



East KingCo Rock Club

February 2012 Newsletter

NOVEMBER MEETING

Location: Juanita Community Club
13027 - 100th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98034

When: Friday, January 20, 2012. 7:30 p.m. (7:00 p.m. for juniors)

Regular Program: Show preparation.

Youth Program: To be determined.

NEWS AND MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 20, 2012

The kids meeting started at 7:00 despite the snow storm. The kids had fun making bracelets of all kinds, memory wire and hemp bracelets; perfect for Valentine's gifts.

The adult meeting started at 7:30 with a discussion on the upcoming field trips. The Rose Mae Trip on the 22nd of January, and the Whidbey Island Beach Trip on the 12th of February. Since we had such a cold snap and a lot of snow, the dig portion of the Rose Mae's trip is cancelled, the ground is too frozen and the roads too snowed over to get to the dig site. The details of both field trips will be emailed out as a reminder to everyone.

Our club show at Pickering Barn on the 3rd and the 4th of March was the main topic of the meeting. Most of the vendors have signed up for their spaces in the show. We are down to one table available. The tables have been ordered for the club and the vendors that have paid the rental fee. Flyers have been sent out and delivered to various locations for advertising. This is the club's main source for fund raising and we hope for a great turnout of customers and volunteers to make this a successful show.

Elizabeth is the chairperson for the display cases. Elizabeth took names at the meeting for participants, there are 12 cases available, it sounds like a good portion are taken so don't delay in getting your name in. Some new electrical cords are needed for show, we voted on the cost of these items and it was approved.

The show schedule is as follows:

- March 2nd (Friday) Set up begins at 4:00
- March 3rd (Saturday) 8:00 for Club members / Vendors – Show Runs 10:00 till 6:00
- March 4th (Sunday) 8:00 for Club members / Vendors – Show Runs 10:00 till 5:00

The main portion of our meeting was Vance and Sharon giving a wonderful presentation on Specific Gravity.

We had various specimens for the club to play with, Vance and Sharon set up a pool, and scale. Vance asked for an assistant and with a little poking and prodding Fiona took the stage. Guesses were made, and fun was had by all. Specific Gravity is the measure of the density of a substance to the mass of an equal volume of water. This will help aid in determining what kind of mineral it is. The other factors in determining what you have would be color, luster, streak test, hardness, cleavage, etc.

The meeting ended with the finalization of the raffles and auctions and the winners received their prizes. We also enjoyed snacks at the beginning and at the end of the meeting.

The meeting/party adjourned at approx. 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Lewis
Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 12, 2012

February board Meeting - held on February 12th @ 7:30 at Sharon's home.

We had the meeting a week later than usual, so that we would get more attendance since the regular time fell on the super bowl this year.

Most of the meeting we discussed the upcoming March show. We have one open space that we are going to sell to a new vendor; we had been holding it open for one of our usual vendors that have not responded. Since it is way past their deadline, we are giving the opportunity for someone else to do the show. We all agreed that is the fair and pertinent thing to do.

The games we decided to go with this year for the show are as follows: Crystal Shapes, Pewter figurines (only 1-per stone), Oat bog, Wheel spin, Drop Jar & Fossil Dig. Norma will bring the old signs from previous years so that we can see what needs to be remade or corrected. We need to get oats from Maureen for the Oat bog game. The auction table will be the same as usual since it has been a success in the past few years.

Jack Chains and Conduit needs to be purchased for the signs to hang from. We also still need to get three 6' cords for the show. These should be our major expenses left for the show, since most of the supplies have been purchased in previous years.

The next topic of the board meeting was the upcoming meeting in February on the 17th. The adult program will be everyone helping out redoing signs, and figuring out what to charge for each game. We will also be finishing up name tags if we have time. During the meeting we need to assign people to help with the pickup of rocks and game stuff for the show from Maureen's and Norma's house. The more volunteers the better, they need to pick up the week before and then bring them to set up on Friday the 2nd at 4:00pm. If there are any open spots for the display cases those will need to be filled.

The kid's program is put on by the Junior Committee, and we look forward to seeing what they come up with this month, and hope to have a schedule soon for the upcoming year's programs. We will add this information to the website upon availability. Evan is emailing Heather to see what the plan is for this month.

Shed update: All the siding is up and 90% of the wood is done on the inside. The next step is electrical and painting.

We talked about the trustee's doing an annual financial audit, this has not been done in a while and we hope this will happen before the end of the year if all the schedules can coincide.

Robin is creating a form for everyone to use upon submitting expenses, this will make everything clear and uniform.

The Rockhounding bill that was going to restrict rockhounding is being allowed to die. That is great news for all and hopefully will be the end of it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Lewis
Secretary

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Club members are **encouraged** to send in photos and reports of recent activities and projects for the web site and newsletter!

UPDATE ON HB2600: NORMA KICKERT

This bill was changed based on the hearing that was held and not for the better; the marked up bill changed the weight limit to 25 pounds per day 250 pounds per year, and prohibited rockhounding on any land that mineral rights were not researched or clear on, which is just about everywhere, so this bill will be allowed to die on June 30 with the blessings of rockhounds everywhere. Perhaps another try will be done next year. At this time, meetings are taking place with DNR to iron out agreements so that at the next try they will be a “for” instead of an “against.” So there is no more need to email and write legislators in support of the bill.

JANUARY MEETING PHOTO: SHANNON HEASLETT



WHIDBEY ISLAND FIELD TRIP REPORT: SHANNON HEASLETT

On Sunday, Feb. 12th the Rock Club went on a Field Trip led by Shannon over to Whidbey Island. After a ferry boat ride we arrived on Island about 9:30 a.m. and headed to the first beach up by the Coupeville to Port Townsend ferry terminal. Weather was good with a bit of a wind. We spent a good 1-1/2 hours on this beach collecting beach rock and some of the club members were also picking up garbage and debris just to get it off the beach. Which as it turned out was a good thing to do for the environment and as it turned out Shannon was approached by a Washington State Park Ranger as he was called to the beach because of our large group we had their taking things off the State beach. A neighbor in a nearby home had reported us being there. So, as a good selling point Shannon pointed out to the Park Ranger that we all complied and had our Washington State Discover Passes in our vehicles. We only were picking up a small amount of beach rocks and no driftwood. We were even picking up litter to leave the area cleaner than when we arrived.

From there we headed to our second beach looking out over the Strait of Juan De Fuca and collected some larger sized beach rock, and took more photos as the weather was still nice and the winds had died down.

After about an hour we all headed off to the Rock Show in Oak Harbor and stayed there till it closed about 4:00 pm.

As usual it was a good show and we all had good conversations with the vendors behind the booths.

I did not get in as much bird watching as we have done in the past but did manage to see bald eagles, cormorants, hawks, kingfishers, herons, mourning doves, harlequin ducks and deer. (No bigfoot sighting this time.)

All total our group was 20 people, some beachcombing, some attending the Rock Show. Thank you from Shannon for making it another fun outing for me and our Rock Club.





ARIZONA MINE DUMP VISIT: BRUCE AND FIONA KELLEY

While in Arizona for the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, Fiona and Bruce Kelley and John and Jacob Meek visited a mine dump north of Tucson, looking for specimens of copper minerals. Here are some pictures from that trip.



That's a LOT of rocks to dig through!



John and Fiona displaying diopside specimens they have found.



A typical rock with vugs filled with diopside and apophyllite crystals.



The “mousetrap rock” had a huge vein of blue kinkite running through the middle. It was also underpinning a series of huge boulders up the hill. We engineered alternate support for the uphill boulders and set to cracking.



Bruce kept hands on the lower rocks for an early warning of things shifting while John chiseled. “Hey John... can you hand me the car keys BEFORE you swing that hammer?”



Jacob showing some of his excellent diopside finds.

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UPCOMING SHOWS AND FIELD TRIPS

See www.mineralcouncil.org or the club website for more.

SHOWS

- **March 3-4, 2012 – East KingCo Rock & Gem Show**
Saturday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Pickering Barn
1730 - 10th Ave. NW, Issaquah, WA 98027
<http://www.eastkingco.org/show.html>
- **March 17-18, 2012 – North Seattle Lapidary and Mineral Club**
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Lake City Community Center
12531 – 28th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA
- **March 31 – April 1, 2012 – Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club**
Saturday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Bloedel-Donovan Park
2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham WA

FIELD TRIPS

- **February 18, 2012 – Cedar Ponds**
Red and yellow jasper
Digging and light hard rock tools
Meet at 9:00 am at Monroe Jack in the Box
Host: Marysville Rock Club – Ed Lehman, (425) 334-6282
- **March 11, 2012 – Saddle Mountain/Diatom Pits**
Petrified wood and common opal
Digging and light hard rock tools
Meet at 9:00 am at Mattawa Harvest Food
Host: Everett Rock & Gem Club, Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club – Brad Johnson, (206) 403-3073