

Maplewood Rock and Gem Club

June 23

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June meeting

Monday, June 19th at 7 pm

We are returning to our tradition of sharing food at the meeting. If your last name begins with a letter from A to M, please bring something to share. We will also have a raffle with many prizes and a silent auction. Raffle tickets are only \$1 and the silent auction starting bids are mostly under \$5.

Alex Lowe, PhD candidate in Biology at the University of Washington, will speak about "Oligocene-Miocene fossil plant sites in the Pacific Northwest: insights on plant community response to global climatic change."

Banner image

This photo by [Christina Rutz](#) is a gorgeous Alexandrite ring in incandescent light. The image is published here under the Creative Commons license [BY-2.0](#).

Classes in June

Teach a class

Do you have a skill in lapidary arts that you would like to help others learn? Do you have a passion for geology, mineralogy, or rock hounding that you would love to share? We encourage our members to share their knowledge by leading classes so others in our community can learn to love that aspect of rocks, gems, and minerals too. Please contact admin@maplewoodrockclub.com to explore your options for teaching a class.

Wire wrapping

The wire wrapping class on June 10 from 10 am until 4 or 5 pm is full. If you would like to take a similar class, but could not get into this one, please let us know at admin@maplewoodrockclub.com. If there is enough interest, we will look into scheduling another class this year.

First aid and CPR

On Saturday, June 17 (starting time to be announced later) the South Snohomish County Fire Department will teach a free 1-hour class: "ACT to Save a Life: Antidote, CPR and Tourniquet." This class teaches three life-saving skills that you might use in an emergency:

- **Antidote** (Narcan) for suspected opiate overdoses
- **CPR** and **AED** training for cardiac arrest
- **Tourniquet** for severe bleeding control



Rhodochrosite pendant

Sell at a show

The Southern Washington Mineralogical Society is hosting "Rock & Gem Show 2023" on September 8 – 10th in Longview, WA. They are currently looking for vendors, especially for people selling beads and equipment. But they are accepting applications from vendors of all types of rock and mineral related products. To apply, go to their [Facebook page](#).



2023 SWMS Rock & Gem Show

Southern Washington Mineralogical Society

WHERE		WHEN	
Cowlitz County Fairgrounds Event Center 1900 7th Ave Longview, WA 98632		September 8th 11:00am - 5:00pm September 9th 9:00am - 5:00pm September 10th 9:00am - 4:00pm	
DEALER CHAIR		SHOW CHAIR	
Vicki Johnson vickijrocks@msn.com (360) 751-8031		Crystal Teel swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com (360) 355-6424	
SHOW ITEMS	COST – 3 DAYS	TO APPLY	
10ft x 10ft Dealer Space each	\$150.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scan QR code and apply online • Contact Show Chair for additional application options 	
8ft Table each	\$12.00		
Chairs each	\$1.00		
Electrical Outlet each	\$45.00		
Camping Site (per night)*	\$16.32		



Maps for Rockhounds

The Washington State Mineral Council has put together a 62-page booklet with maps for finding rock hounding sites. You can buy a copy for only \$20 at the meeting.

COLOR VERSION

WAGONMASTERS MAPS

Collecting Sites All In Washington

Petrified Wood from Saddle Mountains, Eastern Washington

**Washington State
Mineral Council**

2016 Edition

Maplewood August Show





MAPLEWOOD
ROCK & GEM CLUB

Annual Summer

Rock & Gem Show and Sale

August 12 - 13, 2023

10am - 5pm •• Free



8802 196th St SW, Edmonds, WA
maplewoodrockclub.com

Juniors – Show and Tell

Have you brought something from your rock collection for Show and Tell? Every meeting we have a time for our members to share something. What might you share at the next meeting? Do you have a specimen that is especially interesting or gorgeous? Is there a bear, heart, sphere, arrowhead, or something else carved or shaped out of rock in your collection? Would you like to ask the members whether they can tell you more about one of your rocks? Please look through your collection and choose something to share at the meeting this month.



Juniors are looking for a new leader

Holly White has decided to step down from leading the Juniors. While she was leading the group, Holly set in place a great program for the next volunteer to take over. The new leader might start with her program and build upon it as they feel guided by their own passions and interests.

Can you imagine yourself helping kids develop their love of rocks, minerals, and the natural world? Please contact Holly or a Board member to learn more about this rewarding role at our club.

Library

The Library has recently taken an inventory of the books, and found that many books were checked out months or even years ago and not yet returned. If you have borrowed a book in the past, please check your bookshelves to see if you still have one of our library books. Please return the overdue books you find – don't worry, there aren't any fines. But, we will give you a smile and a "Thanks!" if you find a book and bring it back.



Lapidary Shop

Our lapidary shop is reserved for members who have paid their dues. 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

You need to bring \$7 (cash or check) to pay for the session. Additionally, you might like to bring these:

- Face mask to not breathe rock dust or for Covid protection
- Hearing protectors

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

Rich Osborne
Bruce Samuels
Ashley Martin

Email:
Shop@maplewoodrockclub.com



August Show – Puyallip



**4th ANNUAL
GEM SHOW IN THE
TREES**

**AUGUST 11TH, 12TH, & 13TH 2023
AT THE TACOMA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
16409 CANYON ROAD EAST, PUYALLUP, WA**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ALL WEEKEND
10AM TO 5PM FRI & SAT, 10AM TO 3PM SUN**

Scattered throughout the picnic area of The Tacoma Sportsmen's Club, you'll find vendors offering rough materials, finished jewelry, polished geodes and slabs, cabochons, beads, assorted equipment, as well as other "surprises". In addition, you'll see some select local artisans demonstrating their talents.

NO ADMISSION FEES, FREE PARKING, AND SINCE IT'S A PICNIC AREA, COME AND SPEND A DAY WITH!

"COME ROCK WITH US"

Website – puyallupvalleygemandmineralclub.com
Email – pvgamc@gmail.com
Phone – (253) 987-6751

Field Trips

Here are the field trips in our area as published on the [Mineral Council website](#). Click *Field Trips* in the left column for up to date details on that website. The field trips led by Pow Wow require the participants to pay annual dues of \$7.50. The trips that don't have specific dates, are tentative.

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
June	Saddle Mt.	Petrified wood and Diatom opal
July 22 at 11 am July 22 & 23 from 10 am to 5 pm	Darrington Rock Show and Sauk River Bars	Travertine
Aug. 19 & 20 at 9 am	Greenwater Enumclaw Ranger Station Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238	
Sept. 9 & 10 8 am	Pow Wow Teanaway Community Camp	Agate, jasper & maybe jade Annual dues required
Sept. 16 at 10 am	Hwy 410 and Forest Road 19 Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238	Thunder eggs, fossils, and lily pad jasper.
October ? at 9 am	Money Creek Campground	Picture jasper
Nov ? at 9 am	Blanchard Hill Northbound I-5 take Alger Exit. Meet at Gas & Go	Dalmanite Stone & Green Chert

Marysville Rock and Gem Club

www.marysvilleroockclub.com



47th Annual Rocktoberfest 2023

Join us for a weekend of fun, family and shopping!

October 7-8, 2023

Saturday and Sunday: 10 am – 5 pm

Evergreen State Fairgrounds

Display Bldg #500

14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe WA

(Off Hwy 2, Just West of Monroe, WA)

Free Admission!!

DISPLAYS :

- Gemstones
- Minerals
- Fossils
- Rocks

GREAT SHOPPING:

- Mineral Specimens
- Petrified Wood
- Fossils
- Handmade Jewelry
- Gems
- Rock Art & Carvings

ALSO FEATURING:

- Lapidary Demonstrations
- Children's Activities
- Raffles
- Hourly Door Prize Drawings
- Grab Bags
- Food Vendors

To everyone born in June,

Happy Birthday!



**Your birthstones are Pearl,
Alexandrite, and Moonstone.**

People say that Alexandrite is an emerald by day and a ruby by night. In daylight the gem appears green but in candle light the reds dominate and it appears red or purplish red.

Rock shows

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
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!
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, 10 am – 5 pm	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!
August 12, 10 am – 5 pm August 13, 10 am – 5 pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, Washington	Free

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
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. 8, 11 am – 5 pm Sep. 9, 9 am – 5 pm Sep. 10, 9 am – 4 pm	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society Cowlitz County Fairgrounds Event Center 1900 7th Ave Longview, WA 98632	
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	
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	

Classified Ads

Our website now has a Classifieds page for members to post items for sale, items they want to buy, and helpful tips and information. If you would like to share a link to a favorite rock shop or post a notice about a tumbler you are selling, check out the [Classifieds page](#) on the website.



Spread some sunshine

Nancy Ross leads our Sunshine committee. If you are aware of a member who might be cheered by a get-well card, please contact her, and she will write and send a card.

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](#).

Rock candy

Here is some rock candy for you to enjoy.



*Rutilated quartz from Minas Gerais, Brazil by [James St. John](#)
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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 \$4, 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: Ali Rizvi

Secretary: Carla James

Treasurer: Bruce Samuels

Members at large: Nancy Ross, Rich Osborne, Nancy Samuels, and Michele McGraw



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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?

Did you go rockhounding? Have you acquired a beautiful new specimen? Please send stories, images, or simply ideas for articles that Nancy would write to the newsletter editor, Nancy Samuels at MRGC@nancysamuels.com.

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