

Place:
Arden Community Hall
636 Hall Rd
Arden, WA



Club Meetings:
Third Tuesday of the Month
Time: 6:00PM

The Panorama Prospector

April 2020

PANORAMA GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

Minutes of the March Meeting

By Club Secretary

Due to the State Governor's Group Gatherings COVID-19 Rule, the club meeting for 17 March 2020 was cancelled. All members were notified and stayed safely at home. Thank you. I do have a Secretarial Report, however, for this month's publication:

We did have an enjoyable annual Rock Show despite the virus scare. The club officers want to thank every member that showed up to set-up, help with the show, and take-down everything. We had hundreds fewer guests come through our doors, but the ones that did attend "purchased!", so our vendors were not disappointed. Our display cabinets were different from last year with good variety. We got a chance to eat birthday cake (Rick McD) and sing. Members had more opportunity to wander around & view booths and visit with each other and the sunshine was out (no snow like last years!) but ... Dave P. will attest to the bitter cold wind outside with his Gold Panning set up!

For members that were unable to come up for the show: "We get it!! Thank you for staying at home and protecting your health.

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Rockhounding During the Deming Gem & Mineral Society's Rockhound Roundup March 2020 – Deming New Mexico

By Jim Retzer

As I wrote last month, I attended the Deming New Mexico's Gem & Mineral Society's Rockhound Roundup. During their show they conduct the same three fieldtrips each day. I went on two of them, their Big Diggins Claim and the Fluorite Mines and Rhyolite Area. Both trips were well attended. Most of the others on these trips, that I talked to, were also from out of the area. These trips are well attended participants I talked to were from as far away as Wisconsin and New York as well as from California, Nevada, and Texas.

At the Big Diggins Claim we obtained blue, red, black, and white agate as well as crystals.



Black and Red Crystals from the Big Diggins Claim



Some of the agate from Big Diggins Claim

At the fluorite mines it took some digging in the tailings to find a few specimens but for those that put out some effort were reward with some crystals



Fluorite Crystal Specimen



Fluorite from tailing piles

Up the road from the fluorite mines is a large hill side of Rhyolite. Even though this area has been heavily collected nice cutting material is still easy to find.



These samples are shown wet to be able to see the coloration of the material.

Overall, it was well worth taking these trips, the staff that lead them are highly informative about the location and what to find and the material is there to be found.



Bucket of Agate from Big Diggins Claim



Results of Deming New Mexico Rockhounding

GEMS FROM SHEILA April 2020

Message from the Club President

By Sheila Stratton

Well, here we are each of us in our own little quarantine world! I hope this finds everyone in good health. Like during all difficult time, there is always something to be thankful about. For one thing, just living up here in these beautiful mountains full of lakes, rivers, streams, meadows, and forests is such a blessing. It is a little frustrating that they are closed. I look out over Lake Roosevelt and see it look so smooth and inviting to take boat and go fishing, but we can't. But it is a good time to catch up on projects—I got some shelves for the garage and organized my rock collection.

I have only heard from two people about outings for this summer. Anne Ott said we are welcome to join the Off Road Club for outings, but until further notice they have cancelled also. Scot Jackson said that he is still planning the McDermott trip for June 6th. Hopefully, a group going to McDermott would be a great way to start off our summer, but at this point we just have to take it a week at a time. We are thankful Jim and Caroline are home safe from their winter travels down south.

If you need someone to talk to, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Sometimes a chat with a friend can break up your day and make it brighter! Miss you all and look forward to being back to our meetings and outings!! For now, it is stay home, stay safe, and stay well!!

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By Club Secretary

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We had plenty of people show up and do the work, and although we MISSED YOUR SMILES, we did fine on getting the work done. We hope to see you at the next meeting!

A special Thank You, again, to Suzan Andrew, for the many donated boxes of items to our club.

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By Club Secretary

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The Pitmans and Gene picked up and inventoried all the items. Anyone can ask Frank for a list of those items if you want to know what the club received.

If the COVID-19 threat is gone, we intend to have an April meeting. If it's still a threat, your officers will notify you about plan changes.

Stone Crazy vendor, Jenny Dykes, is having a huge SPRING CLEANING SALE at her property on May 8 & 9th from 0930 – 5pm: both days. She and two other vendors have an acre of ROCKS, JEWELRY, BEADS, CRYSTALS, CABOCHONS & MUCH MORE they are selling at DEEPLY DISCOUNTED PRICES. It is an “indoors-a-shed – covered” event. They do this sale so that they have room for their NEW INCOMING INVENTORY. This event is located at: 8404 East Broadway, in Spokane Valley. Her phone # 509-939-9197.

THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH'S SECRETARY NOTES BUT REMEMBER, when you are out and about “LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED”! You are a rock-hound!

Some Notes From Our Treasurer

By Frank Stratton

(This important information was distributed by an e-mail sent out by our Treasurer March 22, 2020 It is being reprinted here for the members of the club who do not receive e-mail.)

We have been thinking about ALL our members & wanting to get information out to everyone, seeing we had to cancel our last monthly meeting after the Gem & Mineral Show. We hope that everyone is doing as well as possible during this difficult time of restrictions being placed upon us.

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March Rock Show

We would like to update everyone regarding some of our results from our 2020 March Gem & Mineral Rock Show.

1. Door attendance for Friday was approximately #248 & Saturday was approximately #166, based upon tickets handed out.
2. Approximately #188 student handbooks were given out between the two days of the Show (with more on Saturday)
3. The Total number would have been estimated at #602 through the doors.
4. Even though we were down in attendance all the Dealers were pleased with their results based upon the conditions that we were dealing with.
5. The amount income was \$2,517 (less door donations of \$207) & expenses reported to date were \$610 for the two days. The expense amounts will change once outstanding bills are received.
6. The show's income for 2020 was reduced 12.52% over 2019, which was down from 2018 numbers.

Field Trip Planning Meeting & Scheduling update:

Due to the circumstances of the virus, we cannot hold our board meeting or outing planning on March 27th that was discussed with several at the show. Also, at this present time, it is likely that we will also have to cancel the April 21, 2020, meeting, but we will let you know closer to the date if that happens.

As previously discussed, we are asking members to plan a single outing with the location, date, making members aware of it, and leading of the outing. So that we can get our outings on a calendar for the summer, would you please submit your planned outing to the president at skstratton@hotmail.com and we will electronically coordinate dates.

Thank you for helping make our club a success for everyone and, hopefully, by summer we will be out enjoying the hunting of rocks and each other's company.

Some Notes From Our Treasurer

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CoronaVirus information:

1. As of yesterday, March 21, 2020, the Tri County Health Department announced the "First reported case" in Stevens County. We need to be aware of this and be more diligent in our environment around us.
2. As of today, we are unaware of any club member being infected.
3. Super 1 grocery store has designated Tuesdays & Thursdays, from 7:00 am to 9:00 am, for seniors & those with health issues for shopping only.

If you have information that you would like to share with the club members, please send it to me. I will distribute it out to everyone on the email list. This is about all I have to share with you at the present time.

Frank Stratton

Johnie's Jabber April 2020

A Few Words From Our Show Chairman

By Johnie Pitman

I think our show was the last one before the big shutdown of everything, and to my knowledge no one has had any health issues from the show, thank goodness!! The attendance was down by about 25% but the dealers seemed to do alright. Sheila and the ladies at the front door took a survey asking how the people found out about the show so we will know better how to do the advertising next year. The results were interesting. Thanks to everyone for all the good help, we'll do it again next year hopefully.

Email me any suggestions for improving the show next year.

Ginger and I checked on the donated equipment today, that is stored at Gene Fishers relatives place. It looks to be the same as when we put it there.

In view of the restrictions on gatherings we will not have the thunderegg hunt this year.

Johnie

Upcoming Events in Our Area

At present all events in our area have been cancelled or put on hold until further notice. I am listing events that are scheduled to be held after May 2020. Hopefully, we will be back to a semi normal status by then.

6/5/2020 6/7/2020

Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Cub Annual Show

Swiss Park
9205 198th Avenue East
Bonney Lake, WA

6/18/2020 6/19/2020

Darrington Rock and Gem Club

Mansford Grange
1265 Railroad Avenue, (Behind IGA)
Darrington, WA

6/18/2020 6/21/2020

Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow

Crook County Fairgrounds
1280 Main Street
Prineville, OR

6/25/2020 6/28/2020

All Rockhounds Pow Wow Cub of America

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Madras, Or

Identify the “Rock or Mineral”

Last month’s rock or mineral:

Pudding Stone



Puddingstone is a conglomerate made up of small pebbles or rocks, in the case of good lapidary material the rocks are usually a form of jasper or agate.

It is formed when conglomerates formed from rocks and pebbles are surround by small sands and silts over the centuries the material got compressed and during the Ice Age bound together forming a solid material. The material surrounding the rocks or pebbles can form as a quartzite, siltstone, or mudstone depending on the smaller material and environment it was deposited in.

In the United States puddingstone fragments of puddingstone can be found across Michigan and to the Drummond Island and can even be found as far south as Kentucky and Ohio due to repeated glacial advances.

I have found large amounts of a variety of puddingstone in southern New Mexico around the Deming New Mexico. The material I have found is a good lapidary material yielding some interesting patterns in cabochons.

This month’s rock or mineral:



Membership Dues:

\$20.00 per **household** per year is due to the **club Treasurer** Frank Stratton on the third Tuesday of November for regular members. Dues can also be sent to: Panorama Gem and Mineral Club c/o Johnie Pitman, 701 B Williams Lake Rd, Colville, WA 99114.

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

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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).

A Quick Note from The Editor:

The restrictions put in place because of the Corona Virus have interrupted and changed many of the plans of the club and its members.

A Quick Note from The Editor:

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This has resulted in the cancellation of the club's meetings and activities until further notice. In this light, we hope to keep all members informed of future meeting and events status through this newsletter as well as e-mails. I would like to thank our President Sheila Stratton and our Treasurer Frank Stratton for their ongoing efforts to keep members informed and up to date on these matters.

We are hopeful that we can resume a somewhat normal schedule of events in the near future, but until then stay healthy and safe.

Refreshment Schedule for 2020

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

January – N, O, P

February – Q, R, S, T

March – W, A, B, C

April – D, E, F, G

May – H, I, J

June – K, L, M

July – N, O, P

August – Club Picnic

September – Q, R, S, T

October – W, A, B, C

November – D, E, F, G

December – Christmas Party

Panorama Gem and Mineral Club: Organizational Chart

Officers

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