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January meeting

Monday, January 20 at 7 pm

Chris Huffines will give a Rock of the Month presentation on birthstone gems and folklore. Paul will have a silent auction with specimens you can bid on. You may bring a rock or two to share during Show and Tell. If your last name begins with A – M, please bring snacks to share.

Our new Board

We will install our 2025 Board at this meeting.

Here's our leadership team:

President: Angela Vitense

Vice President: open

Treasurer: Lisa Rammell

Secretary: Raven Thompson-Happy

Members at Large: Paul Newby, Nathan O'Brien, Marion Richards, Crister Sausler, and Michele McGraw.

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Are you reading this?



To keep getting the newsletter and using the lapidary shop in 2025, members need to renew their memberships. Please come to the January meeting with a completed [Membership Application](#), which you can download from the website. If you don't have a printer, no worries! We will have a blank form for you at the meeting.

You can pay the membership fee (\$30 for an individual, \$15 for a Junior, or \$60 for a family) with a check, cash, or credit card. If you want to get through the line faster and have more time to browse at the silent auction, plan to bring cash or a check to pay your dues.

Rockin' the community

The kids worked with Joy Wiley, our volunteer for Community Displays, to create a display about rocks at the Shoreline library in November. Their display featured books about rocks and gems, our Rookie Rockhounds program, and petrified wood. Apparently, Harry Potter and a rainbow unicorn helped set it up.

Thanks to Joy and Amaryah for orchestrating this project.



Juniors

Amaryah Daniels

juniors@maplewoodrockclub.com

This December, we wrapped up our first full year as a juniors group and celebrated with an action-packed holiday party. The juniors took part in three different crafts—making agate ornaments, making polished rock picture frames, as well as Rudolf wwclothespins. Big thanks to Bruce Samuels for donating the agate slices for the ornaments, and Mike Collin’s for the polished rocks for the frames.

We reflected on all the topics we learned about over the year, and all the fun we had:

- Petrified Wood
- Florescent Rocks
- Rock Tumbling & Lapidary Arts
- Storing Your Collection & Setting up Displays
- Preparing for Field Trips
- Mineral ID
- Beach Combing at Edmonds Beach
- Agate Hunting at Tower Hill
- Geodes & Thundereggs
- Show & Tell, including some fair displays!
- Igneous Rocks & Volcanos

Lastly, we played a fun “Pass the Parcel” game and enjoyed a gift exchange. We’re looking forward to continuing our conversation on the rock cycle and Earth processes with Sedimentary Rocks as our topic this month. Big thanks to Chris Huffines who stepped up to speak on this topic.



The juniors are looking forward to another year full of fun topics like gold panning, Stone Age tools and art, crystal structures, and more. If you have any knowledge on these topics or have other topic suggestions please email the Juniors Coordinator, Amaryah, at juniors@maplewoodrockclub.com.





Calendar of Events

Here are some important dates for your calendar. Parties and social time are such valuable ways we get to know each other that we dedicate two meetings a year to them. In August we have a BBQ and in December we have a holiday party. All our other meetings are on the third Monday at 7 pm.

Event	Date	What's happening
Groundskeeping Day	March 22	Work party
Spring Show	April 5 and 6	Show
Summer Show	August 16 and 17	Show
Summer BBQ	August 18 at 6 pm	Potluck dinner and party instead of a member meeting
Annual Showcase	November 8 and 9	Demonstrations and displays for the community
Holiday Show	December 6 and 7	Show
Holiday Party	December 8 at 6 pm	Potluck dinner and party instead of the December meeting. Please note it's on the second Monday, not the usual third.



Juniors display at the 2024 Annual Showcase

Faceted gems for sale

Raven, our club Secretary, found some gorgeous faceted gems at \$20 for each round box. The Edmonds Senior Center Thrift Store has a couple of dozen to choose from. This store is near Goodwill and QFC in Edmonds.

22820 100th Ave W, Unit 12,
Edmonds, WA 98020



Happy Birthday!

For all those born in January, Happy Birthday!

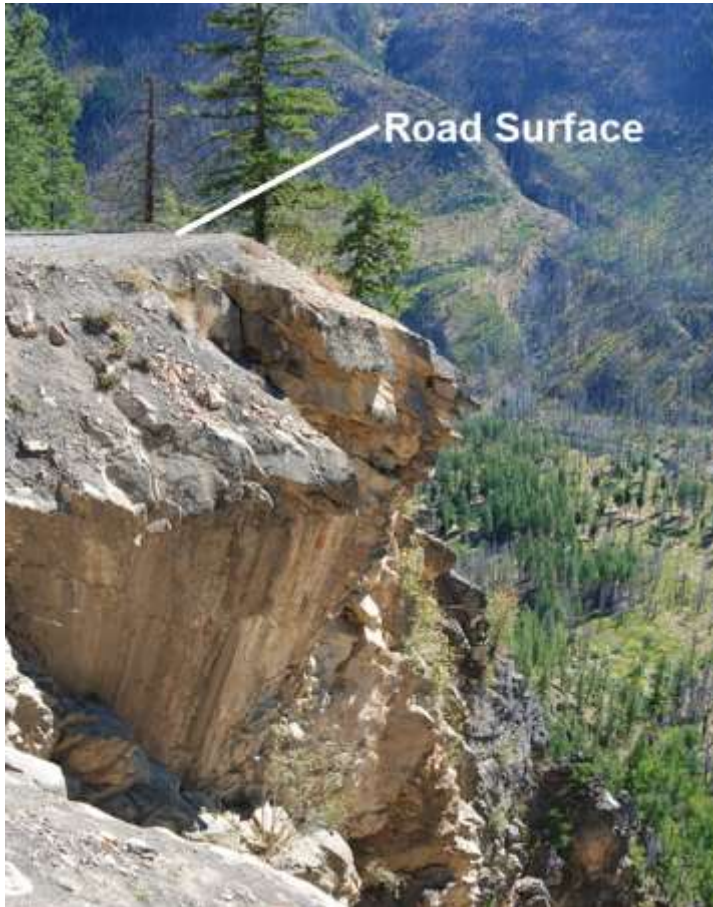
Your birthstone is garnet. This beautiful pyrope/alamandine garnet gets its color from iron.

May your rockhounding out in the wilds or inside at shows be successful for you this month.

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Marine Fossils in the North Cascade Mountains

By Jim Miller



Back in 2006 my son and I traveled to Hart's Pass for some hiking in the North Cascades. The pass is located west of Winthrop, Washington, and is accessed from the east, out of the small community of Mazama. The first few miles west of Mazama are easy enough, but then the fun begins. The gravel road that continues to Hart's Pass is pretty scary in places, particularly at the frightening curve known as Dead Horse Point. Gold miners in the old days lost several pack trains off the side of the cliff that is now a nail-biting corner in the gravel road (see photo at the left).

Once I got by Dead Horse Point and my blood pressure returned to normal, I continued driving up the gravel road to Hart's Pass, reaching the pass at an elevation of 6,200 feet. At that elevation, the pass is blanketed in snow and ice for most of the year. Access by vehicle is possible only in the summer and early fall months.

My son and I took some short hikes at the pass, but got curious about where the roads went beyond the Pass. One option is to continue over the Pass and follow the road downhill to Slate Creek, which has a long history of mining for precious metals. In the old days, there was a miners' wagon road from Slate Creek to the Skagit River.

A second option for exploration is to drive the road northward from Hart's Pass to Slate Peak and its fire lookout. There is a gate across the road about 3/10 of a mile from the lookout. But walking along the road to the lookout is fine. The photo below shows the road to the lookout, beyond the gate.



As we walked past the gate to the lookout, my son noticed that some of the dark-colored rocks in the cut slope next to the road had strange-looking holes in the rock. These dark-colored rocks are exposed on the right side of the access road in the photo above. I walked over to the rock exposed in the road cut and took a look. To my surprise, the holes in the dark rock were marine shell fossils! The

photo here shows a chunk of the dark-colored rock with fossils exposed at the end of the rock. A close-up image is at the top of the next page.





So, let's think about this... When alive, the creatures that called these shells home lived in oceanic water. The sedimentary rocks that enclose the fossils are now near the top of a mountain at an elevation of 7,300 feet above sea level! That's a great example of plate tectonics and mountain building in action.

The dark-colored rock that contains the fossils consists of muddy limestone. Some pockets of rock within the exposed road cut slope are particularly rich in fossils. Other zones are mostly devoid of fossils and are fairly sandy. The state geologic map indicates that the fossil-bearing rocks at Hart's Pass formed in the ocean at the same time dinosaurs were roaming the land.

I took home a few chunks of the dark limestone to get a better look at the fossils. The fossils in the dark rock were hard to see initially. Then I cut two small rectangular blocks of the limestone, smoothed the blocks with a high-speed sander, and etched the blocks in dilute muriatic acid. The results were great! The photo here shows one of the blocks in my hand, after acid etching.



Acid etching works well because the shell material is richer in calcium carbonate than the matrix sediment. The acid dissolves the shell material faster than the rock matrix, thus highlighting the fossils. Close-up images of the fossils in the etched blocks are shown below and on the following page.





Examining the acid-etched blocks more closely, the fossils include clam-like mollusks, turritella-looking gastropods (sea snails), and enigmatic shell remnants. Some of the gastropod shells are quite large, but they are mostly collapsed through burial and fossilization. All in all, the rectangular blocks of limestone turned out to be pretty interesting and artistic after etching.

Even if you are not interested in finding fossils, Hart's Pass offers incredible views of the surrounding North Cascade Mountains, particularly during the fall months when the larch trees stand out like golden torches. If you can gather the courage to drive past Dead Horse Point, scenes like the following one beckon.



Jim Miller

Jim Miller is a long-time member of Maplewood Rock & Gem Club. He is a retired geologist and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in geological engineering, as well as a Master of Science degree in environmental geology. Jim has loved rocks, fossils, crystals and the natural world since grade school. He enjoys rock tumbling and is an accomplished flintknapper. In 2006 Jim wrote and published a CD book on the types of stone used for knapping arrowheads and stone knives. He enjoys technical writing and has had several of his articles published in Rock & Gem magazine.

Rock lovers everywhere

Before you go rockhounding

Rockhounding is fun to do with a group. Join one of the trips listed below and meet other local rockhounders. If you plan to go, please contact the host a week or so ahead to let them know you are coming and to find out if anything has changed.

As you get ready for the trip, we recommend that you go through this checklist:

- Contact the host a week before the trip.
- Plan your driving time so you arrive 30 minutes before the meeting time.
- If needed for parking, get a Discover Pass or bring money for a trailhead or forest pass.
- Collect your tools and containers for the rocks:
<https://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com/photos-of-collecting-tools/>
- Prepare a first aid kit.
- Plan appropriate clothes, boots, gloves, snacks, and water.
- Gas up your vehicle.
- Review the Rockhound Code of Ethics. It's important to follow these so that the lands remain open for rockhounding.
<https://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com/rockhound-code-of-ethics/>



Rockhounding Hosts

Here is the contact information for hosts of the rockhounding trips:

Marysville Club	Nique Wicks	nwhoppyfrog41@gmail.com (509) 670-0630
Pow Wow	Larry Vess	vessel3755@gmail.com (253)473-3908
Puyallup Club	Nate White	nate.white77@gmail.com (206)349-7054
Washington State Mineral Council	Ed Lehman	wsmced2@outlook.com (425) 334-6282
	Nique Wicks (contact information is above)	

Trips and shows

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
Jan. 18 th 9 am	Marysville Club Walker Valley site Meet at the Big Lake Store	Search for blue agate. Bring tools for digging and breaking light hard rock https://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com/148-2/
Feb. 15 th 9 am – 5 pm 16 th 9 am – 4 pm	Washington Prospectors Mining Association Monroe Fairgrounds d	Gold, Gem, and Mineral Show \$5 ages 14 and over Ages 13 and under are free with an adult https://washingtonprospectors.org/

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
Feb. 22 nd 9 am	Marysville Club Cedar Ponds site Meet at Sultan Park 1 mile hike on a road	Search for jasper and fossils. Bring tools for digging and breaking light hard rock
March 1 st 10 am – 6 pm 2 nd 10 am – 5 pm	East King County Club Pickering Barn 1730 10 th Ave. NW, Issaquah, WA	Annual Rock and Gem Show \$1 for everyone ages 12 and over
March 8 th 9 am	Marysville Club Cherry Creek site Park at the North end of Duvall	Search for jasper Bring a rock hammer for light hard rock tools Involves wading in a creek and hiking in bushy terrain
March 8 th and 9 th 10 am – 5 pm	North Seattle Lapidary and Mineral Club Crown Hill Center 9250 14 th Ave NW, Seattle	69 th Annual Rock and Gem Show
March 29 th 10 am – 6 pm 30 th 10 am – 5 pm	Mount Baker Rock and Gem Club Ferndale Pavilion 2007 Cherry St., Ferndale, WA	63 rd Annual Rock and Gem Show
April 5 th and 6 th 10 am – 5 pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Spring show
April 12 th 8 am	Pow Wow Rockhounds Saddle Mountains site Meet at the boat launch SW of Mattawa	Search for petrified wood. Bring tools for breaking light hard rock or plan to collect smaller pieces.

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
April 12 th and 13 th 4 pm – 8 pm	NW Stone Sculptors Association Warren G Magnuson Park, Hangar 30	35 th Annual Best of the Northwest Spring Show Includes a youth stone carving workshop
May 3 rd and 4 th 10 am – 5 pm	Everett Rock and Gem Club Evergreen State Fairgrounds 18359 Cascade View Dr., Monroe, WA	70 th Annual Show
May 10 th 9 am	Marysville Club Racehorse Creek site. Meet at the Mini Mart at I-5 exit 240.	Search for leaf fossils and morel mushrooms. Bring a shovel and rock splitting tools.
May 24 th 9 am	Marysville Club Wild Turkey mine site Meet at 3515 Waitts Lake Road, Valley, WA	Search for noble serpentine. Pay to dig. Bring tools for hard rock or surface picking.
May 31 st 9 am	Marysville Club Walt Bailey Trail site Meet at the Verlot Ranger Station	Search for rainbow chert. Collecting along the roadside. Bring tools for hard rock.
June 6 th noon – 5 pm 7 th and 8 th 10 am – 5 pm	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club Swiss Park 9205 198 th Ave. E, Puyallup, WA	Valley of the Gems show
June 21 st 9 am	Washington State Mineral Council Saddle Mountains site Meet at Harvest Foods in Mattawa, WA	Search for petrified wood and opal. Bring tools for digging, breaking light hard rock, and surface picking

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
July 26 th 9 am	Marysville Club Lake Wenatchee site Meet at the rest stop just West of Lake Wenatchee on Hwy 2	Search for garnets. Bring a shovel and a screen container for the garnets
August 8 th and 9 th 10 am – 5 pm 10 th 10 am – 4 pm	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club 16409 Canyon Road East, Puyallup, WA	2025 Jim Christian Memorial Show in the Trees
Aug. 16 th and 17 th 9 am	Puyallup Club Greenwater site Meet at the Enumclaw Ranger Station	Search for agate, jasper, and opal. Bring tools for digging and hard rock.
Aug. 16 th 10 am – 5 pm 17 th 10 am – 4 pm	NW Stone Sculptors Association Evergreen Arboretum, Everett, WA	Fresh Paint 2025 Everett Arboretum Sculpture Walk https://www.schack.org/fresh-paint
Sept. 6 th and 7 th 8 am	Pow Wow Group Red Top site. Meet at the Teanaway Campground	Search for agate, jasper, and geodes. Bring tools for digging and hard rock
Sept. 20 th d 10 am	Puyallup Club Little Naches site Meet at the intersection of Hwy 410 and FR 92	Search for thunder eggs, fossils, lily pad jasper. Bring a shovel and small bar
Sept. 27 th and 28 th	NW Stone Sculptors Association Kubota Garden, Seattle, WA	Kubota Garden Sculpture Show and Sale
Oct. 1 st 9 am	Marysville Club Meet at Index, WA	Search for picture jasper. Bring a rock hammer.

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
Nov. 8 th 9 am	Marysville Club Blanchard Hill site Meet at I-5 exit 240 at the Mini Mart	Search for stilpnomelane (Dalmation stone). Bring hard rock tools. Collecting on the road shoulder.

Washington Prospectors Gold, Gem and Mineral Show Saturday and Sunday February 15 & 16, 2025

Special Guests appearance by:
 < Gold Rush TV Show Stars >
 < Photos and autographs with >
 • Carlos Minor • James Hamm
 • Wendell Malmberg • And More



- Over 40 Vendors selling merchandise
- Learn how to pan for gold at our panning
- Presentations by industry experts
- Finding Ellensburg Blues
- Learn about Metal Detectors and how to use them
- Buy your prospecting gear
- Buy Gold or Sell your Gold



Win some Gold with our
hourly Door Prizes.
(Must be present to win.)



**Admission is \$5. Children 13 and under are FREE with adult
Free gold pan to the first 50 paid guests thru the door each day**

Evergreen State Fair Grounds (Bldg 600) - Monroe, Washington

**Saturday February 15th, 9am to 5pm
Sunday February 16th, 9am to 4pm**

Mineralogical Societies Convention

The NW Federation of Mineralogical Societies is holding their annual convention in Walla Walla this September. Our club is a member of this federation. We don't yet have full details about the convention, but we do know the date. Now is not too early to book accommodations, if you are planning to attend. Walla Walla is a vibrant town at any time, but this convention overlaps with local winery events and a car show.



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Walla Walla, Washington

87th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2025

Walla Walla, Washington September 12-14, 2025
Hosted by the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society

We are excited to combine our Annual Gem Show with the NFMS Convention and welcoming all to Walla Walla. As we look forward to September, we must let you know that this is, quite possibly, the busiest week of the year. In addition to the Gem Show and Conference, there is an Annual Car Show, Aviation Show, and Fall Release for wine lovers. With that being said, we highly recommend getting a head start on booking your stay with us.

Here are various links to lodging options within the valley:

- Bed & Breakfast Lodging: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/bed-and-breakfast/>
- Hotels & Motels: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/hotels-motels/>
- RV/Campgrounds: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/camping-campgrounds/>
- Vacation Rentals: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/vacation-rentals/>

Stay tuned for the full conference program coming soon. We look forward to having you in Walla Walla.

Shows farther afield

Who wouldn't enjoy a weekend in British Columbia, Oregon, or the sun zone east of the Cascades?. These shows offer a chance to see some places you might not have visited yet.

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
February 22 nd 10 am – 6 pm 23 rd 10 am – 5 pm	Idaho Gem Club Expo Building South Wing 5610 Glenwood Boise, ID	85 th Annual Gem and Mineral show \$5 for ages 13 and older Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
February 22 nd and 23 rd 10 am – 4 pm	Maple Ridge, BC Lapidary Club Albion Community Centre 104 th Ave and 240 th St, Maple Ridge, BC	Annual show
March 1 st 10 am – 6 pm 2 nd 10 am – 5 pm	Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society O'Conner Field House 2207 Blaine St, Caldwell, ID	71 st Annual Rock and Gem Show \$5 ages 12 and over
March 7 th – 9 th 10 am – 5 pm	Tualatin Valley Gem Club Forest Grove National Guard Armory 2950 Taylor Way, Forest Grove, OR	66 th Annual Rock and Mineral Show \$1 ages 13 and over
March 7 th – 9 th 10 am – 4 pm	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) 1945 SE Water Ave, Portland, OR	74 th Annual Show Parking \$5 for 2 hours or \$8 for all day

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
March 8 th 10 am – 5 pm 9 th 10 am – 4 pm	Alberni Valley, BC Rock and Gem Club Alberni Athletic Hall 3727 Roger St, Port Alberni, BC	Annual show
March 8 th – 9 th 9 am – 5 pm	Panorama Gem and Mineral Club Stevens County Fairground Ag and Trade Center 317 West Astor, Colville, WA	Annual show
March 14 th noon – 6 pm 15 th 10 am – 6 pm 16 th 10 am – 4 pm	Victoria, BC Lapidary and Mineral Society Leonardo de Vinci Centre 195 Bay St, Victoria, BC	Annual show
March 14 th 9 am – 6 pm 15 th 10 am – 5 pm	Hellgate Mineral Society Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St., Missoula, MT	30 th Annual Show \$5 ages 12 and over ages 11 and under are free with an adult
March 22 nd – 23 rd 10 am – 5 pm	SE Idaho Gems and Mineral Society Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr, Pocatello, ID	Annual Rock and Gem Show \$3 ages 13 and over ages 12 and under are free with an adult
April 19 th 10 am – 6 pm 20 th 10 am – 5 pm	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society Bonneville County Fairgrounds 1542 E 73 rd South, Idaho Falls, ID	59 th Annual Show \$3 ages 13 and over

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
April 25 th 10 am – 4 pm April 26 th 10 am – 5 pm April 27 th 10 am – 4 pm	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club Central Washington State Fair Ground Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Ave., Yakima, WA	62 nd Parade of Gems \$7 ages 18 and over \$2 students ages 13 and up
April 26 th 10 am – 5 pm April 27 th 10 am – 4 pm	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds, Building 2 1500 S Oak St, Kennewick, WA	28 th Annual Rock and Mineral Show \$5 ages 15 and over Ages 14 and under are free with an adult
May 3 rd 9 am – 5 pm May 4 th 10 am – 4 pm	Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Ave., I-5 exit 123, Roseburg, OR	53 rd Annual Show, "One More Rock"
May 10 th 10 am – 6 pm May 11 th 10 am – 5 pm	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center 1705 East Airport Road, Hermiston, OR	<i>Natures Treasures Underfoot</i> \$5 for one day \$12 for all three days
May – June May 31 st 9 am – 5 pm June 1 st 10 am – 4 pm	North Idaho Mineral Club Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Jacklin Building #25 4056 North Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID	Annual show \$5 ages 13 and over ages 12 and under are free with an adult

Date and Time	Host and Location	Details
August 10 th 10 am – 4 pm	Fraser Valley Rock and Gem Club Aldergrove Legion 26607 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove, BC	Annual tailgate
August 20 th and 21 st 10 am – 4 pm	Fraser Valley Rock and Gem Club Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Center, Aldergrove, BC	Annual show



The Umpqua River near Roseburg, Oregon and the "One More Rock" show in May. Photo by [Llywrch](#). This image is published here under the Creative Commons license, [CC BY 2.5](#).

Washington State Mineral Council

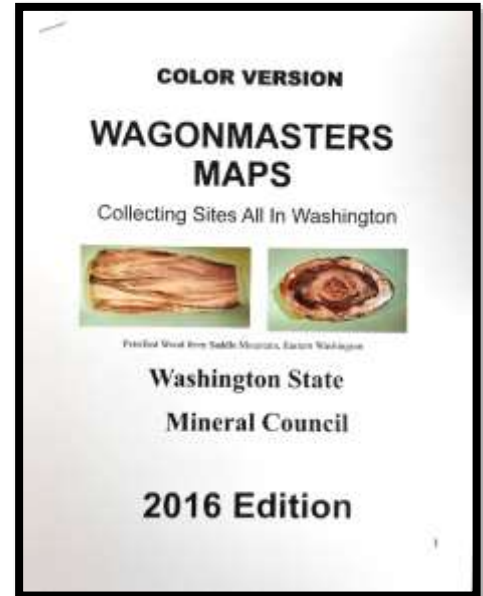
Our club, along with many other rock and gem clubs in the state, is a member of the Washington State Mineral Council. This organization helps us by

- 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](#).

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.



Seattle Regional Gem and Mineral Shows Committee

Our club is a member of a Seattle area organization of rock clubs. Together we share wooden display cases that we use at our shows. These cases are stored in the new shed behind our building. The other member clubs are the North Seattle Lapidary Gem and Mineral Club and the West Seattle Rock Club.

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Our club is a member of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies: <http://Northwestfederation.org>. We email their newsletter to our members each month.

About Us

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 need to cancel your reservation. Each Thursday and the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays we have two shop sessions available:

- Session 1: from 3:00 to 5:30 pm
- Session 2: from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

How to cancel

If you sign up for shop time online and later realize you won't be able to make it, you need to cancel your reservation no later than two days before the session. So, if you are cancelling a Thursday time, you need to cancel by Tuesday at midnight. 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.

What to bring

You need to bring \$10 (cash or check) to pay for the session. Additionally, please bring these:

- Eye 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
Nathan O'Brien
Marion Richards

Shop@maplewoodrockclub.com



Committees

Our club could not provide benefits to our members without the generosity of volunteers giving their time and talents to plan, organize, lead, communicate, and more.

Most of our committees are humming along under the leadership of members who have stepped up to help. But there are several committees without chairs and others have chairs who want to form teams to accomplish their jobs. Look for the bold committee names below. Will you step into one of these openings?

Committee	Chairs or Leaders	About this role
Classes	Open	Find people to lead classes. Submit announcements about classes to the newsletter and Website Editor. Announce upcoming classes at meetings. Organize class enrollment.
Cleaning	Raven Thompson-Happy More people needed	This could be a team. They will clean the interior of the building, purchase consumables like paper towels and cleaning products, and resupply the restrooms with paper towels and toilet paper.
Community Displays	Joy Wiley	Puts temporary displays in libraries and elsewhere in our community.
Building Maintenance	Open	Notices things that need fixing or maintenance and either takes care of them or finds someone else to do them.
Field Trips	Marion Richards Helpers needed	Marion finds people to lead field trips. Help coordinate signups and getting waivers signed.
Groundskeeper	Crister Sausler	Keeps the grounds looking nice by organizing an annual work party and by doing the regular upkeep.

Committee	Chairs or Leaders	About this role
Historian	Open	Maintains a store of historical copies of photos, donation records, and other data the club might want to retain.
Juniors	Amaryah Daniels	
Kitchen	Carla James	Organizes snacks for meetings.
Lapidary Shop	Rich Osborne, Bruce Samuels, Ashley Martin, Nathan O'Brien Marion Richards	They serve as shop stewards, maintain the tools in the shop, and organize work parties to clean the shop.
Library	Nancy Ross	Tracks borrowing, buys books, and organizes the library.
Membership	Bruce Samuels	Welcomes new members, orders name badges, manages member applications and renewals.
Newsletter	Nancy Samuels	Writes and emails the newsletter to all members in the week before our general meetings.
Publicity	Marion Richards	Advertises for shows on Facebook and fliers.
Parliamentarian	Open	Ensures we follow Roberts Rules of Order during meetings.
Rentals	Craig Kosovich, until June	Serves as the contact person for renters. Accepts rental contracts, checks to see that renters left the building clean.

Committee	Chairs or Leaders	About this role
Seattle Regional Gem and Mineral Shows Liaison	Nancy Samuels	Our club, the North Seattle Rock Club, and the West Seattle Rock Club are members of this organization. Together we own the shed where we store shared display cases for shows.
Shows	Need two people	Plan and organize our Spring, Summer, and December shows.
Sunshine	Nancy Ross	Sends cards to members who are ill or who would be cheered by a card.
Washington State Mineral Council	Nathan O'Brien	Our club, and nearly all rock clubs in Washington are members of this organization. Nathan represents our club at their monthly meetings.
Ways and Means	Angela Vitense Mary Garvey	They process and organize donated items, as well as get estimated values, set prices, and record descriptions. The team manages the club's sale tables at each show.
Website	Lynz Taylor	Updates the website content and adds/removes features as needed. Pays the hosting and domain registration fees.

Grit and oil for sale

The Shop Stewards have grit. When the shop is open you can buy grit or oil. Please email them a day ahead of when you will stop by to purchase grit: 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

Gallon of oil for \$20

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: Angela Vitense
Vice President: open
Treasurer: Lisa Rammell
Secretary: Raven Thompson-Happy
Members at large: Paul Newby, Marion Richards, Nathan O'Brien, Crister Sausler, and Michele McGraw.

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News to share?

Did you go rockhounding? Have you acquired a beautiful new specimen? Contact Nancy Samuels, the Editor at MRGC@nancysamuels.com.

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Maplewood Rock and Gem Club News

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