Place:
Arden Community Hall
636 Hall Rd
Arden, WA

Club Meetings:

Third Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 PM

The Panorama Prospector

October 2026

PANORAMA GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

Minutes for the September 15, 2026 General Meetings

Meeting Commences: 6:05 pm

Welcome Visitors: Edward (came to one of our shows and decided to come). Welcome back Glynis and Cyndi. Frank and Sheila will be on their way to MT. to Phillipsburg. Mary introduces her friend Crystal and Cruz, her son. Please sign in and get a ticket for the door price.

The Club Meeting fell on the 15th of this month. The Newsletter did not get out in time. You will still get a copy of this month's newsletter, it will just be later than normal. Deadline is the 5th of each month to submit your articles in for the newsletter. Glynis has until the 10th to compile and create the newsletter to send it to Joe. Joe has until the 15th to get it mailed. We try not go over 6 pages. Lately, the newsletter has been 3 or 4 pages due to a lack of articles. Please send your articles to Glynis. It was discussed whether we should look at the newsletter to determine if it's financially conducive. Maybe every 3 months. Maybe online only or just a quick 1 page of happenings. Maybe every other month. If it went to online and you don't have a computer, you can go to the library and review a copy on the website. One suggestion was that you print copies and people purchase them. Another option is print 10 copies and bring them to the meeting for members who do not have email. Johnny noted that our Membership dues go towards the cost of the newsletter. This will likely be something we vote on before the end of the year.

The Hunters Fair is for the club to do a demonstration that benefits both our club and the Hunters Fair Board. The presence of the rock tumblers and lapidary equipment promotes our club and our member's capabilities. In addition, it gives the Hunters Fair Board an added function to show they are expanding their activities. Therefore, they are in a better position to get funding to improve their facilities. We also sold some rocks. Betty, Jim, Johnie, Gene, Larry, Ed, Charles and his grandson came to help Roger and Lynne. Your help was so appreciated. Gene Fisher let us borrow lapidary equipment. The tumbler that was at the fair was donated by a family in Tonasket. Roger made the necessary repairs. It will be available for purchase at our auction during the November club meeting.

Colville Fair – We had a display case and it showcased several of nice rocks that members loaned us for the display. It looked very nice. Thank you to all that helped. A business card and club patch was included inside the case to promote our club.

Frank discussed the financials –Hunters Fair – we made $124 plus one Membership of $20. A lot of work went into it and not a lot of return. Takes a long time to get $3000-$5000 in

funds. Motion to approve financial motion seconded. Report approved. Lynne tells Frank his work is greatly appreciated for all that he does.

Lynne shows a video on Roger doing repairs to lapidary equipment.

Annual picnic was wonderful and we ended up moving it indoors.

Cyndi volunteered to make nice sign for the display case at Colville Fairgrounds.

Executive Team members met at Johnny and Ginger's house. We received a donation of lots of jewelry making supplies. We have the Marcus Cider Fest on 10/3/26 coming up. We went through items and picked out material for the spin-the-wheel game. We decided to have a booth at the Marcus Cider Fest since we have so many items donated. We need volunteers to sign up. Since we do not have confirmation that our application for a booth is approved, Lynne will post on our club FB page whether we have booth or not. Setup will start at 0600 and Cider Fest starts at 0800. Need polished rocks. Need volunteers for 4 hr blocks and tear down. Bring chair and weather-appropriate clothing; and a hat would be good. They have food vendors. Bring beverage it can be chilly in mornings.

Scholarships – Lynne informed the club "I did not execute the scholarship Program. Paperwork stated we would give them 5% on top of scholarship fee." However, Sheila brought up a good point when we do these fair booths to raise money for scholarships, we are lucky to clear $200 for a full day. Frank had an idea where kids can go online to complete scholarship applications and we could use AI to screen applicants to alleviate much of the work of our trustees while checking no plagiarism was used. Looked at staying with Spokane CC Foundation and other options to determine the best route we should consider for the future. The electronic, online option, could result in students applying from any school. The electronic version (AI) can be set up to rank applicants that most closely match our parameters. Lynne made a motion to go with the electronic version of the application. It was seconded, however, Gene said he wanted to rescind his prior (February 2026) motion to go with SCC for scholarship due to not knowing about 5% fee. It was asked whether applicants have to give a presentation on why they are more deserving of the scholarship over someone else. We cannot require them to come to our meetings before awarding but ask that they come to the club after they receive award. Frank has put a book together with what they need to do each month to help them become a scholarship awardee. A committee was formed to support our trustees to establish and maintain the online scholarship program. Roger and Ed will help with the technical aspects of the electronic program. The entire committee (three trustees, Roger, and Ed) will finalize the decision to award to the best applicants.

Club Member, Daniel, is doing a presentation tonight on his adventure to the Dead Medicine Silver Mine (Also named Silver Trail Mine) in Evans. Please note that any exploration of Old Mines can be very dangerous and could lead to death if not careful. Always have proper safety gear and don't go unless you are knowledgeable of the dangers. The video was a wonderful presentation. That pack rat sure did like its visitors. Good thing there was no sleeping bear in there. Thank you for your contribution.

During or October meeting, Lynne will have a presentation about gold, including gold mines in Stevens and Ferry County. She gave this presentation last year at a public forum hosted by the Stevens County Historical Society.

November is auction month. Bring cash and lots of it. There will be lots of wonderful things to bid on including rock tumblers.

Break

Cyndi has a display that will be circulating through the Spokane libraries.

Johnny brought some wonderful trays that were displayed on the back table that had mineral samples of items collected all over Stevens County/Ferry County and beyond. Each item was labeled as to what the mineral was and where it was found. We live in a mineral rich area where you can find many amazing rocks, ore, and minerals.

FROM THE EDITOR: After some reflection on where I am in life, the energy I have, and a conversation with Lynne, we've decided to go to a quarterly format with the newsletter. Without more input from the membership I find myself having to scour the internet for items to fill the space. That is time consuming and its hard to determine what might be of interest to the club members. So from now until a new editor can take over, the newsletter will be published January, April, July and October. Regards, Glynis Hull

Halloween and Booo; Booolanger; Boolangerite? No BOULANGERITE

By Lynne Calvert

Hello to my favorite rock hounds. Awwwooooo. Howl at the harvest moon. I'm grateful for the cooler weather and less smoky air. It's time to pick fruit, work on personal projects, and get some rock hounding in before the snow flies. Our club has members who belong to other clubs. One of those members is Peter Wyman from Spokane. He attended our picnic in August and always donates rocks for our annual show in March. He has entreated for several months now for Roger and me to take him to the Cleveland Mine. This mine is about 5 miles from our property. Our schedules finally coincided and a date was set. We met two visitors he brought, Sierra and Ken. Oh, and his dog, Holly. Peter visited this mine decades ago. It has changed since then. Sierra is very fascinated with rocks. The mine itself is intriguing. The variety of rocks there do not disappoint. There is an assortment of serpentine, copper, silver, lead, uranium, antimony, zinc, quartz, some crystals, and some black crystals that we could not identify – yet. We all picked up some representative specimens. I had to curtail my efforts due to recent surgery on my jawbone. Peter had a good time reminiscing and sharing his knowledge. Sierra was like a kid in a candy store. She didn't want to leave. Alas it was time to go. We escorted them back to the road towards Spokane and we went the other direction – back to the grindstone to work on never ending projects. While writing this article Roger and I researched black crystals at the Cleveland mine. We believe we found boulangerite. Wait, what? Boulangerite is a rare sulfosalt mineral made of lead antimony sulfide. It can be light blue-grey, dark grey, to black in color. It has a metallic or silky luster. It forms needle-like or hair-like fibers that can look like dark fur, wool, or lint. Thick fibrous masses are often called "plumosite" or feather ore. Now that we know that it might be worthwhile to go back and look harder for Boulangerite.

**To our surprise the club was not given a space at the Marcus CiderFest. This was a disappointment since we have gone for many years. Maybe next year.

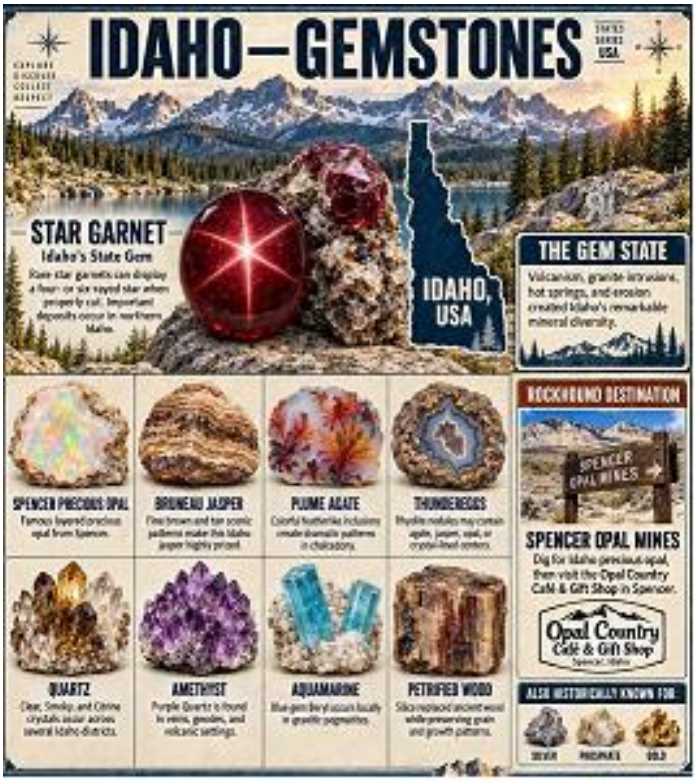
From Ginger

I think that there shall never be
An ignoramus just like me,
Who roams the hills throughout the day
To pick up rocks that do not pay;
For there's one thing that I've been told
I take the rocks and leave the gold.

O'er deserts wild or mountains blue
I search for rocks of varied hue.
A hundred pounds or more I pack
With blistered feet and aching back.
And after this is said and done,
I cannot name a single one.

I pick up rocks where e'er I go,
The reason why I do not know,
For rocks are found by fools like me
Where God intended them to be.

Author Unknown



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)

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

Guinevere says "Hi"!

Refreshment Schedule for 2026

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

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