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August potluck and BBQ

Monday, August 21st at 5:30 pm

Our August meeting will be a potluck dinner and BBQ. The club will provide meat for the BBQ. We ask members to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a salad, chips, or appetizer. Otherwise, please bring fruit or a dessert. We will begin gathering at 5:30 and start the dinner buffet at 6 pm. This evening will be purely social, without any rock presentations or usual business.

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 image by [Orbital Joe](#) is a fully translucent spinel octahedron from Morogoro, Tanzania. This image is published here under the Creative Commons license [BY-NC-ND 2.0](#).

August Rock and Gem 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

Help with the August Show

Set up: Friday, August 11

Show: Saturday and Sunday, August 12 – 13

Take down: Sunday, August 13

The August show is the largest show of the year for us. The work goes fairly quickly, because a large number of our members chip in with their time and talents.

Heather, the club's Show Manager, 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. If you haven't yet signed up, please contact Heather at shows@maplewoodrockclub.com to see what tasks still need volunteers.

New storage shed – volunteers needed



On Wednesday, August 16 we will be preparing the site for the new storage shed. With many people to help, the work should go quickly. The job for this day is to spread 2 cubic yards of gravel in the area where the shed will be built.

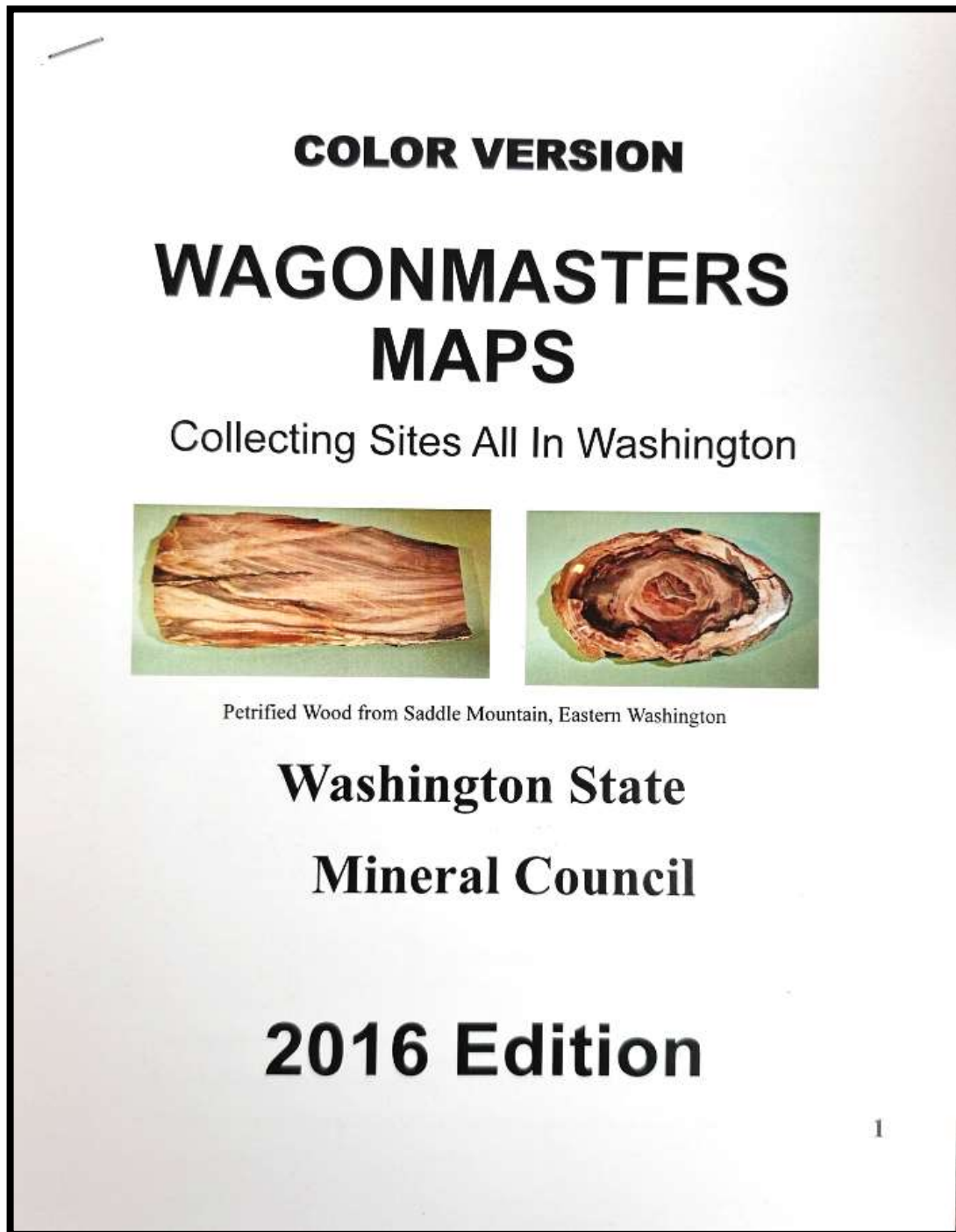
Later in the month we will have two more work parties to finish the shed. The first will be to paint the outside and to install fence posts, short stretches of fencing for security, and shelving inside. Do you have skills in rough carpentry or painting to offer?

Near the end of the month, we will move rock and gem display cases from a storage locker in Shoreline to the shed for their permanent home.

If you would like to help with any of these work parties, please contact Nancy Samuels at mrgc@nancysamuels.com. If you let her know you might be able to help, she will tell you the exact dates and times after our schedule is nailed down.

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.



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



If you were born in August...

Happy Birthday!

Your birthstone is Peridot!

Peridot (PEH-ruh-daat) is always green, though it can occur in different hues. It is one of the few gemstones to occur in only one color. Peridot often comes from a volcanic rock called basalt but it has also been found in meteorites.

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
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	Dalmation Stone & Green Chert

Marysville Rock and Gem Club

www.marysvillerockclub.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

Rock shows

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

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
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](#).

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
- $\frac{3}{4}$ lb of pre-polish
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of polish

Rock candy

Here is an image of an unidentified crystal formation by [Sergii Koviakov of Dresden, Deutschland](#).



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: Michele McGraw

Secretary: Carla James

Treasurer: Bruce Samuels

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



Image licenses

We use abbreviations in the license attributions. Here are the definitions.

CC: Creative Commons license

BY: attribute the author, link to the license, and indicate if changes were made.

SA: share alike - If you publish the image, you must use the same license.

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

NC: non-commercial use - You may not use the image for commercial use.

3.0 or other number: version of the license

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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Maplewood Rock and Gem Club
News

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