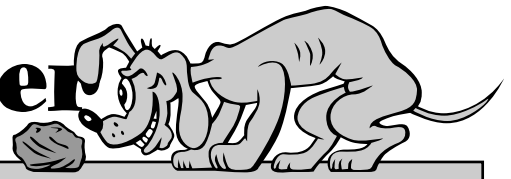


Port Moody Rock & Gem Newsletter



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Club Mailing Address:

Port Moody Rock & Gem
 c/o Kyle Centre, 125 Kyle St.
 Port Moody, BC V3H 2V7

General Meetings:

Last Thursday of each month
 (except June, July, Aug., Dec.)
 7:30 PM, Arts Centre,
 St. Johns St., Port Moody

Next Meeting:

Pot Luck Dinner, 5 PM,
 Dec. 15, Kyle Centre

INTERESTING WEBSITES

www.lapidary.bc.ca (BC Society)
www.rockhounds.com
 (Rock & Gem Magazine)
mineral.galleries.com
www.palagems.com
www.gemsociety.com

Raising teenagers
 is like nailing jelly
 to a tree.

CLUB NOTICES

ROCK MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 20th, 2005

- The main focus of this meeting was the upcoming show. Plans are proceeding well.
- A motion was made and carried, to pay the kitchen supervisor \$75 per day.
- Cabochon Tournament will proceed with a possible change to the way it will be judged.
- We have the sign permit so signs will go up Monday.
- Rose sent a press release to The Now paper and a photographer took pictures.
- The Society donated plastic skirting for our tables.
- Two instrumental guitarists might volunteer to perform at the school.
- A reminder was made to lock back doors as some lamps were taken when the door was left open.
- A saw donated by Martin Colman may be put up for silent auction to members with proceeds going to Martin's family. Details to be finalized after the show.
- Elections will be held at the November meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

submitted by Gail M.

November 17th, 2005

- New executive has been elected. President: Andrew Danneffel, Vice President: Warren Edwards, Secretary: Shirley Edwards, and Society Delegates as follows: Senior: Gary Richards, Intermediate: Crew & Diane Rekunyk, Junior: Ken Ayres.
- Rendezvous will be May 19-22 at Heffley Creek. Check Society website for more info.
- New and good things happening in workshop.
- Rock show was successful with over 850 people attending over the 2 days. Thanks for all the hard work. Next year's show is already in the planning stages. (see page page for more)
- Christmas Pot Luck (see ad) happening on Dec 15th. This will replace the December general meeting.

submitted by Shirley

Sunshine

Let go me
 ankles, Murphy
 or I'll hit you on
 the head with
 this pick



from:

MWFMS

Bulletin Editor News 1/84

via Golden Spike News 9/00

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

MON. Lapidary 8:30 AM - 12 noon
TUES. Lapidary 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
WED. Faceting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
THURS. Lapidary 8:30 AM - 12 noon
 For faceting, contact Bill McCracken at 604-469-1726

CLUB NEWS

Port Moody Rock & Gem Club

Annual Christmas Pot Luck Supper



Thursday, December 15th, 2005
 5 PM to 9 PM

Kyle Centre, Port Moody

Supper starts at 6 PM

Bring something delicious to share,
 your own dishes, cutlery and mug.
 Coffee, tea, pop and juice will be provided.

TRIP TIPS BY CECIL

- How to keep warm camping: Take a 12 foot square of plastic and put it on the ground. Place your sleeping bag on one half. Fold half over the top of your sleeping bag. It will help to keep you warm.
- Another method to keep toasty: When you build a campfire, take some dry rocks (none from a river) and put under the fire. Dig a trench under your sleeping area and carry the heated rocks with a shovel and place in the trench. Cover with dirt. The heat from the stones will keep you warm.
- To keep ants away from your site, take a handful of sugar and put on the ground about 10 feet away from your tent.

submitted by shop supervisor, Cecil Smith

Q and A

Q Could you please tell me about Moissanite. It is very expensive in jewelry form. I cannot find what kind of gemstone it is.

A Moissanite is a crystallized form of silicon carbide, which is one of our most common abrasives. It has been highly hyped as a diamond substitute and it does a respectable job. Since it has strong double refraction and is green in one direction, it is fairly easy to distinguish from diamond. The manufacturer has done an excellent job of promoting this stone. Currently, wholesale prices are \$200 to \$300 (US) per carat. I don't know if they can sustain this price for long. Several other synthetics were high priced when first introduced, but have come way down in price.

Don Clark CSM IMG, President
 International Gemstone Society
www.gemsociety.org

Show Review

Shirley setting up bright and early Saturday morning



What a show! Two days of rocks, rocks and more rocks. We had over 850 attendees admire the displays, buy items, play games, eat, and watch demonstrators at the Port Moody Rock & Gem Club's 24th Annual Rock Show. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up and take down, manned stations, demonstrated and made the public feel welcome. There were lots of smiles from the little ones as they smashed rocks, spun the wheel or created works of art. Members from other clubs came to chew the fat and admire the handiwork of our club. Winners of the Cabochon Contest: Novice: Chandra Collett, Expert: Geoff Cameron. Congratulations!

Les and Frank admiring the quartz showcase



Elaine's bear & Cecil's ship



UPCOMING EVENTS



**Birthday Boy
Hans Golz
99 years young!**

FIELD TRIP

Peg Leg Bar (Chilliwack)
Dec. 4/05
Leader: Gordon Pinder
Meeting Place: 9 am, Sardis exit, Tim Hortons,
Contact: Gordon Pinder
604-870-4779
Material: agate, jasper, possibly jade.

FIELD TRIP

Yale Bar, Jan. 8/06
Leader: Harley Waterson
Meeting Place: 9 am, Bridal Falls
Contact: Harley Waterson,
604-590-3289
Material: agate, jasper, possibly jade.

FIELD TRIP

Alexander Bar, Feb. 12/06
Leader: Harley Waterson
Meeting Place: 9 am, Bridal Falls
Contact: Harley Waterson,
604-590-3289
Material: agate, jasper, possibly jade.

Christmas Cheer

Top 10 List of Gifts for Serious Mineral Collectors

1. A mine
2. A Humvee
3. The strength of ten men
4. A time machine
5. A grip on reality
6. X-ray vision
7. Health insurance
8. Dynamite
9. Life insurance
10. Arizona

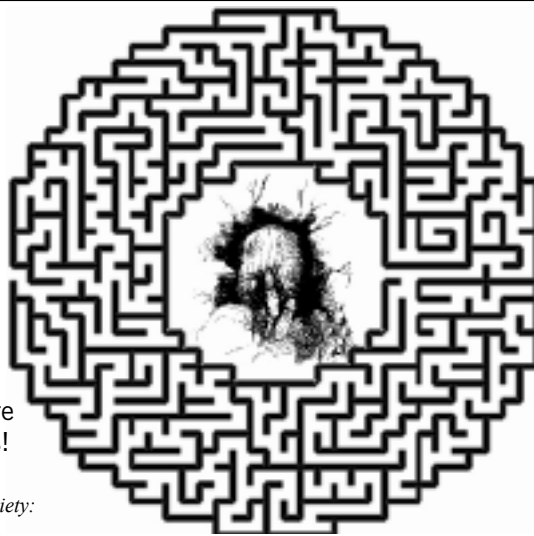
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Rocky Rockhound is in trouble!

Rocky Rockhound went into a mine looking for rocks, but now he can't find his way out. Can you help? Start in the middle and work your way out. Good Luck!

Moral: Don't venture into caves or mines!

Tooele Gem & Mineral Society: utahrockhounds.com



off the mark by Mark Parisi www.offthemark.com



ROCK SHOW

MAPLE RIDGE LAPIDARY CLUB
February 18 & 19, 2006
Saturday 12am-6pm
Sunday 10am-4:30pm
St. Andrews United Church Hall
22165 Dewdney Trunk Road
Maple Ridge, BC
For more information contact:
Ken Rimmer

For more info, check Society web page: www.lapidary.bc.ca