

Place:
Arden Community Hall
636 Hall Rd
Arden, WA



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

The Panorama Prospector

April 2023

PANORAMA GEM AND MINERAL CLUB Minutes of the March 21, 2023 General Meeting

By Glynis Hull, Secretary

President: Lynne Calvert opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.

New members were recognized and introduced.

Trips: new release forms were distributed and will be on file for all trips. Per trip forms will also be available the day of the trip.

A phone tree for emergencies is being developed.

Meetings will wrap up at 7:45 pm now.

There are reimbursement forms available and must be accompanied by receipts.

A new fundraiser was started. Scot Jackson donated a "Thunderbay Amethyst" sphere to raise funds for the general fund. Tickets are \$5 with a household limit of 4 tickets. Drawing will take place when all tickets are sold.

Show update: Lynne expressed the value of all involved and gave out recognition awards for all participants. Approximately 1000 people attended. The black light display was outstanding and successful.

Next year's show: need more hourly door prizes, have enough tumbled rock and grab bags, need

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The 2023 Show Through Jim Peters Lens

Member Jim Peters put together the following presentation of our 2023 Show:

Our show coordinators, always the first ones in and the last ones out. Without them there would not be a rock show. Thank the Pitmans!



What kind of mischief are these two cooking up? Ye gads!



The voice of the show and silent auction. Our metamorphic announcer, he worked under heavy pressure, but he made things crystal clear. His igneous announcements were sometimes sedimentary.



President Lynne inspecting and trying all the positions in the show. (Is that Big Frank, with the cookies again)?



Spinning the wheel of fortune for some very excited young ones.



Working hard, or is it, hardly working? We may never know. Keep it up girls, whatever.



Three great ladies on the front line, opening the way to our rock show. The hostess(es) with the mostest. You go girls.



Northwest Federation Rockhound Retreat

September 4-10, 2023, OMSI Hancock Field Station,

Classes offered: intarsia, faceting, silversmithing, metalsmithing, wire wrapping, wire weaving, lapidary, doublets and triplets, carving.

Cost: \$425 Payable to the NW Rockhound Retreat.

Contact: Walt Butler, waltercbutler@comcast.net

Preparing his geologic atlas he developed himself for the prospective customers. Good job Joe.



The Saga of the grand prize at our 2023 gem and mineral show, a slab of petrified wood.

Would you hold me in your hand,
While I share my diary.
You might be interested,
It contains some history.

I was grown by Mother Nature,
And preserved by Father Time,
For the everlasting enjoyment
Of you and all mankind.

I've been awhile in the making,
As you can easily see,
And its color and its beauty,
Will last throughout eternity.

You would think it is easy to give away such a nice item, but to start with the phone number on the ticket was difficult to figure out. It could have been either of two numbers, so we called both and left messages on Sunday following our show. No response so we tried

again on Monday, and Tuesday, still no response so we mailed a card to the name and P.O. Box on the ticket. That address was Kettle Falls, so at the March meeting we drew another ticket. This time when we called the number we got a response, but she lives in Coeur d' Alene, ID. As it turns out Sharon Borgford was going to Spokane to put her display cases in the Rock Rollers show, so after numerous phone calls between the winner and I it finally worked out that the winner's Dad could meet Sharon and get the PRIZE.

Thanks Sharon!!!

Johnie

Let's Go Rock Hounding!

By Lynne Calvert

Our club is running low on rocks to auction. Roger and I, and Johnie and Ginger went to preview a private collection that is being offered for donation. The rocks are definitely worth obtaining! Our first club adventure will be in early May. The location is in an old barn on the outskirts of Colville. Bring a bucket if you plan to buy some for yourself. More details at our club meeting.



Identify the “Rock or Mineral”

By Jim Retzer

Last month’s rock or mineral:



“Sci Fi Jasper” or “SyFy Jasper” It is a form of Exotica Porcelain Jasper from Sonora, Mexico. Porcelain Jasper is the trade name for a brecciated Jasper that is noted for its soft, pastel-like colors, resembling the pale colors of porcelain.

Porcelain Jasper exhibits pastel shades of white to cream, purples, pinks, and hints of yellow. Its lines and patterns range from highly erratic to very minimalist. Its natural exotic patterns and unique designs make some stunning cabochons.

This particular Porcelain Jasper is known as sci-fi jasper due to its eerie, red/pink/lavender distorted orbs.

Like most SiO₂ material it has a mohs hardness of 6.5 – 7.0. It takes a high polish with ease and is relatively easy to work.

While at the Tucson area’s Kino Gem and Mineral show I was able to obtain 50 pounds of this material. It looks like it should cut into some outstanding slabs, and I look forward to turning out some wonderful cabochons.

This month’s rock or mineral:



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larger rocks for wheel of fortune, etc., better silent materials.

Trips for trilobites and Stonerose fossils will be announced next meeting.

The treasurer reported the show was a financial success with \$610 doated at the door for scholarships.

Minutes of Board meeting April 4, 2023

1. Financial report
2. Emergency contact phone tree
3. Scholarships: Draft letter in process, \$1000 to be given to three students
4. Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Society: ordered resources from their library
5. The Facebook and webpage were discussed at length. Roger will work with Frank
6. Raffle for the show grand prize was awarded to a second person. Logistics were successful in delivering the prize to the winner.
7. Rockhounding trips list to get updated.
8. Belt buckles: we received an offer for \$1000 for all 3 cases and voted to accept the offer.
9. A work day will be scheduled to organize the club trailer.



- **April 28-30:** Member's Only Weekend
- **May:** Open Wednesday – Sunday 8am – 4pm
- **Memorial Day Weekend to Sept 3:** Open Daily 8am – 4pm

Dear Stonerose Family and Fellow Fossil Enthusiasts,

Our Spring Update is here and covers what's coming up this year.

2023 MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND APRIL 28-30

The 2023 Stonerose Membership weekend is coming up soon! Join us in Republic for the renowned **"Members Only" dig April 28th-30th**, when members are offered "first crack" at our Boot Hill quarry. This special weekend is one of the benefits of being a member of Stonerose!

There will be a scientific presentation Saturday evening after the annual Member Meeting by **Dr. Bruce Archibald**.

If you aren't a member yet, sign up for a membership online [here](#), so that you can participate in mining the first fossils of the season...perhaps a beautiful Florissantia or even something undiscovered! As in the past and on this weekend only, members are allowed to keep up to six fossils each day.

We look forward to see new and returning members at their special weekend.

Check out our [website](#) for more information.

Save the Date!!

2023 Annual Auction

Funding Fabulous Fossils

Plan to attend the **Stonerose Annual Auction: Funding Fabulous Fossils**, on **Saturday, June 24**. Join us in our Party tents in Patterson Park (Republic's City Park) for a silent and Live Auction! Live music by **Hannah Jackson**.



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 (Glynis)

We are always looking for newsletter inputs from our members. If you have an idea for an article, please forward it to gghull@comcast.net. If you don't want to write a whole article, send me pictures with a brief note about them and I'll be happy to put them in this newsletter. Remember, "a picture is worth a thousand words"!

Refreshment Schedule for 2023

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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