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NEXT MEETING:

When: March 7th 2016

Place: Burnside Lawnbowling
Clubhouse
274 Hampton Rd.

Time: 7:00 pm

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: February 28^h at 9:00am

Where: French Beach

What: The group will meet at the seniors centre at Juan De Fuca in Colwood. We will Stroll along the beautiful and scenic French Beach looking for garnets. It will be cold by the water as it is February and this is weather permitting. Please dress warmly and bring water for the walk.

Workshop

As usual the workshops are open from 7pm-9pm on Thursdays and 11am-1pm Saturdays. For the time being courses are on hold pending review.

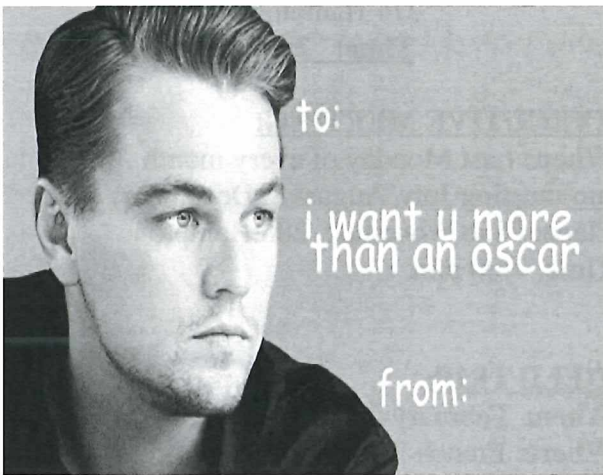
You must have taken the lapidary course before you can use the machines. If you are interested in taking a course, contact Brian or Karen at vlmsworkshop@gmail.com

President's Message

I hope 2016 has been treating everyone well so far. There are lots of rock related activities coming up like our show and others. The weather is getting better as well and the field trips await. I hope you, if able, can get out and enjoy some of these events.

Cameron Speedie

Happy Valentine's Day!



I'll be celebrating Valentine's Day
Han's style...



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Winter is a time of stasis. The cold weather and grey skies here in Victoria give birth to windstorms and rain. It's easy to get swept up in the swirling tempests and get demotivated. It's important, especially after the fall-out of the holidays to take care of oneself. Make sure you are eating plenty of vegetables and fruits and don't forget to drink lots of water and sleep properly. Exercise is also key at this time of year to stay stable and healthy! And don't forget to love yourselves and others!

Note: To the gentleman I spoke with after the meeting on February 1st who was selling the three wooden showcases; I am sorry to say I misplaced your contact information. I am still interested in viewing them myself as well as more than happy to post your ad in the next issue. Please email me your details for me to add here.



Source: Instagram, Earth and Bone

Monthly Mineral

With love in the air as Valentine's day approaches, I thought I would pick this month's mineral in kind with The Heart Stone, AKA Rose Quartz. Rose Quartz owes its soft, pink hue to the added minerals or iron, titanium or manganese in it's makeup. Like all quartz it is up to a 7 on the Mohs scale of hardness and is a fairly brittle stone.

A silicon dioxide crystal, Rose Quartz is one of the most common varieties of the Quartz family. It is found in abundance around the world and occurs only in massive form, with no crystal faces, edges or terminations. It is hazy to translucent, and is usually found in the cores of granite pegmatites. Its name is derived from its soft rose colour, which ranges from very pale pink to deep reddish-pink and is due to trace amounts of titanium, iron, or manganese in the massive material. It also contains microscopic fiber inclusions of rutile or a borosilicate similar to dumortierite that can occasionally produce a cat's eye or "star" effect when polished into cabochons or spheres. The colour of Rose Quartz is very stable and will not fade with heat or direct sunlight.

Rose Quartz is most commonly known as the stone most associated with the heart and all emotions in and around love and affection. It's a stone that doesn't just span to romantic love but also friendship and familial relationships.

Clearly it is closest linked to the heart chakra and is a stone of trust, soothing in difficult situations and of bonding between people.

This stone is a stone of healing and has been used as such for centuries. Ancient Roman and Egyptian cultures believed this stone was good for the complexion and helps to prevent wrinkles. Evidence of this is Rose Quartz facial masks having been discovered in tombs of Egypt. The history books often referred to Rose Quartz by the names Bohemian or Silesian Ruby.

If you feel yourself unable to properly express you emotions, if you are feeling depressed or deprived of sleep this can be a very calming stone and is one of the most basic yet effective worry or palm stones to keep about!



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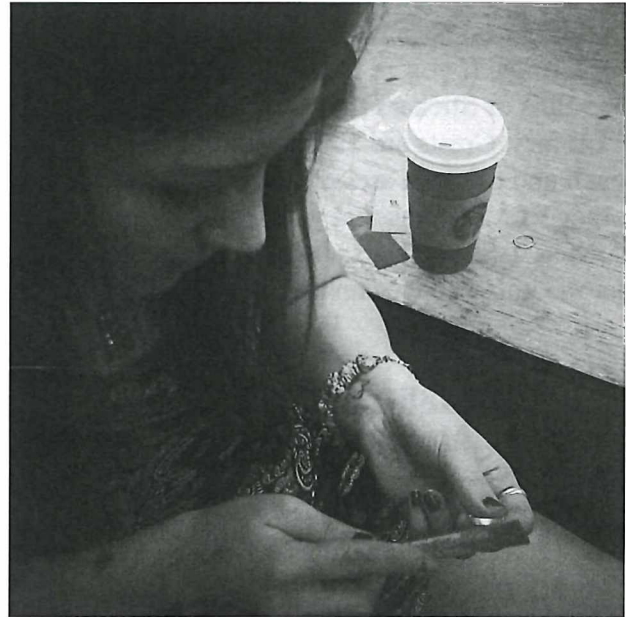


Photo: Melissa filing away at her first ring in Silversmithing

Rock and Gem Show 2016

This year's rock and Gem show is only a month away! If you are interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up sheet available in the workshop for people to peruse. If you are unable to get there for any reason, or have questions or concerns about the show, Allana Shillito is our chair and can address these. Please remember that many hands make light work and the continued success of our beloved show rests in the hands of generous volunteers! Just a couple hours of your time helps immensely!

Library Report S Burnside/ C Paton

There were several outstanding library books returned at last meeting. Please remember library books are due back at our monthly meetings. 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 etc, please let me know so we can talk it over with Council in.

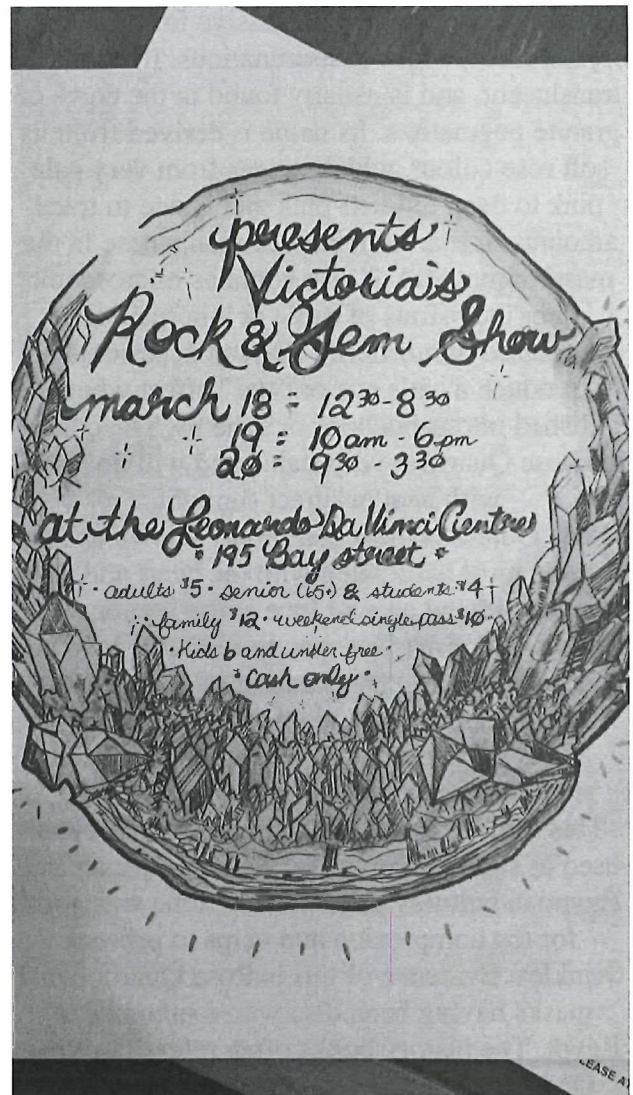
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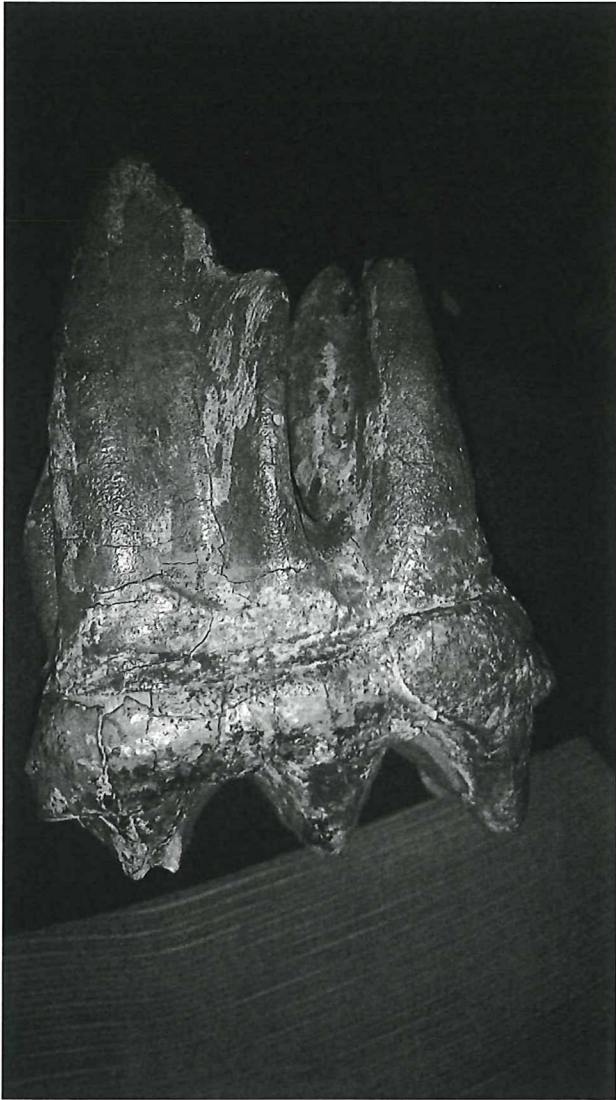
Thank you to all members who have paid their dues for 2016.

Membership cards will be available at the desk for pick-up.

Sunshine Corner

We would like to welcome our new head of The Sunshine Corner Mr. Patrick Lydon! All our thanks to Patrick for taking over the esteemed position and may he have a long and happy stint keeping us up to date on our many members. Thanks Patrick!





when he was living on the family farm in Alberta, these multitudes of fossils. Most were interesting enough and of very good quality. They featured ferns, tiny fish or was probably dino-poop. The true ruby on top of it all, however, was the beauty you see in the above photo. This is a paleo mastadon tooth. My grandpa was kind enough to provide visual aids in the way of a textbook in which he has circled the applicable mammal. (Letter 'E'.) I held this massive molar in my hands and it was in stellar condition. It was surprisingly heavy and I could feel the antiquity in the specimen. I hope you all enjoy feasting you eyes on this as much as I enjoyed being in it's presence!

This past Christmas I was visiting my grandparents for Christmas dinner, as I do every year. This year, unlike most I decided to open up about my more new-found lapidary hobby, as well as my budding interest for fossils. Upon hearing this my grandfather disappeared into his back room to fetch something. These cavernous rooms are notoriously filled with horded relics, though most had been explored in my youth. What he brought me, however, loving nestled in an old shoe box, was not the surprise I was expecting over the holidays. My Grandpa told me that in his younger days he had found, (that's right- FOUND) way back

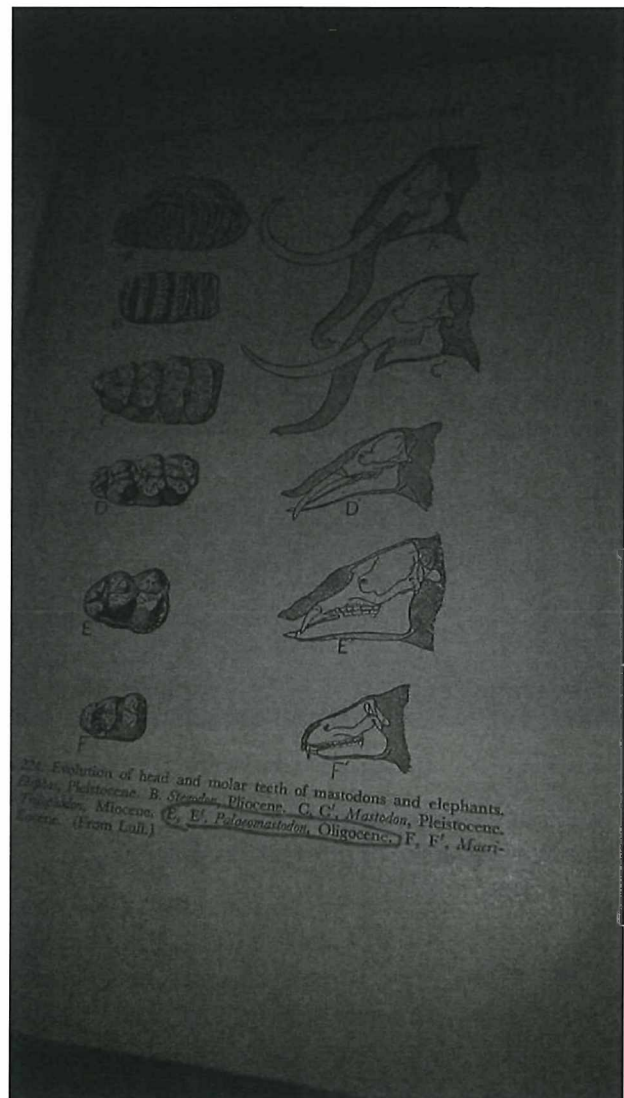




Photo: Side view of my Grandfather's Paleomastodon Tooth from his fossil collection

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Gordon Taylor's Lapidary equipment is for sale by appointment only, please call Lorena at 250-384-0755

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