

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



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

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## **The Panorama Prospector**

March & April 2026

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

**Minutes for the February 17 & March 17,  
2026  
General Meetings**

Panorama Gem Club Minutes  
2/17/2026

Meeting Commences: 6:00 P.M.

Financial Report: Frank gives the financial report to the club.

Rent/Dues have increased for the Arden Community Club. Kevin volunteered to join the Arden Community Club in order for the Club to receive a discount. It cost Kevin \$50 to Join and will save the club \$50 a month for rent. It would otherwise be \$100 a month but will now be \$50 per month.

\*Johnny motions to reimburse Kevin for the \$50 he paid to join the Arden Community Club.

Motion was affirmed and all agreed to reimburse him.

Panorama Gem & Mineral Show: Johnny discusses details about the upcoming show which will be held at the Colville Agriculture Center on March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

We have 22 Display cases to fill. All cases have been reserved.

Johnny will do the floor plan & has dealers lined up for the show.

We need a few more door prizes for the show

Ball toss will be Audrey & Ginger

Silent Auction will be Kevin (Could Use Help)

Treasure Hunt will be Sharon

\*\*Sharon takes a moment to discuss the treasure hunt and the packets she puts together for the local schools to distribute the students.

Hospitality will be Betty

Name Tags – Frank

Lunch Thursday – Ginger

Snacks Thursday – Linda Bristow

Snacks Friday – Gene Fisher

Front Desk – Sheila, Linda and Betty

Road Signs – Roger

Black Light Set Up – Roger

Gene will bring trailer on Wednesday 3/11/26 to the AG Center

HS Students will help set tables up

Skirting of the tables – Ginger

Picture Taker – Jim

Addy Grange – Will be serving/selling food Fri/Sat

ATM to be delivered and available

Wheel a Fortune – Jim & Ron

\*\*\*Thursday 0800 setup begins. Request as much help as possible.

\*\*\*Saturday 5 PM show closes and tear down begins immediately. Request as much help as possible.

Rock Curtain For Privacy – Donated by Frank for break area and money handling

### Hospitality

Need help for meetings and such. Even if it's only part time or on a rotating basis. This person or persons will also help keep track of supplies and when we need new items.

### Scholarships

Discussion on decision needing to be made regarding which direction we are going to go as a club on scholarships.

Jim suggested maybe we consider donating to multiple local charities to help our community members in need.

Spokane Community College needs \$5000 to start scholarship fund with them. Then every year we contribute to it. The college will select the awardee based on need.

We can continue with High School Scholarship awards, however it is a lot of work to travel to each of the schools, hand out applications, pick them up and attend awards ceremonies.

\*\*Frank suggested that we postpone the vote

\*\*Kevin suggested we give the college a try and if we don't like it we can always go back to the way we have always done it.

New members suggested ways we could work with High Schools and reduce the need to travel i.e. using electronic communication and such.

A motion to vote on going with SCC Exclusively was made and the majority were in favor. Therefore, we will go with the Spokane Community College.

### “Break Time”

#### Drawing

Dave shared his new sluice box rubber mat with the group and talked about it. He also will have it set up as a demo at the Show in March.

### **Panorama Gem & Mineral Club Meeting Notes from 03/17/2026**

Meeting begins @ 6:00 PM by Lynne Calvert – President

First time attendees were Rob Beatty who brought rocks and may be interested in selling or trading. Juliana Brady, Kyle and Jerry, Ron Green and Tamara Belts.

Lynne discusses the financials from the March Gem Show. Net income over \$3000 and was more than last year.

Big Thank You to Betty for filling in for Lynne as President while Lynne & Roger were away visiting family.

Scholarship Update – Will start Summer Session. Will be priority for students from Stevens County.

Lynne is working on a 2025 Yearbook featuring all the events and undertakings the club members accomplished. It was a highly successful year! The Yearbook will not be submitted for competition with other clubs to respect the privacy of our members. It will be kept for historical documentation. Our club has created a legacy that needs to be preserved.

AMFS (National) News – Junior Club badge for new members has been updated. Other badges can be earned as long as the work has been signed off. Lynne will submit the badge request and have them mailed to her so she can present them.

Poetry writers! Write something about rocks and Lynne will submit to AMFS for the poetry contest. Due by the next club meeting in April.

National Geoscience Teachers

NMFS (Regional) news. The Annual Regional show is in Missoula MT 03/20 – 3/22.

We were asked to submit any names of teachers who are promoting or teaching geo sciences and interact with our club. Please nominate them and submit by December. We nominated a teacher, Kyauna Turner, out of Hunters (Columbia HS) and she won the Outstanding Earth Science Teacher award for Washington State!

Star Garnet Dig – will be difficult to schedule as a club. Contact the USFS to get tickets. Star garnets are only found two places in the world. Idaho (Emerald Creek and India).

Roger discusses potential large donations that will be helpful to the club. Also, we have lots of new leads on areas to check out for rock hounding. We are going to need people to help tumble rocks for future shows.

Muriatic Acid – We got 126 lbs of acid for garnets, and other minerals. If you are a member of the club we can get this acid for free to help clean and get instructions on how to use it.

Metaline Falls Quarry – We are looking at a date in April to look for trilobites. There are new owners and we can go when they are not logging. If the logging operations interfere with the dates we want, we can go to other locations. Sheep Creek (gold panning or Saddle Mountain (Pet Wood).

Trip to Blue Forest 24-27 May and Topaz Mountain, Utah. May be opportunity to go other places time and weather permitting and if people are interested.

Idaho Yellow Pine to check out claims (June)

Rockhounding Retreat near Anaconda, Montana. Crystal Park, Sapphire Mines, Gold Panning & Fossils in Montana (July)

August Local trips. (Wild Turkey Mine is open to the public Aug 21, 22, and 23.

Johnie thanked people who helped out at the Show. We would not have had a show like we did without your help. He passed a notebook around to get suggestions for future shows.

Lynne gave a show recap including a list of schools that attended the show, grand prize winners, etc. She also mentioned a work to fix screw holes and broken frames in April. Update, Gene suggested we wait until a day or two before next year's show to do the repairs. This is the voice of reason because we have to unload the entire trailer to do the repairs and we would do that at the show already. Lynne will be spending money to purchase/make signs for enter/exit for future shows. Charles had a suggestion to improve electrical. Go LED to reduce heat and fire risk.

Lynne discussed the leaders be mentors to members through understudy and shadow activities. It can be as simple as sending an email to the mentee of all the efforts the leader completed each month. This will help maintain continuity of the club activities especially with things like the show, vendors, booths, trips, and venues, etc.

Kevin and Leigh have been holding rocks for the club for 3 years. They are down to the last 36 milk crates and 5 gallon buckets. The cost is \$1/lb come look and take home. 1047 Ward Way in Addy. If you get some to tumble for club there is no fee.

Rob Beatty talked about his rock collection

Jim Retzer will be working in Yellowstone NP - If you are out traveling he will be in West Yellowstone from April – October. Come by the Yellowstone Camera shop. He will give you a tour and show you some hidden gems.

Video – Lynne gave a short video about the Forgotten Gold Rush featuring the town of Orient by Rosario.com.

Library – Audrey will let you check out a book. Please return when you are done.

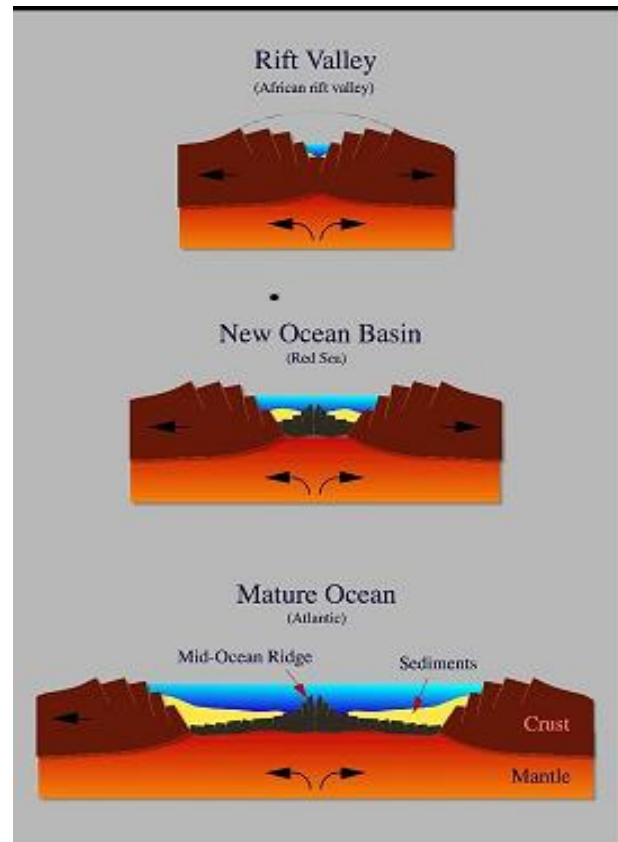
The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

## 2026 Panorama Gem and Mineral Club Show

### By Lynne Calvert

The 2026 Panorama Gem and Mineral Club Show was a magnificent affair! Johnnie and Ginger did a superb job coordinating and implementing this great event. Many thanks to everyone who participated to make it spectacular for everyone! The unexpected wind and snow storm didn't deter customers from attending. Over 1,000 visitors came. Some traveled from out of State and the Country to enjoy games, prizes, and as Jim put it, "Rocks, Rocks, and more Rocks". Four (4) schools attended – Johnson Christian School, Quartzite Learning, Onion Creek, and Mary Immaculate Queen. Five (5) new members joined. I am so proud of all our energetic club members that generated so much excitement and joy as depicted in the pictures below.





From the Web...



### MINERAL IDENTIFICATION PROPERTIES

<p><b>CRYSTAL HABIT</b></p> <p>Quartz    Halite</p>	<p><b>CLEAVAGE</b></p> <p>Mica    Graphite</p>
<p><b>FRACTURE</b></p> <p>Conchoidal fracture    Irregular fracture</p>	<p><b>HARDNESS</b></p> <p>Quartz</p>
<p><b>COLOR</b></p> <p>Corundum    Ruby    Sapphire</p>	<p><b>STREAK</b></p> <p>Acid    Glassy    Glowing</p>
<p><b>OTHER PROPERTIES</b></p> <p>Streak    Acid Test    Magnet    UV Light</p>	

## 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/>

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)

Thank you to those who contributed to this issue. If you have a special story to share, **please** contribute to OUR newsletter! Send ideas for articles, internet finds, jokes, pictures, adventure stories, science articles or your own articles to me. [gghull@comcast.net](mailto:gghull@comcast.net)



Guinevere says “Hi”!

## Refreshment Schedule for 2025

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

January – H, I, J  
 February – K, L, M  
 March – N, O, P  
 April – Q, R, S, T  
 May – W, A, B, C  
 June – D, E, F, G  
 July – H, I, J  
 August – Club Picnic  
 September – K, L, M  
 October – N, O, P  
 November - D, E, F, G  
 December – Christmas Party

## Panorama Gem and Mineral Club: Organizational Chart

### Officers

President:	Lynne Calvert		559-906-5923
Vice-President:	Bob Bristow		509-935-4375
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Treasurer:	Frank Stratton		509-207-8503
Trustee 1:	Kevin Youngblood		509-680-0207
Trustee 2:	Jim Peters		509-992-6921
Trustee 3:	Cyndie Doppler		509-216-5473

### Committee Chairs

Program Coordinator:	Sheila Stratton		509-207-8506
Hospitality:	Betty Peters		509-992-6921
Historian:	Sheila Stratton		509-207-8506
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Show Chair	Johnie Pitman		509-684-8887