

Place:
Arden Community Hall
636 Hall Rd
Arden, WA



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

The Panorama Prospector

September 2026

PANORAMA GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

Minutes for the August 18, 2026 General Meetings

No minutes submitted.

We had our annual picnic instead of an official meeting.

The Hunters Fair Booth

By Lynne Calvert

The Hunters Fair organizers were in a conundrum this year due to multiple fires, poor air quality, and road closures. Fortunately, a powerful summer thunderstorm brought much needed rain to mitigate the fires and smoke. A decision was made to allow the Hunters Fair to proceed. Roger had a week to repair at least one of three old motors that were donated to our club. The goal was to get a vintage rock tumbler operational for the demonstration at the Fair. The vintage rock tumbler was also donated. The drive-belts and electrical wiring were completely disintegrated. Roger began making repairs in between doing other higher priority tasks. The first motor he worked on was in such disrepair he had to give up on it and start on another. He determined what parts were needed for the motors. I had my doubts we would find the right sizes of drive-belts. Time was running out. A late-night trip

to Spokane proved to be successful. We stopped at the first auto parts store before they closed at 9:00 PM. They didn't have the belts but their store a couple miles away did and were open until 10:00. Whew. The pressure was off because we knew there was enough time to get the wiring parts at Home Depot before they closed. The next day Roger installed the belts on the tumbler and repaired the wiring on one of the motors while I filled the tumbler and greased the seals. We tested the tumbler and you should have seen it GO! The motor he repaired had too many RPMs. We thought the tumbler would fly off the rollers. Roger was unable to relish in the moment. He would have to hunker down and repair the wiring on another motor. He did it successfully – THE NIGHT BEFORE THE FAIR. Meanwhile, I loaded buckets, tumblers, rocks and other lightweight items into my car. I drove to the fairgrounds (school) to set up the tables and tent canopies. Fair day arrived and away we went early in the morning. We set up with the help of Jim and Betty. Johnie and Gene drove up soon after. They brought more dazzling rocks to display and sell. These rocks and the vintage rock tumbler piqued the interest of the attendees. Charles and his grandson brought intriguing rocks and helped us manage the booth. Larry also helped manage the booth to give us breaks throughout the day. Mary Kay brought beautiful glass display canisters with agates and crystals that she made to be sold. Many customers were delighted while getting an education about our club and rocks. So much so, one family joined the club and we collected \$120 for dues and rocks we sold. Watching the delight on the customer's faces

was fun. I am so grateful for all those who helped make this event a success. If you did not make it to the Hunters Fair to see the lapidary equipment in action, don't fret. There will be a short video you will not want to miss during our September club meeting. Moreover, the donated lapidary equipment will go up for auction during our November club meeting. I don't guarantee the last motor will be working by then but it will come with the parts.

visited to get to know more about each other. The evening was relaxing and comfortable. It wasn't just the air conditioning – it was the result of the Hospitality Team and everyone contributing to make it a memorable picnic. The club membership also grew that evening proving that your combined efforts and energy are drawing people in to our magnanimous Panorama Gem and Mineral Club. What a joy it is.



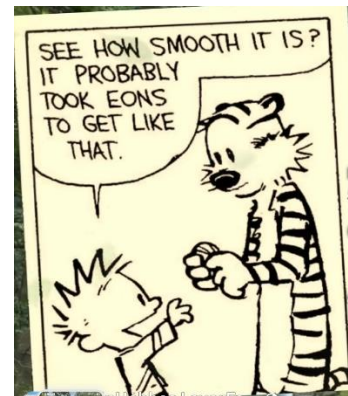
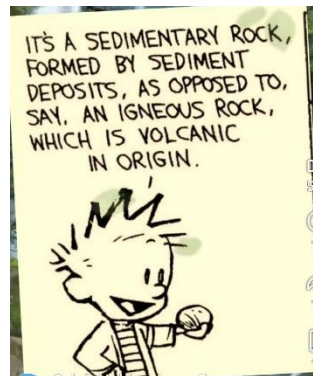
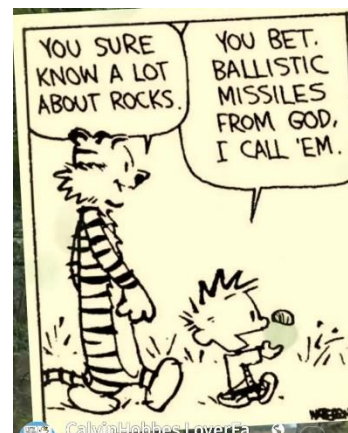
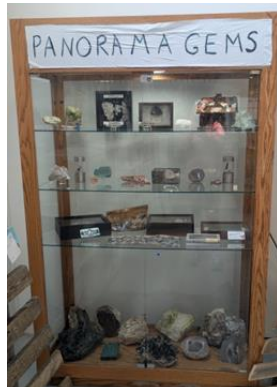
2026 Lavish Annual Picnic

We had a lavish turn-out at the annual picnic. Forty-Seven (47) club members and guests attended this year's event. Due to rising temperatures we moved the venue indoors. The evening began with welcoming everyone including all of our guests. There was a brief meeting to discuss the Hunters and NE WA/Colville Fairs followed by a blessing over the meal and the Pledge of Allegiance. The room was filled with conversations as members



Display Case at the Northeast Washington Fair in Colville Somebody Send Me a Sign

Every year our club is afforded a unique opportunity to display rocks at the Fair in Colville. We do not compete with any other entrants at the Fair. It is a rare and complimentary exhibit that benefits the community while allowing us to promote our club's goals. Gene, Johnie, Mary Kay, Roger and Lynne contributed to the rock display this year. The top section of the display cabinet had a sign advertising a business not related to our club. We covered it with plastic sheeting a few years ago with the intent of getting our club logo on a sign that would temporarily affix to the cabinet during the Fair. That hasn't happened yet. Well, after the cabinet was filled and locked I had an hour to spend before going to another booth to help judge buckets that children decorated and planted a fir tree inside. That extra time on my hands resulted in an "improvement" to the display cabinet. Clearly, I'm no artist. At least the eye-popping gems and minerals inside outshined the makeshift sign. Inside the cabinet is a club business card and logo badge. Who knows, maybe we get more people to join the club.



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/>

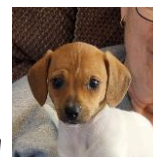
Facebook Group: [Panorama Gem & Mineral Club](#)

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.*

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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

Officers

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