

# Maplewood Rock and Gem Club

July 15, 2024 - Member Meeting Minutes

Attendance: about 38

Meeting led by Chris Huffines

Minutes taken by Nancy Samuels



## Call to Order at 7:06 pm

### Reports and announcements

- Nancy Samuels spoke with Chris Huffines before the meeting. West Seattle Club offered to have one of their people give a Rock of the Month presentation about how to design a display case for a show. Chris thought October would be a good month, as long as that works for Bruce Samuels who is currently signed up for giving the presentation that month. **Nancy** will check with Bruce, and if it works, she will contact West Seattle to schedule a speaker.
- Gary Kirchberger offered to take over the Treasurer job when Bruce ends his term in December.
- Welcome to visitors:
  - Rebecca
  - Lisa and Mark Caldwell. Georgia was Lisa's mother. They are going to rejoin. They were members many years ago.
  - Crister joined.
- We need a couple speakers for Rock of the Month for Juniors and for adults.
- Next month our meeting is at 6 pm and it's a BBQ. Chris passed around a clipboard to sign up for side dishes.
- If you have not received a raffle ticket yet, get one from Cathy now.
- August 10 and 11 will be our next show. Heather said we have some new vendors coming. She passed around two clipboards. One is for setting up tables inside on Friday and Saturday morning. The other signup sheet is for cleaning up after the show. She is passing around a stack of flyers that members can give to friends and post on neighborhood bulletin boards.
- Ways and Means – Linda Willemarck has a sign up sheet for people to help with the sales table at the August show.
- We had a work party scheduled last week, but we had to cancel it at the last minute. We are going to focus on making the grounds look good at the show. August 3 is the date starting at 8 am.

- We need volunteers to step up for important positions, VP, treasurer, membership, and more.
- Bank balance on July 1 was \$37,969.66
- Total income: \$14,837.08
- Total expenses: \$8,349.02
- We drew two door prizes for adults and two kids were in attendance, so they both got prizes.
- The WA State Mineral Council has a field trip on
  - July 20<sup>th</sup> to look for Travertine at Sweet Water.
  - August 24<sup>th</sup> to look for Garnets at Lake Wenatchee
- August 3 is our Juniors field trip to Monroe.

### **Rock of the Month: “Pastel Light”**

Glitches: We needed the wifi password. The projector is so old that it requires HTMI cable connection, and no one had the converter piece

By Jennifer Brown and Liz Turner

- Burrow Creek pastellite (a little North of Nothing, Arizona). It’s open to the public, and there are not a lot of people there. At least 5 square miles.
- They go in January. They can cross the creek if there hasn’t been rain. She enters the area from the Kingman side.
- Pastellite is a jasper, but is fairly translucent and is harder than agate. Mostly pink, peach, gray, purple, orange, and rarely blue.
- Bagdad mine mostly gets copper and exploring for lithium. The area also has pastellite and agate. It’s not hard to find. You just have to decide how much you want to take and which specimens you want.
- There is a 2.5 mile stretch of nothing but these rocks.
- One area is purple. The pastellite is covered with white crust that you have to chip off to see what’s inside.
- There is sticky mud about the consistency of toothpaste. When it rains it’s like a greased road.
- Bubbling mud is found there too at a hot spring.
- Bentonite is in the mud.



- They donated 2 specimens to the silent auction.

### **Show and Tell**

- Several show and tell presentations.

**Meeting ended at 8:15 pm.**