



# East KingCo Rock Club

## June 2010 Newsletter

### JUNE MEETING

- Location:** Juanita Community Club  
13027 - 100th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98034
- When:** Friday, June 18, 2010. 7:00 p.m.
- Junior Program:** Treasure hunt. The Junior Program starts at 7:00 p.m.
- Adult Program:** Make sun catchers out of agate slices. Bring a solder gun if you have one.  
Adult program starts at 7:30 p.m.

### NEWS AND MINUTES

#### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: MAY 21, 2010

May Meeting – held on May 21st @ 7:30 at Juanita Community Club.

The kids meeting started at 7:00 and they broke open sand concretions to see fossils.

We started the adult meeting with new members and guests announcing themselves. We decided that since our membership has grown in numbers that name tags would be very helpful and so we passed around a paper for everyone to right their names on them to make sure the spelling is correct.

We discussed the plan for the next meeting in June, the kids program was announced to be a treasure hunt and the adult program will be foil wrapping pieces of agate to make pendants or chimes, etc. The club is low on agate slabs and Kim with Earthlight has offered to bring some for wrapping if needed. We let everyone know that there is no meeting in July or August. We voted on the Scratch Patch field trip in June, but had no real interest at this time so we have scratched that off of the plan until another time.

We announced that there would be a rock show called the Mineral Market Show - the following day on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Seattle. We also discussed the field trip to Mt Higgins on Sunday on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be meeting at the gas station in Oso, and will follow each other from there. The field trip is to dig in hard rock for Rhodonite.

Also discussed was the field trip to Ellensburg for Ellensburg Blue Agate on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Here are the final details for the field trip this Saturday on May 29th. It is at the Tomahawk Ranch 2590 Upper Green Canyon Rd in Ellensburg, WA. The ranch owners are Bob & Bernese Best. I spoke with Bernese and we are to be at the ranch between 9:30am - 10:00am - we will have an orientation and a registration ahead of time so everyone needs to be there for that. It is \$5.00 a person to search all day, the rules are listed below. After you have registered you can come back to the ranch on a honor system and pay the \$5.00 each time per person without calling ahead for a year from the day you registered, but only registered people can come with you.

Everyone is planning on meeting and the park & ride off of I-90 exit 22 in Preston @ 8:00am - go left on the exit & you should see the park & ride. If anyone misses this meeting time they are to call Norma and let her know.

Here are the rules: no digging—surface hunting only; respect property lines and fences; and don't bother the cows. Also please note that it is tick season and everyone should wear cover and socks over the pants, hats, etc to be prepared. Don't forget the usual, water, food and any necessities that you need to have with you in a pack.

We talked about a rock Hound blitz that Norma and Kevin have arranged and anyone in the club is invited to join in. They start the trip on July 1<sup>st</sup> and end it on July 17<sup>th</sup>, starting to dig in Utah and ending up on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Heather Lake for the Garnet field trip. If you can't make the rock hound blitz then everyone should try to make it for the final day on the 17<sup>th</sup> for the Garnets that will be a grand finale. On the 17<sup>th</sup> field trip the details will follow at a later time, but it is set approx. for 8:00 or 9:00am at the Ranger Station. We will be hounding for Garnets, Actinolite and Soapstone. Make sure to also bring a screen for sifting the garnets.

On August 28<sup>th</sup> we will have a summer rock cutting potluck – it is to be at Norma & Kevin's House starting at 11:00am – the address is 7820 NE 195<sup>th</sup> ST. Kenmore, WA. 98028

After that the next meeting will be in September.

One of the members also let us know that the state is trying to shut down gold panning in the area and new rules may be coming into effect soon, so we will be keeping an eye out for that.

The Kalama is closed currently for the fire season and logging. We followed up with door prizes being drawn, we also had show and tell, which was fossils and soapstone carvings and some collections that people either gathered or purchased.

The program for the meeting was next and we each got a soapstone carving kit that the club provided for everyone – we then proceeded to try to carve, and polish our soapstones. After everyone got to give that a try for awhile, we closed up the silent auction and raffle prizes at 9:00pm and then drew for the raffle prizes and the auction items won were collected and handed out.

We enjoyed snacks at the end of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned approx. at 9:30pm, but after the meeting was over Norma and Kim figured out the clues for the treasure hunt for the kids meeting in June. The finale for the summer this should be a fun program. We wrapped that up around 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Lewis, Secretary

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 6, 2010**

June board Meeting- held on June 6th @ 7:30 at Sharon's home.

Attending the meeting were- Norma, Kevin, Rachael, Sharon, Vance, Kim.

We started the meeting talking about the upcoming meeting for June.

The kids meeting will be the treasure hunt, we already figured out the clues for the treasure hunt and Kim will be finishing typing these up for the meeting. Norma and Kim will be meeting at 6:30 to hide all of the clues for the treasure hunt and get it all ready.

The adult meeting will be making sun catchers out of agate slices that Kim Earthlight will be providing for the meeting. Sharon will be bringing solder gun and if anyone else has one they will also be bringing that so that the wait is not too long to solder up the wrap on the edges sun catchers.

Next we discussed field trips, we talked about the June 12th and 13th trip to 1st creek is cancelled due to Bad road conditions. We discussed some possibilities for another field trip or two for the summer in addition to the ones

already planned. Some of the options we came up with are Hanson Creek- maybe we can get Heather or Shannon to lead this trip since they have been up there recently. Red & Yellow Hill is another option in Eastern WA for Jasper, along with Metalline Falls for Trilobites, or Rock Candy for Fluorite.

We spoke about the growth in membership and that we need to delegate some things. One of them being a treat coordinator – so that they can arrange and make sure we have someone to bring snacks for each meeting, that way we are sharing the load among members.

We have decided not to do Riverfest in Bothell this year, in previous years we have worked the show to try to increase membership and spread the word on the club. This never panned out and is not worth the effort and time, since it never lead to any new members. We can put our efforts in other places.

The Scott's order was discussed and finalized for the club's new stock for auction and prize items.

We will not have another meeting until August 28th @ 11:00 am when we have a potluck – rock cutting party at Norma's & Kevin's house.

The next meeting will be the September meeting – we need to have anyone bring any donations that they want to donate and we will use them for Rock Club Bingo. During the September meeting we will be holding officer nominations for the new board members for the next session. We will have many open positions including the Presidency. We discussed in length the responsibilities of the president position and also the show chairman position. Some of the board members that have positions this year may also run for next year, but we will need to see who wants to keep the same position and who will also want to run for another year. Since we have a lot of new members, we may have some more of a pool of people to choose from.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Lewis, Secretary

## MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

### ROCKHOUND TRIP TO MT HIGGINS: KIM LEWIS

So a couple of weeks ago my rock club and some other clubs all went on a rock hounding trip to Mt Higgins, in Washington. It was a long day and alot of people were there. Probably too many people for such a small site to dig the Rhodonite. Regardless I did manage to get 1 1/2 bucket of Serpentine, which was a bonus we were after Rhodonite. I did get about 1/2 a bucket of Rhodonite, this was not the higher quality that you see in Australia, or other sites. Normally higher quality Rhodonite is Pink with black veining. This Rhodonite was more black with very pale pink (almost white) patches, it did show the typical black veining that I love. I hope these will cut and polish well, I will probably sell some rough too. It was a fun trip and worth all of the effort. Rhodonite is found in very hard rock, so we did not have an easy time of it, but worth the effort. Here are some pictures below of some of the rough - none is cleaned yet as you can tell.

Fun time is had by all. Happy Rockhounding.



Serpentine, this is a gorgeous green color and pretty big.



Serpentine, with a great green color, I have lots in this size.



Here is one of the Rhodonite pieces that I got.





More awesome Rhodonite.



Here is a picture of the pile of rocks I got, Serpentine, Rhodonite and a few others thrown in that I picked up.

### ROCK WELL - BEAUTIFUL YARD ART: KIM LEWIS

We have this fake well in our yard that came with the house, many years ago. It use to be full of leaves and sticks - yard debris - nothing nice. I decided to change it and make it a beautiful piece of yard art. I added rough rock that I had of various size and colors. I am using it for storage and it looks good too, that actually was just a bonus. Check it out - what do you think?







**JANUARY 16, 2010 MEETING PHOTOS: BRUCE KELLEY**

Here are some pictures from our January meeting. Rachel Foldvik led the youth activity and Char Jorgenson demonstrated her award-winning wire-wrap technique.



Rachel leads the youth activity.





Char gets started with the silver wire.



Rachel follows along...





Char finishes up the wire-wrapped cabochon.



The finished product!

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Club members are *encouraged* to send in photos and reports of recent activities and projects for the web site and newsletter!

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**Club Website:** [www.eastkingco.org](http://www.eastkingco.org)  
**Meetings:** Our meetings are held the 3rd Friday of the month except July, August and December, at:  
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13027 - 100th Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034

## UPCOMING SHOWS AND FIELD TRIPS

See [www.mineralcouncil.org](http://www.mineralcouncil.org) or the club website for more details.

### SHOWS

- **July 24-25, 2010 – Washington Agate & Mineral Society w/Tenino Rock Cruisers**  
“16<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock & Gem Rendezvous”  
Saturday, July 24, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, July 25, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.  
Parkside Elementary School  
E Central Ave at Stage ST S, Tenino, WA

### FIELD TRIPS

- **June 30 – July 4, 2010 – Madras, OR**  
Agate, Jasper, Petrified Wood, Thundereggs – Dig and light hard rock tools  
Sponsor: Pow Wow Rockhounds Club
- **July 1-18, 2010 – Utah**  
Sponsor: Informal trip with Norma and Kevin
- **July 17, 2010 – Wenatchee area**  
Garnets and Actinolite  
Sponsor: East KingCo Rock Club

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