



## BUGLE



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Regular monthly meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month at 7:30 pm  
(except July & August)  
Craft Room, Campbell River Community Hall  
401-11th Ave  
Campbell River, BC



# RIPPLE ROCK GEM & MINERAL CLUB

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<b>Non-Executive Positions</b>		
Showcases		
Slab Draw/Collection		
Coffee Break		
Webmaster		

### Delegates to Vancouver Island Zone Meetings

Senior	Jan Boyes
Intermediate	Melissa Ticknor
Junior	Sunday Cousins

## WORKSHOP

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

For general shop info contact  
Molly Milroy 250-830-7643

### **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.

Ripple Rock Regular Meeting October 12, 2018  
17 present

Called to order 7:40

Secretary – no snail mail, quite a few emails since the last meeting – BCLS General meeting, shop report, two Bugles (September and October), executive minutes, meeting reminder, October shop hours and September report, Argonaut field trip, Fraser Valley Rock and Gem show, and I may have forgotten a few more.

Treasurer - \$17,000 approximately in the bank, 2019 membership renewals need to be paid by late December – BCLS wants our list before January 1, 2019.

Wagonmaster – absent. Denis reported on the Oregon trip, Steve put report of Argonaut trip in the Bugle.

Denis had many samples from Oregon – agates and petrified wood (Hampton Butte), Sunstones (near Plush Oregon), obsidian (Glass Butte) and quartz crystals with pyrite from a claim on Spruce Mountain (he is a co-owner).

They had a small crisis because they thought the towns named on their map actually existed, but they were ghost towns, and expected to buy food at them. Denis left to go to Bend to eat, then stopped at Richardson’s Ranch which has had some of its deposits mined out in the last few years.

Shop – Molly sent her monthly report by email and it was forwarded today.

Number of hours open.....	13
Number of days shop open.....	5
Number of shop users.....	21
Total income in the shop book this month .....	\$110.00
Overage (money not listed in sign-in book).....	\$1.70
Do.....	nil
Total.....	\$111.70

**Shop Notes:**

Big Slab Saw: Working well  
New wheels installed on genies

The shop will be open on Thursdays from 12 to 3 and the regular Fridays from 11 to 2 until further notice

Dianne and Beba bought a cab groover from the proceeds of their wire wrapping course and donated it to the club. They will be demonstrating how to use it after the meeting tonight. Anyone wishing to use it must get a lesson first. There will not be a blade provided to use it. Each user must supply their own.

Many thanks ladies.

Thanks to all shop openers. If you are interested in learning what must be done to open the shop please let me know. I am looking for more slabs or rocks for the slab draw on meeting nights. If anyone has any to donate please let me know.

Shop users please remember to cut some slabs for the draws if no one else is using the saw.

Vancouver Island Zone – no news

Craft skills offered on demand – Viking knit by Pat, wire wrapping by Beba

2019 Executive (Officers, working volunteers) will be voted in during the November meeting.

Christmas potluck will be the December meeting. It will be in the lounge across the hall from our regular room and start at 6:30. Remember the Community Centre only provides a sink, counter, tables and chairs, water and electricity.

2019 show will be the first weekend in June, not the second like it has been for the last several years.

Doug brought a few samples for tiny decorated boxes that he filled with trim bits from the shop. They could be sold for a nominal price at the show kids table. He found these boxes at one of the Dollar stores for a dollar.

Diane brought a few samples of string necklaces with pendant objects that could be sold for a nominal price at the show kids table.

Linda had bags of agates from Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlottes) for sale.

Adjourned at 8:05

Held the slab draw and Beba demonstrated a machine that makes grooves in the girdle of finished stones to give a wire wrap a foundation.

Denis reported that he and Shane found sunstones when they were near Plush Oregon. I copied this information on sunstone from Wikipedia.

### *Oregon sunstone*

A variety known as *Oregon sunstone* is found in [Harney County, Oregon](#) and in eastern [Lake County](#) north of [Plush](#). Oregon Sunstone contains elemental [copper](#). Oregon Sunstone is unique in that crystals can be quite large. The copper leads to variant color within some stones, where turning one stone will result in manifold hues: the more copper within the stone, the darker the complexion.<sup>[8]</sup> On August 4, 1987, the [Oregon State Legislature](#) designated Oregon Sunstone as its [state gemstone](#) by joint resolution.<sup>[9]</sup>



Denis's specimens looked similar to this picture in Wikipedia

## Eugene Gem Faire

We did not go to Eugene just to see this gem faire, my mother's family has a cousins' dinner there each year early in November and during the day we visited this Gem Faire.

There is some raw rock and raw slabs, Swarovski beads, silver and gold jewelry, showy crystals, faceted gem stones, spheres, charms, bulk 14 karat gold and sterling silver chains, and more. Many of the vendors are 'professional' from California to Washington to Arizona. Demonstrators were using Genies with 4" wheels, 6" wheels, flat wheels, and other machines.



Opal (did not enquire about the price of this specimen)



Lapi lazuli (did enquire and bought it)





Not in my field guide for rocks and minerals