



East KingCo Rock Club

May 2014 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

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

When: Friday, **May 15, 2014**. 7:30 p.m. (7:00 p.m. for juniors)

Regular Program: Show and Tell – Everyone bring something to show!

Youth Program: Mounting mineral specimens

NEWS AND MINUTES

COMING UP...

May 16 Regular meeting: Show and Tell – everyone bring something to show!
Youth: Mounting mineral specimens

June 20 Regular meeting: To be announced

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2014: CINDY SMITH

President Kim Villines called the meeting to order. New members were welcomed.

Member birthdays for March were announced, and gift bags distributed.

Members were encouraged to view the silent auction items before beginning of the evenings' presentation. Tickets for the raffle were distributed, and the winners drawn.

Kim reminded the members that the club needs a treasurer. Robin Feiner has been acting as interim treasurer but cannot continue to carry the role. If you have bookkeeping skills, please consider stepping up to support the club. Contact Kim with any questions (earthlightgems@aim.com).

The evening's guest presenter Don Newsome delivered an informative and entertaining demonstration featuring his collection of fluorescent rocks. Don shared his extensive insight on light spectrum, how certain rocks appear in the light of various spectrums, and the sources for fluorescent rocks. It was a special treat and the presentation was enjoyed by everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Smith
Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 18, 2014: CINDY SMITH

President Kim Villines called the meeting to order. Tickets for the door prizes were distributed, and the winners drawn. New members were welcomed and invited to introduce themselves.

Norma Macdonald announced that Guinness, Flynn and Innais earned their Future Rockhounds of America badges and were awarded sweatshirts. They will receive badges next meeting.

Shannon Heaslett announced an upcoming members-only field trip to Stubbs Hill for jasper.

An upcoming trip to Kalama was discussed. Once we receive our key to access the privately owned area, we will be able to plan a field trip.

Member birthdays for April were announced, and gift bags distributed.

The revised board meeting minutes from the October 2013 meeting were approved. Revision was required to include the last names of all board members. This is necessary for us to add select board members to our bank account.

Members were encouraged to view the silent auction and raffle items.

The evening program was a sapphire dig where everyone was given a bowl of gravel that potentially contained sapphires. It was a fun and educational exercise teaching how to spot rough sapphires; many of the hidden gems were discovered. Many thanks to Earthlight Gems for the contribution of the gravel for this activity.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Smith
Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 4, 2014: CINDY SMITH

Discussion of upcoming general membership meetings and other member activities

- May – 5/16 – Show and tell. Kim recommended that we send two reminder emails about show and tell: week before; three days before; day before. Cindy will post the information on Facebook and Meet-Up, and send the two emails.
- June - Hoping to get John Meek to do a presentation on rock-hounding via GPS.
- July & August – no meetings
- September – Potential to have Pat Barton do a presentation on rock sculpting
- October – Bingo
- November – Charity auction
- December – Holiday party

The dates for the rock cutting party and the rock sorting party are yet to be decided.

Bruce will update the club website and Facebook with meeting and show dates. Cindy will add the meeting dates on Meet-Up.

Annual club show – we need to replace the banners. Kim wants to know who has the sizes that have been agreed upon; and if there is an update on the status of getting the replacements made.

Updated club by-laws - We need an update from Robin on the situation including what still needs to be done so that we can move forward with filing the necessary paperwork.

Field trips – The Bellevue club was able to make a trip to Kalama on May 3 so we should be able to schedule a trip soon.

Treasurer – Kim is going to ask her bookkeeper for a referral service to do the books for the club. Bruce will also look into sources for a service.

Next board meeting – Martin will bring copy of the by-laws, charter, articles of incorporation. We need to define clearly the responsibilities of each officer role.

Next board meeting – June 1

Next club meeting – May 16

September board meeting – September 6 - Kim and Todd will be out of town.

Club show will be Feb 28-Mar 1, 2015

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Smith
Secretary

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!

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

As I've reported since February, we have a new Facebook page: facebook.com/EastKingCoRockClub. The "like" count is steadily climbing at 59, but it would be great to include everyone from the club and community. 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!

NEW MICRO-PHOTOS: BRUCE KELLEY

Here are some micro-photos from recent finds:



**Khinite (green) and
Gold**

*Bird Nest drift, Otto
Mtn., Baker, San
Bernardino Co., CA*

FOV: 0.94 x 0.81 mm
Stacking: 155 frames
at 7.5 μ m



**Nissonite and
Chrysocolla ps.
Malachite**

*Boss Mine,
Goodsprings Dist.,
Clark Co., NV*

FOV: 1.15 x 0.95 mm
Stacking: 148 frames
at 4 μ m



**Boltwoodite
(yellow),
Smithsonite (green)
& Hemimorphite
(colorless)**

*Green Monster Mine,
Goodsprings Dist.,
Clark Co., NV*

FOV: 1.0 x 1.0 mm
Stacking: 36 frames
at 7.5 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

- **May 17-18, 2014 – Seattle Mineral Market**
Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm, Sunday: 10 am – 5 pm
Lake City Community Center
12531 - 28th Ave NE, Lake City, WA
- **June 6-8, 2014 – Puyallup Valley Show**
Friday: 12 pm – 5 pm, Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm, Sunday: 11 pm – 4 pm
Swiss Park
9205 198th Ave. E., Puyallup, WA

FIELD TRIPS

- **May 17, 2014 – Saddle Mountain**
Petrified Wood
Digging and light rock tools
Meet at the Matawa Leprechaun Market at 9:00 am.
Host: Ellensburg Rock Club
Contact: Steve Townsend, srtrocks@aol.com, (509) 933-2236