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## **WEST SEATTLE PETROGLYPHS**

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**2010**  
**JANUARY**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**WEST SEATTLE ROCK CLUB, INC.**

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The purpose of this Club is to promote the study and enjoyment of the Lapidary Arts with good Rockhounding and good fellowship; and to further education and lapidary skills for all; to conduct field trips for exploration and collection of minerals, gems, rocks and fossils; to promote shows and displays; to publish a monthly periodical known as *West Seattle PETROGLYPHS* relating to club activities.

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 Washington State Mineral Council  
 ALAA – American Lands Access Association

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Meetings are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each month,  
 except for November which is the **THIRD** Wednesday and no meetings in July and December

The meetings are held in Adams Hall of the *Tibbetts United Methodist Church*

3940 41st S.W. (corner of 41st S.W. and S.W. Andover Street) Seattle, WA

6:30 PM – Junior Meeting 7:00 PM – Adult Meeting

Dues are: \$20.00 first year (including name badge), then: \$10.00 per adult member per year  
 or \$15.00 for 2 adults in same family, \$3.00 per junior member per year

**VISITORS ARE INVITED AND ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ALL MEETINGS**

All material in this Bulletin may be reprinted if properly credited - Exchange Bulletins are most welcome.

**CLUB CALENDAR****January 27, 2009****Kid's Meeting (6:30 pm)****Program:** Agates**General Meeting (7:00 pm)****Program:** Lake Superior Agates – slide show, by Wayne W. Sukow – Awarded First Place 2006 AFMS Program Competition**Show & Tell:** Agates that you have collected**WHAT'S INSIDE**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope the new year finds everybody in good health and spirit.

The club is gearing up for another fun year, I hope you can participate.

A little more FUN TRIVIA (Rock Classifications):

**Marble?**

1. Sedimentary
2. Igneous
3. Metamorphic

**Limestone?**

1. Sedimentary
2. Igneous
3. Metamorphic

**Granite?**

1. Sedimentary
2. Igneous
3. Metamorphic

Keep digging, Ken

**PROGRAM-LAKE SUPERIOR AGATES**  
**(BY WAYNE SUKOW)**

This month's program is a slide presentation that received the First Place Award from AFMS in the 2006 Program Competition. It includes agates from throughout the Lake Superior Basin and from glacial tills in areas to which these agates were carried by ancient glaciers. Wayne Sukow is a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies, a member of the Advisory Board of the National Science Foundation, and will be the featured speaker at the NFMS's Rockhound Retreat in September at Hancock Field Station, near Fossil, Oregon.

**JUNIOR PROGRAM -**  
**WHAT DO AGATE ROCKS LOOK LIKE**  
**6:30 PM**

How are agates formed? Did you know that onyx is a form of agate? What do you know about moss agate, turrillita agate, petoskey agate? Are there any agates found in Washington State? Bring one or two of your favorite agates from your collection to show.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WSRC**

Happy Birthday to West Seattle Rock Club ... a cake will be served to help celebrate the end of our 43rd year and the beginning of 44 years of rockhounding together.

***WEST SEATTLE ROCK CLUB – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES***

November 18, 2009

**Business:**

- The meeting was brought to order at 7:12 pm by club President Ken Schmidt.
- There were 10 adult members, 8 junior members, and 11 guests (5 adults and 6 juniors) present.
- Ken gave the answers to the quiz that was in last month's Petroglyphs:
  - ◇ What is the object called before it enters our atmosphere? *Meteoroid*
  - ◇ What is the object called when we see the streak of light in the sky? *Meteor*
  - ◇ What is the object called after it hits the ground? *Meteorite*
- Buddy Austin won the adult guest door prize, Aliyah Mohamed won the junior guest door prize, Nolan Whorton won the junior club member door prize, and Mike Wall won the adult club member door prize!
- Marvalee Ahlen and Lachlan Potter handed in their applications for club membership.
- Audrey Vogelpohl gave a brief treasurer's report noting that last month she paid for Petroglyph supplies and new club member name tags.
- Lyle Vogelpohl stated that he had no new Federation news.
- Brian Waters was not at the meeting, but had submitted to the Petroglyphs his report about the November WA State Mineral Council meeting.
- The nominating committee, composed of Audrey Vogelpohl, Dave Clausen, and Ron Nims, introduced the nominees for the following positions:
  - ◇ Club President - Ken Schmidt
  - ◇ Secretary - Rachel Miller
  - ◇ Treasurer - Audrey Vogelpohl
  - ◇ Federation Director - Audrey Vogelpohl
  - ◇ Director at Large - Lyle Vogelpohl
  - ◇ Mineral Council Reps - Brian Waters and Judy Ayers
  - ◇ Seattle Regional Rep - Lyle Vogelpohl
  - ◇ Newsletter- Editor Mike Wall
  - ◇ Current Past President - Ron Nims
- The nominating committee slate was accepted as presented.
- We still have **openings** in the following positions: **Vice President** and a **second Seattle Regional Rep**. If you have an interest in or any questions about these open position, please contact Ken or a member of the nominating committee.
- Members were reminded that the club holiday brunch will be held Sunday Dec. 6 from 9:30

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am - 11:00 am at the West Seattle Eagles' Dining Hall.

- Rachel Miller announced that the WSRC show dates were May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, with set up Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be forming leaders for show jobs soon.
- Audrey announced that she was collecting 2010 club dues. Please contact her if you have any questions.

### **Show and Tell:**

- Lyle Vogelpohl showed his latest wire wrapping projects including a lapis lazuli and a nice pretty pink mystery rock, possibly jasper.
- Audrey Vogelpohl displayed an Italian Murano glass pendant from her sister in law.
- Buddy Austin (guest) showed some very interesting wire wrapped rough specimens, a pretty ammonite, and moldavite specimens found in the Czech Republic and formed 15 million years ago when a meteor hit in Russia.
- Ken Schmidt brought in his latest batch of tumbled rocks. Please keep your tumblers going to supply the WSRC show on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The club will supply rough material and grit, if needed.
- Logan Higuera showed a salt crystal from California that he got from his dad
- Delila Higuera displayed a meteorite that she got at an Arizona rock show.
- Noel, Nolan, and Ruby Whorton showed some nice cabochons they made with Lyle at a cabbing class. Please contact Lyle if you are interesting in taking a class too.
- Mike Wall brought in a few tektites from China, some yellow Libyan desert glass, and some pretty moldavite that looked green when held up to the light. He also showed a couple of meteorites, one that was nickel iron from China and another from Russia that had a hole in it. Mike also displayed a slice of Gibeon meteorite that had been treated with acid to reveal the Widmanstätten pattern.
- Alex Miller brought in a meteorite and a tektite that he had purchased at rock shows.
- Miles Durnwirth showed a tektite and a couple of meteorites.
- Nolan Whorton won the show and tell prize.

### **Program:**

- Club member Don Murray who brought in a lot of his rocks from his fabulous collection.
- Don showed rocks from space (meteorites) as well as those created by impact such as Libyan glass, moldavites and other tektites. He had a wide range of "space" rocks from all over the world, some very fragile and light as well as some nickel iron rocks that were very hard and heavy.
- Don also displayed many gorgeous opals, including some rare kinds, some with beautiful "fire" and even some artificial opal.

Submitted by Rachel Miller, WRSC Secretary

## **2010 DUES DUE**

DUES are DUE.

It is time to pay your dues for 2010. Renewal will be \$10 for one adult or \$15 for 2 adults in the same household. Junior (18 and under) membership is \$3 per year. Please bring to the January meeting OR send your check, payable to West Seattle Rock Club, Inc, to the Treasurer.

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## **WEST SEATTLE ROCK CLUB'S ANNUAL SHOW MAY 1 AND 2, 2010**

By Rachel Miller, 2010 Show Chairperson

Rachel Miller and Dave Clausen will be the show co-chairs this year.

Audrey Vogelpohl has booked the Masonic Hall again this year and the catering will be done by Ella Engelking and crew. Let's hope Ella will make some pies again this year!

Ron Nims is doing our printed publicity this year, which should be great since the posters last year looked fabulous. Audrey is coordinating our show listing in various publications. Please let her know if you have any publications that would be good for a listing.

Lyle Vogelpohl will be signing up dealers so we will have a nice variety of offerings. Please let Lyle know if you have seen a dealer at another show that you think would be a good fit for our show. We would like to have someone give Lyle a little extra help with the dealers this year. If you are willing to do this, please contact Lyle, Rachel, or Dave.

Dave is coordinating the show cases. Please let him know if you would like to reserve a Federation or Regional case.

Mike Wall will be the lead for the silent auction. Please contact him if you have rough or finished material you are willing to donate.

Audrey will be signing up demonstrators for the show. Please let her know if you have seen a demonstrator at another show that you think would be a good fit for our show. If you are willing to help her decide on and book the demonstrators, please contact Audrey, Rachel, or Dave.

We still need volunteers for the following positions, please contact Rachel or Dave if you are able to help.

- **Friday Dinner Coordinator** - need a lead to determine menu and supplies needed and coordinate helpers
- **Set Up** – we need a lead to coordinate helpers for the Friday set up and display case pickup
- **Tear Down** – we need a lead to coordinate helpers for the Sunday tear down and display case return
- **Grab Bags/Spinning Wheel** - need a lead to coordinate helpers

Signup sheets for these positions as well as those that just want to help out at the show will be available at the club meetings.

Do you have a sewing machine? We need folks to sew grab bags. These are always very popular and show goers always comment on how much they like them. If you can help with the sewing, please sign up at a meeting or contact Dave or Rachel.

Do you have a rock tumbler? We always run out of tumbled rock for the grab bags. If you can help provide pretty rocks, please sign up at a meeting or contact Ken.

Do you have a nice finished piece that you are willing to donate? We will need a total of 16 door prizes as well as some pretty silent auction items. Please sign up at a meeting or contact Dave.

We will have gem trees as the kids' activity again this year. Clarence Engkraf is busy making many trees and he is also willing to show his technique to other club members, so we will have him give a workshop, probably at our March meeting.

We will use our April meeting to sort material and fill grab bags.

With every member's help, we will have a great show!

## **EASTSIDE MINERAL COUNCIL** **MEETING**

by Brian Waters, WSRC Field Trip Chairman

The Wagonmaster's meeting was held on 01/08/10. Field trips were set up for the year, and should be available on the website soon.

On 1/30/10, the weekend after our meeting, there is a field trip to Cedar Ponds to collect red and yellow jasper. The collecting site is about a mile walk from the parking area, and though it is up hill it is mostly on an old logging road so it's a fairly easy hike. Digging tools are necessary.

Also, I have volunteered to lead a Wagonmater field trip to Saddle Mountain on 10/02 and 10/03 for our club. Though it is an overnight field trip we will be meeting in the town of Mattawa each morning so it will not be necessary for people to camp. I hope to see a big turn-out of members there!

It's a new year and new adventures are in store. Hope to see lots of you out there.

## **LEGISLATIVE ACTION AFFECTING** **ROCKHOUNDS**

by John Martin,  
AFMS Conservation & Legislation Chair

With the current political climate in Washington today the environmental activists are having a field day with our congress members trying to persuade them to introduce new wilderness legislation, and it is working. Here are just a few of the attempts that are currently taking place across our great country.



California – Senator Diane Feinstein is introducing the *California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act* which if enacted will restrict usage of almost 2 million acres of California's Public Desert Land with the creation of 2 new national monuments, 7 new wilderness areas, and the expansion of Death Valley National Park. Two million acres is almost the size of the state of Connecticut! Can you imagine restricting the state of Connecticut to no roads, no rock fossil,

sea shell or mineral collecting? That is what is being attempted for California.

Colorado - We've been told that a well financed pro-environmental wilderness bill is coming to Colorado. Called the "*Hidden Gems Wilderness.*" this will encompass 600,000 acres and close them to all. The environmentalists are pressuring Congressman Jared Polis to introduce the bill. Please have your members contact Congressman Polis and express your concern. The money to get this bill passed is from big foundation money from Washington, DC. Don't let outsiders come in and lock up Colorado's public land.

Montana - A huge wilderness bill is coming to Montana disguised as a *Forest Job and Recreation Act*. It seems that its true motive is to put Montana land into Wilderness. Jon Tester, Senator from Montana is being urged by the pro-environmentalists to sponsor this bill. The proposed amount of land in this proposal is 677,000 acres. You might want to alert the clubs in Montana and research this information. Contact Senator Tester's office locally and ask about the proposed bill. They will try and tell you it's about forests and jobs -- NOT SO!

According to Brian Hawthorne, Blue Ribbon Coalition, the bill is strong on wilderness, but doesn't add any new recreation areas. This has a lot to do with forest management and timber logging, but what is already in place, if put into use would take care of the problems, according to former Forest Service Planner, Fred Hodgeboom and now president of Montanan's for Multiple Use organization. As the new bill is written it creates area for new environmental lawsuits to stop logging on land that has been left susceptible to forest fires, disease and insect devastation. Most of the lands are on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. This bill eliminates a lot of existing recreational opportunities.

Oregon – House Bill 3609 *Oregon Marine Reserves*. "Marine Reserve" is an area within Oregon's Territorial Sea or adjacent rocky inter-tidal area that is protected from all extractive activities, including the removal or disturbance of living and non-living marine resources, except as necessary for monitoring or research to evaluate reserve condition, effectiveness, or impact of stressors.

This bill will create reserves all along the public coast of Oregon where it will be unlawful to Collect, pick, cut, mutilate or remove living or non-living natural products or dig up or remove any soil, rock, or fossil

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materials from the ocean shore. "Natural product" means living or non-living natural products on the ocean shore, including marine plants, minerals, shells, rocks, and sand. The Oregon Coastline is famous as a heavy hunting ground for Agates, Jaspers, Fossils and Pyrite Cubes. The proposed Marine Reserve will eliminate Rock hunting that Oregonians have historically done for over a century along the Rocky Shores of Oregon's Coast.

Utah - *America's Red Rock Wilderness Act S. 799 & HR 1925*. The American's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009 will designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah. This bill, if enacted, would designate 9.4 million acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Utah as Wilderness.

The areas considered for closure are:

- Great Basin Areas ~ 2,240,827 acres
- Zion/Mojave Desert Areas ~ 160,000 acres
- Grand Staircase-Escalante Areas~1,771,717 acres
- Moab-LaSal Canyons Areas ~ 256,815 acres
- Henry Mountains Areas ~ 444,204 acres
- Glen Canyon Areas ~ 906,446 acres
- San Juan-Anasazi Areas ~ 520,606 acres
- Canyonlands Basin Areas ~ 689,884 acres
- San Rafael Swell Areas ~ 1,098,773 acres
- Book Cliffs/Uinta Basin Areas ~ 1,015,821 acres

There is no question that our access to Rockhounding sites would be severely curtailed, if not totally destroyed, by these bills. Sec. 209 withdraws entry and disposition of minerals, so we can't pick up anything anyway.

On the national front the *Clean Water Restoration Act of 2009*, (S. 787) , will treat, as 'waters of the United States', those features that were treated as such pursuant to the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers in existence before the dates of the decisions referred to in paragraph--

- (A) All waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide;
- (B) All interstate waters, including interstate wetlands;
- (C) all other waters, such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mud-

flats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie pot-holes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds;

- (D) All impoundments of waters of the United States;
- (E) Tributaries of the aforementioned waters;
- (F) The territorial seas; and
- (G) Wetlands adjacent to the aforementioned waters;

What this basically means that if enacted will put all ponds, streams, seasonal mud holes on public and private land under the control of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and not the private property owner.



Also of interest to Rockhounds is the '*Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009*', (H. R. 699) which was introduced to the House of Representatives on January 27, 2009. This Bill will modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes. It will impose limitation on patents (Claims), require a royalty be paid for the removal of minerals, add or increase hardrock mining claim maintenance fees, effect of payments for use and occupancy of claims. All of these actions may have negative effects on Rock Clubs or Societies which currently hold or may be trying to file claims on BLM, Forest, or other public lands.

What can we as rockhounds do? Use the internet, email, Fax, or the US Postal Service to contact both your state and federal elected officials and let them know what your concerns are regarding the closure and withdrawing of public land from public usage. Support and join organizations like the Blue Ribbon Coalition, <[www.shaetrails.org](http://www.shaetrails.org)> , American Land Rights Association, <[www.landrights.org](http://www.landrights.org)>, AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION (A.L.A.A) <[www..amlands.org](http://www..amlands.org)>. These groups are fighting to keep our Public Lands Open to all Public Users. Please support and use the American Federation of Mineralogical Society and your Regional Federation of Mineralogical Societies, they have information and resources that can help in all aspects of Rockhounding.

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If anyone hears of new or pending legislation in your state or Regional Federation please feel free to contact me with the pertinent information and I will attempt to investigate and disseminate the information to those who may be affected. I can be contacted at <webmaster@amlands.org> or through the AFMS Website.

*(via AFMS Newsletter, 12/09)*

### **AFMS CODE OF ETHICS**

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting

areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

*(via AFMS Newsletter, 11/09)*

### **SHOP TIPS**



**Editor's Note:** Shop tips featured in this bulletin have not been evaluated for safety or reliability. Please use caution when trying out any new idea.

#### **More Comfortable Cab Cutting**

Is the edge of your cab machine water trough sharp? When you're cutting a cab, does the edge dig into your wrist or arm? Here's an easy and inexpensive solution to end your discomfort. Get a piece of foam pipe insulation from the hardware store and place a piece of it over the edge of the trough. Voila, no more discomfort! And, you can easily remove the foam when you go to empty or clean the trough.

*(Via Tumbler 1/10; via GCLFS Newsletter, 1/10; via Pick & Pack, 12/09; via The Rockcollector, 12/09; via The Rockhounder, 11/09; via Gem Cutters News, 6/08)*

#### **Stone Hardness Testing**

An aluminum pencil can be used to determine the hardness of stone. The pencil leaves fainter marks on harder stones. A stone harder than 7 will not allow itself to be marked.

*(Via Tumbler 1/10; via Golden Spike, 12/09; via The Post Rock, 9/00; via A Gale Explorer)*

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**Recycling Trim Saw Oil**

With the cost of oil products these days, here's a clever way to clean and recycle dirty oil from your trim or slab saw:

Put the oil in a disposable container such as a coffee can or short plastic bucket, add hot water, and stir. The hot water warms the oil and lowers its viscosity

so the trash (dirt) can settle out more easily. The water, being denser than oil, sinks to the bottom. The dirt and swarf that are suspended in the oil settle out and sink to the bottom of the water, leaving clean oil on top. How then to separate the two? Put the whole works in the freezer. The water will freeze and you can just pour off the clean oil, and you can dispose of the ice (and the dirt).

*(Via Tumbler 1/10; via Rocky Trails, 11/09; original publication unknown)*

**2010 FIELD TRIPS**

**Not Currently Available – See Next Month**

See WSMC <http://www.mineralcouncil.org/index.htm> for additional field trips and details

**2010 SHOWS**

- Feb 12** 10am-5pm **Oregon Agate and Mineral Society – “We Rock”**
- Feb 13** 10am-5pm **OMSI, 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland, OR**
- Feb 14** 10am-5pm
  
- Feb 13** 9am-5pm **Whidbey Island Gem Club – 45th Annual “Sweet-Heart of Gems” Show**
- Feb 14** 9am-4pm **Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 SE Jerome St., Oak Harbor, WA**
  
- Feb 27** 10am-7pm **Idaho Gem Club Annual Show**
- Feb 28** 10am-5pm **Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood, Boise, ID**
  
- Feb 27** 10am-6pm **Everett Rock & Gem Club, 57th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show**
- Feb 28** 10am-5pm **WA National Guard Armory, 2730 Oakes Ave., Everett, WA**

See the **Northwest Newsletter** for additional show listings and times.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP**

**Your Federation:** Save stamps and give to our club treasurer.

**Your Hobby:** Join ALAA. - Contact Lyle Vogelpohl

**Other:** Volunteer to teach beginners what you are good at.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ...**

**Cabbing ... contact Lyle Vogelpohl ... (206) 932-3292**