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 club website.**
www.ripplerockgemandmineralclub.com

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 Box 6 Campbell River, BC, V9W 4Z9.

President's Prose

Rockhouser magazine cost has gone up by \$8. See me if you have asked for a subscription. The Rockhouser is available in hard copy format and electronic format.

School presentations are being done by a few club members. 3 have been done since Christmas. I have provided a brief description of one I did.

Grade 5 rock presentation

So I have had in my mind to give you some details on my presentation to Joy Klaue's grade 5 class at the Christian School. I'm sure I had as much fun as her students did. I received a very warm welcome and the students and Ms. Klaue were eager to see the samples I had brought in and test their rocks according to the "Field guide to Identification of Pebbles."

The students were very learned in the three different groups of rocks and were keen to use their skills to identify the rocks they had brought in. I spent about an hour in the class room talking with the students and answering their questions. I'm sure there will be some up and coming Rock Hounders out of this lovely grade 5 class.

Linda Henderson

Wagon Master's Wheels Up

No information at the time of publication

Shane Mawhinney

Gemboree Jottings

This is the last month to take advantage of the early registration fee reduction. After March 31 registrations will be \$50 for the full Gemboree activity.

I am looking forward to getting together with the committee members to get updates on their progress. It's amazing how quickly the time goes and before you know it we'll be up at Cluxewe having a grand time.

A reminder to remember to book your campsite early so as to avoid disappointment. There are 4 reserved non-service sites booked by the Committee as a contingency in case someone does not get a site booked on time.

We've had correspondence with some folks from Port Hardy who tell us that some American rock hounds are making plans to attend

Gordon Burkholder

Show Chair Sit Rep

Confirmed with Ba Ba Gannouj for show food vendor. Emails will be sent out emails to last year's vendors this coming week. We need tumbled rock for the show and I am asking those with tumblers to put a charge in their machines to have shiny stones ready by May if possible.

Pat Doyle

Shop Short Note

Rent is due (\$1000). More branches have fallen from the neighbors trees this time onto the shop itself. Shop openings are Friday 11 am – 2 pm and Tuesday evenings. Other times can be arranged if required.

Beba Adams

Web Coordinator Comments

It has been a very quiet month with little news to put up on the web page. Please get your news for the web page sent to me at info@riplerockgemandmineralclub.com and I'll make sure it is posted.

Janet Burkholder

Membership Memos

No report at time of publication.

Dennis Cambrey

Advertising Announcements

The show has a \$1,000 budget for publicity and Dianne will investigate, then decide who gets how much of our money. Places to buy ads include the "What's On Digest", various Island papers, radio, TV (we can dream!).

Free ads can be put on Facebook, Twitter, BCLS website, our own website, flyers distributed at other Island rock shows, bulletin board posters around town.

Diane Cooper

March 10 Meeting

Guests from Tigard, Oregon, John and Darlene Wozniak will be doing a talk on intarsia and the making of doublets and triplets. They will also have some cabs and slabs for sale.

Executive Entertainment Person

Editor's Edicts

The winter is fast receding and there are signs of spring around (at least down here in Mexico!) as birds are pairing off and making signs of producing another brood of offspring. The desert plants are in bloom as a result of the spring rains and snow birds are talking about their return to the true north strong and free. I hope you enjoy this edition of the 'Bugle'.

"Spring has sprung, the grass iz riz.

I wonder where the birdies iz?

I saw a birdie, in the sky.

He dropped some whitewash in my eye.

I didn't laugh, I didn't cry.

I just thanked God that cows don't fly!"

Anon

Gordon Burkholder

Upcoming Shows

Port Alberni

Hello members, student volunteers, vendors, demonstrators and those bringing display cases from other clubs.

It all starts in the early afternoon on Friday March 10th when our first crew of members and volunteers will arrive at 1 pm to start arranging and

prepping tables in the main hall. If vendors do arrive a little before the recommended 4 pm - 9pm set-up time, please check to see if your location is ready and be mindful of the need to not let their vehicles block any portion of the doorway entrance areas to the complex as we will be busy bringing in tables etc. from offsite. The Cherry Creek Hall Society has also provided advice that we will not be able to access (unless in case of emergency) either the side doors to the 3rd gym room nor the back door adjacent the stage this year owing to the current muddiness of these areas (they have been roped off) owing to recent rain events - It has been a tougher winter than usual! For this reason we will only have the two entrances off of Moore Road for shuttling tables and merchandise. There will also be more limitations to the availability of customer parking spots close to the hall so I encourage all vendors and club members following set-up to park their vehicles more distant from the hall allowing the show attendees/customers the closer access spaces. For those unable to set-up Friday the hall will be open from 8:30 - 10 am Saturday morning.

Please note that we are continuing with our Saturday evening banquet in the hall banquet room again this year. Timing of the meal will be confirmed on Saturday morning - approx. 5:30 - 6:00 pm. Meal tickets are \$19.00 - please confirm your attendance and purchase tickets from Ron or Valerie by noon on Saturday if possible. We will also continue with our free Sunday morning pancake breakfast (including ham, bacon, OJ, apple juice and coffee/tea) from 8 - 9:30 am to all vendors, demonstrators, student volunteers and participating AVRG club members. Please remember we must "spring forward" an hour on Sunday March 12th for daylight savings time adjustment so some of us might need an extra cup of coffee to make up for that lost hour of sleep.

Once again we will be offering a daily gift card draw from receptacles placed in our 3rd (the gym) room to encourage an even distribution of attendees to all three rooms and ensure all of our vendors and demonstrators get the best traffic exposure we can influence.

Opening hours will be from 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm Sunday. I'm hoping a considerable number of our club members and

volunteers will stay to help with hall cleanup on the Sunday afternoon. As always many hands make light work. I thank you all for your contribution to what should be another successful show.

Ron Creber

AVRGC 2017 Show Chair ,

Victoria

March 17th – 19th

No other details available.

For a full list of shows with dates and details check the BCLS webpage.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Just looking back at some of the 1996 'Bugles' and I came across these gems. Hope you enjoy!

Gemboree 1996

Hosted by Parksville (contact person Lorne Barclay)

Held at Arab Cove on Nanoose Bay

Held on June 7-9

Registration \$6 per day per person - \$4 per day per person for day visitors

Activities

Friday: socializing

Saturday: Registration, Field trip and treasure Hunt on Beach, Raffle ticket sales 50/50 draw

Special rock sales, Auction, Pot Luck supper, Raffle draws, Entertainment, Campfire

Sunday: Pancake and Sausage breakfast \$2 per person

Code of Conduct for Canadian Collectors Respecting the Earth Sciences

provided by Club President Alan Moore (1996)

1. Know and comply with all public laws and local ordinances governing the excavating, removing and exporting of specimens.

2. Enter and collect on private lands only with the consent of the owner and on public lands with necessary permits. Respect any occupier's privacy and carry proper identification. Leave all gates as you find them and do not interfere with livestock or equipment.
3. Do not expose others or yourself to unnecessary injury. Use the proper safety equipment and apparel. Do not undermine rock surfaces or collect alone in isolated areas.
4. Avoid unnecessary disturbance to the environment. Plants and animals may be inadvertently displaced or destroyed by thoughtless action. Restore the collecting site to its original status by filling in any excavations and leaving it cleaner than you found it.
5. Preserve sites for future generations by keeping collecting to a minimum unless the site is scheduled for destruction. Specimens should not be ruined by indiscriminate hammering or the use of inadequate equipment.
6. Promptly catalogue, identify and preserve specimens for your own knowledge and that of other collectors.
7. Ensure that the proper provision has been made for the ultimate disposition of your collections and notes to appropriate institutions or persons to preserve this heritage for future generations.
8. Report unique geological, paleontological, and mineral occurrences, particularly vertebrate finds, to your nearest museum, university, or to the Geologic Survey of Canada.
9. Immediately disclose to the appropriate authority offences of public law relating to earth sciences or flagrant abuses of this code committed by any collector.
10. Foster public interest in geological sites and their wise use and conservation. This includes public leadership and education as to the intrinsic values of our rich Canadian Mineralogical and Paleontological heritage.

High-Grader from Hades

By Anita Collins

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My husband likes to holler
He likes to scream and moan
That the ugly rocks he finds afield

I won't let him take home.

I'm the High-Grader from Hades
You might say I am choosey
I ransack my husband's buckets
And toss out all his doosies.

I throw out rocks both big and small
Size isn't the real issue
And when his cheeks are streaked with tears
I hand him a dry tissue.

I'm the High-Grader from Hades
How could he really choose
A rock that has no sparkle
No splash of green or blues?

I asked him why he even stooped
To pick up this grey blob
But I couldn't hear his answer
Through the sniveling and the sobs.

I'm the High-Grader from Hades
To him it's all too real
I throw his rocks both far and wide
And I do it with such zeal.

What made him want to take this home?
It has no crystal faces
There is no iridescence
And it's broken in three places.

I'm the High-Grader from Hades
I won't let him bring home
A 'yard rock' that's so very big
It takes up two time zones.

I know that there's a reason
Why he had to have this shale

If he splits it open enough times
Inside he'll find a whale.

I'm the High-Grader from Hades
Of this we both are certain
But he thanks me in the morning
When his back and legs aren't hurtin'.

It's not that I am vicious
It's not that I'm a louse
It's just that we've run out of room
In our three story house.

NORTH ISLAND COMMUNITIES: Port McNeill

With an eye to our Gemboree in July I thought it might be a good idea to let folks know about the communities that we will be near in case you want to continue your explorations and travels in the region. I'll put one in each of the next 3 "Bugles". All information comes from the www.northislandcommunities site.

Port McNeill – Vancouver Island, BC, Canada

Known as the gateway to the gloriously scenic islands, protected spaces and mazy waterways of the Broughton Archipelago, Port McNeill is a grade-A stepping stone to outdoor adventure. Vancouver Island North's second-largest community proudly co-exists with the rich natural resources of land and sea. Its location (a two hour drive time from Campbell River, four from the ferry terminals in Nanaimo) and close proximity to the east coast's finest island gems make it a regional centre for ecotourism – wildlife viewing, whale watching, grizzly bear safaris, diving, sea kayaking and fresh and saltwater fishing included.

Area Highlights

Port McNeill Heritage Museum

Cluxewe Salt Marsh Trail

Whale Watching Tours

Fly Fishing and Ocean Fishing Charters

Home of the World's Largest Tree Burl

From Port McNeill, a scenic drive by highway and logging road leads to Cape Scott Provincial Park and the North Coast Trail. Or head a few minutes south to Telegraph Cove, a historic boardwalk fishing village renowned for its whale watching excursions. The tri-port BC Ferries terminal is located in Port McNeill, servicing the charming communities of Alert Bay on Cormorant Island and Sointula and Malcolm Island.

A memorable Port McNeill visit would include time spent hiking the Schoolhouse Trail just steps from town and perhaps an eagle's eye sightseeing tour via seaplane or helicopter. The full service recreational and commercial harbour facility is within walking distance to all the necessities required by boaters. In town you will find shops, galleries, accommodations, a museum housed in a beautiful log building, and a year-round Harbour Visitor Centre. Stroll the seawall for photo opportunities such as a 1938 steam donkey that was once used in a logging operation and is now located along the harbour. The world's largest burl, weighing 24 tons and estimated at over 525 years old, is next to the community hall, a heritage building used for many local events. A second big-league burl is located on Hwy 19 approximately five minutes north of town.

This warm and friendly community offers a wide variety of accommodation options from hotel, bed and breakfasts and resort properties to year-round camping and RV sites.