



# ● The LAPIDARIAN

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*Wishing you and your family  
the best of the Holiday Season  
and a very Happy New Year!*



## Holiday Hours

The club will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

## IMPORTANT MEETINGS TO REMEMBER...

- ✓ **Next meeting and elections Thursday, January 3, 2013**
  - You must be a member for 2013 to vote
  - Walt P will be introducing a new initiative for children's Programs
- ✓ **MRLC Annual Gem Show Planning Meeting, January 7, 2013, 7pm at the Club**
- ✓ **Annual General Meeting Saturday, February 2, 2013**
  - At Meadow Highland Park – more details to follow



## Christmas Party Review

Sources report that a good time was had by everyone attending the recent MRLC Christmas Party. A special shout out of **THANKS!** goes to the following members:

Turkey Chefs – Dale Sharp and John Bastiaanssen

Christmas Table Centre Pieces and Decorations – Anne Bone

Santa – Walt Pinder

Christmas Carollers – Christine Stanley, Kevin Healy, Ken Rimmer

Raffle Baskets – Donna Pinder

Kids Crafts – Tracy Harland and Carol Kostachuk

Highland Meadows Coop Host (setup and cleanup) – Mike Stewart

Christmas Spirit & Cheer – everyone!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Field Trip: Fraser River Rock** - Yale Bar, January 13, 2013 (Sunday), 9:00 am, Meet at Rancher's Restaurant at Bridal Falls, 53560 Bridal Falls Road, Rosedale, BC. Looking for Fraser River Mix (Jade, Serpentine, Agate). Bring your rock hammer, bucket, digging tools and gloves. You will be able to reach the site by car. The Wagonmaster is Harley Waterson (604-590-3289), email: [harleyw@telus.net](mailto:harleyw@telus.net).

## MRLC 2013 Annual Gem Show

### *Have you completed your submission yet?*

MRLC 2013 Gem Show will feature 4 People's Choice Awards. The categories are:

- Finished soapstone carving (under 5 lbs.)
- Ring (any material)
- Pendant/Necklace (any material)
- Jewelry Challenge (create a finished piece from materials provided plus one element you choose).

Items must be a **new** piece, finished after October 1, 2012. Limit is 1 entry per person per category. A \$25 prize will be given for each category, to be awarded at the end of the Show. All members are encouraged to submit projects for the carving and jewelry challenges. See Walt or John for details.

**Club Members - if you want to display your lapidary pieces at the show**, please contact Walt Pinder. Walt is now assigning members to individual show cases. If you display your work at the MRLC Show, you will be expected to display the same or similar pieces at the BCLS Show in April (12, 13, and 14). Please see Walt or John if you have questions.

## HELP WANTED

Assistance is still needed for the MRLC 2013 Annual Gem Show:

Admissions/Front Door

Kitchen (See Gunter)

Signs

Gold Panning Demo

Set up/Clean up (General)

Spin 'N Win

Kids Corner (See Marilyn or Carol B)

Raffle Tickets

Demonstrators (see Carol K)

Club Showcases (see Walt P)



Please speak to the person listed, or to John or Carol K. and watch for sign-up sheets at the Club.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** - Have you picked up your books of raffle tickets yet?

Remember this is an important fundraiser for the MRLC.

Please help us sell out this year!



2013 Grand Prize  
Bear by  
Kevin Healy

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## 2013 Membership Dues

Membership application forms for 2013 are now available. Fees are now \$25.00 for a single membership and \$45 for a family.

## Rockhounder Magazine and BC Lapidary Society Directory

Order forms for both are available at the clubhouse. The subscription rate for the Rockhounder is \$16.00 for four issues and the first issue for a new subscription is the Spring (May) issue.

## Lost and hoping to be found...

Recently one of the Genie spitters that was in need of repair had been placed near the telephone on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor level of the clubhouse with a note. The spitter has now gone missing or someone took it for repair. If you have the spitter to repair it, or if you know what happened to the spitter, please contact one of the shop foreman: Carl, Walt, Ken or David).

## Notice to Stone Carvers:

MRLC will no longer buy soapstone with Club funds for member purchase at a later date. The Club will continue to purchase soapstone for children's programs and classes (which are fund raisers), and for use by guests who visit the Club before joining as members.

Carvers are encouraged to arrange field trips to a stone supplier to buy materials in bulk. Purchase and payment will need to be arranged within the group and will not involve club funds.

This change in policy has resulted from a recent inventory check when it was determined that two large pieces of India soapstone are not accounted for and but no payment recorded.

All carvers are strongly encouraged to store stone at home. Members who store stone at the Club on a short term basis while preparing or working on a project can use the designate area at the east end of the club property (see Kevin or Ken for more information). Storage of personal use stone on the Club property is at the member's own risk and the Club will not be responsible for missing or damaged stone or projects.

## MRLC Members New Year's Resolutions:

*The following New Year's Resolutions* are reminders from the Club Executive after concerns were expressed by Ken Rimmer who recently had to spend about an hour cleaning up downstairs before he was able to facilitate one of our children's program classes. He had to sweep up the dust, clear the tables, kitchen area and the floor. Each year Ken donates a generous amount of time to our children's programs which are our strongest community outreach as well as Club fundraisers. Let's **all** help him out and keep the place clean and tidy each and every week.

- ✓ I will clean up any mess created (tables, equipment, kitchen area, floor) each and every time that I use the MRLC workshops for my projects
- ✓ I will vacuum and wipe down table surfaces, sweep floor, dispose of stone dust in the proper receptacle, store projects and tools in the appropriate shelving (not on the floor) or at home
- ✓ I will clean up items used for projects (glass rods, metal, or polymer clay), return tools to their proper place, ensure that propane, butane, or acetylene bottles are securely closed, unplug pickle and heating units, sweep floor

- ✓ I will not store items at the club facilities (inside or outside) except in designated areas (stone at the east end of the property behind the building, supplies in designated area within the building, my own supplies and tools at home)
- ✓ I will keep the floor space, both downstairs and upstairs, free of boxes, plastic totes, stones (all types), buckets, or other paraphernalia

**NOTE:** personal supplies, tools and equipment left on club property are the member's responsibility and not the responsibility of the club

## PROJECT

Here's some great information on next year's color trends from Jewelry Making Daily (December 21, 2012)

# Gemstones and Fashion: Pantone's Spring 2013 Color Trends and Color of the Year

The news just came out last week: "Emerald" is Pantone's color of the year for 2013.

If "emerald" makes you think more of gemstones than fashion colors, welcome to my world! But it's fun for me to see Pantone and other color namers (like clothing brands and catalogs, especially J. Crew, who has the most delicious and clever color names for their clothes) use gemstone names for their colors.

Ruby, emerald, amethyst--everyone knows what those colors are, and using the gem names instead of the color names is just a little more specific and interesting. As uncommon gemstones become more mainstream, those names are popping up in everyday places as well.

## Pantone's Spring 2013 Color Trends in Gemstones

Each year Pantone identifies the top ten fashionable colors of the year, as shown in clothing, fabrics, home décor, purses and other accessories, including our favorite, jewelry. Even if fashion and trends aren't your thing, if you're a jewelry maker or jewelry designer, you need to know these colors. Why? Because they're the colors that almost everyone else will be using when they design their clothing and accessories--or wearing when they *buy* their clothing and accessories--so you'll want your jewelry designs to play along.

Naturally, you should design to your heart's vision, but whether you add color to your jewelry through gemstones, enamels, fibers, or some other way, these are the colors to watch for Spring 2013 and the gems that match them. *(Photos courtesy of Pantone.com.)*



2013 COLOR OF THE YEAR  
PANTONE® 17-5641  
Emerald

*Photo courtesy of Pantone.com.*



Grayed Jade: This one is easy, it does look like jade. Shades of chalcedony and larimar could also work, along with faceted apatite and fluorite. Aquamarine in this slightly greenish shade is my favorite color for that gem.



Tender Shoots: For this springy green, peridot comes to mind right away, along with grossular, tsavorite, and demantoid garnets.



Emerald: Even though it's called emerald, this color looks a little more blue-green than emerald-green to me. Chrome diopside is another rich green option, but apatite and tourmaline will give you that hint of blue.



Dusk Blue: Lovely sapphire and spinel as well as topaz and aquamarine could serve as this color in your gemstone creations, along with certain shades of chalcedony and larimar.



Monaco Blue: This blue could also be served with sapphire and spinel, as well as lapis lazuli, iolite, sodalite, and possibly even very fine tanzanite.



African Violet: Kunzite, fluorite, and amethyst have just the lovely shades of purple to match this color.



Nectarine: Fire opals, as well as spessartite, mandarin, and hessonite garnets, match up with this juicy color, along with citrine.



Lemon Zest: Lemon quartz is a good match for this one, along with yellow sapphire, tourmaline, chrysoberyl, yellow beryl, and topaz. Also look for Mali garnet, some citrine, and some members of the grossular garnet family.



Poppy Red: Even though rubies are a little more blue-red than this red, rubies certainly fall in this area, as do spinel. Pyrope and other garnets can be this color, as can dark fire opals.



Linen: This pretty color immediately makes me think of pearls (surprised? ha!), but rose quartz and morganite might be a better match.

To learn more about faceted and cabochon gemstones--and to revel in all their juicy colors--*Colored Stone* magazine is a great resource. Even though it is no longer in print, you can still take advantage of the years of expertise that went into each issue of *Colored Stone* in digital format and in collection CDs, like the [2009-2010 Colored Stone Collection CD](#) in the *Jewelry Making Daily Shop*!

*Jammy*

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