

# NEWSLETTER

## B.C. Gem Show 2009



*The 2009 show will be featuring the amazing sculptures of Cathryn Jenkins.*

Cathryn Jenkins is a sculptor whose work brings to life the beautiful stone found in her home province of British Columbia, Canada. Her work reflects the natural world in powerful figures of northwestern animals - grizzly bear, cougars, river otters, eagles, hawks, owls and loons make up the main body of her sculptures. Her sculptures reflect a deep and abiding love of the wilderness.

*see page 4 for club participation. hours and other details*

### **April 2nd Club Meeting** **“Video Cave of the Giants Crystals”**

7:30 PM at the clubhouse

The rarest crystals in the world discovered in 2000.

Located in a cave 300 ft. underground with temperatures from 45 to 50 degrees centigrade. The selenite crystals are up to 11 meters in length by 1 meter across.

we will be having prize draws for lots of crystal specimens

Don't miss this great video. *video provided by Merv Zakus*



### CLUBHOUSE

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Meetings 1st. Thursday  
monthly at 7:30 p.m.

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## Upcoming Community groups / classes

### Booked events

**. April 29**

Begin arts council  
Stone carving sessions

**. May 25**

**Mount Crescent school**

Arts day ( in school )  
3 sessions 75 kids

**. July 15**

**Arts council**

Kids carving sessions  
2 groups 10 AM to 12 PM  
& 12PM to 2:30 PM

### Tentative

**May dates TBA**

Kids Zone Pre schoolers  
2 days 4 sessions

**May TBA**

Brownies 15 kids

**May TBA**

Sparks 13 kids

**July /August TBA**

Summit learning centres  
4 fridays  
2 groups per day

**Do you have time to help? see Ken**



**May 7TH Meeting “ Video Desert Glass”**

A huge meteorite exploded on earth, the blast ten thousand times more powerful than a nuclear bomb produced temperatures over 1800 degrees centigrade.

The result was a shower of crystal like glass projectiles being scattered over a huge area of the sahara desert.

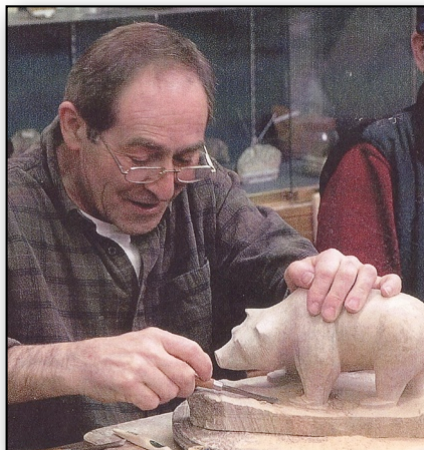
Jewels found in ancient tombs of Egypt were found to be made from this material. Faceted samples will be offered for a prize draw.



**June 4TH meeting Demos “Working with Pewter”**

Pewter is a malleable metal alloy consisting of mainly tin with small amounts of antimony and copper as hardeners.

A low melting point from 170 to 230 degrees centigrade makes it ideal for casting decorative items. Sheet pewter can be easily cut and modeled using simple hand tools. it also engraves easily join us as we demonstrate some of these techniques



### *Don McNiel - our good friend*

***“You won,t see me tonight there’s a hockey game on TV”***

Don passed away Saturday March 21 2009

Don retired to Maple Ridge in 1998 making his home just a couple of blocks up Fern Crescent from our clubhouse. He dropped in to an open house one week-end and liking what saw, joined right up.

He was a skilled tradesman, and a craftsman who viewed the world around him with a level, a plumb bob and a good sense of humor. He was a regular at our carving nights “*hockey permitting of course*” but then if the game really stunk he might well show up with a half finished carving under his arm muttering

*“I gotta salvage something out of the evening”*

If there was a building project or machine that needed some attention he was there with tool belt on. Working along with him it soon became apparent who the foreman was. For us that was just fine, because here was a guy that actually new and cared about what he was doing.

Despite the challenges Don faced he devoted much of his time and his skills to helping out friends and working to make the clubhouse a better place for all.

On behalf of all Lapidary Club members I wish to express our deepest sympathy to Joyce, Jennifer and Bradley  
*We will miss Don, we will share fond memories of Don, we are all so very lucky to have had him as a friend.*

## Clubhouse News

- . **Club 2009 membership cards now available at the shop**
- . **Society membership cards should be arriving soon.**

## The Shop Job Jar

Got some time to spare? drop in and help out. we have lots of things you can do.

- . **Cleaning and dusting.**
- . **Organize the work bench**
- . **Change tumblers ( Tuesdays )**
- . **Wash Floors.**
- . **Clean out fridge and Kitchen cupboards**
- . **Sort and cull tumbled stones**
- . **Tidy up outdoors**
- . **You name it we got it**



## Safety First!

Sign up now for instruction in the proper use of the machines & Materials on hand in our workshop.

Please note there is a first aid kit located both upstairs and downstairs.

We also keep a supply of disposable rubber gloves, dust masks and safety goggles for your use.



## FIELD TRIPS / UPCOMING EVENTS **April 26 Harrison Lake Fossils:**

This is always a popular trip, as this is a clam and belemite fossil location, where everyone gets some clams!

This is located approx. 30Km up the west side of Harrison Lake, so this will take most of the day to go in and back out again, so please pack a lunch or some snacks.

The meeting place for this trip is the Sasquatch Inn parking lot in Harrison Mills on highway #7, again at 9:00AM

**do not go to the town of Harrison Lake** the restaurant is at the turn-off for the Hemlock Valley Ski area.

If you are not familiar with this area, please refer to a map. The optimum way to get to the meeting place, would be Highway #7 from Mission. Tools for this can be nothing but some gloves to pick up samples, or rock hammer, chisel, and larger hammers for those who wish to break up larger pieces.

Bring your kids, and the camera, as there are some great views of Harrison lake along the way!

Official Field Trip Leader is Walt Pinder, 604-460-0969

## The British Columbia Lapidary Society **RENDEZVOUS "09"**

### **Marilyn Goodwin**

is our delegate for the Lapidary society annual general meeting to be held at

**RENDEZVOUS 2009**

Marilyn is looking for a travel companion and roommate

Call her for details

604 465 5710

will be held at the Winfield Memorial Hall, 3270 Berry Road, Winfield, BC

May 15 - 18, 2009 Hosted by the **1120 Rock Club**

Winfield is located in Lake Country, on Highway 97 on the eastern shore of Okanagan Lake, 22km north of Kelowna and (38 km) south of Vernon.

Dry camping is available at the hall for \$10.00 for the weekend

**Activities:** Friday afternoon and evening, Registration and setting up of displays

Friday 7PM Pot Luck Dinner in the hall. Saturday, Field trips, Auction at 7:00PM

Sunday, Field trips, Bucket Raffle at 4:00 PM. Sunday 6 pm - Catered Dinner

**Annual General Meeting** of the British Columbia Lapidary Society will be held after the dinner

Monday morning - Pancake breakfast

Club members are invited to display their collections and demonstrate their skills. if you require a society case please

contact Dave Barclay; Tel. 250-766-4353 or [E mail](#) **Field trips will be posted at registration**

**Donations for the bucket raffle and the rock auction are needed and greatly appreciated**

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA GEM SHOW APRIL 17, 18 & 19**

Ag-Rec Building, Central Fraser Valley Fairgrounds, 32470 - Haida Drive, Abbotsford, B.C.

Friday 10 AM to 8 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM Admission: Adults - \$6.00,

Students (6 - 17) - \$2.00, Under 6 (accompanied by an adult) - Free

### **Maple Ridge Club participation at the Abbotsford Gem Show**

Thursday April 16 we will be moving and setting up our 8 showcases for the show

Friday April 17 10 AM we will need people to man the grab bag & smash rock sales, several hundred school kids will pass through between 10 AM and 2 PM. If you can spare some time on a sign up list will be posted at the club.

saturday manning grab bag sales 10 AM to 6PM

Sunday manning grab bag sales 10 AM to 5 PM, tear down of exhibits and return all to club

If you are participating in the grab bag sales, show you membership card at the door