

SURREY ROCKHOUNDER
(The Original Rockhounder Newsletter)

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Newsletter of the Surrey Rockhound Club.
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Gem and Mineral Federation of Canada
Arts Council of Surrey

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Meetings
<p>General Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the workshop.</p> <p><u>The Next General Meeting is Scheduled for</u></p> <p>Next General Meeting is Wednesday April 25, 2018, at the Sullivan Hall workshop.</p> <p>The Next Executive Meeting is May 9th, 2018 in the workshop</p>

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

*******MEMBERSHIP*******

Membership becomes due in September of each year. Prices are \$25.00 single or \$35.00 per family (includes children 18 years and under)

Dues must be paid by the end of the calendar year or people will not be included in the club list.

Come out and renew your membership (if you haven't) already

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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

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

Not at this time

Meetings

The second Wednesday of the month is the Executive meeting and the fourth Wednesday of the month is the General meeting. All held in the workshop at Sullivan Hall.

School Sessions (for school children to learn about us)

Wednesday Mornings 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

Thursday 6:30 to 9 PM : De Morgan

Tuesday and Friday 6:30 to 9 pm when a foreperson is available.

Other nights are being worked on but check at meetings to be sure.

Wire Wrapping and Silversmith classes are being arranged. Ask at a meeting.

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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 March 28, 2018

1. Call to order: 7:34pm by Robert Hendriks

2. Attendance: 23

3. Minutes of February 28, 2018 accepted as published moved by De seconded by Michele

4. Treasurer's Report: given by Michele

5. Correspondence:

a) BCLS Bylaw Vote

We need to vote on the bylaw change at the April General Meeting so please read the attached documents, it's mostly wording changes to do with the scholarship fund
Bob and De are going to Rendezvous and one of them can be our Proxy Vote

6. Old Business:

a) Volunteers needed

Gail has stepped down from the Education position. We need someone to cover Education for the rest of the school year. Sharon Whyte can do the background organizing, but she needs people at the event itself as an organizer

also need Treasurer's Assistant, Newsletter, Ways and Means & Show Chair Assistant

Gord can cover Secretary while Elsha is away (late April to late June)

b) Surrey Library

we have been booked for displays and tables at the Newton and Strawberry Hill libraries in October, however last year we decided that having the tables was not a good use of time

will try to get a busier library instead (South Surrey?)

c) Media

We could try to get a General Interest story submitted to either the local newspaper, the Arts Council newsletter, or Global News to drum up new members for the club

This sounds great, we'll do it if someone steps up to spearhead this

d) BCLS Gem Show and Tailgate Sale

We need helpers for the case setup, we have 6 case spaces

Gem show setup and building the cases will start Wednesday April 4 at 10:30am

Cases can be filled anytime Thursday April 5 and must be finished before Thurs 8pm

Fred is bringing the trailer, De, Gord, and others will help

the club has voted to get a table at the Roundup Tailgate Sale on Saturday

Bring the table and materials, setup on Saturday before 10am and man the table 10 – 5pm

7. New Business:

a) Workshop Safety

We got an eyewash station, it is by the sink

8. Committee Reports:

a) Workshop

We are starting cabochon courses on April 9 and 10 (Mon and Tues) for 6 weeks so workshop will be closed in the evening on those Tuesdays

Workshop will continue to be open Thurs/Fri 6:30-9pm (Bob, Stuart, Simon, Kavinder)
Drop-in metalworking and quiet crafting/jewelry is Tues 1-4pm with Albert

b) Newsletter

February and March Newsletters posted on our website (thanks Fred!)

9. Upcoming Events

Hamilton Bar Field Trip April 1

BCLS Abbotsford Gem Show, April 6, 7, 8

Richmond Gem Show, April 28, 29

Everett WA Gem Show May 5, 6

Creative Jewelers Guild Of BC Jewelry Show and Sale May 13

Vernon Club is hosting the BC Gold Panning Championship May 18 - 20

BCLS Rendezvous will be in Rock Creek hosted by the Penticton Club from May 18 - 21 and

includes a fieldtrip to the famous Rock Candy Mine (signups due April 13 but it's almost full)

BCLS Summer Camp will be at Takysie Lake (just south of Burns Lake) on Aug 6 – 11

10. Cake Break!

It's our Club Birthday!

11. October Gem Show Theme Decision:

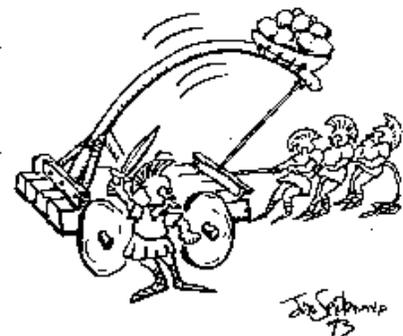
The winning theme is Stones from the Fraser!

If you would like to volunteer at the show please contact De

200 BC - The ancient Greeks
invent a new method of
transporting their specimens.

12. Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm

A visit to the
Rockhound Hall Of Fame



The Best Ever Tips for a Great Rockhounding Experience [\(from Gator Girl Rocks\)](#)

Rockhounds - new and seasoned - often are interested in finding new sites, exploring interesting places, and learning more about rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils. It's not uncommon for people to ask advice about where to go or what to do. Accordingly, below are some pieces of advice that may improve your experience. As always, if you have additional ideas, please feel free to let me know.

Join a Local Rock Club. Maybe more than one. Seriously, this is probably the single best thing you can do if you really are interested in rockhounding. You will meet some terrific people. Many of the members will have years (or decades) of experience. They will have information about local sites and, often times, they are willing to go on a field trip with you. Many clubs also have informational programs or activities for children who are interested in rockhounding. In addition, club members often can give you valuable advice about tools and gear. Many clubs also have useful reference materials. I belong to two local rock clubs (and I also help teach after-school programs to interested children).

Know the Official State Rocks. There is a reason why Gator Girl Rocks includes information about official state rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, and dinosaurs. Generally speaking, when a state makes such a designation, that particular substance either is relatively common in that area or is economically important. There are, of course, exceptions (Florida, for example, designated a state gemstone that is not found in Florida and Louisiana designated an oyster shell).

Visit Museums. Museums that emphasize natural resources and/or history often provide an outstanding opportunity to see and learn about local rock, gem, mineral, and fossil specimens. This can be a pretty good clue of what might be available.

Go To Rock & Mineral Shows. Rock, gem, mineral, and fossil shows often can be a great way to see a lot of different, high quality specimens. Often times, there also will be educational programs as well as vendors.

When Traveling, Visit Local Rock Shops. Although there are fewer and fewer rock shops these days, I try to research rock shops before we visit new areas and then try to program in the address to the family GPS when we're on vacation. I've met some truly awesome people doing this. They usually have great advice and the specimens I purchase there are way better than what you find at typical tourist shops. I also usually pack some trading specimens ... which can come in handy.

Visit State and National Parks, Monuments, & Historic Sites. Although you cannot collect specimens in any National Parks, Monuments, etc. and also often cannot do so in state and local parks (there are exceptions), these areas often provide great local geologic information. Some even include ranger or expert-led programs. In addition, often times, that are areas outside of the protected area that may be open to collecting and may have similar specimens.

Visit Your Library. With the obvious exception of meteorites, the rocks you may find today also were there a generation or two ago. Accordingly, although older books, journals, and magazines will not have GPS coordinates or digital photos, they will have useful information about rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils and potential collecting opportunities. In many instances, current rockhounding site guides describe this same sites.

Visit Your State's Department of Natural Resources. Often times, certain state agencies (the state geologic survey, state department of natural resources, state department of conservation, etc.) will have a wealth of information about local rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils. Many of these agencies have well educated professionals who are very knowledgeable. Some agencies also have collections that display local specimens.

Visit Universities. Universities - especially those with geology or paleontology programs - often have excellent resources and many often have collections that display local specimens.

Don't Buy A Rock Hammer Until AFTER You Buy Eye Protection. Seriously. It only takes one swing of a rock hammer - by you or someone close by - and you could lose an eye. In addition, the reality is that there are a lot of tools that are far more useful to a beginning rockhounder than a rock hammer (e.g., a loupe, a map, a first aid kit, safety gear).

When Traveling, Visit Another Rock Club. I've done this and have always had a good time. Rock clubs usually have very friendly folks who are very welcoming of rock club members from another club. This is a great way to learn about local specimens as well as to trade specimens.

COURTENAY GEM & MINERAL CLUB & PARKSVILLE ROCK CLUB

Love Where You Live
 April 14 & 15, 2018
 Saturday 9:30am - 4:30pm
 Sunday 9:30am - 4:00pm
 Royal Canadian Legion Courtenay Branch
 367 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay, BC
 Silent Auction, food, children's corner, slab table, fossils, showcases, demonstrators, lots of vendors, full kitchen.
 Admission \$3 and children under 10 free.

RICHMOND GEM & MINERAL CLUB

April 28 & 29, 2018
 Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Richmond Cultural Centre
 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC

CREATIVE JEWELLERS GUILD OF BC

May 13, 2018
5th Annual Artisan Jewellery Show and Sale
 Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm
 VanDusen Botanical Gardens
 5251 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC

KOKANEE & SELKIRK ROCK CLUBS

June 2 & 3, 2018
 Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Castlegar & District Community Complex
 2101 6th Avenue, Castlegar, BC

SURREY ROCKHOUND CLUB

Tailgate Sale
 July 8, 2018
 Sullivan Hall
 6306 152 Street, Surrey, BC

RIPPLE ROCK GEM & MINERAL CLUB

June 9 & 10, 2018
 Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm
 The Campbell River Community Hall
 401 - 11th Avenue, Campbell River, BC

SURREY ROCKHOUND CLUB

October 13 & 14, 2018
Annual Rock & Gem Show
 Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Sullivan Hall
 6306 152 Street, Surrey, BC
 Demonstrations, Displays, Dealers

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I am placing part of an email from De. We all need to step in and help. If we start now it is a lot easier to be involved and a lot more gets done. Don't wait, make plans and volunteer. It is your club so let us all make it a success.

Hi All,

Below is the form I'm working through.

At the March general meeting, I plan to do a brainstorm activity to create a theme for our show, and to generate some excitement and involvement. Please think of some ideas that will make an eye-catching theme and poster for our show.and we want to have our 1/4 page flyer OUT THERE at the upcoming BC Gem Show, April 6,7,8!! I appreciate your cooperation and help with our club show.

Cheers,

De Morgan

Show Chair

Surrey Rockhounds Show, October 13th & 14th

Committee Meeting

March 14-September 26, 2018

De Morgan, Show Chair

Committee Heads:

1. Door, Membership, Raffle, and Coffee Can Set up & Door

Prizes: _____

Raffle Prizes: 1st, carving completed and donated by Simon Cantin

2nd _____

3rd _____ Early Bird _____ (drawn Sept 26, @ 8:30)

Coffee Can Prizes: (\$25-35) 1. _____ 2. _____

3 _____ 4 _____ 5. _____

Make the Raffle Tickets: _____

Apply for the Raffle License: De Morgan

Make Tickets for the Coffee Can Prizes: _____

Publicity and Ads: _____

1/4 Page flyer- _____, full page poster _____

The sign outside the building, both sides - De Morgan

Have large and small posters available for posting and handing out

All Members:

EVERY MEMBER please give out Lots and Lots of 1/4 page flyers

Paper" the parking lots

Flyers given to parents taking their children to schools

Social Media

"Tell Ten" System email and word of mouth

Geology Students at SFU and UBC

4. Demonstrators: _____

5. Kid's corner: _____

6. Club Sales table: _____

7. Dealers: De Morgan. Price: \$_____ per table)

Rita Brooks (3), Bob/De Morgan (3), Norah/Simon Cantin (1), Jennifer Moore (1.5), John Prychon (2), S&S (2), Canada Sylvia Findings (3)

8. Floor Plan: De Morgan

9. Cases: _____

10. Cash Boxes, Floats and Money Collection: _____

11. Silent auction and used equipment: _____

12. Spin & win and Grab bags - _____

Security: Bob Morgan

Trailer Hauling: ___ Fred Stratton _____

15. Trailer Organization: _____ Franz Derungs _____

15. Signs put up and taken down: _____, _____

16. Parking on show dates: _____

Clean up at the end of the show: All members, please.

Workshop clean up date, prior to show Saturday, October 6th @ 1:00 p.m.

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Tailgate Sale

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Dealer registration contact: [Rita](#)