

NEWSLETTER

Lapidary club show 2009



A big thank you to all for making this years show a great success. The crowd seemed pleased and the traffic was steady. It takes a lot of preparation and help in setting up, we had help in all areas. It is time to start looking for a show chair and committee for 2010. We should be pleased that all of the vendors want to return next year. Bring your ideas and suggestions for a bigger and better show. ***We need your input.***

CLUBHOUSE

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

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March 5th general meeting

7:30 PM at the clubhouse Gemstones of Madagascar

Guest speakers Tom and Lisa have spent years traveling to Madagascar and other gem mining areas in search of raw stones for faceting. They market finished and rough stones. They will talk about their trips and show pictures of gem mining in the areas they have traveled. It should be a very entertaining and educational talk.

arranged by Walt Pinder





A MESSAGE FROM JOHN BASTIAANSSEN

First I would like to thank the members for their votes of confidence in installing me as president of the club. I look forward to the opportunities in working with the members and fulfilling their wishes for the club in 2009.

On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank past president Ken Rimmer and the former executive for all their hard work and contributions to the success of the club in the past year.

A little about myself-- I am married to Wendy and we have three young daughters Julia 10 who is active in the club, Gabrielle 4 and Caroline 2. In my past life I worked in the jewelry business as a goldsmith and store manager before moving to Canada Post. I've been with Canada Post for now for 18 years holding numerous positions from letter carrier to various management positions including my current position as a Retail Business Manager.

I unpacked my goldsmithing tools this past year and have enjoyed putting them back to use at the club, and with the help of some kind club members, have begun to learn the art of carving.

We have a great board of directors this year with lots of new ideas and fresh energy. We are looking to hear from the members to tell us what they would like to see and how we can help ensure the viability of the club and see to its continued success.

I would especially like to thank all the members who contributed to the great success of our annual lapidary show in Maple Ridge for 2009. This was one of our best shows ever with some excellent displays, demonstrations and every one I talked to said they really enjoyed the show. The attendance seemed to be up from last year and we exceeded our expectations for funds raised. The extra revenue will help to ensure our club's budget is in the black for 2009.

Please feel free to call or email me or any of the board members if you have any questions or ideas for the club.

Yours truly

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April 2ND Meeting “ Video Giant Crystals”

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.



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.



SHOW SNAPS

Photos courtesy of Carol Barnett.



Kay at the spin and win



Merv showing off his Stones



Susan and Carol at their table

Clubhouse News

- . GMFC scholarship application forms available, Info at the March 5th meeting.
- . Club hats and pins for sale at the club
Hats are \$10 each and pins are \$2
- . A reminder annual membership fees are Past due (Dec. 31)

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**
- .**You name it we got it**



Please take note :

the shop fee has been increased from one dollar to two dollars

This was needed to help cover the rising cost of our utilities and shop supplies

It is the responsibility of all members to pay when using the facilities

You are not required to pay if you are doing a chore fore the club

Kids do not pay and your

Annual dues will remain the same

FIELD TRIPS / UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26, Harrison Lake Fossils:



This is always a popular trip, as this is a clam and belemnite 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 This 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



BC 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

Stone sculptor Katbrine Jenkins to be featured at this years BC Gem show

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