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2013 Maple Ridge Lapidary Rock & Gem Show a huge success!!!



The Show was a huge success this year due to the help and support of the club membership and the new venue. We had slightly over a thousand people through the door this year, not including volunteers and vendors. The show and raffle are our biggest fundraisers for the Club and allows us to support all of our programs, purchase equipment and maintain our equipment and building. I'm proud to say the club almost doubled its revenues this year.

This would not have been possible without all the volunteer hours throughout the year to bring the Show together and all the volunteers who helped out at the Show.

I want to say a special Thank You to a few people. To our President Carol K for all her work on the raffle, putting it together, getting the license, ticket sales etc. To Walt who organized all the vendors and tables. To Gunter and helpers who put together one of the most successful canteens to date. To Carol B & Marilyn for their work on the kid's table. To Ken for all his work on the signs - they were great this year. To Kevin and Ken and the others who donated their time and masterpieces for another successful raffle. To Carl for transportation and use of his truck and trailer for set-up and tear-down. To Ted on the spin & win which had the highest grossing year ever. I know I've missed a number of others who contributed greatly this year so a big Thank You again as this would not be possible without all your help.

John Bastiaanssen, 2013 Show Chairperson

YOUTH GROUP

The first Maple Ridge Lapidary Club Youth Group meeting was held on February 16th and 9 future rockhounds attended. The meeting focused on mineral collecting and collections. Everyone received a piece of Amazonite as the first piece for their collection and an egg carton to hold their specimens. The importance and need for good labeling of our specimens was also discussed. Information sheets about collecting were provided.

The group viewed the Laurie Meggait and Tretheway collections, which are on display at the Club. These are really cool collections and the Club is lucky to have them on display at the workshop. While we were

downstairs, Mike Stewart was carving on his turtle. The rock he is using has fossils in it and Mike gave each of the kids a sample of it for their collection.

A name is needed for the group and everyone will be bringing name suggestions to the next meeting at the Club.

Meeting 2 was held at 3pm on February 23rd at the MRLC Rock and Gem Show. We met and talked to 3 different rock and mineral dealers. Gord Pinder had some really interesting small slabs and each of the youth members was able to choose something neat to take home.

Next we went to John Prynchon's booth. John talked to us about being a mineral dealer and collector. He had some very cool quartz crystals and everyone got to pick out one crystal to keep if they wanted one.

After that it was off to Rusty's Gems. Ken and Sandy talked about some of the interesting items on their table and everyone received a nice turquoise nugget for their collection.

Thanks Gord, John and Ken and Sandy for taking the time out of their busy day to talk with the youth members and for their generous donation of the items the members were able to choose and take home.

After meeting the dealers, we gathered together to talk about what was our favorite item from the things that we saw then it was time to go shopping on our own.

Meeting 3 will be a field trip to collect fossils with other members of the BC Lapidary Society on April 27th. We will meet at the Sasquatch Inn at Harrison Mills on the Lougheed Highway just before 9am so that everyone is ready to leave the Sasquatch Inn promptly at 9am. Carpool options will be discussed. Meeting 4 will be held on May 11th at the Club - more details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIELD TRIP for Nickel Silicate, near Yale BC. March 31, 2013 (Sunday) 9:00 am, meet at the Rancher's Restaurant at Bridal Falls (53560 Bridal Falls Road, Rosedale, BC. Bring a rock hammer, digging tools and gloves. You can get there by car. The Wagonmaster is Bob Morgan, 604-599-6938.

ALBERNI VALLEY ROCK & GEM SHOW: March 9 & 10, 2013, Saturday: 10:00AM – 5:00PM, Sunday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM, Cherry Creek Hall, Corner Moore & Cherry Creek Roads, Port Alberni, BC

VICTORIA LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY GEM SHOW: March 15, 16 & 17, 2013, Friday: 12:30PM - 8:30PM, Saturday: 10:00AM – 6:00PM, Sunday 10:00AM – 4:00PM, Da Vinci Centre, 195 Bay Street, Victoria BC

HASTINGS CENTRE ROCKHOUNDS: March 16 & 17, 2013, Hastings Community Centre, 3096 E. Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC

LOST & FOUND

The following items have been found at the Club:

- 1 cell phone charger, possibly for a Blackberry
- 1 charger – possibly for a phone as well
- 1 pair of ladies sunglasses with neck cord
- 1 pair of clip on sunglasses
- 1 pair of prescription eyeglasses, gunmetal color frames
- 1 black clamshell type eyeglass case

Design Tip: Butterflies are a bride's best friend this coming wedding season according to Fire Mountain Gems. How will you work them into your designs?

PROJECT

Some ideas for stamped projects from Jewelry Making Daily (February 20, 2013)

A Stamper's Dozen: 13+ Ideas for Making Personalized Stamped Metal (or Wood) Jewelry and Gifts

I can't think of any one jewelry-making technique that can add as much personality and meaning to your designs as metal stamping, can you? With just a few whacks of the hammer and a set of alphabet metal stamps, you can add any message (love, encouragement, personalization) or milestone date to a stamped pendant, bracelet, or any other piece of jewelry.

Here are some of my favorite ideas for making meaningful stamped metal jewelry (or even wood! Read on...) and other gifts.

1. Victorian-style friendship bracelets: Stamp a different friend's name or initials on a charm or small tag and attach them all to a charm bracelet. Add their birthdays to the back for a handy reminder.

2. Bridesmaid earrings: Stamp the date on the back of one earring and the happy couple's name on the back of the other; then decorate the fronts with stamped flowers, hearts, birds, other symbols, or the recipient's name or initial/monogram. Then she'll have pretty everyday earrings with a secret sweet reminder just between friends.

3. Encouragement jewelry: For a friend battling an illness or a personal challenge like weight loss, divorce, or marathon training, stamp words of encouragement or an uplifting, encouraging quote or Bible verse on a pendant or cuff bracelet. Like the earrings above, you can stamp the message inside or on the back of the jewelry; then either create a decorative design on the front or leave it plain/textured so the personal message remains private, whispering encouragement every day.

4. Silverware: I gave "I love you" stamped spoons to several family members last Christmas, and they were a big hit. Since I moved 750 miles away a couple of years ago, we miss each other so much; now every morning when they stir their coffee with their special spoons, they're reminded I love them and I'm with them. You could also stamp baby names and birthdates on baby spoons for sweet shower gifts.



5. Key ring tags: My "little" (younger, but 6'4") brother is very, very special to me--but not the kind of guy who'd want an "I love you" spoon--so I stamped "I <3 U" on a tiny tag for him to put on his key ring. It's so small that no one else will likely see it, but it's there to remind him and I like knowing he has it with him every day.



6. Guitar picks: Stamp a special date, message, or monogram on a guitar pick for a musically inclined friend or loves one. You could also make a memento of a special concert by stamping the details on a guitar pick; frame it, tuck it in a wallet, or punch a hole in it and attach it to a key ring with a split jump ring.

7. Collar stays: If your guy wears dress shirts, buy or make metal collar stays and stamp sweet nothings on them, such as "I love you," "my man," "hey handsome" (or sexy, or cutie), "#1 Dad," or "Mr. Big." He'll remember your words of love or support every time he buttons his shirt or tugs on his tie. You could do the same with a shoe horn, golf markers, money clip, or special metal pen.

8. Prayer "dog tags": Make dog-tag-style tags with the name or names of loved ones serving in armed forces for all of the friends and family who want to remember the soldiers in their prayers.

9. Speaking of dog tags: Make stamped metal tags (bone-shaped for your pup, fish-shaped for your kitty, perhaps?) to identify your fur babies and help them get home safely should they wonder off. Include their name, your name, address, and phone number, plus any other important health info like vaccination info, "needs medicine," "has microchip," or allergy warnings.

10. Knitting or crochet needles: Sassy sayings would be extra fun on special knitting or crochet needles, especially if you make the needles yourself. You can stamp on metal or wooden ones using the same metal stamps and technique.

11. Beads: Stamp designs or messages onto pairs of flat metal shapes; then dome the shapes using a dapping block and punch. Solder or glue them together to make one-of-a-kind ball charms; insert a small metal ball or two inside the bead before securing it closed to create metal chime beads.

12. Charms: One of the quickest and easiest stamped metal jewelry ideas is making charms. Stamp one letter on each charm to spell out a name or nickname, date, or short message, and then attach them to a charm bracelet with jump rings. By stamping just one letter, you don't have to worry much about alignment or placement. Stamp "Class of 2013" or "Go Tigers!" (or "Geaux Tigers!" if you're down here in Louisiana) or other mascot for a graduation bracelet.



13. Family bracelet, keyring, or Christmas ornament: With a large enough collection of design stamps, you can stamp a whole happy family scene--a mom and/or dad, a kid or a few, your cat/dog/piglet, and a house with birds, flowers, trees, and sunshine.

Other stamping ideas: USB drives (stamp the cover half, not the vital half, or you could crush important interior bits), compacts (not the mirror side!), business card cases, julep cups, bar tools, lipstick cases, hair combs or brush handles, jewelry boxes, plant markers, music boxes, any kind of bezel, bookmarks, photo frames, baby rattles or silverware sets, tooth fairy boxes, metal toothbrush cases, refillable metal lighter covers,

Metal-Stamping on Wood

You can also use your metal stamps to stamp personal messages or funny sayings on wood. Personalize wooden jewelry or key rings, trinket boxes, drum sticks, tool handles, golf tees, chopsticks, hair sticks, knitting needles, artists' paintbrushes, and more. Darken the impressions with a fine-tip marker to create a wood-burning effect.



Metal stamps can also be used for texturing metal, by repeating a single metal stamp such as a star, an X or plus sign, or a simple line stamp (like a flat-head screwdriver). For more ideas for stylish and meaningful stamped metal jewelry and metal-stamping jewelry projects, [get the *10 Fun Projects Stamping Metal and Wire* eBook](#) from the experts at *Step-by-Step Wire Jewelry*.

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