

# Maplewood Rock and Gem Club

October 21, 2024 - Member Meeting Minutes

Attendance: about 42

Meeting led by Chris Huffines

Minutes taken by Nancy Samuels



## Call to Order at 7:05 pm

### Reports and announcements

- Welcome to visitors: Jeff, Melanie, Connie, Colin, Kristen, Brian, Scott,
- Nov 9 Community Demo show
- Antha, one of the Juniors, passed out raffle tickets to everyone.
- Nov. 16 Wire Wrapping Class. Sign up online.
- Open Committee positions –
  - Heather talked about the job of Shows.
  - Bruce talked about Membership.
  - Craig talked about Rentals.
  - Building manager. Chris talked about it.
  - Parliamentarian – files with the state and Federal government.
  - Administrator and tech manager – Projector, detailed data manager,
  - Kitchen – stocking things, laying out food at meetings
- Board Members
  - Treasurer: take in money, pay out money, keep QuickBooks up to date, produce reports.
  - Secretary: Minutes and official copies of Bylaws and Standing Rules.
  - Nathan – Board Member at Large: stay informed of what is going on in the club. Mostly time is going to Board meeting and Member meeting.

Nominations for our 2025 board:

- Lisa Rammell for Treasurer
- Member at Large: Crister Sausler and Linda Willemarck
- Secretary: Raven Thompson

## **Rock of the Month: “Designing a Display Case”**

Scott Smith and Stef Sloma

- Story telling geological process, rockhounding adventure, how something is processed/worked, rocks I love, raw to finished, be punny
- Pull people in from 5 – 10 feet away. Maybe something that draws the eye (can be really big, moving, or shiny/reflective)
- Don't need a lot of stuff in the case. You want to draw the eye across the case. Not just a jumble. Good signage and lighting.
- Big in back. Use risers inside to raise up larger rocks in the back.
- Case can be educational such as to show how something is done.
- 2 sizes of cases: Regional cases have a slant front and Federation cases are boxes. Large specimens are sometimes better in a Federation case. 2 x 4 footprint.
- Liners: fabric from a fabric store, a sheet, or something else. You want a high contrast between the liner and specimens.
- Cases come with lighting in the top. You might want to add your own. You can get a led stand that changes color which lights up translucent rock, like selenite.
- Props, risers, rings for spheres, stands, candle holders, soda bottle lid, cardboard box wrapped in a liner. Lots of things around the house you can use.
- Labels and signs. People want to know what they are looking at. They can be simple or with in depth information.
- Lights with a higher CRI index, like 97, render much better colors.

### **Show and Tell**

- Several show and tell presentations: Raven (Oregon sunstones), Nathan (Oregon Morrisonite), Mike (agate, bloodstone, and more), Kristen (rocks that are personally important to her)

**Meeting ended at 8:31 pm.**