

**SURREY ROCKHOUNDER**  
(The Original Rockhounder Newsletter)

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Newsletter of the Surrey Rockhound Club.  
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Meetings
<p><b>General Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the workshop.</b></p> <p><b><u>The Next General Meeting is Scheduled for</u></b></p> <p>Next General Meeting is Wednesday June 27th, 2018, at the Sullivan Hall workshop. This will be the Annual Auction</p> <p>The Next <b>Executive Meeting</b> is July 11th, 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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### 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

**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 May 23, 2018

**1. Call to order:** 7:32 PM by Robert Hendriks

**2. Attendance:** 19 members and 1 Guest

**3. Minutes of April 25, 2018** are accepted as published (moved by Michelle, seconded by Tom).

Albert wanted to have some clarity regarding the use of shop equipment for commercial purposes. Many members do sell items which are made in the shop (including items for the members table). That is ok. What we want to avoid is the use of shop equipment for mass production. Simon suggested that members be mindful of the other club members and contribute to the club in some way it using the club equipment in a significant way. Balance can be hard to find but we are working towards it.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Given by Michele

**5. Correspondence:**

A local gem show in Richmond on May 25,26 at the south arm united church has offered 6 free parking spots for the surrey club to join the outdoor tailgate sale. Robert has forwarded you the email, reply to Beadsmart if interested.

**6. Old Business:**

c) SRC October Show: *Stones from the Fraser*

Sharon volunteered to help out in the kitchen for our rock show in October.

De is still looking for more volunteers.

We have no one who is in charge of the kitchen.

b) SRC Tailgate Sale July 8<sup>th</sup> 9am to 4pm

A spot is \$10, email Rita if interested

c) June Action (June 27)

Remember to bring a desert!

Setup at 6, begins at 7

Send photos of donations to Elsha and Fred to help advertise

Tell your friends!

d) Workshop cleanup day: Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Moved to June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

Any rocks belonging to members that are stored here should be removed or else they may be disposed of

Please come out and help

**7. New Business:**

June executive meeting is canceled as Robert and Michele will be away (and Elsha is still away).

There could be a meetup to discuss matters but no votes can be conducted with so few executive present

The keys for the rolling machine are lost. The locks will be cut and replaced.

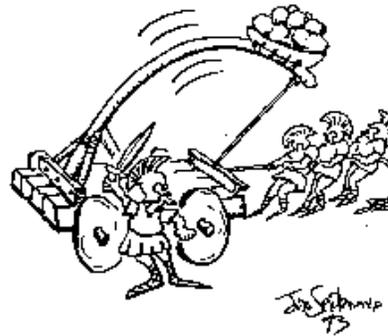
**8. Committee Reports:**

**9. Meeting adjourned:8:09**

A visit to the  
Rockhound Hall Of Fame



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



## 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.

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July 8, 2018

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*Annual Rock & Gem Show*

Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm

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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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Dealer registration contact: [Rita](#)