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January meeting

Monday, January 19 at 7 pm

Rich Osborne will give the presentation at our January meeting, and Paul Newby will have a silent auction with specimens you can bid on and add to your collection. Of course, we will also have Show and Tell, so bring a rock or two to share.

Raven is going to make a pot of homemade soup for you to enjoy during the break. Loaded Baked Potato soup featuring a creamy potato base, bacon, and green onions will be offered along with shredded cheese and sour cream on the side. She will also prepare a small batch of beans for those who prefer a vegan or gluten-free option. Please bring your favorite soup mug!

February board meeting

The February board meeting has been rescheduled to January 26 at 7 pm.

Banner Image

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Let's Build Something Great Together!

We have open seats for 2026 and we need your voice. Are you passionate about our club's future? Do you have ideas for new shows, workshops, or community events? We are looking for members to fill key roles that require leadership professionals like President, Vice President and Member at Large.

If you are interested in serving or would like to learn more about what these roles entail, please reach out to any current Board member or bring your questions to the January 19th general meeting.



Ensuring a strong foundation for our 2026 board

By Angela Vitense

As we prepare for the new year, we want to provide some clarity on our recent Board election process. Transparency is the bedrock of a great club, and we want to make sure everyone is on the same page as we move forward.

A Change in Plans

While holding the elections in November, four of the five newly elected members have since declined their positions. We respect their decision, but this "change of heart" emphasizes the need to follow our written procedures.

Following Our By-Laws

In reviewing the situation, we know that our November election didn't align with the club's By-Laws. Specifically:

- **Advance Notice:** New nominations must be vetted and published in our newsletter the month before they are announced or voted on at a General Meeting. This ensures every member has time to get to know the candidates.
- **The Notification Rule:** Per our rules, floor nominations are meant to be made at the General Meeting, provided the person being nominated is present

and/or gives their approval. This means my nomination for President was not valid nor in-line with my direction to the Board.

What's Next for MRGC?

Because the November process didn't follow these steps, and because most of the positions have since been vacated, we are working to get back on track with our official procedures. We are committed to doing things "properly" to protect the integrity of the Club. While this means an election reset, it also means we are ensuring the long-term stability of MRGC.

Establishing a Nominating Committee

To ensure we move forward correctly and find the best fit for our leadership team, we will form a Nominating Committee. This group will be responsible for reaching out to potential candidates, vetting nominees, and ensuring that all names are presented to the membership according to our By-Law. This takes the guesswork out of elections and ensures a balanced, thoughtful Board.

My role

Knowing this process will take some time, I will continue to support the Board as Past President.

Feeling a bit unwell?

There are a lot of colds and flus going around right now. If you are feeling a bit unwell, please stay home from the meeting and from the Lapidary Shop. We are a community, and we help one another by stopping viruses from infecting our friends.



2025: Gems of the Year

What a year it has been! As we gathered for our Holiday party in December, it was impossible not to feel a bit of "proud parent" energy looking back at everything we've tackled over the last 11 months.



From the high-energy buzz of our three in-house shows and the community showcase, to sponsoring and Ways and Means at the Darrington Jade Fest, this club has been busy. We didn't just focus on the "glamour" projects, either—we manned the Spring Cleaning days, finally tackled the Container clean-out, and kept the momentum going with our ongoing rock inventory sorting. Oh, and let's not forget the biggest win of all: the new roof!

The "Wall of Fame" Success like ours doesn't happen in a vacuum. It happens because people show up. I want to give a massive shout-out to the folks who kept the gears turning this year:

- Our Board: Lisa Rammell, Raven Thompson-Happy, Michele McGraw, Nathan O'Brien, and Paul Newby.
- Our Committee Leads: Bruce & Nancy Samuels, Amaryah Daniels, Lynz Taylor, Gary Kirshberger, Sam Roleru, Don Wilcox, Merilee Krebs, Craig Kosovich, Joy Wiley, and Rich Osborne.
- Our Super-Volunteers: Paul Sherman, Paul Kerney, Carol Duncan, Jim Miller, Rose Cosgrove, Paul Morse, and the Morgret and Hester families.



To everyone who pitched in, hauled rocks, or helped by volunteering at an event: Thank you. If I missed your name, please know that your hard work didn't go unnoticed. We are a better club because of you.

Here's to a fantastic 2026!



Basic Demo and Overview Classes

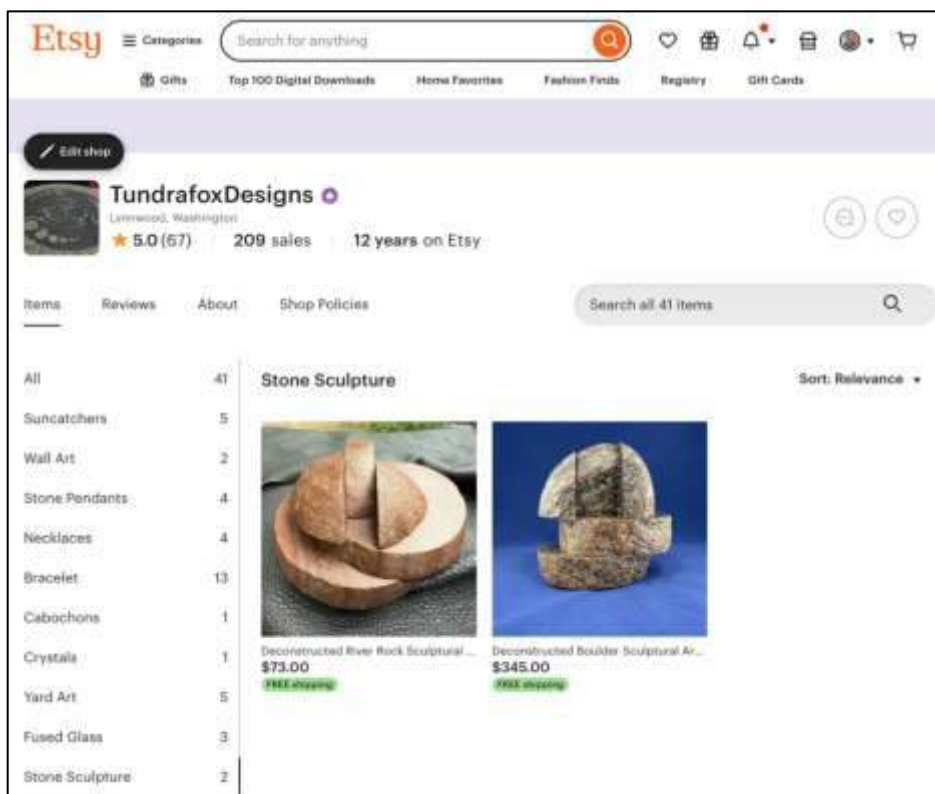
Don Wilcox will be offering a handful of basic overview/demo class sessions to share some of his knowledge and experience with club members. Each will be held at the club from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the Thursday following the monthly meeting. All the sessions except the first one have tentative dates. Watch this newsletter and listen to announcements at the meetings for firm dates later.

Rotary flat lap

January 22

from 6:30 to 8 pm

See a slanted 8" rotary flat lap and its setup. Don W. will demonstrate the basics and discuss various considerations; grit sizes, water feed, safety, and more.



How to turn your hobby into a business

March 19 from 6:30 to 8 pm (tentative date)

This will be a high level discussion on how to sell items on online, both Etsy and standalone website. Topics will also include basics of state tax filing and payment, and payment/billing considerations.

How to Clean and Prep Stones

**May 21 (tentative)
from 6:30 to 8 pm**

The discussion will focus on a handful of methods to clean quartz, epidote, pyrite, and other materials we find locally in the Pacific Northwest. There will be samples of before and after. The discussion will include chemicals needed and related safety.



Stone Carving Basics and Wet Angle Grinder

**June 25 (tentative)
from 6:30 to 8 pm**

Ever wondered about carving stone? This discussion will show basic hand tools, power tools, stone, and safety gear. There will be a basic demo as weather and space allow.

Don Wilcox

Don has been a member of Maplewood Rock and Gem Club for over 18 years. He has served on the board including 2 terms as president. He has been creating art for over 25 years and is a member of the Northwest Stone Carving Association. He created Tundrafox Designs as his business where he makes and sells lapidary items, pushed glass, sculptures, and more. You can find Don and his work at Etsy https://www.etsy.com/shop/TundrafoxDesigns?ref=shop_profile&listing_id=1657011904 And on the web <https://tundrafoxdesigns.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 summer celebration 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
Rotary Flat Lap	January 22	Class
How to Turn Your Hobby into a Business	March 19 (tentative)	Class
How to Clean and Prep Stones	May 21 (tentative)	Class
Stone Carving Basics and Wet Angle Grinder	June (tentative)	Class
Spring show	April 4 – 5 (tentative)	Show
Summer show	August 15 – 16 (tentative)	Show
Summer Celebration	August 17 usually at 6 pm	Summer celebration and August meeting
Holiday show	December, first or second weekend	Show
Holiday Party	December 14 at 6 pm	Potluck dinner and party instead of the December meeting

No April Show

There will not be an April Show this year. We need to get the leadership team worked out before we commit to a show right now. We will focus on making the best August Show ever!

Holiday show Dazzled

By Michele McGraw



The MRGC Clubhouse welcomed the holiday season with the festivity and colorful glow of trees, tinsel and lights. The December Holiday Gift Show was a smashing success with busy foot traffic both days. The venue was FULL of vendors who presented many fantastic gift-ready options for the community.



True to who we are, education and learning about the lapidary arts was abundant at every booth, and the big smiles and aura of holiday joy wrapped our event like a warm, cozy blanket.

The club extends a heartfelt thank you to the capable brigade of volunteers who shared their time and worked hard to make this show happen at the end of the year: many of you expertly stepped into various roles (large & small) to ensure a successful event.

A symphony of capable hands and kind hearts. Volunteers remain the heart of how we keep this club alive and vibrant. Working together, we accomplish great things.



Seasonal Holiday Celebration Shines Bright

A silly poem by Michele McGraw



'Twas a night in December
A night to remember,
And all of THE guests arrived
Ready to be part of a holiday JIVE.

They did celebrate one another
And a productive year behind them,
With THE food choices galore:
Oh, honey-baked ham and baked
potato bar,
Favorite salads, veggies, chili &
toppings
Chips and dips, & charcuterie with
crackers.

YES!.....more, and MORE.





Next came THE sweets
So many choices of sumptuous treats....
(Each person ate even more.)
And then THE big circle of chairs did appear
With one or more reindeer ...and a very
familiar cheery elf with THE sign
To share aloud, a story of tradition from
THE club's oldest times.

Presents were sent, one-by-one to THE
right
With abundant laughter & glee
Oh, what a night!
For everyone there to behold & see.
Packages were opened, gem treasures were gifted.
Everyone there truly felt spirits lifted.



So very happy if you could join us
for a great wrap up to THE 2025 rock club mix -
If you missed out this time,
there is always 2026!

Spruce Mining Claim Trip

By Don Wilcox

September 2025

In early September, I was invited to join a friend, Chris H., who owns a stake in the Spruce Claim in the Snoqualmie Pass area, north of North Bend, Washington. Chris was our field trip leader at the Maplewood Rock and Gem Club a few years back.

The Spruce Claim was part of 170 claims filed by Bear Creek Mining back in the 1950's. It was worked for specimens in 1977 and 1978 by What on Earth, Inc. (Ohio - Sandy Ludlum), then Bob Jackson, Stan Esbenshade, and Niel Pfaff from 1979-1982, Geology Adventures from 1983 to 2008, and now Spruce Claim Collectors, LLC (source mindat.org). Despite its long history of operation, there is still much much more material remaining. It is known for its museum quality quartz and pyrite clusters. The pyrite here is more octahedron than cube shaped, although the shapes unearthed have varied throughout the claims' history.



Chris and I set out from his house at 6 in the morning. We headed north to North Bend, Washington, then headed up some rough back forest roads, including the last leg behind a locked forest service road access gate. Once at the trail head, we switched into our hiking gear and loaded our packs.

Not more than 30 feet from the trail head, our path took a steep climb up. Luckily there were ropes to help. The trail was a quarter mile up, mostly at a 70% incline. There were a few switchbacks and lots of ropes to help us ascend. As we neared the mine, there were plenty of warning signs to keep non claim staff and owners off the site, as it is an active mine site with daily dynamiting in the summer. Claim caretakers occasionally evict hikers hoping to “jump” the claim. Some folks just don’t respect property rights and warning signs.

Towards the top, there are a handful of lodging, storage, and outhouse buildings. It was a hot day and after a demanding climb up, the cold water there was very welcome. Once our rest and water break was over, we hiked a short distance up to the actual mine site. It was in a steep narrow ravine. We dropped our packs on a small ledge/trail, then skirted around the cliff and down a series of steps and ropes to the mine.

It is a steep sheer wall with a series of “benches” at the bottom, then a steep ravine down that contains the mine tailings basically just a bunch of boulders and other rocks going almost all the way 1/4 mile down to the edge of the service road. The entire area is secured with a series of ropes for us to attach to, as the narrow ledges and steep drop offs require proper climbing gear in order to safely work the site.





The “benches” are where the material is uncovered. This involves a process of the miners drilling a series of holes and then packing them with explosives. The goal is to knock off a few feet of each branch to expose a new face, while still maintaining benches to work on to search the vugs, holes and crevices in the rock, for crystals. When the explosives were ready, we all retreated to the upper trail around a corner.

The miners sounded a loud airhorn to warn that blasting would occur in a few minutes. They then tested the wires for proper conductivity in the circuit, followed by connecting them to the detonator box. They allowed me the honors. They sounded the airhorn again to warn that blasting was about to occur. I held the

left button down which triggered a green blinking light. When the green light transitioned from blinking to solid, I yelled, “Fire in the hole,” then pushed the right button.



The earth shook and smaller rocks flew out in front of us as we were protected by the massive rock wall we hid behind. Because of the danger of flying rocks, we had to hide to protect ourselves and were not able to see the actual explosion. The miners then went around the cliff and down to inspect the blast area to ensure that there were not any unexploded explosives. There was one, so they "remediated" it to ensure that it was safe before allowing us to go down to the collection site.

We then went down, secured by a series of ropes, and observed the results. The 4 of us inspected the newly exposed rocks. We ensured that the newly loosened boulders were safe to work around, pushing some down the hill and out of our way. One bounced down the gulley for nearly 20 seconds as it bounced down with a series of loud thumps.

Once cleared, we inspected the newly exposed vugs to see which ones were promising. Some contained pristine quartz crystals, while most were covered in layers or iron oxides. There were also lots of pyrite. However, most of the pyrite was broken and fractured. There were many large pieces, but most did not survive the shock of the explosions.

Many of the vugs contained mud which required us to poke around with chop sticks to try to remove the loose materials. For those that contained worthy clusters of quartz crystals and pyrite, we used thin wedge chisels to try to separate the crystal clusters with enough base material to keep things stable. This was hard work with lots of hammering on



the bedrock. In most cases it was well worth this grueling effort, but in some, the clusters didn't fully survive the process. I found several great scepter pieces and some nice pyrite crystals in an octahedron shape, although all of the intact ones were very small.



When we were in doubt about a particular vug or specific specimen, we reached out to the 2 miners to help provide some guidance and insight. They had been doing this for years, so they helped show us how to remove some of the rock overburden or to release a particular cluster.

The temperature that day reached the 90's. Wearing full rugged clothes, climbing gear, and helmets, we knew it was important to take breaks in the shade and to drink plenty of water. During the breaks, we were treated to some spectacular views.



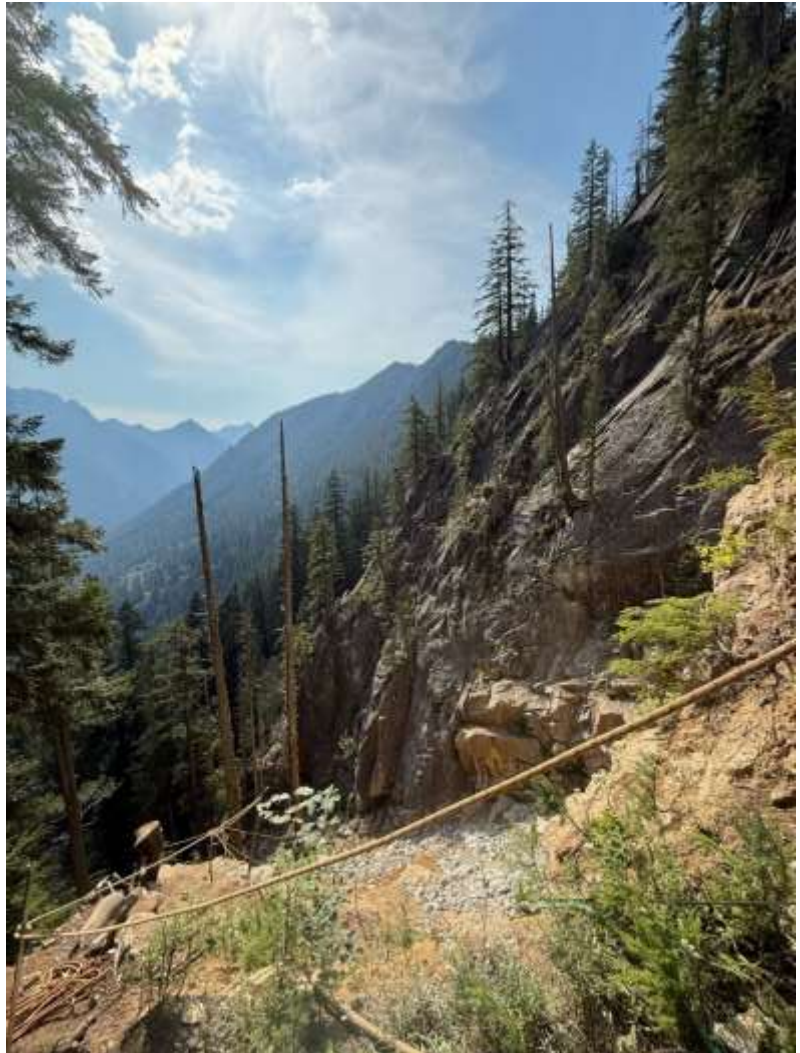


As we collected the more delicate quartz and pyrite crystal cluster specimens, we packed them in the bubble wrap and clamshell to-go containers that we brought. For the loose quartz crystals and pyrite crystals, we packed those in various sizes of zip lock bags. It was important to pack well, as we still had the rugged $\frac{1}{4}$ mile trek down the mountain to the trailhead.

Just before sunset, we decided to end our day and make the trek down. We thanked the miners for their help, loaded our packs, and started the journey down.

When nearly to the bottom, we passed a tree that had warning signs about hornets. Chris went by silently and avoided them. As I passed, I was not so lucky. Two stung me on the left hip and one on the right shoulder. Not as bad as I expected, but very annoying for the next day or so.

We passed several others who were venturing up to camp, in preparation for the next day's mining opportunity. When we reached the bottom of our trek to the trailhead, we drank lots of water and started our cooldown. It was now dark. We changed from our dust and sweat soaked mining clothes into some clean clothes we brought for the trip home.



Our final leg of the journey was to navigate the backcountry forest service road with its ups and downs, twists and turns, through the dark night back to the surface roads near North Bend, Washington. It was a bumpy and jolting drive in parts, thus the extra protection of bubble wrap for our specimens. When we finally hit the paved road, it was a welcome relief and felt like we hit civilization. The hour back home flew by as we discussed our day's adventure.

Once home and rested, the process of cleaning gear, clothes, and my specimens began. I unpacked and sorted the materials. For the quartz, I placed them in a batch of prepared oxalic acid solution where they will rest for several months. This will clean off the coating iron deposits and other materials that coats them.



I want to thank Chris H. for an awesome adventure. It is our shared love of rocks and minerals that allowed us to come together to enjoy some of the bounty that Washington state has to offer. Chris' generosity is recognized and appreciated.





New Zealand Travel Adventure

By Jim Miller

During the first two weeks of December 2019, a long time friend and I visited the South Island of New Zealand. Because New Zealand is located south of the equator, our trip occurred during their late springtime, when winter was getting established in the greater Seattle area. My friend had visited New Zealand twice before, and he had friends that resided in the city of Christchurch.



The photo above shows Christchurch from the side of an extinct volcano located east of the city. Christchurch is about the size of Spokane and was heavily damaged in an earthquake that occurred in 2011. In the photo above, you can see clouds hanging on the mountains west of the city. Those clouds were part of an epic storm that we endured for most of our stay. The primary goals during our visit were: 1) fly fishing in some of New Zealand's famous trout streams, and 2) hiking in the country's fantastic Southern Alps. The storm put a serious damper on both activities, but the trip was a great experience, nevertheless.

I'm going to focus this story on our visit to Aoraki/Mt. Cook National Park (Aoraki is the native Maori name for Mt. Cook). We visited the park three times with great expectations. Unfortunately, the storm was raging during our first two visits. We stopped at a roadside viewpoint during the storm to see if we could get any views of the rugged mountains that make the Southern Alps famous. The photo below shows the view toward the mountains across stormy Lake Pukaki. We knew beautiful alpine scenes had to be there somewhere, but to our disappointment, clouds cloaked the mountains and hid the views.



Five days later the storm abated, and we returned to the park during the most beautiful day imaginable! The sky was crystal clear and the Southern Alps were in full view. The photo below shows the same scene as above, after the storm.



We went on three separate hikes in the park that day, taking maximum advantage of blue skies and spectacular scenery. The first hike was in the Tasman Valley, which supports an active alpine glacier and impressive glacial landforms. The photo below shows the Tasman Valley from a distance.



The low hills visible in the lower left-center of the photo mark a terminal moraine that formed during the “Little Ice Age” that occurred between about 1700 and the mid-1800s. A moraine develops at locations where the rate of glacial advance is matched by the rate of melting at the ice front. Glacial ice continues to advance, but it drops its load of rock and sediment at the terminus, thus forming a ridge-like moraine of glacially transported debris.

The relatively short Tasman Valley hike took us to the top of the moraine, where we could see the terminus of the Tasman Valley Glacier and its meltwater lake. The glacier is experiencing rapid retreat at this time. Glaciers recede when the rate of melting at the end of the glacier exceeds the rate of glacial advance.

The ice front extended all the way to the terminal moraine as late as 1985. Since then, as the climate has warmed, the ice front has receded more than a kilometer and a meltwater lake has developed where ice existed until relatively recently. The photo below was taken from the crest of the terminal moraine and shows a view of the meltwater lake and the terminus of the debris-covered glacier. A prominent lateral moraine is present along the left side of the lake, as are "kettles." These water-filled depressions formed where stranded blocks of ice melted within the moraine deposits.





After the Tasman Valley hike, we went on a spectacular trek into Hooker Valley. This hiking trail includes three suspension bridges for crossing gushing glacial meltwater streams. The photo below shows one of the suspension bridges.

The Hooker Valley hike took us to the terminal moraine of the Mt. Cook Glacier and its associated meltwater lake. With a summit altitude of 12,218 feet, Aoraki/Mt. Cook is the crown jewel of the Southern Alps. The mountain is draped in alpine glaciers and exposes sedimentary rocks that have been severely crumpled by mountain-building forces. The photo below shows Aoraki/Mt. Cook standing high above its valley glacier and meltwater lake.



Although weather limited our activities during much of our New Zealand visit, this one spectacular day made the trip a huge success for me. We found New Zealand and its citizens to be gracious and welcoming. I would encourage anyone to visit this unique destination. Two weeks are not enough...



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.

Who doesn't like *free*?

In 2026 Washington public lands agencies have chosen the following days when you don't need a Discover Pass to park at

- state parks
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources land
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife land

A Discover Pass costs \$45 for a year of parking on state land listed above. The pass covers two vehicles.

The Discover Pass funds significantly help the state agencies provide

- recreation opportunities
- conservation of forests and seashores
- clean bathrooms
- trail maintenance



The free days in 2026 are

Monday, Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, March 9 – Billy Frank Jr.'s Birthday
Thursday, March 19 – State Parks 113th Birthday
Wednesday, April 22 – Earth Day
Saturday – Sunday, June 6-7 – Free Fishing Weekend
Friday, June 19 – Juneteenth
Sunday, Aug. 9 – Smokey Bear's Birthday
Saturday, Sept. 26 – National Public Lands Day
Saturday, Oct. 10 – World Mental Health Day
Wednesday, Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

To rockhounds born in January

Happy Birthday!

Your birthstone is garnet!

Think you know your birthstone? Here are a couple things you might not know about garnet.

If you have garnet jewelry handed down from your great-great-great-grandmother, you might want to inspect it to see whether the garnets are doublets. Victorians used to create doublets by fusing genuine garnets to pieces of glass to make it appear larger.

Ancient Romans used garnet intaglios to stamp the wax on sealed documents. This Syrian garnet was carved in the first century CE to depict Venus visiting Vulcan's forge. Venus convinced her husband, Vulcan, to make armor and weapons for her son, Aeneas. Vulcan is sitting at his anvil and Venus is standing and facing him. Vergil wrote the Aeneid, an epic poem, which included this story.

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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 rockhounds. 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:

Maplewood Club	Don Wilcox	wilcox.don@comcast.net
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
Dec. 6 – 7th 10 am – 5 pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Holiday Show

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: shop@maplewoodrockclub.com

Each grit package is \$4, and this is what they sell:

1 lb of 60/90	¾ lb of pre-polish
1 lb of 120/220	½ lb of polish

Gallon of oil for \$20 (Bring your own container.)

Washington State Mineral Council

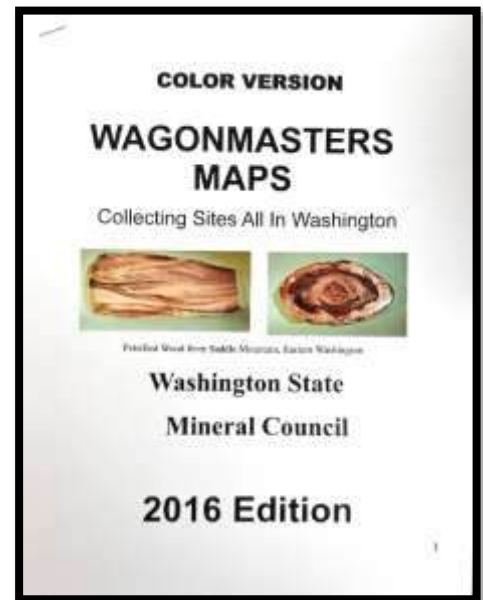
Our club, along with many other rock and gem clubs in the state, is a member of the Washington State Mineral Council. This organization helps us by

- 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
Nathan O'Brien
Dirk Sierag
Scott Higson

Shop@maplewoodrockclub.com



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: Sam

Vice President:

Treasurer: Lisa Rammell

Secretary: Raven Thompson-Happy

Members at large: Paul Newby,
Nathan O'Brien, and Michele McGraw.

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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

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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