

Place:
Arden Community Hall
636 Hall Rd
Arden, WA



Club Meetings:
Third Tuesday of The
Month at 6:00PM

The Panorama Prospector

October 2022

PANORAMA GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

Minutes of the September 20, 2022 Meeting

By Glynis Hull, Secretary

President: Sheila Stratton opened the meeting at 6:05 pm, welcoming everyone including new members and visitors

Vice President: Bob Bristow brought up the need for new places to go for field trips. Linda Bristow suggested several ideas, some of which would need to be multi-day because of distance: Mt St Helens, Columbia, Vantage for petrified wood (especially for new members who have never been there), Red Top (where Bob knows to go), Bluet Pass, Liberty, Odessa Craters. Some places need permission to get in.

Treasurer: There was no treasurer's report because Frank's computer was put out of commission by a lightning strike close by his house.

Sheila pointed out it was the time for new officers to be nominated. She will be stepping down as president and a trustee position needs filling. Other positions already filled will not change personnel.

Think of sharing a rock story with the club.
(Every rock has a story or you wouldn't have it!)

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Black Agates of Bear Canyon

By Jim Peters

On US 310 near Warren Montana lay the South Pryor Mountains. After the Pre Cambrian-Mountains were formed. They were deeply eroded and reduced to smooth low-lying surface called the Basement Rocks and were exposed on the surface. Hundreds of millions of years ago bunkers of sand and mud flows were laid down top of the basement rock, they called this belt sedimentary rock. Fault blocks were uplifted during their early tertiary and late cretaceous periods, between 90 and 50 million years ago.

Our Black Agates were laid down in a narrow seam. This seam is visible along the cliffs of Bear Canyon.



Mike, Vicki and Scott After a Day of Agate Digging



The Dynamic Duo Scott and Mike

Mike, Vicki, and Scot left on a Sunday and set up their camp on the flat valley floor at the entrance to Bear Canyon. I left after the September club meeting and joined them the next day. They had dug agates before I arrived, and I was taught where, when, and how to dig for them. I eventually dug a bucket full. The agates looked to me like loosely formed thunder eggs, thrown out from a volcano, and washed along by mud flows and covered up by sedimentary sand and mud.



The Agate Digging Site is Halfway Up the Ridge

Mike and Vicki left early, along with their agates. Scott took me on a road up the mountain that I wouldn't take my mother-in-law on, if I still had one!



Mike's Agates

The night before we were to leave, I laid on sleeping bag, unable to sleep. I had my hand around my cell phone, suddenly it started dialing an emergency call. I finally got it shut off. At midnight, a car pulled up and two men got out with flashlights and asked if I was me. I said yes, and I apologized for the false alarm, they came from Red Lodge, which was a long way away! They said that happened a lot and it was Okay. I got up at 5AM and left for home with my five-gallon bucket full of Black Agates.



My Agates from Bear Canyon

The Parable of the Geode

Submitted By Glynis Hull

A little girl was walking past a small crater where people had dug out rocks over the years. She had never ventured into the hole before but today she saw something that caught her attention. She gingerly made her way down the steep path into the hole. There in the walls of the hole were round rocks sticking out the sides. She looked around and found a stick. She started scraping away the dirt and sand around one of the round rocks. When she got it out of the wall, she was disappointed because it was only a dirty gray bumpy rock. Why people would come and dig such ugly rocks confused her. She had only collected pretty rocks. She shrugged her shoulders and put the rock in her coat pocket. Maybe someone could solve the mystery for her.

When she got home, she showed her mother the ugly rock and expressed her confusion about why anyone would want such a rock. Mother suggested they visit the local rock shop to ask the owner, Dave, if he knew why people sought such ugly rocks. Dave told them to follow him into his work room. He took the rock and put it into a tool that squeezed it with a big, heavy chain. All of a sudden there was a loud pop and the rock broke in two. The little girl gasped with delight. Inside the rock was a fairy land of beautiful, gleaming crystals. Dave told her that over millions of years minerals had soaked into a lava bubble slowly making the wonderful crystals she now saw. She was the first to ever see the rocks inside beauty that had been covered with an ugly matrix. From then on, the little girl looked for the beauty inside all those she met.

Marcus Cider Fest

By Jim Retzer

The club's booth at the Marcus Cider Fest was a success again this year. The Wheel of Fortune was a hit again bring in a good bit of money for the scholarship fund. We would like to that all those

who helped, especially Shelia, our President, and her husband Frank. Also thank you to Scott, Johnie, Glynis, and Cindy who all spent the day helping to setup and take down the booth.

Along with the club's booth Glynis and Cindy had their geode sell and cracking booth, Johnie was there again selling his rock bird houses and wood pens and pencils, and I had a booth for my rocks and lapidary items as well as fishing poles and reels.



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Johnie reported on the club's display at the county fair this year. It was well received and thank you for those who attended to the booth. The Marcus Cider Fest will be held again this year, October 1st. Volunteers are needed to tend to the club booth.

The annual club auction will be held during November's meeting. (Bring your donations and especially your money!)

Finished the silent auction and awarded the door prizes.

Break

Roger and Lynne Calvert presented their trip: A Week in the Mojave Desert.

Upcoming Events in Our Area

November 2022

11/12/2020 11/13/2020

Skagit Rock and Gem Show

Sedro-Woolley Community Center

703 Pacific St

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Website: <https://www.skagitrockandgem.com>

11/19/2022 11/20/2022

Fall Festival of Gems

Kitsap County Fairgrounds – President’s Hall

1200 NW Fairgrounds RD

Bremerton, WA 98311

Website: <https://www.kmgsrockclub.com>

February 2023

2/11/2023 2/12/2023

Sweetheart of Gems Show

Whidbey Island Gem Club

The Center in Oak Harbor

51 SE Jerome St

Oak Harbor, WA

March 2023

3/4/2023 3/5/2023

East King Co Rock Club

Pickering Barn

1730 10th Avenue NW

Issaquah, WA

Website: EastKingCo.org

Identify the “Rock or Mineral”

This Month’s Rock or Mineral:



Note From the Editor

First, I would like to thank those of you who have submitted articles and items for input to our club’s newsletter. Without your contributions we cannot have the outstanding newsletter this club is noted for. Remember this newsletter is a reflection of our club and a representation of our outstanding members.

As for this month’s newsletter I must apologize for its shortness. I have had a busy and somewhat stressful last few months including preparing for 3 events I had tables at, as well as 3 procedures for melanoma in the last 2 months as well as other doctor appointments.

The recent months contributions from our members, which have made putting out the newsletter a lot easier, have been outstanding. I look forward to more articles from our members. Remember our members varied interests add to the diversity of this newsletter.

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 991114.

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

Facebook Group: [Panorama Gem & Mineral Club](#)

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

It is a pleasure to note we are back in full swing. All meetings and outings are back to normal. Thanks to all for their support and participation during the pandemic.

On another note, we are always looking for newsletter inputs from our members. If you have an idea for an article, please forward it to Jimrocks@recycledhistory.com

Refreshment Schedule for 2021

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

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