



East KingCo Rock Club

March 2013 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Location: Juanita Community Club
13027 - 100th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98034

When: Friday, **March 15, 2013**. 7:30 p.m. (7:00 p.m. for juniors)

Regular Program: Learn how to make a screening box

Youth Program: Fossils – bring a fossil if you have one!

NEWS AND MINUTES

COMING UP...

- **Friday, Mar. 16:** Learn to make a screen box for sifting small stones out of sand or dirt. Youth: Fossils.
- **Friday, Mar. 30:** Racehorse Creek field trip. Fern, palm, and various leaf fossils.

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

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

MONTHLY MEMBER BIOGRAPHY: LARRY POMADA

Larry was interviewed by Kim Lewis at the February meeting. This month, Larry will conduct our April “Member Biography” of a randomly chosen club member.

1. **What is your name?** Larry Pomada (Pomladé, see #9)
2. **Are you married?** Yes
3. **Do you have Kids?** 2 daughters & 3 granddaughters
4. **What do you do for a living? If retired what did you do?** Working on my parent’s estate has taken a lot of time over the last 4 years, now completed; I plan to spend more time with my grandkids, golf, fish, hunt, time at our cabin and trying to work on a long list of projects around the house.
5. **What is your favorite color?** Blue
6. **What is your favorite rock?** This is hard after spending over 55 years around rocks it is like choosing friends for a baseball team. Catcher: Sodalite, Pitcher: Biggs, 1st base: Bruno, 2nd Fire Agate, 3rd Malachite, left field: Fire Obsidian, center: Amethyst, right: Rhodocrosite. Coaching is my birthstone: Blue Sapphire.
7. **What are your hobbies?** Helping the poor, rocks, photography, genealogy, golf, fishing and hunting.
8. **What is your age? (approx.)** Retired
9. **What is most exotic place you have been too?** I have been fortunate to have traveled to several beautiful places in my life. Choosing one is tough, but the trip to Slovenia, north part of former Yugoslavia, where I was able to connect with family and land owned by my grandparents on my dad’s side, has to be on top.
10. **Can you think of a special ability or talent that you want to tell me about yourself?** I am a private pilot and love to be in the air, although I have not had the opportunity the last few years to go up.

NEW EAST KINGCO FACEBOOK PAGE: BRUCE KELLEY

As reported last month, we have a new facebook page: facebook.com/EastKingCoRockClub. We already have 17 “likes,” but it would be great to include all club members and interested community members with facebook accounts. We will use it to post club events and photos, as well as provide a venue for discussions amongst members. Facebook is free to join, but don’t worry if you don’t have or want a facebook account; the club web site (eastkingco.org) is still the primary source of general information about our events. For those of you who do want us to be part of your News Feed, click that familiar “Like” button on our page!

RACEHORSE CREEK FIELD TRIP – NORMA MCDONALD

The next club field trip will be March 30 to Racehorse Creek for fern and palm fossils.

March is the Youth groups program for fossils. I recommend all Juniors earning badges make the trip for credit on your Fossil badge.

Here are directions: Take I-5 north, Exit 255 (Sunset Dr./ Hwy 542) and go east.

We will meet in the parking lot at Cost Cutters there just off Sunset Drive at 10am. Kevin says it takes about 2.5 hours to get there. If you miss us or run late here are the rest of the directions:

From there we will travel east on 542/Sunset Dr. to mile post 16.5. Take a right onto Mosquito Lake Rd., drive 9 miles then left on North Fork Rd. Go 4.2 miles to a right turn then go 1.2 miles and look for shale on the left shoulder of the road. There is more fossil shale along that road and past the end of it.

I do not know if you need a Discover Pass here but if you have one bring it to be safe. If you don’t have one, I recommend you get one as other trips we have will need one later anyway. For rockhounding at Blanchard Hill near Bellingham, Cedar Ponds (Stubbs Hill) near Sultan, Cherry Creek near Duvall, and anywhere in Walker Valley OUTSIDE the quarry (Mt. Vernon) will require a Discover Pass. For more info see: <http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>

SHOW DISPLAYS – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who entered a display case in our March show. We had 14 cases, including the pushbutton quiz:

1. Julian Campbell: Collection of mineral specimens
2. Anna Lewis: My favorite color - Purple rocks
3. Larry Pomada: Memories of rockhounding with his father
4. Carol Rust: An eclectic collection of carvings and artifacts
5. Sean Kelly: Various slabs and rocks with a delightful painted backdrop
6. Bruce & Fiona Kelley: Newly collected in 2012
7. Bruce & Fiona Kelley: Azurite
8. Robin Feiner: My favorite rocks
9. Pat Barton: Carving tools
10. Maureen Carlisle: Fossils
11. Karin Corea-Laurel: Colorful minerals
12. Maureen Carlisle: Snakeskin agate
13. Kristen Laurel: Sands of the world
14. Maureen Carlisle: Rock identification quiz

By vote of the show attendees, the 3 winning cases were: #3, #11 and #13. Congratulations Larry, Karin and Kristen!

It is not too soon to start planning your display for next year! Case dimensions and instructions can be found on our web site: eastkingco.org/DisplayingYourTreasures.pdf

EAST KINGCO CONTACT INFO

General Club Email: eastkingco@gmail.com
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Meetings: Our meetings are held the 3rd Friday of the month except July and August at:
Juanita Community Club
13027 - 100th Ave NE
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UPCOMING SHOWS AND FIELD TRIPS

See mineralcouncil.wordpress.com or the club website for more.

SHOWS

- **March 16-17, 2013 – North Seattle Lapidary and Mineral Club**
Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Lake City Community Center
12531 - 28th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA
- **March 22-24, 2013 – Mount Hood Rock Club**
Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Kliever Memorial NG Armory
10000 NE 33rd Dr., Portland OR 97221
- **April 27-28, 2013 – West Seattle Rock Club**
Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Alki Masonic Temple
4736 - 40th Ave. SW., Seattle, WA (in West Seattle)

FIELD TRIPS

- **March 30, 2013 – Racehorse Creek – East KingCo members only**
Fern, palm, and various leaf fossils.
Light hard rock tools
Meet at 10:00 am at Cost Cutters, 1275 E Sunset Dr, Bellingham, WA 98226
Host: East KingCo Rock Club
- **April 20-21, 2013 – Matawa**
Petrified wood
Light hard rock tools
Meet at 8:00 am @ launch S. of Matawa
Host: Pow-Wow Club – mlhermsen@hotmail.com, (253) 271-7515. Must join Pow-Wow Club to participate.