

# MAPLEWOOD ROCK AND GEM CLUB

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## General meeting: March 21

Our meeting is at the clubhouse at 7 pm on March 21. If you want to attend, please sign up by emailing Sandra before the meeting.

Bring a rock or mineral for our Show and Tell. This is your chance to share that cool crystal you found on a mountain or at a rock and gem store.

Also, you will probably want to bring cash or a check to buy raffle tickets and to bid in our silent auction.

You can acquire beautiful or interesting specimens at our silent auction and from the raffle where we have many winning tickets each month.

## Banner photo

The aquamarine in the banner photo is a vibrant aqua blue specimen from Nagar, Hunza Valley, Pakistan. The photo is by [Rob Lainsky of iRocks.com](https://www.iRocks.com). License: CC BY-SA 3.0



*Polished rocks for Show and Tell*



*Rose quartz  
This is an example of a rock that you might see in the silent auction.*

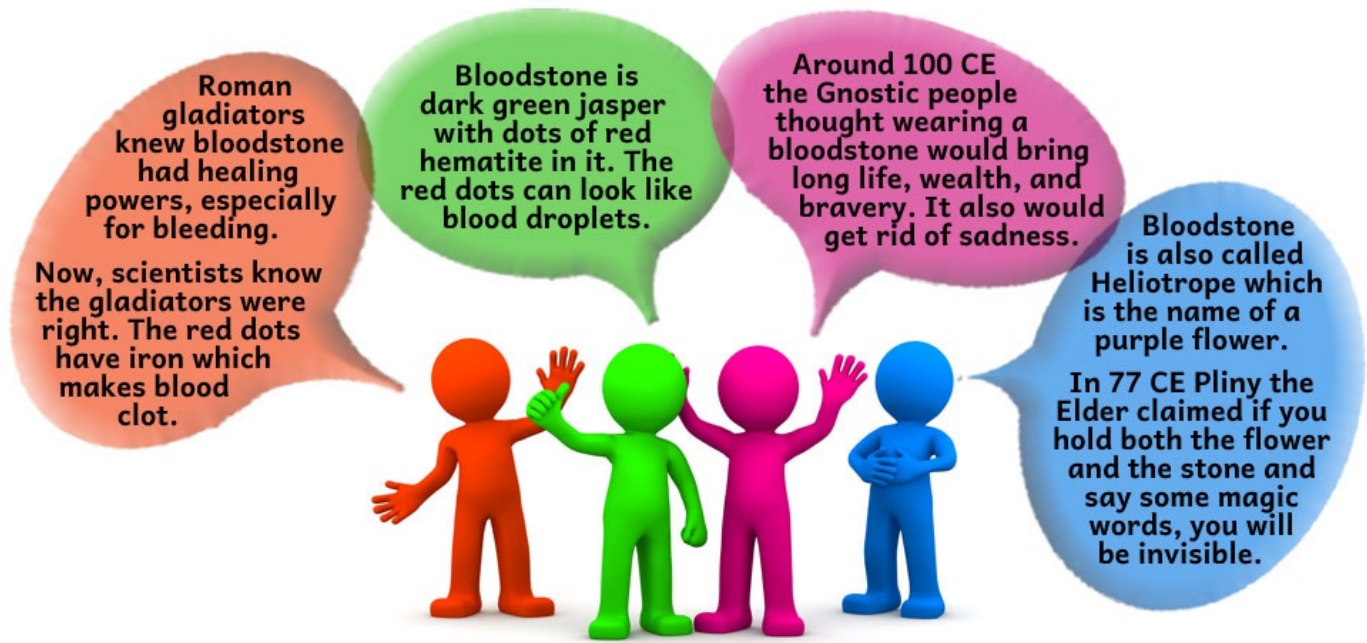
If you were born in March,

**Happy Birthday!**

Your birthstones are  
Bloodstone and Aquamarine.

May your day be just about perfect.

## Juniors' Page — Bloodstone



*Heliotrope intaglio (seal); 3rd Century CE*

*The name, Tiber, is carved backwards, because this carved stone was used as a stamp.*

*To seal a letter the writer dripped hot wax on the envelop, and pressed this carved stone into the wax to leave a mark that identified the sender. In the cooled wax the image would be correct, not backwards.*



*Bloodstone which is a type of quartz.  
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## Rock and Gem Shows

March 26, 10 am - 6 pm March 27, 10 am - 5 pm	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club Pioneer Pavilion 2007 Cherry Street Ferndale, WA	
March 26, 10 am - 5 pm March 27, 10 am - 5 pm	SE Idaho Gems and Mineral Society (SEIGMS) Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Drive Pocatello, ID 83201	\$3 admission kids 12 and under are free with an adult
March 25, 10 am - 6 pm March 26, 10 am - 6 pm March 27, 10 am - 4 pm	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane Spokane County Fair & Expo Center N 404 Havana Spokane, WA	\$6 adults kids under 12 and Scouts in uniform are free
March 26, 10 am - 6 pm March 27, 10 am - 5 pm	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society Sweet Home HS Activity Gym 1641 Long St Sweet Home, OR	
April 9, 10 am - 6 pm April 10, 10 am - 5 pm	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society Idaho Falls Recreation Center Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street Idaho Falls, ID	\$3 adults kids 12 and under are free
April 15, 9 am - 5 pm April 16, 9 am - 5 pm April 17, 10 am - 4 pm	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy Rickreall, OR	\$2 adults kids 11 and under are free with an adult
April 22, 10 am - 4 pm April 23, 10 am - 5 pm April 24, 10 am - 4 pm	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club Central Washington State Fair Ground Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima, WA 98901	\$6 adults \$2 students kids 12 and under are free

## Field trips

In September 104 rockhounds met on Willis Mountain to search for kyanite, iridescent hematite, pyrite, mica, and quartz. The January issue of the Washington State Mineral Council newsletter has an interesting article you might enjoy: ["Willis Mountain Kyanite Trip Report 9-25-21"](#) by David Lines.

Contact the host a week before the trip to get details. Be sure you obtain the required parking pass, such as a Discover Pass. Arrive at the meeting site 30 minutes before the scheduled time, and be sure to have everything you might need including a full tank of gas, tools, food, water, appropriate clothes, rain gear, and first aid supplies.

The trips hosted by All Rockhounds Pow Wow have a small fee, but you get breakfast, so it's a good deal.

Below are the field trips planned for 2022.

Date	Search for	Details
March 19	Petrified wood Opal	Saddle Mountain Meet: Leprecon Grocery in Mattawa at 9 am Tools: heavy digging Host: Ed Lehman; wsmced2@outlook.com; 425-760-2786 or 425-334-6282
April 16	Fossils Morel mushrooms	Racehorse Creek Meet: Mt. Baker Hwy, 10 miles from I-5 at 9 am Host: Ed Lehman; wsmced2@outlook.com; 425-760-2786 or 425-334-6282
April 23-24	Petrified wood	Saddle Mountain Meet: Mattawa Buckshot Boat Launch at 8:30 am Tools: digging and light hard rock Host: All Rockhounds Pow Wow; Larry Vess; vessel3755@gmail.com; 253-473-3908

May 21	Talc Listwanite	Marblemount Donation fee requested Meet: mine at 9 am Host: Ed Lehman; wsmced2@outlook.com; 425-760-2786 or 425-334-6282
June 18	Rainbow chert	Meet: Verlot Ranger Station at 9 am Tools: light hard rock Host: Ed Lehman; wsmced2@outlook.com; 425-760-2786 or 425-334-6282
June 23-28	Petrified Wood Thunderegg Agate Jasper	Meet: Madras, OR fairground at 8 am Host: All Rockhounds Pow Wow; Larry Vess; vessel3755@gmail.com; 253-473-3908
July 16	Travertine	Sweetwater Meet: Darrington Show Tools: river bar Host: Darrington Rock and Gem Club; Ed Lehman; wsmced2@outlook.com; 425-760-2786 or 425-334-6282
Aug. 6-7	Agate Jasper Petrified Wood Opal Thunderegg Fossils Lilypad jasper	Greenwater Meet: Foresst Service Station in Enumclaw Little Naches Hwy 410 and Forest Road 19 at 10 am Tools: all Host: PVGMC; Dennis Bachelor; 360-870-8741
Sept. 10	Thunderegg Fossil Lilypad jasper	Little Naches Meet: Little Naches Hwy 410 and Forest Road 19 at 10 am Host: NOA; Tony Johnson; ynotopals@outlook.com; 253-863-9238

Sept. 10-11	Agate Geode Jasper Jade	Red Top Teanaway Camp at 8 am Host: All Rockhounds Pow Wow; Larry Vess; vessel3755@gmail.com; 253-473-3908
Oct. 15	Picture jasper	Skykomish Meet: Money Creek Campground, Hwy 2 at 9 am Tools: Rock and crack hammer Host: Ed Lehman; wsmced2@outlook.com; 425-760-2786 or 425-334-6282
Nov. 12	Dalmation stone	Alger I-5 exit 240 at 9 am Hard rock Host: Ed Lehman; wsmced2@outlook.com; 425-760-2786 or 425-334-6282



## Hugh's Rock Sale

Heather Martin's father acquired an impressive collection of rocks and minerals over his lifetime. Most of his collection were purchased in the late 1980s and 1990s, and some of them are no longer mined. He would often say that types of desired rocks would show up magically. Heather and her siblings are now selling the collection which includes gorgeous specimens of purple jade from Turkey, Lapis, petrified wood, and much more.

### Buy his rocks

You can buy rocks from Hugh's large collection while relaxing on your sofa: visit Hugh's Rocks on [eBay](#).

Or [make an appointment](#) to see his collection in Ballard.

## Maplewood membership

While the world around us seems in a state of confusion, we have the unique opportunity of having a nice place to meet with friends that we enjoy and the harmony of fellowship.

~ Merle DeGarmo, President 1974

## Buy grit for your rock tumbler

Contact the Board to buy grit:  
maplewoodrocks1@gmail.com



## Donate to the club

Our club is a 501(c)(3) organization, so if you itemize deductions, you might receive a tax deduction. Ask your tax expert.

Checks can be made out to *MRGC* if you don't want your hand to cramp from writing the entire club name, *Maplewood Rock and Gem Club*. The club address is

8802 196th Street SW  
Edmonds, WA 98026

## Nature's magic

Lapidary is an art, mineralogy is a science, and collecting is — collecting.

What do they have in common? The love of nature and natural beauty, the desire to explore and find the treasures of the earth.

There is magic in an agate as surely as in an emerald.

~ Lillian Haddock 1975



## Facebook

Our [facebook page](#) has up to date information about what is happening at our club. When we have online auctions, they happen on our page.

We also have a Facebook group — [MRGC Sales and Trades](#) — which is open to members of our club.

## Board meeting

If you have questions for the board or if you'd like to attend a meeting, please email our Board [maplewoodrocks1@gmail.com](mailto:maplewoodrocks1@gmail.com).

## Connect with us

Website: <http://www.maplewoodrockclub.com/>

Facebook page: [Maplewood Rock & Gem Club](#)

Facebook group for members: [MRGC Sales and Trades](#)

Address: 8802 196th St SW, Edmonds, Washington 98026

### Washington State Mineral Council

Our club, along with many other rock and gem clubs in the state, is a member of the [Washington State Mineral Council](#).

This organization helps us by

- advocating for access to public lands
- advocating for beneficial land use policies
- compiling and sharing maps and other information
- publicizing shows and field trips so members learn about and can participate in events at other clubs

Read their latest [Newsletter](#).



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## Sister club in Australia

Our sister club in Australia is the Atherton-Tableland Mineral & Lapidary Club in Tolga, Queensland. Connect to them on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/groups/197340266987276](https://www.facebook.com/groups/197340266987276)

One hundred million years ago the eastern edge of the Australian continent extended much farther to the east. Tectonic forces broke off and submerged the eastern section into the ocean while a rising mantle caused the remaining land to lift.

Beginning 4 million years ago large basalt flows filled river valleys and formed a relatively flat landscape. Following that period the volcanoes became more gaseous spewing lava in violent eruptions. This landscape is now called the Atherton Tablelands. You can learn more on Wikipedia.



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### News to share? A suggestion? A correction?

Please send news ideas and images you'd like to share to the newsletter editor, Nancy Samuels at [mrgc@nancysamuels.com](mailto:mrgc@nancysamuels.com).