applicant's interests in the subject area, school, sport and community activities, applicant's activities in your club, etc.)

Signature

Date