



# East KingCo Rock Club

## February 2013 Newsletter

### NEXT MEETING

<b>Location:</b>	Juanita Community Club 13027 - 100th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98034
<b>When:</b>	Friday, <b>February 15, 2013</b> . 7:30 p.m. (7:00 p.m. for juniors)
<b>Regular Program:</b>	Show preparation work party: make signs, assemble games, test our craft projects
<b>Youth Program:</b>	Fluorescent minerals – bring a rock that you think might glow!

### NEWS AND MINUTES

#### COMING UP...

- **Friday, Feb. 15:** Preparation work party for our March 2-3 show at Pickering Barn. Youth: Fluorescent minerals.
- **Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3:** The annual Eat KingCo Rock & Gem Show at Pickering Barn in Issaquah!
- **Friday, Mar. 16:** Learn to make a screen box for sifting small stones out of sand or dirt. Youth: Fossils.

#### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 18, 2013

January Meeting – Held on January 18th at the Juanita Community Club

The youth meeting started at 7:00 and was about rock cycles and types of rocks. Each month the kids will have an opportunity to earn a rock badge with the youth program we are doing this year.

The adult meeting started at 7:30 – we started the meeting by asking if we had any new members and if anyone had something that they wanted to share with the club. We made birthday announcements and reminded everyone about the raffle tickets. We drew the door prizes and handed out prizes. We had a lot of show and tell this month and it was wonderful to see everyone's rocks that they brought.

We focused this meeting on future field trips. Kevin, Kevin & Kim all brought examples of past field trips and rocks that were found. We had samples and sign-up sheets for everyone to see what future field trips we may want to go on for the coming year. This was a lot of fun. We all gathered, looked at the gorgeous specimens previously collected – some raw, polished and some tumbled and made our decisions. Some of the field trips were long and strenuous; Kevin had a good description typed up for everyone to see what each trip would entail.

After we saw the field trips that people were interested in, this is our field trip list for the year so far.

- Feb 9 – Rosemae's shop in Bellingham. **Cancelled due to health reasons.**
- Feb 10 – Whidbey Island. Shannon Heaslett is leading it.
- March 23 – (MINERAL COUNCIL) Petrified and druzy wood. Mattawah, WA
- March 30 – Fossils. Racehorse Creek, Bellingham, WA
- April 13 – Jasper. Stubbs Hill, Monroe, WA
- June 26-30 – (POW WOW) Agate, jasper, thunder eggs. Various ranches etc., Madras, OR
- July 27 – Garnets, soapstone, actinolite crystals. Heather Lake, Wenatchee, WA
- August 3 – Geodes, agate. Red Top, Cle Elum, WA
- August 17 – agate nodules. Yellow Hill, Cle Elum, WA
- September 14 – Coprolites. Salmon Creek, WA

- October 5 – Thunder eggs. Naches, WA
- TBD – Carnelian, crystal plates. We will go to Green MT (Kalama) for carnelian when it is open again.

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 end of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approx. 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Villines, President

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 10, 2013

February board meeting, held on February 10th @ 7:30 at Norma's house

We started the meeting talking about the upcoming show in March, since that is what our next meeting is focused on preparing for. Robin brought what she got for the club to use to make tile – rock pendants. Kim brought what she got for the club to make drilled stone pendants. Norma ordered tattoo paper for the rock tattoos – that has not arrived but should be in for the show.

We came up with a list of things to do for the February meeting.

First we need to make signs for the new games/crafts, we also came up with the pricing for each one, and they are as follows:

- Make your own Stone Pendants: \$5.00 each
- Duck Pond: 50 cents
- Make your own Tile Pebble Pendants: \$3.00 each
- Rock Tattoos: \$1.00 each

We need to make sure to get the cord gathered for both pendant projects, we also need the glue guns and glue sticks for the tile pendants along with small stones. We decided that at the next meeting we should try this out and make sure this works well, which should be just fine.

We also need to prepare all of the ducks for the duck pond game. We need to attach washers or screws to the heads of all of the ducks. We also need to make a permanent mark on the bottom of the ducks to determine the prize size, large or small. A couple of plastic tubs will be brought to see which size is an appropriate size for the ducks.

Bruce will research non-copyrighted images for us to use and print out examples so that we can use them on the tattoo paper when it arrives.

The good news is the show is full, but we will miss Char as a demonstrator this year.

We talked about the rock shed contract. The hours worked and additional two years on top of that makes our contract last thru March 31st 2022. After that time frame if Kevin R. wants to continue the contract with our club then he may charge if desired up to \$70.00 a month rent. Until that time we have paid up to this date, and do not have to worry about storage for quite some time.

The club received a very nice donation from Larry that we really appreciate. We received a few boxes of very nice raw petrified wood – which we will use for show auctions and bigger prizes when needed. He also donated small pyrite nuggets and chalcopyrite in the raw, perfect for raffle & door prizes along with birthday bags. We also may use some of the pyrite for the duck pond game for the larger prizes – the kids would love this.

We talked about the need to make sure new people feel welcome at the meetings, not just to announce but the need to go over and talk to them. So that they don't feel isolated, we need to work on this.

We will be passing around get well cards for Char and Rose Mae at the February meeting for everyone to sign.

We had originally hoped to have a demonstrator come to the March meeting to talk about fluorescents that will need to be delayed. He will still be in Tucson, so now we are hoping he will demonstrate for us during the May meeting. It is not set up yet, but that is the goal.

After much discussion on a topic for the next meeting, we came up with a plan. KevinM will be demonstrating how to make and use a proper screen for screening garnets – since we will be doing a field trip this summer and this will be a needed tool. He not only will show us how to make it, but we will get a hand out to take home so that we can make one too.

The plan for the April meeting is the same, bring a frame we will decorate it with rocks. Perfect for a mother's day gift!

The June meeting Kim will talk about the different industrial uses that rocks & minerals are used for on a daily basis. This should be enlightening for all of us; some will be very surprising.

We talked about the need to do a financial audit – the trustees Kevin and Todd should oversee that in May.

An idea was talked about to see if we can start a side club for jewelry making/ beading. A lot of interest has been shown in the past and maybe we can use some of those creative juices and get to know each other better, in a smaller setting. This would be outside of the club and could rotate to different houses as determined by the members.

We talked about again an idea of having short bio – one person a month added to the newsletter. Kim is coming up with 10 simple questions. She will pick one person to ask these questions to during the next meeting. A picture will be taken and a short bio will be in the next newsletter. After that it will rotate, the person that had the interview will give the next one, so on and so forth. It will help us all to get to know each other better and help us all talk to each other more, instead of always just the same people that we may be comfortable with.

Bruce is also going to do a Facebook page for the club along with a group email/Gmail so that it is easier to distribute messages. He will also be adding a vendor list to the website for the vendor's participating in the March show. This is always appreciated by the vendors due to the additional advertising.

Robin is working on getting all of the accounting set up online; this will also make it much easier for any future treasurer's. Just a password is needed and can be changed if necessary and information will not be misplaced in the changeover times.

We plan on updating and editing the bylaws as much of it is outdated, but this will have to wait until after the show is finished.

We all enjoyed Chocolate cake that Kevin made and a drawing for rock prizes, for the members that were at the board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Villines, President

## 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!

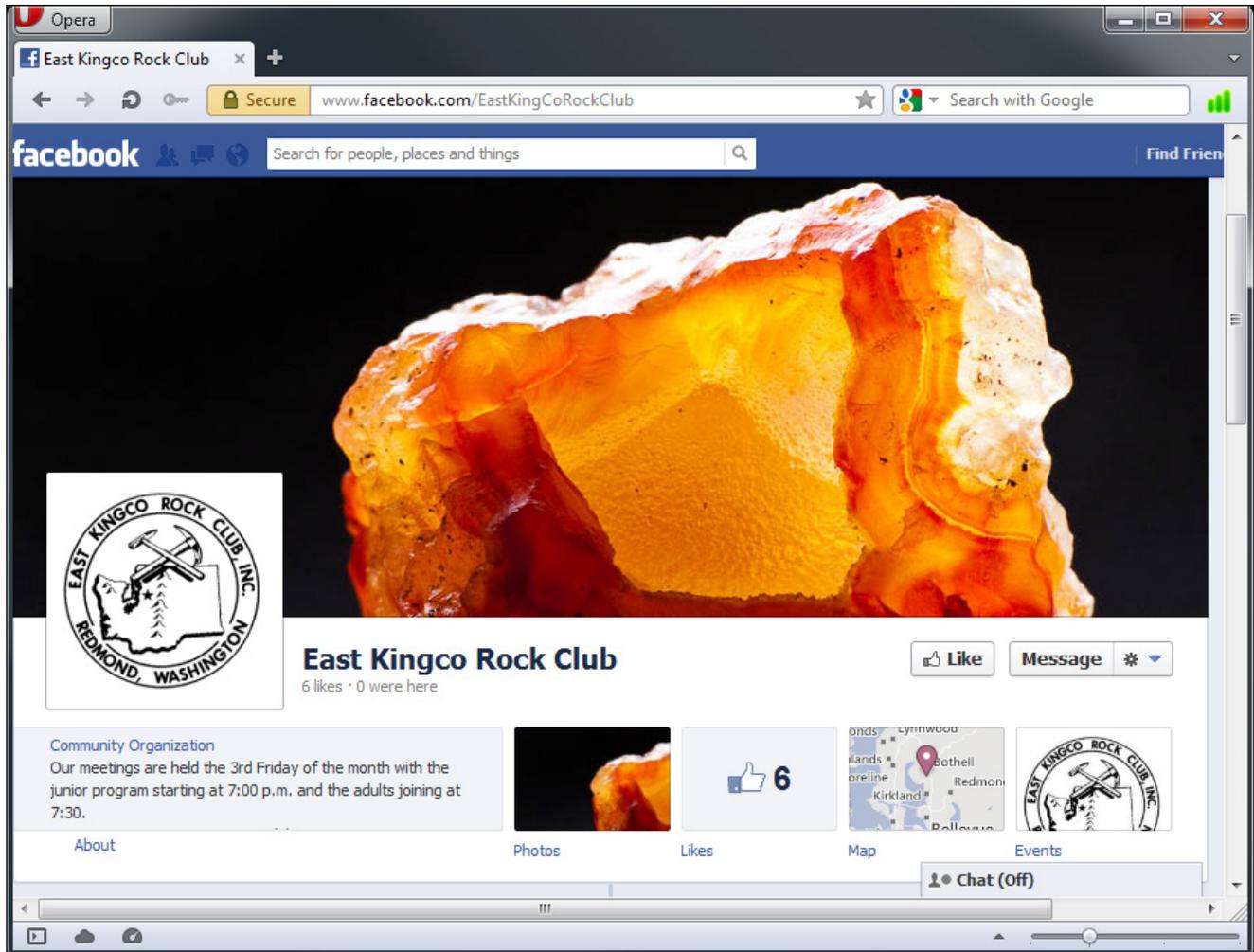
### COMING SOON... EAST KINGCO EMAIL LIST: BRUCE KELLEY

Soon, we will start using a Google Group for distributing email to club members. We are still working out the kinks, but we're testing a service that will allow the club to maintain our email list online so that every member gets the messages we send out to announce club events, meetings and trips.

When the group is ready to go, we will send an invitation to all current member emails with instructions on how to join.

## NEW EAST KINGCO FACEBOOK PAGE: BRUCE KELLEY

As of this week, we have a new facebook page: [facebook.com/EastKingCoRockClub](https://www.facebook.com/EastKingCoRockClub). We will use it to post club events and photos, as well as provide a venue for discussions amongst members. Facebook is free to join, but don't worry if you don't have or want a facebook account; the club web site ([eastkingco.org](http://eastkingco.org)) is still the primary source of general information about our events. For those of you who do want us to be part of your News Feed, click that familiar "Like" button on our page!



## CORRECTION: THE AMERICAN AGATE & JASPER INDEX: KRISTEE GNIOT

As reported in our January newsletter, Lowell Foster authored and maintains the American Agate & Jasper Index. He has a minor correction to that report:

*Krystee,*

*Thank you very much for the kind write up and the sharing of the files. It's exciting to see the project in print in other places!*

*It all looks excellent but you oversold my credentials....I'm a teacher...not a professor. 😊 I teach 6th grade which includes earth science and physical sciences, but I'm not a professor level intellect when it comes to rocks (But thank you for thinking so....)*

*I would ask you to add that correction in your next bulletin for the sole reason that I don't want to oversell the quality of this index based on a misunderstanding.*

*Also as a quick FYI - I noticed the Young Rockhounds of America badge in your newsletter.*

That whole system was set up and run by Jim Brace-Thompson, who is another member of my club. He also has been writing the articles in the Rock and Gem Magazine about the Workshops of various clubs. Our Ventura set up was featured a couple months ago, if you are curious about where I socialize with my fellow rockhounds.

Again, a huge thanks for sharing this project!  
Lowell

## CALL FOR SHOW DISPLAYS: BRUCE KELLEY

One of the most important features of our annual rock and gem show is our club displays. Without displays, a show is, well, not a show! If you are interested in putting together a display case for our March 2/3 show, please contact Bruce Kelley ([bruce.kelley@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.kelley@gmail.com)) as soon as possible! We have cases for about 10 displays. In the past, we've had a wide variety of displays including beach sand from all over the world, fossils, mineral collections, lapidary work, handmade jewelry, locality displays, and demonstrations of how to tumble stones. Anything is fine, as long as it is your own collection or work and involves rocks or gems in some way.



Case dimensions and instructions can be found on our web site: [eastkingco.org/DisplayingYourTreasures.pdf](http://eastkingco.org/DisplayingYourTreasures.pdf)

If you have never put together a display, there's no time like the present! It's really quite easy. Talk with Bruce if you have concerns or are on the fence.

## EAST KINGCO CONTACT INFO

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**Club Website:** [www.eastkingco.org](http://www.eastkingco.org)  
**Meetings:** Our meetings are held the 3rd Friday of the month except July and August at:  
Juanita Community Club  
13027 - 100th Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034

## UPCOMING SHOWS AND FIELD TRIPS

See [mineralcouncil.wordpress.com](http://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com) or the club website for more.

### SHOWS

- **March 2-3, 2013 – East KingCo Rock Club**  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Pickering Barn  
1730 - 10th Ave. NW, Issaquah, WA 98027  
(Across from Costco)
- **March 16-17, 2013 – North Seattle Lapidary and Mineral Club**  
Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Lake City Community Center  
12531 - 28th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA
- **March 22-24, 2013 – Mount Hood Rock Club**  
Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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10000 NE 33rd Dr., Portland OR 97221