

# Maplewood Rock and Gem Club

July 23

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## July meeting

**Monday, July 17th 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.

## Classified ads

Have you checked out the [classified ads page](#) on our website? MRGC Classifieds is a place for members to connect and look for items they need/want or items they have to offer. Members can also post other information or links to rock related sites or services.

## Banner image

This photo shows a piece of marble with a ruby that has formed on top. The specimen was found in Burma and is now housed at the Natural History Museum in Washington DC. The photo was taken by [Bossi](#). This image is published here under the Creative Commons license [BY-SA 2.0](#).

## Help with the August Show

Heather has been working for a few months to make this August show a success. The show is happening soon, and she is asking for our help. This is a great opportunity to get to know others in the club. Can you volunteer to help with one of these tasks? If so, please contact Heather at [shows@maplewoodrockclub.com](mailto:shows@maplewoodrockclub.com).

### Church Parking:

- call church to arrange for access to their parking lot on August 12-13.
- Put out signs to direct traffic to that parking lot.

### Set up:

- Move cart full of rocks to kitchen
- Open tables inside and arrange according to floor plan
- Get wavy man out of trailer and set up
- Drive around neighborhood placing signs (map will be provided)
- Mark outdoor booth locations with flags
- Compose and tie big yellow signs to fences
- Check bathroom supplies and replenish if needed

### Clean up:

- Sweep floors inside Saturday evening (between days)
- Break down tables and stack, at end of show
- Collect signs from the neighborhood
- Take down wavy man and signs on fence (put letters away in respective boxes)
- Sweep floors and empty trash
- Collect flags that marked outdoor booth locations, tie together and store in storage room (Saturday after vendors are set up)

### Food for vendors:

- Most of the food will be purchased by the show chairman, but we welcome donated baked goods.



### Our new president

I'm stepping into the President role (6 months interim — until our next election cycle) at Maplewood Rock & Gem Club with excitement for a bright future ahead of us.

Older members with the club carry our history and offer stability and wisdom. We have new members joining us who bring new ideas and renewed energy to the mix. Together, we act as a resource to the community around us through education, workshops, annual rock shows, and a youth program.



I'm relatively new to the club (I joined in Summer 2021) but have loved stones since I was old enough to stuff my pockets with them.

I'm a dabbler and wear many hats. My primary career has been as a Clinical Director and Practice Projects Consulting for health care providers. I'm also an art teacher (K-12 youth) and adults.

My heart has been in non profit stewardship with many years as a volunteer & executive director dating back to 1989. These past experiences help me lead with creative vision, passion, and dedication to us meeting our mission & goals as a club.

You'll get to know me as a builder: creative thinking, very organized, and inclusive. I understand the importance of delegation, teamwork, and shared ownership. We all own this clubhouse; Let's figure out our specific talents & treasures and take care of it together.

We are each unique and different but then you and I also have a lot in common: our vocabulary includes Jasper, Jade, Petrified Wood, Opal, Obsidian, & Agate. Put it all together and we're totally smitten with rocks, crystals, and gems!

Please reach out if you want to get more involved or have ideas to share.

Let's rock this together!  
Michele McGraw



## Sell at a show

The Southern Washington Mineralogical Society is hosting "Rock & Gem Show 2023" on September 8 – 10<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>• Scan QR code and apply online</li> <li>• Contact Show Chair for additional application options</li> </ul> 	
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 196<sup>th</sup> St SW, Edmonds, WA  
[maplewoodrockclub.com](http://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](mailto:Shop@maplewoodrockclub.com)



## August Show – Puyallip



**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
GEM SHOW IN THE  
TREES**

**AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, & 13<sup>TH</sup> 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"***

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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
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 Teaway 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](http://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 July,

# Happy Birthday!



**Your birthstone is Ruby!**

This gem is a 9 on the Mohs scale, making it the second hardest natural stone. The red color is from trace impurities of chromium in the crystal; the more chromium, the deeper the red. Gem quality rubies can be more valuable than diamonds.

## Rock shows

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
Aug. 3, 10 am – 5 pm	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	\$5/day or
Aug. 4, 10 am – 5 pm	Billings Hotel & Convention Center	\$15 4-day pass
Aug. 5, 10 am – 5 pm	1223 Mullooney Lane	Kids under 12
Aug. 6, 10 am – 4 pm	Billings, MT	are free with an adult!
August 12, 10 am – 5 pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Free
August 13, 10 am – 5 pm	8802 196th St SW Edmonds, Washington	
Aug. 18, 9 am – 5 pm	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	
Aug. 19, 9 am – 5 pm	Polk County Fairgrounds	
Aug. 20, 10 am – 4 pm	520 S. Pacific Hwy. Rickreall, OR	
Sep. 8, 11 am – 5 pm	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	
Sep. 9, 9 am – 5 pm	Cowlitz County Fairgrounds Event Center	
Sep. 10, 9 am – 4 pm	1900 7th Ave Longview, WA 98632	
Sep. 9, 9 am – 5 pm	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	
Sep. 10, 10 am – 4 pm	Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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](#).

### 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](mailto: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

## Rock candy

Here is rock candy for you to enjoy.



*Afghanite*

## 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](mailto: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: Michele McGraw

Secretary: Carla James

Treasurer: Bruce Samuels

Members at large: Nancy Ross, Rich Osborne, and Nancy Samuels.



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ND: no derivatives - You may not alter the image.

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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.



## 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](mailto:MRGC@nancysamuels.com).

### This issue

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News

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