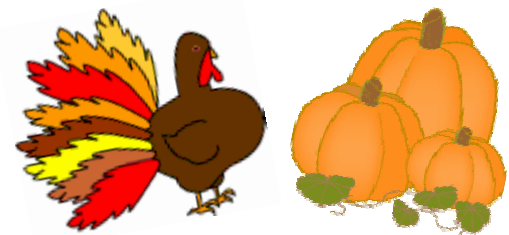
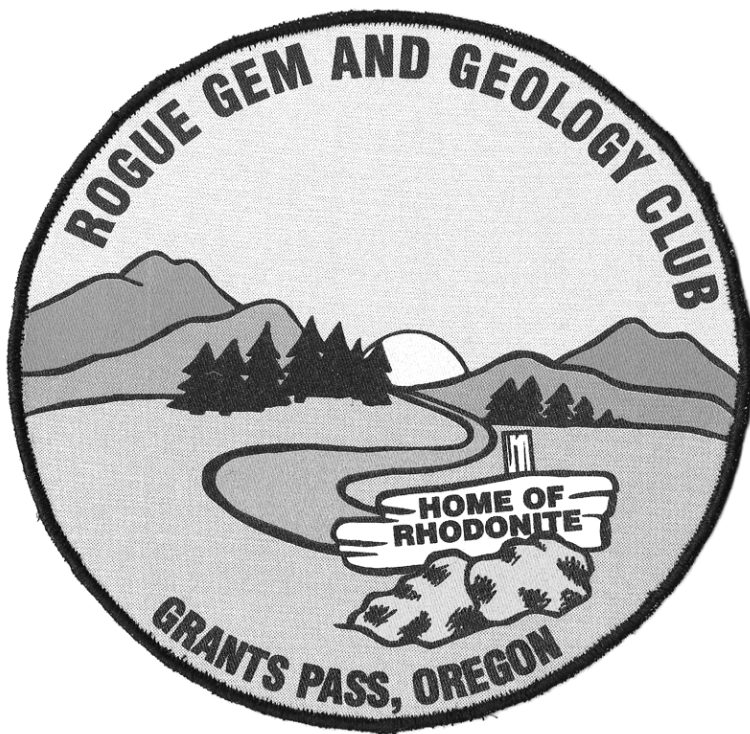


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<b><u>GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the Rogue Gem &amp; Geology Club is to foster healthful fellowship among its members while pursuing the activities and knowledge of the earth sciences, and to serve the community by introducing its young people and adults to the wonders of the mineral world.</li> <li>• Regular meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Fruitdale Grange, 960 Rogue River Hwy., Grants Pass. Meetings begin at 7:30, and Guest are always welcome.</li> <li>• Members are entitled to use the equipment and join in the classes that are available at the clubhouse located at 1003 Isham, Grants Pass.</li> <li>• A one-day field-trip is held each month on the second Saturday or Sunday following the club meeting. A once a year extended field-trip is usually held each June.</li> <li>• Membership dues of \$20.00 per year per (immediate) family include the bulletin, "Gems of the Rogue" and are payable at the general meeting. Individual junior (youth ages 12-18) membership dues are \$7.00 per year.</li> <li>• Non-Member subscription to the bulletin is \$15.00 per year. Send subscriptions to P.O. Box 1224, Grants Pass, OR 97528. We exchange bulletins with other clubs at no charge.</li> <li>• Deadline to submit articles in the bulletin is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.</li> <li>• Permission to reprint material from the bulletin is granted provided due credit is given.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Visit our Website at — <a href="http://www.roguegemandgeology.com">www.roguegemandgeology.com</a></b></p>

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES — OCTOBER 5, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Mary Bower. Mary Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were approved as written.

Jan Patrick presented the Treasurer's Report.

**Program:** Gary Ruehling called on Bernie Paris and Clyde Wilson to do their rock presentation that they do for local schools. In addition to Bernie and Clyde the other members who help with the presentations at the schools are: Winifred Paris, Bob and Barbara Jacobson, Harry and Marty Smedes, Larry Pesterfield and Milton Coleman.

**Show and Tell:** Harold Silver and Don Grubbs shared rocks they had collected on the last field trip to Zinc Creek.

Jim Hawkins had serpentine samples that he found at our Harry Winters claim and showed some examples of soapstone carvings that will be taught at the workshop on Thursday, 10/13. The class will also be given on Wednesday, 10/19 at the Clubhouse for those who can't come on Thursday evening.

Mary Blankenship showed a silver pendant that she had made at the last Thursday evening class.

Mary Bowers had examples of the soldered silver wire pendants that will be made on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Thursday evening class. She will be teaching a Kumihimo Japanese Braiding class on 11/10 and said there will not be a class on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday due to that being Thanksgiving.

**Club Sales:** Linda Pullen reported that they are currently cleaning and organizing the upstairs workroom and working on items to sell at the Psychic and Holistic Fair in November.

Mary Bowers also brought up that the November meeting will be for club sales for Christmas.

**Ways and Means:** Barbara Catania is working on cleaning and organizing the garage.

**Workshop:** Wally Coleman reported that they have new oil for the saws which is a food grade white mineral oil. The club is getting the oil for \$13.00 a gallon and the price to club members will be slightly higher. Jim Hawkins said they will be working on changing out the oil on 10/12. The shop fees for having a rock cut is \$2.00 to \$5.00 depending on size of rock. The fee for using the equipment for personal use is \$2.00 an hour.

**Claims:** John Hudick reported everything pretty quiet with claims right now. He needs to file papers by December 30<sup>th</sup>. He also suggested that if you are attending one of the clubs field trips that you take a whistle with you for safety. There will be a field trip to the Sunny Valley claim on 10/8.

**Membership:** Michelle Sutcliffe the new membership person said that dues need to be paid before November. If dues are not paid you will not receive a newsletter in December. She is working on updating the membership roster. There will not be a Club Newsletter in December due to holidays.

**Hospitality:** There were 62 members, 7 visitors and 3 children at the meeting. Jay won the prize for visitors, Dave Shippy won the prize for members, and Eva Shippy won the children's prize. Good night for the Shippy's! Bob Jacobsen won the 50/50 prize of \$31.50 and the donation prize as well! Good night for Bob!

Minutes submitted by Linda Pullen

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES      OCTOBER 12, 2011

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Bowers at 1:15 p.m.

Jan Patrick gave the Treasurer's Report.

Mary Blankenship made a motion that the club give Dick and David Thielbar \$50 to help with the gas expense of going to the Buchanan Beds and getting thundereggs for club use. Linda Pullen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jan Arnold drafted a letter to Evergreen Bank to notify them our new officer's and changing our checkbook signers.

We have received a thank you from RCC for our scholarship donation.

Linda Pullen reported she is ready for the "Club Sale" at the November meeting. Let's all come to the meeting ready to do some Christmas shopping and support our club.

Minutes submitted by Jan Arnold

### ROXY ANN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

When: Saturday, November 12, 2011

Where: Crater Rock Museum  
2002 Scenic Avenue  
Central Point, OR

- ◆ Over 20 Local Vendors
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- ◆ Original Art & Crafts by Local Artists
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### **Thank You! Thank You!** **Thank You!!!!**

- ◆ Carol Williams for donating the handmade fabric Napkins and a Hat
- ◆ Ed Wineteer for donating soapstone
- ◆ Dick Bowman for donating a button machine and crystal display
- ◆ Jim Hawkins for building shelves in the garage
- ◆ The Theilbars for getting the Buchanan thunder eggs
- ◆ Linda Pullen for thinking outside the box and getting us discounted books from the publisher to sell.
- ◆ And anyone we forgot...you know who you are;-)



**"Roger, can we call ourselves something besides 'Rockhounds'? That makes me feel like a mangy old dog!"**

## PRESIDENT'S NEWS—SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS—ADS

**Message from the President** month's newsletter.

Hello everyone,

We are coming into the holiday season, one of my favorite times to be in the rock club! The club will be having a sales table at the Nov. meeting. Bring your money and start your Christmas shopping! Don't forget the club has t-shirts and vests for sale too. We will be having a table at the Psychic Fair Nov. 5 from 10am-5pm at the fairgrounds. We can still use more volunteers to help. Signup sheets will be at the meeting or call Mary Blankenship.

Another one of my favorite things to do is to attend the Holiday bazaar put on by the Medford Club, it's on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. The field trip to the claim above Sunny Valley was a lot of fun. The hill was just as steep as we remembered it. Since weather is always a challenge during the winter months we are throwing around ideas for alternative field trips. Info will be in the newsletter.

We will be passing out our new roster at the beginning of December. Be sure to get your dues paid ASAP so you are included and don't miss any newsletters (this will be your last if you haven't paid). The December meeting will be our Christmas potluck and bingo party. Details will be in next

Thursday nights at the clubhouse:

Nov. 10-- Kumihimo Japanese Braiding The class will include making your own braiding disk and making a couple of short samples of braids. Bring scissors and yarn. Some braiding material will be available to purchase for a small fee of a dollar or two to cover cost.

Nov. 24—Thanksgiving No class, clubhouse will be closed.

Dec. 8—Growing Crystals on pipe cleaners. Bring a large wide mouth glass jar and cookie cutters. We will be shaping pipe cleaners using cookie cutters as templates (for example a star) and suspending them in a solution in the glass jar. After 8 hours they will be covered with crystals. Finished projects can be picked up the next morning at 7am or on the following Wednesday during regular clubhouse hours. These make great Christmas decorations!

Dec. 22— No class, clubhouse will be closed. Happy Holidays! Classes will resume Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.

See you all soon,  
Mary

**TURRITELLA SHELLS**

Twenty to thirty million years ago, small Turritella shells were laid down on an ancient sea floor at the foot of the Wind River Range in what is now Wyoming. These tiny spiral shells then solidified to form a compact mass pressed into very thin slabs. When sliced, the black jasper-like matrix highlights the unique beauty of these agatized fossils. If you want to hunt for Turritella agates, you'll have to hike the country roads and trails around Superior and Wamsutter, Wyoming, as the gems are found nowhere else in the world.

*By Ed Wengard, via the Pegmatite 1/2010*

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## FROM THE CHAIRS' &amp; ODDS-N-ENDS

**...and from Gary, Program Chair**

Many THANKS go out to Bernie and to everyone else involved with teaching the "Pebble Pups" about **ROCKHOUNDING!**

It is an important understanding to know how much minerals are part of our daily lives.

Ever think of turning you hobby into something more? This month we'll have 3 presenters who do just that. What's *that??* --SALES of course!

Swishers (rock shop), Frank S.(E-Bay) and Rose S. (table) will share their background and ideas followed by a Q&A period.

**ROCK OF THE MONTH**

Gather those stones for the "R" Locations.



**WELCOME**  
**NEW MEMBERS**

*Thanks for joining our club! We hope you will find many rewards and many friends among those who share our wonderful hobby!*

*Jay, Esperanza, Jayr J. and Elijah  
Dominquez  
Ken & Lynda Krauss  
Jan Knapik  
Manian Daley*

**MINERAL & GEM CLUB SHOWS COMING SOON****November 2011**

**4-6—EUREKA, CALIFORNIA:** Show and sale; Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society; Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, children \$1; flint knapper, live demonstrations, geode cutting; contact Toni Tyson, 82787 Charlestown Ave., Indio, CA 92201, (707) 502-9574; e-mail: rockchick9233@aol.com

**11-13—PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON:** 7th annual show; NW Opal Association, Cascade Mineralogical Society; Puyallup Fairgrounds, Meridian St. S and 9th Ave. SW; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, children (under 12) free; contact Lyle Jorgensen, (425) 483-0557; e-mail: [mechanix@comcast.net](mailto:mechanix@comcast.net)

**11-13—SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA:** Annual show; Sacramento Mineral Society; Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free; 75th Diamond Jubilee, Siberian Cave Bear exhibit, hourly prize drawings, rock exhibits, fossils, opals, carvings, beads, mineral and rock specimens, custom and wire-wrapped jewelry, meteorites, mystic stones, rock slabs, crystals, findings, nephrite, jadeite, faceted stones, polished rocks, rings, pendants, diamonds, lapidary equipment; contact Terry Rubstello, 8251 Tanowa Court, Sacramento CA, 95828, (916) 682-5330; e-mail: [onerockcollector@gmail.com](mailto:onerockcollector@gmail.com); Web site: [www.sacramentomineralsociety.org](http://www.sacramentomineralsociety.org)

**12-13—EDMONDS, WASHINGTON:** Annual show; Maplewood Rock & Gem Club; MRGC clubhouse, 8802 196th St. SW; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; display cases, games, demonstrations, raffle prizes, free rocks for kids; contact Susan Cooper, 1526 192nd St. SE, #A2, Bothell, WA 98012, (206) 650-5971; e-mail: [duckansas@hotmail.com](mailto:duckansas@hotmail.com); Web site: [maplewoodrockclub.com](http://maplewoodrockclub.com)

**12-13—LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA:** 42nd annual show; Lake Havasu City Gem & Mineral Society; LHC Community Center, 100 Park Ave.; mineral and jewelry displays, dealers, demonstrations, educational geological presentations; contact C. Russell, (928) 846-0927

**18-20—SPRINGFIELD, OREGON:** Show; Springfield Thunderegg Club; Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation, 250 S. 32nd St.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-4; contact John Randall, PO Box 312, Springfield, OR 97472, (541) 683-2661, or Bob Smith, (541) 736-0060

**19-20—BREMERTON, WASHINGTON:** Show, "Fall Festival of Gems"; Kitsap Mineral & Gem Society; Kitsap County Fairgrounds, The President's Hall, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; dealers, demonstrations, club displays, junior events, silent auction, raffle; contact Jim McClure, (253) 265-3011; e-mail: [pogy2@centurytel.net](mailto:pogy2@centurytel.net); Web site: [www.kmgs.org](http://www.kmgs.org)

**CHECK OUT—** <http://www.rockngem.com/showdates/> — for many other dates and locations.

## CALENDAR, EVENTS &amp; REMINDERS

**November 2011**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Clubhouse Workshop 9am-12 Silver Class 1-4p General Meeting 7:30 Club Sales- Holiday Sales M-O Refreshments	3	4	5
6	7	8 Faceting Class 1-4pm	9 Clubhouse Workshop 9am-12 Silver Class 1-4p Board Meeting 1-4p	10 Open Workshop 5-8pm <u>Kumihimo Japanese Braiding</u>	11	12 Fieldtrip to be announced at the general meeting
13	14	15 Faceting Class 1-4pm	16 Clubhouse Workshop 9am-12 Silver Class 1-4p	17	18	19
20	21	22 Faceting Class 1-4pm	23 Clubhouse Workshop 9am-12 Silver Class 1-4p	24 NO Open Workshop  Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29 Faceting Class 1-4pm	30 Clubhouse Workshop 9am-12 Silver Class 1-4p			

**Upcoming Club Events****FIELDTRIP***To announced at the general meeting!!***OPEN SHOP**

2nd/4th Thursdays—5-8pm

Nov. 10th—Kumihimo Japanese Braiding

Nov. 24th—NO Open Workshop—Thanksgiving

Members can also work on individual projects if staff is available on open shop night.

**See page 5, President's message for the details.****Club Reminders****Club Dues are Past Due!!!**

Be sure to get your dues paid ASAP so you are included and don't miss any newsletters (this will be your last if you haven't paid). **If you see a rhodonite pink dot on the mailing label of your newsletter, then the records indicate you are past due.**

**General Meeting-Refreshments**Last names M-O bring refreshments.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHSTONES

### NOVEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

1—Mary Sampson	14—Wyatt Harger
2—Michael Strahan	14—Susie Simila
3—Tom Morgan	15—Rhonda Freeman
3—Tom Santoyo	15—Ray McKinley
4—Carol Swisher	16—Wyatt Landon
5—Tom Miller	16—Maureen Williams
5—Tonya Doane	19—George Rose
6—Mickey Sampson	20—Elijah Dominquez
6—Frank Serroni	21—Jay Dominquez
6—Donna Smith	22—Bill Darneille
6—Ron Young	26—Julie Rose
7—Jerry McInnes	28—Dale Howell
10—Bruce Casey	28—Diane Thielbar
11—John Purvis	



### NOVEMBER HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



11—Bill & Gail Forster
14—Pat & Sharon Allsop
15—Mickey & Bob Sampson
25—Don & Kathy Ashton

### NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONE

November's gemstone, Citrine, is as warm as a Van Gogh painting of sunflowers. The name Citrine comes from an old French word, "citrin", meaning lemon. One of the more rare forms of quartz, this gemstone ranges in color from the palest yellow to a dark amber named Madeira because of its resemblance to the red wine.

Perhaps because of its scarcity, there is little mention of Citrine used as a gemstone prior to the first century B.C. The Romans were thought to be the first to wear the yellow quartz, crafting it into cabochon, or highly polished but uncut facets of stone set into jewelry. Citrine became more popular during the Romantic Period, when artisans often favored these warm colored gems to enhance gold jewelry. Citrine, like all forms of quartz, was believed to have magical powers and was worn as a talisman against evil thoughts and snake venom. It was also considered to have medicinal properties and was commonly used as a remedy for urinary and kidney ailments.

Sister stone to the purple quartz known as Amethyst, Citrine crystals are found in igneous metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. It is believed that some Citrine may have actually begun as Amethyst, but heat from nearby molten rock changed it to the yellow form of quartz. Citrine is known to change color when subjected to heat and is routinely heated in the jewelry-making process to intensify its color. For this same reason, though, this gemstone should not be left in direct sunlight for a long time because it will permanently alter the color. Most Citrine is mined in Brazil, but other sources of the quartz are Bolivia and Madagascar.

A gift of Citrine is symbolic for hope and strength. With its sunny brightness, this gemstone is ideal for helping anyone to get through the tough times in life!

#### Alternate Birthstone

Yellow Topaz is an alternate gemstone for those born in November. It's golden color was believed by the Egyptians to be the glow cast by the sun god Ra. Yellow Topaz ranges in color from a peachy blush to a deep cognac. A gift of this gemstone is said to symbolize friendship and to strengthen one's capacity to give and receive love.

*From the internet - <http://www.about-birthstones.com>*



## BENCH TIPS &amp; FUN STUFF

## FACTS ABOUT GRAPHITE

Graphite is rather common, but fine crystals are rare. Most Graphite mining areas produce enormous quantities from a single or several large Graphite veins. Graphite has the same chemical composition as the mineral Diamond, but the atomic structure of Graphite and Diamond is entirely different. This causes almost opposite characteristics in their physical properties.

Much care should be given to Graphite specimens, especially thin crystals, which are fragile. It is very hard to wash crystals as they peel off and are easily damaged. Graphite will also smudge on its surface, and can get worn out if it is moved around too much. Graphite also smudges the hand if handled, and will smudge a paper or cardboard box if it is stored in one.

Graphite crystals consist of thin hexagonal plates or distorted clusters of flaky plates on a matrix. Large thick hexagonal crystals are rare. Most often occurs as veins and in massive form, and can be very large in size. Small, rounded ball-like aggregates and radiating spheres also occur.

### Graphite's Properties

The chemical formula is C, with a composition of carbon. The color is silver-gray to black, while streaking black. The hardness is 1-2. Graphite's transparency is opaque, and the luster is metallic. The cleavage is perfect in one direction, the fracture is conchoidal (indentation is rounded and resembles a shell), and the tenacity is brittle.

### Uses for Graphite

The "lead" in pencils is in fact composed of a mixture of Graphite and clay. There is no lead in pencils at all. A portion of the commercially mined Graphite is used for pencil fillings. Its main function, however, is as a lubricant. It has many electrical uses, primarily because it is the only common nonmetal that is a good conductor of electricity.

Traditional demand for graphite is largely tied to the steel industry where it is used as a liner for ladles and crucibles, as a component in bricks which line furnaces ("refractories"), and as an agent to increase the carbon content of steel. In the automotive industry it is used in brake linings, gaskets and clutch materials. Graphite also has a myriad of other uses in batteries, electric motors, lubricants, fire retardants, and reinforcements in plastics.

However, the future demand for graphite will be driven by a number of green initiatives including Lithium-ion batteries, fuel cells, solar energy, semi conductors, and nuclear energy.

### Notable Locations

Fine crystals are rare, but some well-known worldwide localities are Pargas, Finland; Mount Vesuvius, Italy; Borrowdale, Cumbria, England; and Mont Saint-Sauveur, Quebec, Canada.

In the U.S., extensive commercial deposits exist in Ticonderoga, Essex Co., New York, and in Clay Co., Alabama. Graphite as small flakes and plates is common in the Franklin Marble Belt, specifically at Amity, Orange Co., NY, and across the state border at Franklin, Ogdensburg, and Sparta, Sussex Co., New Jersey. Crystal masses and large plates have also come from the Hudson Highlands region, especially at Bear Mountain and West Mountain, Rockland County, New York. Flecks have also been found at the French Creek mine Chester Co., Pennsylvania; at Bisbee, Cochise Co., Arizona; and at Crestmore, Riverside Co., California.

Today, some 70% of the commercially mined graphite comes from China. The demand for high quality large flake graphite for the green initiatives has created a burden for producing the raw material, and a supply concern for the rest of world. Costs have more than tripled since 2005, and are now over \$3000/ton.

### Mineral Associations

Common mineral associations are calcite, quartz, Muscovite, Biotite (marble, limestone). Most often in metamorphic rock caused from the metamorphism of carbonates, but rarely in pegmatites and hydrothermal veins.

There are quite a number of minerals similar in appearance to Graphite, but Graphite's intrinsic properties will easily distinguish it. Molybdenite, which is commonly confused with Graphite, is heavier and does not smudge.

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## FIELDTRIPS &amp; OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST

  
**Fieldtrip Reminder**

This Month's fieldtrip is not finalized. So, details will be forthcoming at the November general meeting.

**FIELD TRIP HINT**

Take a large plastic garbage bag along on your next field trip.

You can sit on it while digging, wear it to cut wind and rain.

Spread it on the ground for your lunch, then carry your trash home in it.

Source unknown via Moroks 4/00.

  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

The Club's Annual Weeklong Fieldtrip for 2012 is planned for the Prineville, Oregon area.

Date: June 16-24, 2012

Because of the shorter travel distance (275mi) we hope to get more people involved, if only for a weekend.

We will have many outings planned to both public and private sites.

At the Nov. 2nd general meeting we will provide a list of motels and campgrounds. It will be imperative that you make early reservations, because of the Prineville Rockhound POW-WOW and a rodeo in Prineville on June 21-24.

*We will be working on the possibilities for dispersed camping and outing details in the next few months.*