



East KingCo Rock Club

January 2014 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

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

When: Friday, **February 20, 2014**. 7:30 p.m. (7:00 p.m. for juniors)

Regular Program: Prepare for the March show

Youth Program: Prepare for the March show

NEWS AND MINUTES

COMING UP...

- Jan. 26** Club trip to RoseMae Bork's museum and rock shop. 10:00 a.m. in Bellingham. (Members only.)
- Feb. 20** Regular meeting: Show preparation
- Feb. 28** Show setup at Pickering Barn
- Mar. 1-2** **East KingCo Rock Show!**
- Mar. 20** Regular meeting: Don Newsome, **Fluorescent Minerals** demonstration. You won't want to miss this one!

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2014: CINDY SMITH

President Kim Villines called the meeting to order. New members were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. Member birthdays for December and January were announced, and gift bags distributed.

The upcoming field trip to RoseMae's in Bellingham was discussed. Details are:

Club tripMembers only.....

Date: Sunday January 26

Time: 10:00 p.m. – **No early birds, please.** This is a private residence. Driving time is approximately two hours.

Location: 1792 E. Smith Rd, Bellingham, WA 98226 **Park only in the driveway, not on the side road (18th Street)**

Phone: 360-398-9320

This is a great opportunity to see and purchase rocks and slabs at great prices, as well as vintage rock magazines and display materials. There will also be a variety of garage sale items available. Something for everyone!

Cash or personal checks are welcome - **no plastic**. Small denomination bills, if possible. Please bring your own buckets or crates. Young children must be attended by their parents.

This is a **potluck** so please be sure to bring a dish to share with the group.

RoseMae will provide coffee and beverages, dishes, silverware, cups and napkins. A refrigerator, microwave and stove/oven will be available.

Weather permitting, on the way home, we can stop at a site near Alger, WA to hunt for Stilpnomelane.

Remember, this is a members-only trip. If you have friends who want to participate, this is a great incentive for them to join the club.

Kim asked the membership to approve funding of our membership on MeetUp.org for another year. Cost is \$150. Membership in the group has grown to 25, and several people in attendance at the meeting were there because of the MeetUp announcement. The vote was moved, seconded and approved by the members. Cindy Smith will help Robin Feiner administer the group.

Board membership opportunity! The club needs a treasurer. Robin Feiner has been acting as interim treasurer but cannot continue to carry the role particularly since she is chair of the club's Rock Show this year. If you have bookkeeping skills, please consider stepping up to support the club. Contact Kim with any questions (425-786-6969 or earthlightgems@aim.com).

Annual Rock Show

Dates: March 1-2 2014
Times: Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday – 10:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Pickering Barn (across from Costco)
1730 - 10th Avenue NW
Issaquah, WA 98027

VOLUNTEERING: This is the clubs' big annual fundraiser, and it is important that all members make a contribution of time for it to be a success. **Everyone needs to volunteer for a couple of hours during the show. This will take the burden off the small group of regulars who consistently volunteer at the show.** It's easy and fun. And, some vendors give a discount on purchases to volunteers! Contact Robin Feiner, rfeiner@rocketmail.com, or sign up at the February club meeting.

DISPLAY CASES: Display cases are provided to anyone who wants to present a themed collection of rocks or gems. The cases are on display both days of the show. What goes in them is up to you...limited only by your imagination. Contact Bruce Kelley, bruce.kelley@gmail.com, with questions, or to reserve your display case. [You can find case dimensions and suggestions here: www.eastkingco.org/DisplayingYourTreasures.pdf]

PROMOTION: Robin will have promotional fliers and car placards at the February meeting for everyone.

Presentation – Bruce Kelley provided an amazing presentation of his rock images obtained using macro-photography. He shared images of and insight on his camera and computer set-up then presented a series of brilliant images that would be impossible to see with the naked eye. Great presentation!

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!

UPCOMING FIELD TRIP TO WHIDBEY ISLAND: SHANNON HEASLETT

Shannon will lead a field trip over to Whidbey Island on Sunday Feb. 9th, 2014. For anyone in the club that would like to come along and go beach combing for beach rocks to tumble, to bird watch, and to attend a rock club show.

DETAILS

We will all meet at 8:00 p.m. at the Brick Yard Park and Ride off of 405 North bound. It's Exit #22 = N.E. 160th. (It's the next exit off the freeway northbound after you pass up Totem Lake Mall.) You will take a Right off the freeway at exit #22, come up to the lighted intersection and take a Left and proceed over the freeway. Once you get over the freeway go straight thru the first lighted intersection then take your first left hand turn into the Park and Ride. Look for Shannon & Heather. Heather's cell: 425-435-8333 (note: new number). We will be leaving at 8:15 p.m. sharp. Keep in touch if you are running late.

We will all drive up 405 North then I-5 North and follow the signs to the Mukilteo ferry. It leaves every 1/2 hour throughout the day. Fares are \$16.20 round trip for car and driver. Additional passengers are adult: \$4.75, senior/disabled: \$2.35, youth (6-18): \$2.35.

Once across the water and at Clinton we will follow Shannon up to the Coupeville area of Whidbey Island up by the Coupeville to Port Townsend ferry terminal. It's a good 45 minute drive. We will get out of our cars there and stroll a beach for any cool rocks we find and at the same time if you want to bird watch, this is a good location as well. We should spend a good hour on this beach.

For beach combing no shovels or hammers are needed. I usually bring along a couple of zip lock plastic bags to put the rocks into as I am walking down the beach. No 5-gallon buckets as the local home owners will report us to the local Game Warden as they did last year. They just do not want to see us taking a lot of rocks off the beach.

For bird watching if you have a spotting scope, tripod and binoculars and a favorite bird book and pencil and paper to write down the birds spotted for the day.

Then we will pack up and head to a second beach about 20 minutes away and do the same things. This beach is smaller but the rocks are a larger size. Both these beaches the access will depend on the tides at the time as to how much of the beach is exposed and how much debris has washed up on the rocks.

From there, we will head into the town of Oak Harbor and hit a fast food restaurant if we want. Then we will head to the rock show going on in Oak Harbor.

It is put on by the Whidbey Island Gem Club and Pebble Pushers. Put on by Keith Ludemann. If you have attended other rock shows in our area you will recognize some of the vendors at this show. The location is the Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 SE Jerome Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Sunday hours: 9:00 – 4:00.

From there, we will head back home. This will be a full day of driving and beach combing and bird watching and food stop and rock show. I estimate we will all be back at the park-and-ride by Totem Lake Mall around 7:00 p.m., depending on ferry traffic and weather.

Or if you drive your own vehicle and do not car pool with others you can leave when you want. Note: just let Shannon know when you are leaving; that way the rest of the group is not wondering what has happened to you.

GEAR AND PROVISIONS

Note this is February, so dress accordingly; bring along extra clothes and extra shoes. (I don't know many times I have seen a cool beach rock and it just out of reach in the water. Trying to time the incoming waves just right has never worked. You will eventually get your shoes wet. Also, this area of Whidbey Island is in the rain shadow of the Olympic Mountains and the weather over there is usually better. I recommend bringing along a good hat; one that will cover up your ears if it's windy on the beach. For bird watching we are just standing in one place for a long time so a good water proof coat to keep you warm and a good pair of gloves or glove liners to keep your hands warm and still be able to focus your binoculars.

For food you will need to bring snacks and or sandwiches unless we plan on hitting up a fast food place somewhere over there. We can all decide on once we get over there, and that may be our only source for a bathroom as well. The ferry terminal and the rock show will have restrooms as well.

Every vehicle that is going over there will need a WASHINGTON STATE DISCOVER PASS. It is good for 1-year from the day you buy it. It cost about \$35.00. Or you can purchase a 1-day pass for about \$10.00. These can be purchased in person at any store that sells hunting & fishing licenses. Or online at www.discoverpass.wa.gov or call 1-866-320-9933. As a club member we will be taking other field trips during the course of the year that will require this as well.

Any questions or ideas don't hesitate to call or e-mail me: heaslett@comcast.net, 425-435-8333.

Weather depending this will be a fun trip and a good outing for the club!

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NOT-SO-NEW EAST KINGCO FACEBOOK PAGE: BRUCE KELLEY

As I've reported since February, we have a new Facebook page: facebook.com/EastKingCoRockClub. We already have 45 "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. One more benefit is that the first place newsletters are announced is right there on our Facebook page! 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!

CLUB MEMBER SALES AT THE SHOW: BRUCE KELLEY

Last year, we started a new idea at the show: allow club members to sell some of their personal items at the club sales table. It was a bit disorganized last year so we're trying to improve it this year. Here are some ideas we're working on:

1. Members can bring items to the show to sell. Please realize that the limited space must be shared, so if you bring too many items, we cannot put them all out at once.
2. Members should price their items and attach clear labels indicating: The member name (or a clear ID of some kind – initials?) and the price.
3. The club will keep 10% of each sale.
4. We will have a form at the sales table for keeping track of member sales.
5. Remember to volunteer at the show! (Really, this is sort of related – more help at the sales table allows us to do things like this.)

GOOGLE GROUPS EMAIL LIST: BRUCE KELLEY

The club has always relied on an email address list passed between people to make sure that everyone gets the emails meant for the entire club membership. As many of you will attest, this has not worked so well. It is often (always?) out of date, people are left on when their membership lapses, and it is a hassle to maintain. So, we have started up a Google Groups email list and will be filling it in with the club members email addresses so that we can keep everyone in the loop on club communication.

There should be no worries about privacy or email security here. The only group members who can see your address are the list administrators (currently webmaster, Bruce Kelley and secretary, Cindy Smith.) People outside the group cannot send spam to it.

Look for a "Welcome" message from east-kingco-club-members@google.com in the next week or so!

HAD ENOUGH MINERAL PHOTOS YET?: BRUCE KELLEY

Since I gave the presentation at the January meeting, you may be kind of tired of seeing pictures of tiny crystals, but we need content for the newsletter! I'll just give you one new picture this time. You can find the PowerPoint slides from my January talk at our web site: eastkingco.org/resources/Micro-Mineral%20Landscapes%202014-01-17s.ppsx



Kinoite and Apophyllite
*Christmas Mine,
Banner District,
Dripping Spring Mts,
Gila Co., AZ*
FOV: 3.6 x 2.4 mm
Stacking: 401 frames
at 5 μ m.

EAST KINGCO CONTACT INFO

General Club Email: eastkingco@gmail.com
Newsletter and Web Site editor: Bruce Kelley, bruce.kelley@gmail.com
Club Website: www.eastkingco.org
Meetings: Our meetings are held the 3rd Friday of the month except July and August at:
Juanita Community Club
13027 - 100th Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98034

UPCOMING SHOWS AND FIELD TRIPS

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

SHOWS

- **February 8-9, 2014 – Whidbey Island Gem Club & Pebble Pushers “49th Annual Sweetheart of Gems Show”**
Saturday: 9:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 9:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Oak Harbor Senior Center
51 SE. Jerome Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
- **March 1-2, 2014 – East KingCo Rock & Gem Show**
Saturday: 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday: 10:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Pickering Barn
1730 - 10th Ave. NW, Issaquah, WA 98027
<http://www.eastkingco.org/show.html>

FIELD TRIPS

- **February 9, 2014 – Whidbey Island**
Beach agates, bird watching and the Sweetheart of Gems Show
Meet at the Brick Yard park-and-ride, I-405 exit 22 (just north of Totem Lake) at 8:00 am.
Bring a Washington State Discovery Pass for your vehicle! <http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>
See details in Shannon’s article above.
- **February 15, 2014 – Cedar Ponds**
Jasper
Digging and light hard rock tools
Meet at 9:00 a.m. @ Monroe Jack in the Box
Host: Marysville Rock & Gem Club.
Contact: Ed Lehman, wsmced@hotmail.com, (425) 334-6282