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Craft Room, Campbell River Community Hall
401-11th Ave
Campbell River, BC



RIPPLE ROCK GEM & MINERAL CLUB

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Non-Executive Positions		
Showcases		
Slab Draw/Collection		
Coffee Break		
Webmaster	Melissa Ticknor, Linda Henderson	

Delegates to Vancouver Island Zone Meetings

Senior	Melissa Ticknor
Intermediate	Sunday Cousins
Junior	

WORKSHOP

Shop located at 246 Dahl Rd. (the better address is 247 Dahl Rd.)

For general shop info contact
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MEMBERSHIPS

A single membership is \$15.00 and a family is \$25.00. Memberships may be paid at the *General* meetings, or by mail to the address on the Bugle cover.

before using the polisher. Also users should not use gemlube to moisten the polishing pad. Just use spray water with a bit of dishwashing liquid in it. Steve could you please make a note to tell your students of these changes.

Doug Screeton has been looking after the maintenance end of the shop. Many thanks to you for stepping up.

I am still looking for more slabs for the slab draw on meeting nights. If anyone has any to donate please let me know. Molly Milroy

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 9, 2018

Attendance – 16

Wagonmaster report – Shane added to Dennis's report of their trip to Oregon. They were amazed at the obsidian available at Glass Butte. They found several other minerals – petrified wood, jasper, and more. Shane's next dream is closer – Texada Island, sometime mid 2019.

Shop Report – Molly's report is copied above. Molly Moved and Dianne 2nd that the club buy a 50,000 grit diamond polishing pad for approximately \$100. Motion was passed.

Elections for our 2019 executive were held. Results are on the 2nd page of the Bugle.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas pot luck dinner in the Community Centre's lounge, starting at 6pm. The club will pay for a ham and a turkey. The cooks will purchase the meats and give Dennis the bills.

It is a pot luck, that means bring enough for yourself and a growing teenage boy too! I don't think anyone will complain very loud of we ended up with no broccoli, but had several pies and cakes!

The Community Centre provides a sink, counter, tables and chairs, many electrical outlets, but NO DISHES. We bring our own cutlery, cups/mugs, plates, bowls, coffee pot and coffee, tea kettle and tea, serving spoons, hot pads, etc.

It is the season for Craft fairs. Several of our club members buy space at one or more of these fairs. Ironwood mall (1) and the Legion (2) has had fairs Saturday afternoons. Annually, the Sportsplex (3) has a large fair. Anchor Inn (4) had one (that I heard about after the fact). There was the annual Christmas Gift Tour (5) with vendors selling out of their houses or two or three vendors using one house. Fair Trade Global Market (6) at Timberline. The Pier Street Christmas Craft (7) fair at the Maritime Museum. I suspect that at least one church sponsors a Christmas sale and I am sure there are more that I don't know about or ignored.



Timberline



Maritime Museum



Ironwood



CR Paws has their booth at more than one the Christmas fairs.

Below is a ballad about a famous Quadra Island gold mine near Granite Bay which peaked during 1911. The Lucky Jim Mine was a 1910 gold, copper, and silver mine, just off Granite Bay Road, Quadra Island, British Columbia. A steam engine pump ventilated the shafts, pumped air down to the miners' rock drills, and pumped water from the mine. This steam engine is still at the mine site; its huge cast iron flywheel weighs tons and is about 12 feet diameter. Finns from Sointula Island, B.C., worked the mine. Their log cabins are derelict, rotting, and moss-covered; but still visible near the mine site; now an historic site. The following ballad was researched thoroughly in the Campbell River Museum archives before being written, to give accuracy to its details.

'The Ballad of The Lucky Jim Mine'

by Gregory Ross

Into Quadra Island granite, they sank deep shafts, bold men;
To build the Lucky Jim Mine; the year was 1910.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; life was different then.

Lucky Jim was mined by Finns, in British Columbia's rain;
Immigrant Canadians, they mined Lucky Jim's ore vein.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; gold, silver, copper; theirs to gain.

In Lucky Jim's wet darkness, the miners mined each day;
Left forest, lakes, and birds; went deep to earn their pay.

Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; Canada's people from far away.

“Old Curley” locomotive, met miners at mineshaft;
Emerging into sunlight, those miners smiled and laughed.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; precious metal from deep shaft.

They shipped their ore to Ladysmith, for final preparation;
Crushed the rock then smelted it; three metals separation.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; helped build Canadian nation.

The Union Steamship steamed, to Granite Bay each week;
Steamed Lucky Jim supplies, past Ripple Rock’s dire peak.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; good fortune they did seek.

Fire the pump’s boiler! Pump water from the mine!
Mine that hard rock hard! We need rich ore to refine.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; they climbed mine’s steep incline.

They hammered into granite, they hammered into quartz;
They made the boiler boil, give hot hisses, and short snorts.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; that steam sent sharp reports.

They drilled into white quartz; they drilled into gray granite;
They tended the pump boiler closely; to stoke it and fan it.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; small gold mine on large planet.

They fed the boiler’s firebox, till steam was hissing well;
Then piston pushed, flywheel spun; and push rod rose and fell.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; smell that wood smoke smell.

In log cabin’s cast-iron cook stove, the mine cook baked good bread;
With salmon, and fresh venison; to keep them all well fed.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; their woodstoves glowed orange-red.

They sawed fir for their fires; while jays and squirrels would scold;
Spent nights in warm log cabins, away from wet and cold.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; at nights their tales they told.

Gold mining costs were high...year 1911 proved too thin...
Lucky Jim shut down...and cold water flooded in.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; gone was miner’s grin.

Quadra's 1925 forest fire, burned the Lucky Jim;
Any chance for revival, became rather slim.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; gone was gold mine vim.

Year 2006, brought bright end to damp decline;
When fresh Canadian life, woke this mossy forest mine.
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; recovery just in time.

Dull for almost a century; now free from any mystery;
Lucky Jim, the Lucky Jim; gleam on Canadian history.