

**Place:**  
**Arden Community Hall**  
**636 Hall Rd**  
**Arden, WA**



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

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## **The Panorama Prospector**

February 2026

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### **PANORAMA GEM AND MINERAL CLUB**

#### **Minutes of the January 20, 2026 General Meeting**

By Lynne Calvert

Vice President: Betty Peters opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

We have 2 new members. Welcome Dan and Gordon!

Volunteers are needed for the hospitality team.

Audrey volunteered to be our librarian. Thank you Audrey.

We will be voting on the scholarship program during the February meeting.

Frank gave the financial report. There will be a rent increase effective January 1, 2026. Our rent is \$30.00/meeting based on having an active Community Club member sponsoring the rental. We no longer have member of the Community Club. The rental agreement through May 2026 is not affected, however upon renewal rate will increase to \$100. Audrey suggested we might look into the library for a meeting location.

Johnie filled the volunteer sign-up sheets for the Gem Show on March 13 and 14. Thanks to everyone who are volunteering. The theme is "Below the Surface".

Kris gave the presentation.

#### **Executive Meeting Notes**

By Lynne Calvert

The Executive Leaders met on January 30, 2026.

Attendees: Lynne, Betty, Jim, Frank, Sheila, Kevin, Johnie, Ginger and guest Roger.

Discussed action items for the show. There are plenty of grab bags. We need more rocks for the prizes. Three of our members are tumbling rocks using large tumblers. However, all three large tumblers need repairs. Dale and Sharon are building one. We will fill small baggies with smaller rocks. We have enough prizes for the grab bag and wheel games.

The rent is increasing for our meeting hall. Kevin will inquire about requirements to be an Arden Community Hall member to keep our rent low. We identified alternate locations. The library was eliminated due to stairs and lack of parking. We will inquire with the Johnson Christian School and a hall in Kettle Falls to compare costs, amenities, and parking. No decision has been made as of writing this article.

Our liability insurance is increasing. Kevin will research another company to compare costs. (Update, the costs are going up across the board. Premiums are about the same as our current company.)

Request was made for Roger to write the instructions for the speakers. (Update: Completed and emailed.)

The membership address list is being scrubbed. We were missing an address of one member (Resolved).

The scholarship program was discussed. Members will vote during the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. If the decision is to allow The Spokane College Foundation we will need a sign at our gem show of this change. Our trustees will need to inform the schools, as well.

Roger and Frank will get together to work on the website domain.

## **Our Christmas Vacation**

**By Lynne Calvert**

Roger and I were visiting family members for Christmas. We had to extend our Christmas season into January due to the traveling distances over five States. We made it to the rock show in Quartzite, AZ. We had family members with us so we did not stay as long as we wanted. Our return trip to Washington was north on Hwy 95. Roger spotted a shopping cart with rocks a homeless person had collected. We turned around so I could get a picture of it because it was so random. There was a quarry along our route so we stopped to pick up some interesting rocks. Roger found a fire agate. We drove to Indian Springs, NV and spent two nights at our Grandson, Waylon's, house. He wanted to take us to a gypsum mine to collect selenite. The weather was near perfect. The road to the mine had a gate so we parked off the pavement and walked about 1.5 miles to the mine. Along the way were areas with nice pieces of selenite. We each collected some. We had a snack before Roger and Waylon went into the mine. I was amazed we found so much selenite on the way and decided to stay with our belonging. I should have slid down on my haunches a short distance to enter the mine. Roger and Waylon were able to walk upright on mostly level ground once inside. The mine did not disappoint. They were able to carefully extract a few lovely pieces of selenite. We were

delighted with our trip. The next day we departed and stopped at the small reststop in Goldfield. We were pleasantly surprised there were several large boulders with minerals on display near the parking area. I don't think many people are going to see them in the future because the town is getting a new truck stop and gas station. We continued on our way and turned left onto an unpaved road towards Gemfield. Near some picnic benches is a scale, collection box, and sign. Collectors can pay onsite or, preferably, mail the payment to the address on the sign. We looked around along the road side. There was red carnelian laying everywhere! We collected many to cut and polish for the club to use as game prizes. Roger also broke off pieces from larger boulders because they were pink and lavender. I might keep those for myself. A few adults drove up in a Mercedes which made us hang around long enough to see who was getting out. We talked briefly and they had been here before. They told us where to find the jadite. Off we went in the direction they gave us. It took us a little time to find it. Roger found one that was translucent around the edges. We collected several pieces and decided to depart. Instead of turning around the way we came we took a shorter route to the exit road. It was quite rough. I wouldn't want to take a Mercedes over it.



**Rockshow Quartzite, AZ**



**Random Cart of Rocks**



Road to selenite mine



Sparkling selenite



Gemfield signs



Carnelian



Chunks of selenite extracted from the mine



We will be planning trips with the club soon. Sign up sheets will be available at our March meeting. Mark your calendar: **May** (date to TBD) La Farge Quarry for fossils. **May 22 – 25** rockhounding in Blue Forest, Wyoming. **June** - Yellow Pine, ID and Topaz Mountain, UT. **July** - Rockhound retreat Pintlers Portal Hostel near Anaconda, MT with day trips to Crystal Park, sapphire digs, fossils, and sightseeing. **August** – day trips from home. **September** – Prineville, OR or Tonapah and Gemfield, NV.

## 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](mailto: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

### Officers

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