

LAPHOUND NEWS

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NEXT MEETING:

When: Monday, November 2, 2015

Place: Burnside Lawnbowling
Clubhouse
274 Hampton Rd.

Time: 7:30 pm (doors open at 7 pm)

PROGRAM: To be announced

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: November 22, 2015

Where: East Sooke Park

Time: 9 am till...whenever

Meeting place: Colwood Senior
Centre

**Please call Gilles Lebrun if you plan
to attend**

For further details see page 3

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

Upcoming Classes

Karen is hoping to get some classes started this fall. Intro to Lapidary, Beginner silver-smithing, and perhaps a beginner wire wrapping class. Please call or email Karen if you are interested.

Instructors Needed

VLMS members have shown interest in advanced lapidary/casting/advanced silver-smithing classes and more but we need someone able to teach it. If you have the skills and can spare a couple hours for a few Saturdays to teach a class, please contact Karen.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

It has been a very exciting fall!

Emilio and I finally had the opportunity to join Gilles and the club for a field trip at the end of September. We went to Loss creek and panned for gold and garnets. We were successful! Quite a few of the participants found flakes of gold and garnets. It was wonderful to have help from experienced gold panners, (Gilles and Pat) giving direction on where to look and how to pan. What a beautiful location, we are so blessed to be on the Island!

Otherwise, I have been spending time doing research on metal clay. I ordered bronze and silver clay and have been having fun experimenting.

-Jen Good

Regarding the Laphound News: If anyone would like to write an article for the paper I would really appreciate it!



Emilio and I - there is gold in them thar vials!

FIELD TRIPS

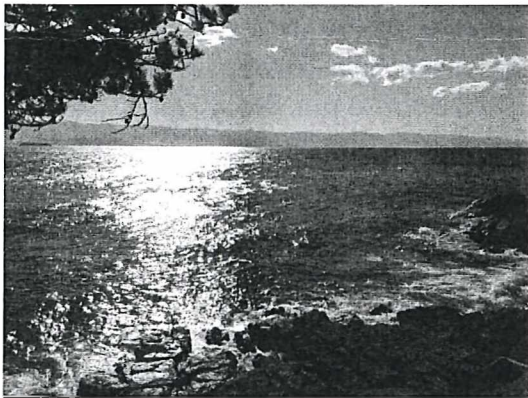
November Field Trip November 22, 2015 East Sooke Park

Expect about a kilometer of walking in a beautiful backdrop of forest and ocean. Gilles will offer a study of the geology, and then beachcombing for beautiful stones. There are garnets and opals from volcanic origin. If time permits Gilles may take you by an old Iron Mine that was first established by Spanish explorers.

Meet at 9 am at the Colwood Senior Centre.

Please bring plenty of food and water, and sacks for collecting rocks. Hoes, or 3-prong rakes would be useful for searching. Appropriate footwear for hiking and weather appropriate clothing is recommended.

Please call Gilles ahead of time to let him know you are coming.



East Sooke Park

Sunshine Corner **Lorena Taylor**

Thankfully there is nothing to report this month.

As the flu season is coming up on us, we wish all our members health and wellness.



Rock and Gem Show 2016

Alanna Shilito is the chair for this year's Rock and Gem Show. She is already busy planning and needs our help! It takes many volunteers to help it run as beautifully as it does, and recruitment has already begun.

The second planning meeting will be held November 17, 2015 at 7 pm at the Burnside Lawnbowling Clubhouse.

Come on out!



Photo: Rock and Gem Show 2015

Library Report
S Burnside/ C Paton

I spent two Mondays doing Library Inventory. When I started inventory I had 42 missing books I am down to 32. Some of the missing Library books were borrowed dating back to 2011. To all members that have borrowed books from VLMS library, please return on November 2, 2015 or please contact me to arrange to drop them off to me. My number is 250 360 - 0418 or email burnsidesylvan@yahoo.ca. I will send out emails to those who have not returned books.

I will not accept members telling me they have already returned them or I gave them to so and so to return for me and I returned them at the Christmas party. Those that do not return library books will not be able to borrow from the library again and they will have to pay to replace them.

Thank you Sincerely Sylvan Burnside
VLMS Librarian

If you're looking for VLMS Crests, Pins or Stickers they are available at the Library. Crests are \$3.00 each Pins are \$6.00 each and Stickers are \$2.00 each. If there is any other VLMS items that you feel we should have such as T-Shirts, Hats, Jackets, Mugs ect. please let me know so we can talk it over with Council in.

SHOWS AND EVENTS

VERNON LAPIDARY & MINERAL CLUB

Mall Show

October 23 & 24, 2015
Both days - all day
Village Green Centre
4900 27 Street, Vernon BC

PORT MOODY ROCK & GEM CLUB

October 24 & 25, 2015
Annual Rock & Gem Show
Kyle Centre
125 Kyle Street, Port Moody, BC
Contact: Andrew Danneffel
For more information visit: Port Moody Rock & Gem Club

DELTA ROCKHOUND GEM & MINERAL CLUB

November 7 & 8, 2015
Annual Rock & Gem Show
Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am – 5:00pm
South Delta Recreation Centre
1720 - 56 Street, Delta (Tsawwassen)

13-15—PUYALLUP,

WASHINGTON: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc, Washington State Fair Events Center; 110 9th Ave SW; Fri. Noon-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Students, Adults + Seniors \$7, Children ages 0-11 are free!; Web site: <http://www.gemfaire.com>

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Margaret Braithwaite

At the last meeting we welcomed as
new members:

Sarah Harrison
David Jackson
John Mitchell

Bethany Couture and
Jennie Sparkes who are joining in
2016

I'm pleased to report that 16 more
membership renewals have been
made and again encourage everyone
to renew promptly.

In response to the request for
membership numbers at the last
meeting a brief census follows:

Paid for 2015:

Singles: 65
Couples: 30 (60)
Families: 7 (12+13j)
Students: 2
TOTALS: 104 M'ships
139 adults
13 juniors

{Included in the above}

New Members in 2015:

Singles: 21
Couples: 6 (12)
Families: 3 (5=5)
Students: 1
Totals: 31 M'ships
{40a + 5j}

2014 memberships

not renewed:

Singles: 21
Couples: 2(4)
Totals:
23 M'ships
25a

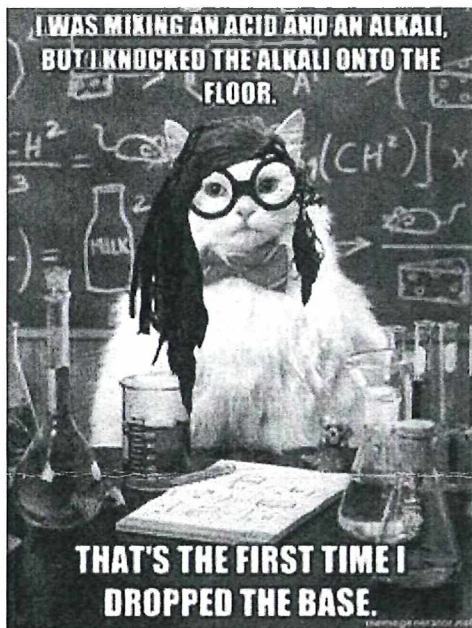
I hope this information is satisfactory.

Part of the Membership duties is to
have the record of memberships at
every meeting and that is the large
black binder which is usually stashed
below the desk. The roster of
members who do not object to sharing
personal information is available on
the website which is becoming more
effective and informative as we move
along thanks to Allana.

Rockhounder magazine's spring issue
is out and we will have some available
for \$7.25 at the meeting. We also have
many undelivered membership cards
both from our club and BCLS. Please
pick yours up at the meeting if you
have not already done so.

JOKE CORNER





VLMS MEETING MINUTES October 5, 2015

- 1) Call to Order: 7:35 pm
- 2) Recognize and Welcome Guests and New Members (have them stand and applauded)
- 3) Minutes of Last Meeting – read out if needed, ask for any errors or omissions – Motion to accept: passed quickly by president.
- 4) Treasurer's Report: Balance for October 2015: Forward (firm Sep/15): \$ 21394.14
Credits \$ Debits \$
Petty Cash \$ 35.00
Total: \$11, 948.79
- 5) Correspondence: None.
- 6) Reports: none
 - a) Sunshine Corner: Everyone Healthy!
 - b) Workshop: Sat starting Oct 22 and Thursday one Starts next Sat oct 17th start 11 am -1pm and go for 5 weeks. Grandfathered waiting list the course, the fees will be \$30. Once the waiting list has been cleared up, the course fees go up to \$75. This includes cost of workshop, materials and instruction.
 - c) Courses: Silver course is planned before Christmas.
 - d) Membership: membership fees due now and are due Dec 31, 2015.
 - e) Library: Overdue books now going to be emailed a notice by Sylvan. Stickers \$2, pins \$6 and sew on crests \$3.
 - f) Field Trips: Oct 18th Island View Beach, just meet Giles there, 9 am.
 - g) Programs: Death Valley by Cameron Speedie.
 - h) Laphound: absent.
 - i) Island Zone: Gemboree by the Cowichan Valley Rock Hounders will be held in 2016. Next year the Cowichan Rockhounds, on July 8-10 2015, will be securing Camp Korena near Bright Angel Park Kohlsialiah River.
 - j) Rock and Gem Show: first meeting of the year Oct 20, 2015, 7 pm.

k) New Business:

a gentleman has come to the club wanting to sell his mother's rock collection.

l) Announcements:

Raise a motion to Jen Goode for her fine efforts taking up with the Lap Hound News.

TV (older type) up for takes. The club no longer needs the TV now that we have a projector.

December meeting is a Christmas social with a potluck affair. A small gift exchange with a gender specific ID also takes place. Wow! Only in 2 more meetings!

m) President Report: work has been concerted in getting the workshop up with new wheels.

7) Display Tables: Giles, free samples, Robert Belz, examples of lovely minerals from California, Sean Maijer, Vanessa Stebbens, Nick.

8) Coffee Break: @ 8:05 pm

9) Member's Event:

10) Program: DVD on Death Valley.

