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December meeting is a party

Monday, December 12th at 7 pm

Our member meeting will be a week earlier than usual. The meeting portion will be important but very short, perhaps 10 minutes, and the rest of the time we will have a Winter Celebration. We will have a lot to celebrate: the holidays and the completion of a successful Winter Show.



The party will feature a gift exchange and a potluck dinner. Please bring a rock-related wrapped gift valued at \$10 or less if you want to participate. For the potluck, you may bring a main dish, side dish, or a dessert to share.

Please let us know you are coming and what type of dish you will bring to help us plan. RSVP to info@maplewoodrockclub.com.

Read "Candidates for the Board" later in this issue to learn about the important business portion of the evening.

Bring 2023
dues to
the meeting

Dues are due

Please bring your 2023 dues to the November or December meeting. In January, those who haven't yet paid dues will not be able to sign up for shop time until they have paid. Please bring a check or cash by the December meeting:

- Individual: \$20
- Student: \$15
- Family: \$45



The poster features a winter-themed background with a snowy landscape, evergreen trees, and a bright sun or moon in a blue sky. At the top left is the club's logo, which includes a maple leaf and the text 'MAPLEWOOD ROCK & GEM CLUB' and 'BY THE RIVER TO THE SEASONS WASHINGTON'. To the right of the logo, the text 'Maplewood' is written in a large, stylized font, followed by 'Rock & Gem Club' and 'Since 1951'. Below this, a row of white evergreen trees is silhouetted against the sky. In the center, the words 'WINTER SALE' are written in large, bold, white capital letters inside a white rectangular border. Below the sale text, the following information is listed: 'GEMS, FOSSILS, MINERALS, GEOLOGY & DEMONSTRATIONS', 'DECEMBER 10TH & 11TH 2022', 'HOURS 10AM-5PM', '8802 196TH ST SW EDMONDS, WA'. At the bottom left is a Facebook logo, and to its right is the text 'FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL INFO@MAPLEWOODROCKCLUB.COM' and 'WWW.MAPLEWOODROCKCLUB.COM'.

Maplewood
Rock & Gem Club
Since 1951

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Winter Sale

December 10 – 11 from 10 am – 5 pm

The Winter Sale preparations are coming together beautifully. All the tables have been reserved by vendors and demonstrators, so the show will be busy! Now is a good time to invite friends, family, neighbors who might enjoy seeing gorgeous specimens and adding to their collections.

Fun for kids

Each child age 12 and under can choose a free polished rock to take home. They will be at the Maplewood Rock Club sales table.

Fun for everyone

In addition to many vendor tables with a variety of specimens to see and buy, we are planning to have some demonstrations to show people about lapidary arts and other rock related skills. We will raffle off many rocks and minerals throughout the weekend, so stop by the raffle table to see what is being offered.

We need you to make this show a success!

We have a small team of volunteers who have planned the show and are implementing the details to make this an excellent show. But, we still need help from more of our members. Can you do one of these?

- Promotions: Invite your friends and family to the show.
- Donate rocks: Donate a rock specimen to the raffle.
- Help set up the wavy man and banner on Saturday morning before 9:30 am.
- Help place signs around the neighborhood before 9:30 am on Saturday morning.
- Make labels for donated items.



If you can take on one of these tasks, please contact Heather at shows@maplewoodrockclub.com.

Lapidary Shop

Our lapidary shop is reserved for our members to use. Inside are five slab saws, three CabKing™ machines for polishing cabochons, and two trim saws.

Sign up for shop time

All shop users must sign up for a time slot at least a day before the session. On their first visit, new shop users will be trained on shop procedures and safety before being able to use any equipment.

You can [sign up for shop time online](#). The system will send you a confirmation email which you should save until after your session. You will need the email if you want to cancel your reservation. Each Thursday we have shop sessions available:

- Session 1: 3:00 to 5:30 pm
- Session 2: 5:30 to 8:00 pm (except on the first Thursday of each month)

How to cancel

If you sign up for shop time online and later realize you won't be able to make it to the session, you need to cancel your reservation no later than the day before the session. This enables someone else to sign up. If you do not cancel, you will be charged for the session. To cancel, click the link in the confirmation email you received after you signed up.

What to bring

Shop users will need to bring their own

- Face mask to not breathe rock dust or for Covid protection
- Apron to protect your clothes
- Hearing protectors
- \$7 cash or check to pay for each session

Before you leave the shop

The shop stewards are volunteers who generously give 6 hours a week to enable us to use the tools. Before you leave a tool station, please wipe it down and leave it in the same condition as you found it. If you discover a problem with a saw or tool, please let the Shop Steward know.

Shop Stewards

Paul Strawn
Rich Osborne
Bruce Samuels

Email:
Shop@maplewoodrockclub.com



If you were born in December...

Happy Birthday!

**We hope your month is
filled with beautiful rocks!**

Your birthstones are
primarily blue: tanzanite,
turquoise, and zircon.

The background image is ice crystals.

Juniors – Rock painting



Have you ever painted a rock? It's a fun way to transform a plain rock into something fun or interesting. You could give your rocks to a neighbor, a friend, or someone in your family. Or you might keep your artwork to give yourself a smile every time you see it.

With art, the design is up to you. It can be silly to make someone smile, realistic to look like an animal or

flower, or just pretty patterns and colors. In these pictures, you can see a somewhat realistic picture of a city at night, perhaps. The school bus is sort of realistic, but also cartoonish. The Rock Concert with it's chorus of singing rocks is just pure fun.

Supplies you will need

To paint your rocks, you will need some supplies. Here's a list.

- Clean, dry rocks
- Acrylic paints
- Skinny paintbrush for thin lines and details
- Thicker paintbrush to color larger areas
- Clean disposable cup for cleaning the brushes
- Paper towels to dry the brushes
- Waterproof table covering
- Paint clothes that you can stain without anyone caring
- Mom or Dad for help



Painting the rock

1. Choose a small rock. Wash it and let it dry completely. You probably want to do this the day before you paint.
2. Put on your paint clothes and cover the table where you will work. Acrylic paints stain clothes, carpet, and many other things.
3. Get out your paint brushes, paints, cup with an inch of water, and paper towels.
4. Paint the rock all over with one color for a background, and wash the paint out of the brush in the water. Dry the brush with a paper towel.
5. While the rock is drying, plan what you want to paint. You might want to draw a simple picture on paper.
6. After the paint dries, you can begin painting your picture on the rock. Let each color dry before adding the next color. Wash the paintbrush as soon as you finish with a color. If the paint dries on the brush, you might not be able to use the brush again.
7. Some artists end with using a skinny brush to make fine details, like outlines around eyes or other things in the picture.
8. Let it dry, and enjoy!

Candidates for the Board

At our December meeting, the members will vote on two motions. First, the Board is recommending we change our bylaws to say we will have 4 Members at Large on the Board, rather than 6. These four plus the officers and the past President are deemed sufficient to conduct Board business.

Second, the members will be asked to approve the slate of candidates for our 2023 Board. The candidates are

President: Ali Rizvi

Secretary: Carla James

Treasurer: Bruce Samuels

Members at Large:

Nancy Ross

Rich Osborne

Nancy Samuels

Michelle McGraw

We are saddened this month...

*Jim Ross, beloved husband of Nancy Ross,
passed away on November 28, 2022.*

*For many years Nancy has been a member of our club and has given
us countless hours of her time. Nancy is in our thoughts these days.*

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](#).

Wish you could get paid for cleaning?

The Board is looking for someone who would like to receive a little money for cleaning our main room, the bathrooms, and kitchen, if needed. This would involve sinks, floors, and toilets, and whatever else is needed to bring the space back to how we like it. Usually, it takes about 3 or 4 hours, and we will pay \$60 per cleaning session, rather than by the hour.



We would like the cleaning to be done soon after big events, like our December Party or the shows. We need to be sure that the building is ready for renters. Our member, Paul Anderson, has been taking care of this for us for many years, and we are all grateful. Everyone appreciates coming into a clean building.

If you think you might be interested, please contact us at info@maplewoodrockclub.com.

Rock shows near and far

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
Dec. 10, 10 am - 5 pm Dec. 11, 10 am - 5 pm	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club 8802 196 th St. SW Edmonds, WA	Winter sale – bring a friend!
Feb. 11, 9 am – 5 pm Feb. 12, 9 am – 5 pm	Whidbey Island Gem Club The Center in Oak Harbor 51 Jerome St. Oak Harbor, WA	
Feb. 25, 10 am - 6 pm Feb. 26, 10 am - 5 pm	Idaho Gem Club Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise, ID	
Mar. 4, 10 am – 6 pm Mar. 5, 10 am – 5 pm	East King County Club Pickering Barn 1730 10 th Ave. NW Issaquah, WA	
Mar. 4, 10 am – 6 pm Mar. 5, 10 am – 5 pm	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society O’Conner Field House 2207 Blaine Caldwell, ID	\$5 adults Kids under 11 are free!
Mar. 3, 10 am – 5 pm Mar. 4, 10 am – 5 pm Mar. 5, 10 am – 5 pm	Tualatin Valley Gem Club Forest Grove National Guard Armory 2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove, OR	\$1 adults Kids 12 and under are free!
Mar. 3, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm Mar. 4, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm Mar. 5, 9:30 am – 5 pm	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society OMSI 1945 SE Water Ave. Portland, OR	

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
Mar. 10, 9 am – 6 pm Mar. 11, 9 am – 5 pm	Panorama Gem and Mineral Club Stevens County Fairgrounds 317 West Aster Colville, WA	
Mar. 11, 9 am – 6 pm Mar. 12, 10 am – 5 pm	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks Flathead County Fairground Expo Building 265 North Meridian Road Kalispell, MT	\$2 high school and up
Mar. 18, 9 am – 6 pm Mar. 19, 10 am – 5 pm	Hellgate Mineral Society Hilton Garden Inn 3700 North Reserve St. Missoula, MT	\$3 Kids under 14 are free with an adult!
Mar. 24, 10 am – 6 pm Mar. 25, 10 am – 6 pm Mar. 26, 10 am – 4 pm	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane Spokane County Fair and Expo Center N. 604 Havana Spokane, WA	\$8, adults \$7, seniors & military Scouts in uniform and kids under 12 are free!
Mar. 25, 10 am – 5 pm Mar. 26, 10 am – 5 pm	SE Idaho Gems & Mineral Society Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello, ID	\$3 12 and under are free with an adult!
Apr. 1, 10 am – 6 pm Apr. 2, 10 am – 5 pm	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society Sweet Home HS Activity Gym 1641 Long St. Sweet Home, OR	

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
Apr. 14, 9 am – 5 pm Apr. 15, 9 am – 5 pm Apr. 16, 10 am – 4 pm	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy Rickreall, OR	\$5 11 and under are free with an adult!
Apr. 21, 10 am – 4 pm Apr. 22, 10 am – 5 pm Apr. 23, 10 am – 4 pm	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club Central Wash. State Fair Ground Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima, WA	\$6 Students: \$2 12 and under are free!
Apr. 29, 10 am – 5 pm Apr. 30, 10 am – 4 pm	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds Building 2 1500 S. Oak Kennewick, WA	\$5 12 and under are free!
Apr. 29, 10 am – 5 pm Apr. 30, 10 am – 5 pm	West Seattle Rock Club Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Ave. SW Seattle, WA	
Apr. 29, 10 am – 5 pm Apr. 30, 10 am – 4:30 pm	Grays Harbor Geology & Gem Society Grays Harbor Fair Grounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma, WA	
May 13, 10 am – 5 pm May 14, 10 am – 4 pm	Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center 1705 East Airport Road Hermiston, OR	\$3 12 and under are free!

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May 19, 10 am – 5 pm May 20, 10 am – 5 pm May 21, 10 am – 3 pm	Mt. Hood Rock Club Kliever Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33 rd Dr. Portland OR	
May 27, 10 am – 6 pm May 28, a	Everett Rock and Gem Club Evergreen State Fairgrounds 18359 Cascade View Drive Monroe, WA	
June 16, 10 am – 5 pm June 17, 10 am – 5 pm June 18, 10 am – 4 pm	Lower Upmqua Gem & Lapidary Society Reedsport Community Building 451 Winchester Ave. Reedsport, OR	
Aug. 3, 10 am – 5 pm Aug. 4, 10 am – 5 pm Aug. 5, 10 am – 5 pm Aug. 6, 10 am – 4 pm	Billings Gem and Mineral Club Billings Hotel & Convention Center 1223 Mullowney Lane Billings, MT	\$5/day or \$15 4-day pass Kids under 12 are free with an adult!
Aug. 18, 9 am – 5 pm Aug. 19, 9 am – 5 pm Aug. 20, 10 am – 4 pm	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy. Rickreall, OR	
Sep. 9, 9 am – 5 pm Sep. 10, 10 am – 4 pm	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4 th St. Port Angeles, WA	

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
Oct. 6, 10 am – 6 pm Oct. 7, 10 am – 6 pm Oct. 8, 10 am – 5 pm	Portland Regional Rock and Gem Club Wingspan Event Center 801 NE 34 th Ave Hillsboro, OR	\$7 Kids under 12 are free with an adult!
Oct. 7, 10 am – 5 pm Oct. 8, 10 am – 5 pm	Marysville Rock and Gem Club Evergreen State Fairgrounds Display Bldg. #500 14405 179 th Ave SE Monroe, WA	

Grit for sale

The Shop Stewards sell grit on Thursdays when the shop is open. Please let them know a day ahead that you will stop by to purchase grit.

To contact the Shop Stewards, email shop@maplewoodrockclub.com

Each grit package is \$3.50, and this is what they sell:

- 1 lb of 60/90
- 1 lb of 120/220
- ¾ lb of pre-polish
- ½ lb of polish

Connect with us

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

Facebook page: Maplewood Rock & Gem Club

Facebook group for members: MRGC Sales and Trades

Email us: info@maplewoodrockclub.com

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

Our Board

Our club is run entirely by volunteers; and we are grateful for the time, energy, and expertise they give to our community.

President: open position

Vice President: Ali Rizvi

Secretary: Carla James

Treasurer: Bruce Samuels

Members at large: James Davison, Nancy Ross, Paul Anderson, Paul Strawn, Rich Osborne, Nancy Samuels



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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

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.



News to share?

Please send news ideas and images you'd like to share to the newsletter editor, Nancy Samuels at MRGC@nancysamuels.com.

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