

Place: Arden  
Community Club  
Hall Rd  
Arden, WA



Time: 7:00 PM  
Third Tuesday  
Each Month  
(Jan.-Dec.)

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## The Panorama Prospector

### April 2013

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#### Panorama Gem and Mineral Club March 19, 2013

*By Luci Bristow*

Our Show Chairman Bill Allen opened the meeting with an update of the Club's progress toward the upcoming Rock Show. Everything seems to be in place, with the exception of last minute items. It looks really good!

We were pleased to have Randy Anderson with us from the Spokane Rock Rollers. He did an excellent presentation of his experiences in his work at the Good Friday Mine in Mullen, Idaho. The slide show was very interesting and we certainly learned a number of things that happen when you mine. The club enjoyed his presentation.

The club received a book on gems and minerals (very nice colored presentation) as a gift from the Spokane Rock Rollers. Thanks!

Johnie reported that the scholarship applications were given to the schools (Kettle Falls, Colville, and Chewelah) for student interest and compliance and are due back to us by May 1, 2013. He also gave the Treasurers Report.

A discussion of Field Trips was held. A committee of Scot Jackson, Bob Bristow, Jerry Hertler, and Becky Dobbs was established for looking into future trips. We had a lengthy discussion on a number of Field Trips. President Bruce presented a list of 28 potential locations for the Club to consider. The ones our club members showed the most interest in were: Gold Panning on Sullivan Creek and also on Sheep Creek – Tekoa Mountain for rock finds, Usk Quarry, Metalline Falls, Loon Lake and Flagstaff Mine/Barite. It was mentioned that we would discuss multi-day field trips at our next meeting.

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[Becky Dobbs' Night Light Booth]

#### Rock Show Rocks

*By Joseph Barreca*

This year's rock show, number 13, was by all accounts the best ever. The Statesman Examiner, Colville's newspaper, gave a front page picture to Dave Paquette's gold panning activity for kids. We had more traffic than ever, over 1000 visitors. Having it all laid out on one floor, with good heat and light and great restrooms was excellent. The weather was better than ever. (Remember the snow storm a couple years ago?) Having decorative white cloth and lights on the ceiling was a bonus left from a wedding previously held there. The costs were less than expected (more on that later) and the setup and breakdown were easier than ever. So congratulations to the team that chose the Ag Trade Center on a good decision.

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When we have a presentation, someone always has to bring the club TV. A motion was made to contact Arden Community Center to see if they will allow a good-sized cabinet to be put in the storage room to house the TV. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dessert for Next Meeting: Becky Dobbs, Ginger Pitman, Bill Allen and Arden Fritz.

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Also congratulations and a big THANK YOU to Bill Allen for organizing everything. It would be hard to name all of the club members who stepped up to make beautiful display boxes and to run the silent auction, ring toss, welcome table, grab bags, black light cave and do all the setup and decorating.

The food provided by the Spirit Summit 4-H Club was as popular as ever.



[A look down the right side of the main hall]

It was great to have Steve Fox drive all the way up from Arizona and act as announcer during the show. He says that our club fills more display boxes than his club in Albuquerque which is many times our size.



[One of several great displays by Bruce Hurley]

Something I loved about the displays was that most folks took the time to label the rocks inside. It really helps advance the educational aspects of the show. Scott Jackson even had a little hand-held label printer that would spit out adhesive-backed labels on the spot.

Just as stunning as the displays, were the vendor booths. With a little more room and a lot more light, the vendors really made the place sparkle. I don't know if we can manage to award the best tables and display boxes, but many of them certainly deserved official recognition. One of the nicest, as usual was the crystal and beads



table created by Sherry Bamberger and Nena Wright. Having handy electricity for lighting was another big bonus of the Ag Trade Center space.



The High Desert Minerals table by Jan and Bruce Hurley may have been the most amazing with large Amonites, Trilobytes and high quality

gems of many kinds. We don't collect sales information from the vendors, but I expect that they all did well. We do tally numbers on our club's income and expense and to cover that part here's Johnie.

## Show Report

The final show report is not complete yet because we have not gotten all of the advertising bills. The preliminary report looks good and is as follows: Wheel of Fortune and grab bags totaled \$836.13; the Ring toss and silent auction totaled \$399.22; and the scholarship donations at the door totaled \$276.01, for a total of \$1511.36. This number does not include the dealer fees, advertising cost, and building rent. A more complete report will be given at the meeting.

The attendance was good, we can only estimate the total number of visitors from the number of tickets that were signed for the door prizes, that was 520 and did not include kids. So the estimate is some where between 1,000 and 1,200 plus the school kids that were there on Friday morning.

The grand prize was won by M. Sandhop from Kettle Falls and she was so happy and grateful when she saw it.

A BIG THANKS to all who helped set up and take down as well as working long hours during the show.

There was a green Timberland jacket found after set up on Thursday and was never claimed, it will be at the meeting.

*Johnie, Club Treasurer*



[ Here are some of Johnie's rock creations.]

## Chips From The Outcrop

*By Bruce Hurley*

Our 13<sup>th</sup> annual show is in the books, and by all accounts was quite a success. The new location at the Colville Ag and Trade Center lived up to expectations, and show attendance was up over 2012. Show Chairman Bill Allen and all of those who assisted him before, during, and after the show deserve a big vote of thanks, as do the people who put in the time and effort to provide case displays. Thanks also to the 4H folks, for great food at reasonable prices, and the dealers, for quite a variety of products and nice displays. Perfect weather for the Easter weekend was much appreciated, too.

The show came together well, as did the new venue, but, as always, there are a few things that could be improved to make things even better for next year. This is where the membership as a whole comes in. All of us need to think about things we noticed which might be changed or rearranged that will make things more convenient or flow better, and get our suggestions to Bill, so that they can be factored into planning for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual show.

At the last meeting we voted for the following one-day field trips for 2013:

**Usk Quarry (quartz, amethyst, calcite, access pending)**

**Lefarge Quarry, Metaline Falls (trilobite fossils)**

**Loon Lake Copper (azurite & malachite)**

**Tekoa Mountain (limonite cubes after pyrite)**

**Gold panning on the Columbia.**

The Field Trip Committee is now at work getting these trips scheduled and access arranged. Also, the Rock Rollers trip for Saddle Mountains petrified wood is coming up on April 20.

The program this month is a slide show which I will present entitled "The History & Geology of the Nevada Test Site." The Nevada Test Site (NTS), now known as the Nevada National Security Site, was the testing ground for nearly all nuclear device tests conducted in the continental United States, approximately one thousand in all. Other NTS activities have included low-level nuclear waste disposal, high-level nuclear waste repository studies, and sub-critical weapons materials testing. As usual, there will be a few show-and-tell rocks, too.

## Hollywood Ranch



[Hollywood on the Travel Channel]

Just before the rock show I got a phone call from David Bauer at the Hollywood Ranch. It is in Holley Or, not far from Sweethome. This was a petrified wood site that I had never heard of. David sent me some links. One was to their website, which is very nice. The best part is the video of the Cash and Treasures show which the picture above came from. The rock in this picture is reportedly worth about \$5000 when cut into slabs. Obviously no trivial task. Here is the rap from their website:

Pieces are available now ranging in size, quality and variety! Also available for sale are literally tons of wood, which has already been surfaced and is reasonably priced by weight. Hundreds of varieties have been found on the property and more are being discovered all the time. Be the next one to cash in on this gold mine of valuable fossilized petrified wood. We guarantee you will have a great experience and never walk away empty handed.

Quality petrified specimen such as Maple, Sycamore, Persimmon, Oak and over 65 other identified species of petrified wood have been found on Hollywood Ranch, plus nearly 100 that have yet to be identified! Some of these rounds and chunks were discovered to be highly agatized after cutting them, significantly raising their value and beauty. Don't miss out on the chance to be a true treasure hunter at the famous Hollywood Ranch of Oregon, located in the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

### **Fee dig open May 1 – September 30**

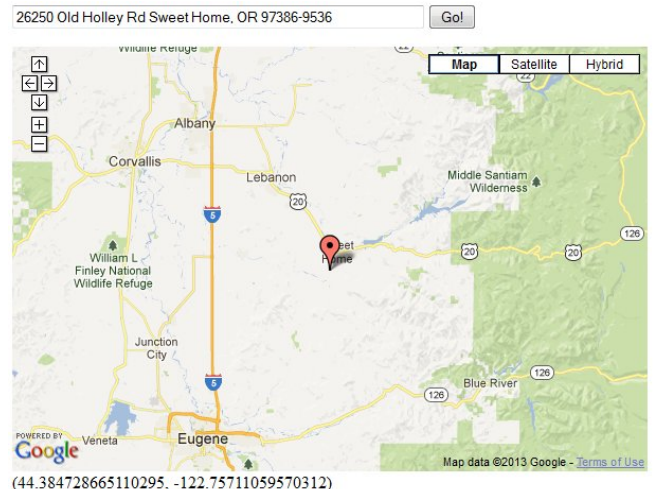
Cost is \$1.50 per pound for the highest quality and largest variety of petrified wood anywhere!

**Open 7 Days a Week, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Group digs scheduled between Thursday – Sunday.**

Please call ahead to let us know you're coming, ground conditions may be effected by weather so limitations may apply.

If nothing else, check out this video on the website: [www.hollywoodranch.com](http://www.hollywoodranch.com). . It is a real kick.

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Holley Oregon is east of Interstate 5 between Corvallis and Eugene.

## **Rock Tumbling Contest by June 1st**

F.R.L.M.S. Inc. wants to remind all tumblers that the June 1st cut off date is fast approaching. Our World Rock Tumbling Contest is open to the young and old, new and experienced. We send you enough material so that you will have some product to keep for yourself. Come join in on the fun and challenge of perfectly polished stones. You won't regret it!

### **Prizes**

First place  
\$250.00  
Second Place  
\$100.00  
Third Place  
\$50.00

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This message is your invitation and your application. Print it and fill out the information, make out the check payable to FRLMS and mail to;

**Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society or FRLMS**  
**P.O. Box 2645**  
**Oroville, CA. 95965**

Entry fee this year will be \$40.00 for continental US residents. This will include shipping material to you.

All others fees will be \$40.00 plus shipping. Please send correct fees and how to ship.

- (3LBS.) of rough will be shipped to you when application & check are approved.
- We will stop accepting applications June 1st, 2013.
- (1/2 LB.) finished rock must be returned with copy of entry form and must be post marked no later than August 15th, 2013.



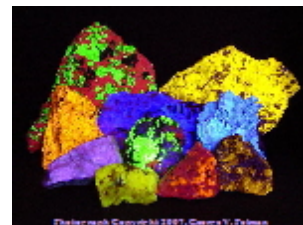
### Stonerose Membership Dig

- Searching for fossils will be permitted on Friday and Saturday April 26 & 27 from 9a.m - 3p.m. and on Sunday April 28 from 9a.m. - 12 noon.
- If you are not currently a Member of Stonerose you may join or renew during the membership dig.
- 'Members' will be allowed to keep six fossils per day (this weekend only).
- The annual Membership Meeting will take place Friday evening at the Stonerose Interpretive Center at 6:00p.m. Bring your own dinner and we will provide the beverage: coffee, tea, water, soda, Paleo Ale, etc.
- Saturday Dr. Bruce Archibald <http://www.brucearchibald.com/>, paleo-entomologist from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver B.C. will give a presentation on current projects.
- Sunday join Stonerose President Michael Sternberg and geologist John May for a local geology tour. 9a.m. - 12noon.
- <http://www.stonerosefossil.org/>
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### Kinross Gold Mine Tours

Kinross Gold Corporation will schedule Gold Pour Tours throughout the summer. These tours will be available periodically on Monday's. If you would like to participate in one of these tours, please contact Stonerose with your full name, date of birth, phone number, boot size, contact information, the number of people in your party and date of planned visit. All participants must be at least 12 years of age. This is a one of a kind Ferry County hidden treasure that you and your family can experience during your visit to Republic. For more information call (509) 775-2295 or contact us by email at [srfossils@rcabletv.com](mailto:srfossils@rcabletv.com)



### Polman Minerals

Way back in 2005 I convinced the club to buy a hand-held UV light that would illuminate long, short and mid-range wavelengths. It cost us almost \$500. During the last show, the UV bulbs for short and midrange gave out on us. There are some lessons to learn here.

The life of fluorescent light bulbs is not measured in time on like regular lamps. It is measured in times turned on and off. So DON'T TURN IT ON AND OFF unless you have to. Also labels on the side of the bulbs are for 110 ac`bulbs, which these used to be. If you look at the ends, there is black sealant where they have been modified for 12 volt use. I learned the hard way that you need to order new ones from George Polman, [www.polmanminerals.com](http://www.polmanminerals.com).