



SURREY ROCKHOUNDER

(The Original Rockhounder Newsletter)

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Newsletter of the Surrey Rockhound Club.
Members of the BC Lapidary Society
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Arts Council of Surrey

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<p>The Surrey Rockhounder is the official newsletter of the Surrey Rockhound Club, and is included in the membership fee. It is published monthly, except July and December. If you wish to submit articles, please send them to: Surrey Rockhounder, Suite 614, 7360 137th Street, Surrey, BC V3W 1A3 or webmanage@surreyrockhound.com</p>																															

Workshops:

The workshop is located in the basement of Sullivan Hall, 6306 152nd Street, Surrey.

Please Note that for insurance and safety reasons;

You must be a club member in order to use the workshop machinery.

The workshop is just a small part of the Club's activities. If you wish to use the workshop facilities, please plan on attending some of the regular monthly meetings.

Workshop fees: \$3.00 per session plus cost of any supplies and large saw usage

Beginners	Monday 7 to 9 p.m. - Lapidary Instructor Franz Derungs Possibly more sessions if trained volunteers become available
Faceting	<u>Not at this time</u>
Meetings	There is no session on Wednesday but the second Wednesday of the month is the Executive meeting and the fourth Wednesday of the month is the General meeting
School Sessions (for school children to learn about us)	<u>Wednesday Mornings</u> by appointment from interested school groups. Contact Gail Hall
Sculpture / Carving	No planned classes but the shop is set up for you to bring your soft stone and carve
General Open	<u>Thursday</u> 6:30 to 9 PM : De Morgan Friday 6:30 to 9 pm when a foreperson is available. Call Kavinder in advance
Wire Wrapping	————> Call Patricia Scow to make arrangements

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When working in the workshop....

IF ANYTHING SEEMS BROKEN OR WORKING POORLY PLEASE STOP USING IT AND ALERT THE FOREPERSON OF THE PROBLEM. This is for everyone's safety and to help make the machines last. Also please clean up after yourself and at the end of the night, chip in to clean up with the rest .

General Meeting Minutes November 23, 2016

1. Call to order: 7:35pm

2. Attendance: 17 members, 0 guests

3. Minutes of Oct 26 as circulated/published. Acceptance moved by Robert, seconded by Simon

4. Treasurer's Report: Given by Bonny as Michele was unavailable

5. Correspondence: Membership renewal with the Arts Council. Michele and/or Sheolagh will do this.

6. Old Business:

a) Rockhounder subscriptions:

Paper copies are \$38.00/year for 1 subscription of 4 issues or \$28.00/year each for the group rate. If you require it, the additional cost to mail your subscription separately is \$13.40/year (\$3.35/issue). Online-only subscriptions are \$12.00/year. Subscribers to the online-only version will need to provide an email address. The order form is available from the Rockhounder website.

Last meeting Carla passed around a paper to see if we can manage group rate. She's not here today. Where did the paper go?

At this meeting we have 3 signups. (Simon, Rhonda, Gordon)

We will be collecting the full \$38.00 at the Christmas Party since we still don't have 10 people yet.

b) Calendars: Bonny has 2 extra calendars, they're \$10 each. Contact her if you want to buy one.

c) Christmas Party:

Dec 2, 5:00 doors open, 6:00 dinner starts

- setup Dec 2 at 10:00am to move tables: Tom and Manny

-food (turkey): Patricia and Rhonda

-beverages (water, juice, tea/coffee): Manny and Bonny

Reminder: we don't have a liquor license so please don't bring alcoholic beverages

-decorations: Daphne, Bonny, Carla and Hannah

-food bank donations box: Bonny

-sign in table: Simon, Daphne

-entertainment committee: Daphne, Kaden, Nora

Everyone bring vegetables/salad/dessert to share and your own utensils and dish.

Everyone who wishes to participate, bring a gift for the gift exchange, \$5-10 value

d) New Class:

Kamlesh and Kavinder Lost Wax Casting Course will be starting Jan 20. It will run Fridays at 7pm. It costs \$50

for 8 classes. There is a sign-in sheet at the meeting.

e) Lapidary Classes

The cabochon classes are finishing. They are this upcoming Monday, this upcoming Tuesday and the Tuesday

after that. That's it for the year. We need someone to take over for next season! Come to one of the classes

and at 7:00 and check out the teaching with Franz.

f) Volunteers needed:

-Treasurer:

-Treasurers assistant:

-Show Chair Assistant: Manny

General Meeting Minutes November 23, 2016 continued

-Membership Secretary: we have someone for taking new memberships at meetings (Tom) and we have someone to compile the membership spreadsheet (Mary) but the BCLS needs the memberships to be submitted in a certain form so someone is needed to set up and send the information in the form they want (Elsa volunteers to do this).

We should request that BCLS send us the data in a digital form instead of on paper so that we don't have to recopy it all every time. Elsa will send an email to Georgina about this.

-Program director (starting January):

g) Reminder for the BCLS Gem Show (April 2017). The organizers need to know by January 30, 2017 how many case rentals (\$10.00 each), and how many case spaces used (if club provides own cases).

Please reply by January 30, 2017 to Marie Adshead (mdsa@shaw.ca) and mail your cheque payable to BC

Lapidary Society (27063 26A Avenue, Aldergrove B.C. V4W 3V4).

h) Reminder about the Workshop:

If something breaks please report it to the workshop foreman immediately! A broken trim saw blade can CUT you!

Remember to polish rocks using the grits in sequence (100, 200, 300, 400, 600, 1000 etc) and do not push

forcefully on the machines because the belts are wearing out much faster than they should be.

i) Sunshine Club update: Cards sent to Gail, Michele, the Doerksen family, Daphne

7. Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

8. Program: Harley has a lecture about quartz crystals and their formations.

The Surrey Rockhound Club will be putting on a class teaching members to cut and polish stones. This class is required before the workshop equipment can be used by members. This is for the safe and satisfying use of the equipment as well as for maintaining equipment in good repair for use by members.

The class is for 6 weeks, on Mondays, starting 7:00 Monday January 23, and the cost is \$35.00. If more than 5 people register for the class, there may be a class on Tuesdays as well. Classes are generally restricted to 4 members to provide maximum assistance and access to the machines. There is generally time to produce 4 cabochons of different shapes. All materials are supplied.

Please come to the workshop at 7:00 Monday January 23 to sign up for the class.

Gemboree Report 2017 Cluxewe Resort at Port McNeill July 20-23, 2017

The Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club of Campbell River is pleased to host the 2017 Zone Gemboree at the Cluxewe Resort near Port McNeill, BC on Vancouver Island. This campground, just 8 Km north of the turn-off to Port McNeill on Highway 19, opens up exploration to the mineral and rock rich North Island. Cluxewe Resort offers cabins, RV and tenting sites as well as a gift shop and restaurant. Washrooms and shower facilities are available to those who make the journey. Please make sure you book your site early as it is a popular vacation and fishing destination during the summer months. We have a full selection of activities planned for each of the days including a tailgater for early arrivers on the 20th. Because of the distances to these great rock collecting sites we are not over scheduling activities for each day. Rock hounds will have a choice of trips that will satisfy your interests and collecting wishes. Our goal here is to give you an opportunity to see some of the fantastic places on the North Island, fill your rock buckets, and to reconnect with friends and acquaintances of the Island Rock Clubs.

Gemboree Schedule Thursday, July 20 · Registration · Tailgate sale · Demonstrations · Campfire / Entertainment Friday, July 21 · Field trip choice 1- 2 · Demonstrations · Pot Luck Dinner · Campfire / Entertainment Saturday July 22 · Field trip choice 2 – 1 · Demonstrations · BBQ dinner · Campfire / Entertainment Sunday July 23 · Pancake Breakfast · Auction · Demonstrations · Campfire / Entertainment

Important Information

*** Book your site early to ensure a spot and when booking tell them you are with the Gemboree. If you wish one of the reserved unserviced sites please make sure the booking agent knows.*** Full Registration The full registration fee is \$50 per person and includes BBQ dinner (\$10 per person) and Pancake breakfast (\$10 per person). Early registration by March 31 is only \$30 per person and gives you a free BBQ dinner and Pancake breakfast.

Demonstrations (subject to registration and change) Wire wrapping Silversmithing Beading Metal detecting (using a metal detector) Carving/sculpting Things to bring · An entertainment activity (sing along, skit, etc.) · Donations to the Auction · Food item for the potluck (main courses, desserts, side dishes) · Fishing and swimming gear · Musical instruments · Items for tailgate sale · Cups, plates and cutlery for all community meals

Visit www.cluxeweresort.com for camping details and a map of sites as well as directions to the Resort and activities and events in the Port McNeill area. The phone number is [250-949-0378](tel:250-949-0378)(if your internet is down). Though Northern Vancouver Island is wild and sparsely populated, getting there is simple. BC Ferries service the southern cities of Nanaimo and Victoria with many sailings each day. The Inland Island freeway takes you quickly through the South part of the Island and stops at the North's doorstep in Campbell River. From there you drive two hours to Port McNeill (you might want to stop for supplies there). Nine kilometres (5 1/2 miles) north of the Port McNeill

turnoff, you will see a blue highway sign directing you to turn right onto a gravel road. Follow it for 1 kilometre (.6 of a mile) and you'll come to our office. The group activities will be held around the Pavilion (see site map) so can book as close to or as far away from the action as you wish.

Sorry I could not get the map to copy and paste--look at the Cluxewe Resort website for a map. http://www.ripplerockgemandmineralclub.com/bugle_newsletters/Oct%20'16%20bugle.pdf

On Page 6 is a registration form for the Gemboree. Please have your interested members print out and fill in and send with a cheque to

*JanBoyes
Black Creek, B.C.

Good morning!

I hope this finds you and your members well. I am reaching out to ask for contributions/submissions for the Spring issue of the magazine. We are putting together a new Gallery feature, set to contain high rez photos from clubs around the province, and I would like to ask all clubs to select a few of their best photos from activities of their choosing for inclusion – please ensure the photo's are at least 300dpi. I would also like to ask clubs to send in a list of their planned activities so that I can be sure that the list printed in the magazine is both accurate and as up to date as possible.

In addition, I am also looking to hear more from voices around the province – reviews of activities (exploration, sales, lapidary works, presentations) of all kinds as well as opinion pieces on the current state of the forests/access to rock, the hobby in general, education or any other field that may strike you/your members as important. Please consider submitting. I very much would like ALL clubs to be represented in the magazine, but cannot travel to visit you individually – perhaps you can share a short piece with a few photos talking about the history of your club? Personally I would love to see every clubs' story told in that print in that manner.

Greg

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BC Rockhounder Magazine
Rockhounder@shaw.ca

The Surrey Rockhounder is also looking for submissions. Just send pictures and or articles to webmanage@surreyrockhound.com

I am sure that there are members that would like to see what we are doing. I have been pleased to read submissions from a few members in the past. If you are in doubt then please send an email in advance and ask if it would be useful. I prefer original material due to copyright issues. Whatever one rockhounder finds interesting in the field will likely strike a chord with others so please send me what interest you and I will try to get it in the newsletter.

Fred

Editor to date Surrey Rockhounder.

P.S.—if you have an interest in taking over the newsletter and or web page please let me know and I would like to help you get it rolling. I have been doing this for more than 10 years and a new look at the task would likely make the connection to our people better.

Agate, Jasper, River Rock

February 12, 2017, Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Jesperson Bar

Vehicle: car with high clearance

Tools: rock hammer, chisels, carrying container for specimens.

Meeting Place: Rosedale Traditional School, 50850 Yale Road, Rosedale, BC

Wagonmaster: Trevor Christie

MAPLE RIDGE LAPIDARY CLUB

February 25 & 26, 2017

Saturday 11:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

12460 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC

Gold

March 12, 2017, Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Yale

Vehicle: car

Tools: gold pan, shovel, sniffer bottle or sniffer tweezer, vial with lid, bucket.

Meeting Place: Barry's Trading Post, 31160 Mary Street, Yale, BC

Wagonmaster: Trevor Christie

HASTINGS CENTRE ROCKHOUNDS

March 11 & 12, 2017

Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Hastings Community Centre

3096 E Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC

For more information visit: [Hastings Centre Rockhounds](#)

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