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Community Club
Hall Rd
Arden, WA



Time 7:00 PM
Third Tuesday
April - September
6:00 PM October -
March

The Panorama Prospector

March 2018

Panorama Gem and Mineral Club Minutes February 19, 2018

by Sheila Stratton

The meeting was called to order by Johnie Pitman. A welcome was given and it was asked if there were any visitors with no response.

Johnie asked the Secretary if she had anything to report. It was brought up that a sign-up sheet was at the back table for people to work the front desk at the show greeting people as they arrive; a notebook was available to borrow that contains some of the newsletters for the club since 2009; and that fabric for display cases was available to borrow.

Johnie then asked the treasurer if he had a report. A financial monthly report was given and that a copy of financial was available upon request. Also, a reimbursement sheet has been made for people to fill out what expenses that were incurred for the club by an individual.

Sharon Borgford gave a report of her work planning the Treasure Hunt for children at the show. She has prepared a book containing seven pages of different items or information for the children to find at the show. She requests that everyone in the club needs to help the kids. Sharon has visited most of the local schools to invite them to the show. She would like to have two people to help meet the buses and help in passing out the booklets and pencils.

Sharon had more packets that needed to be passed out and she went over what the packet contained. It was filled with not only posters for the show but also educational material that the school could use.

It was brought up by Joe Barreca that the Historical Society in Colville is going to have a day where they display rocks and minerals and would like to have a commitment for people in

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Rock Show and Tell

by Johnie Pitman



WOW !! What fun it was, I hope you feel that way. Of course it was a lot of work too, but to watch so many people enjoying and learning about our hobby is always very rewarding. Watching the kids do their Treasure Hunt (629 of them!) was fun and some of the vendors commented on how well behaved they were. We didn't get a good count on the number of adults but there were 297 door prize tickets given out on Friday and I'm sure there were more than that on Saturday. When we closed on Saturday at 5:00 I looked around and thought there is still a lot of people still here, then I realized they were all members or vendors, except for one lady who just didn't want to leave. Thanks to everyone for helping in every possible way, loading everything, setting up, operating, tear down, and unloading, WOW!! GOOD JOB.

The grand prize winner was Monique Rosenthal from Colville, she loved it.

This is a little note from Joe, the editor. Be careful what you ask for. I asked for pictures from the show and got over 400 of them! But the above paragraphs from Johnie Pitman are almost the only information I have as text. It is REALLY helpful to explain what the pictures are about. I will make some educated guesses here and thanks for all the help, particularly from Martin Whitney (298 pix), Frank and Sheila Stratton, (84 Pix), Deborah

Danielson, (13 pix and some text!) and Scot Jackson (I think - 9 pix).

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the club to come and talk about minerals and answer any questions that may come up. It will be held Saturday May 12th.

A motion was taken to get involved and it was passed. Johnie asked for volunteers and several hands went up. All voted in favor of participating with no opposition.

It was asked if there was any new business. Gene Fisher brought up replacing Bill Allen as Trustee. Jim Peters was nominated and it was passed that Jim Peters would be the new trustee.

The theme for the show is "Earth's Awesome Treasures Gem and Minerals Show." Johnie brought up the advertising for the show. Instead of using outlying newspapers, we would use vendors in those areas. Johnie and Matt are working on the floor plan for the set-up in the building. There was a special recognition given to Betty Peters for making 500 bags for rocks.

Refreshments were served.

Silent Auction and Drawing held.

A film was viewed called "The Story of Opals."

Meeting was adjourned.

end

Johnie's Jabber

Last meeting we decided to help the "Museum Historical Society" with a program on the geology of this area and the mining that has taken place. It's a one day event on May 12 at the Museum located at 700 N Wynne St. in Colville. Sue Richart, the project coordinator, would like for us to come to the museum at 1:00 pm on March 21 to go over what's there and what else is needed. So anyone who is interested and has knowledge of the area geology or the mining history of the area, put this date and time on your calendar.

This month's program is going to be "Show and Tell", bring something to show us and tell us about it, or just tell us something that's interesting (rock or show related). It's ok if you don't want to take part, we haven't done this for a while, should be fun.

Meeting time is still 6:00 this month.

The Ladybug Rocks

from Deborah Daniels



Ladybugs for Brynlie – #brynliebug

Updated Sat at 12:01 AM • Public

March 2017, a beautiful little girl lost her life in a tragic accident. Last year her mother reached out to one of the rock groups in my area asking people to paint and hide lady bugs with the hashtag #brynliebug on the backside of the rock. This was to keep her memory alive. As it is now approaching a year, she is asking people to continue spreading her memory through a kindness rock. If any of you would like to help her mother keep her sweet babies memory alive, please paint lady bugs, hide them in your town and hashtag them #brynliebug. It would be such a great tribute to her and her family to have Her memory spread all around our great nation!

Following up on this facebook page, Deborah Daniels painted ladybug rocks. She gave out 22 ladybug-painted rocks to the school kids that



came thru on Friday. The #brynliebug hashtag was started after Brynlie Rae Carver's untimely death on January 4th, 2015. Since then thousands of ladybug painted rocks have been made and given away and news stories about the phenomenon are

still being broadcast. (Here are Deborah's bugs.)

Rock Show 2018

There are a lot of parts and participants in a rock show. This wrap up is a celebration and thank you to all those who made it a great success.

Demonstrators

Wire Wrapping

Speaking of wrap-ups, wire wrapping to make jewelry was one of the big hits at the show.



Photo by Frank and Sheila Stratton

Flint Knapping



Mike Latapie doing knapping, *photo by Whitney*
The Danielsons brought a rock tumbler that showed kids where the rough edges go.

Gold Panning

Always a favorite activity at the show, Dave Paquette's gold panning demo flourished in sunshine.

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photo by Martin Whitney

The Treasure Hunt

With over 600 kids taking on the treasure hunt and collecting fossil prizes, this activity has become one of the most important educational activities of the club. Up front organization by Sharon Borgford with materials and contacting schools is the key to its success.



Kids marking up their booklets *photo by Whitney*

During the show club members help out verifying booklets and handing out prizes. Club members and vendors throughout the show help kids identify rocks and other clues in the booklet. As if that was not enough, a display put together by Sharon with Duncan Lickey explains the types of rocks and the geology that creates them. This is a tall order in our area with its many rock formations and stratigraphic terrains. The educational materials available at the show keep expanding each year and inspire future rock hounds and club members. One boy, Logan, helped for 2 hours.



A family at the rock type table. *photo by Whitney*

Display Boxes



Obsidian Display Box *photo by Whitney*

Having display boxes assembled by club members with labels for the different rocks is one of the big attractions of the rock show and also contributes to our educational efforts.



Rocks with location of origin *photo by Stratton*

Vendors

Of course the crowds want to take home a few rocks. Our vendors pay for the venue, attract visitors and help inform folks about their wares. Besides that they are great folks to talk to no matter how much you know about gems and minerals.



The Stone Crazy Booth *photo by Stratton*



photo by Whitney

Of course sometimes it's hard to get what you want before it's gone. And at other times there



are just too many choices to make in picking out just the right treasure for yourself or that special someone.

Greeters and Prizes



Sheila Stratton and helpers *photo by Whitney*

Welcoming hundreds of visitors to the show is a big job that takes some dedicated club members to pull it off. The front table brings in money for the scholarship fund and hands out tickets for door prizes from the vendors and the club.



The door prizes given every hour *photo by Stratton*

Bruce Hurley brought back an amethyst cluster for our grand prize from the really big rock show in Tucson. He wrote a story about that trip and the show that will be in the next newsletter.



The Wheel of Fortune *photo by Whitney*

Games and Auction

Even more volunteers are needed each year to staff the wheel of fortune booth and the grab bags. These activities also include the ring toss and the rock auction. We have something for almost everyone in the club's area of the show. These small purchases add up and help support the club throughout the rest of the year.



The club table *photo by Stratton*

Refreshments



The 4 H club continues to hold down the refreshment needs of the show.

Everything starts with the setup on Thursday.



photo by Martin Whitney

Membership Dues:

\$20.00 per household per year is due to the club Treasurer

Frank Statton (address below) on the third Tuesday of November for regular members.

Webpage: <http://panoramagem.com/>

Contact: Johnie Pitman, President, 509-413-2768.

We, **The Panorama Gem and Mineral Club**, are a multi-faceted group of mineral-minded people. Our proud members include some real gems, a few fossils, and even some diamonds in the rough. A few have lost some of their marbles, but they know where to get more! A few need to polish their coordination because they are always tumbling! And some are miners who use the "silver pick" as their tool of choice! It should be crystal clear, that we all enjoy this unique conglomeration and above all else we strive to **HAVE FUN**. And we never throw stones (away).

March Meeting 6 PM

We will discuss the March 9th & 10th Show results & critique. Think about how you felt the Show went this year as to other years & what changes you would like to see for next year & any other ideas you may have.

Upcoming places to go for this year's outings with the club members are also on the agenda and the program will be a show and tell, please bring something to show off.

Refreshment Schedule for 2018

Last names that begin with the letters posted bring refreshments for that month

January – W, A, B, C

February – D, E, F, G

March – H, I, J

April – K, L, M

May – N, O, P

June – Q, R, S, T

July – W, A, B, C

August – Club Picnic

September – D, E, F, G

October – H, I, J

November – K, L, M

December – Christmas Party

Call Sherryl Sinn at [509-684-6093](tel:509-684-6093), if you have any questions. Thanks for helping.

NFMS 80th Anniversary Show and Convention

Central Washington State Fairgrounds
Modern Living Building and Pioneer Hall
1301 Fair Ave, Yakima, WA

April 27-29 Speakers

Friday 11-12 Marie Takach **Mt Etna Volcano Italy**

Friday 1-2 Melanie Swick **Light Absorbing Aerosols**

Friday 2-3 Gregg Carr **North American Paleontology**

Saturday 11-12 Bab Pattie **Gemstones of Washington**

Saturday 1-2 Bruce Bjornstad **Ice Age Floodscapes**

Saturday 2-3 Darryll Powell **Minerals of the USA**

Saturday 3-4 Nick Zentner **Liberty Gold**

Sunday 10-11 Darryll Powell **Building a Juniors Program**

Sunday 11-12 Pat McMahan **All about Agates**

Sunday 1-2 Bron Mayo **Wenas Mammoth Project**

Panorama Gem and Mineral Club: Organizational Chart

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