
  
**Lake City Rockhound News**
  
 NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB
   
 AUGUST 2008

**Club Mailing Address—P.O. Box 1643 Hayden, ID 83835**

**Meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM**

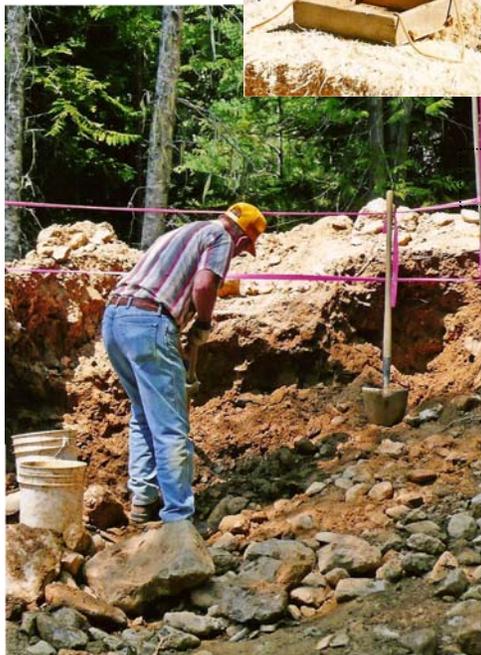
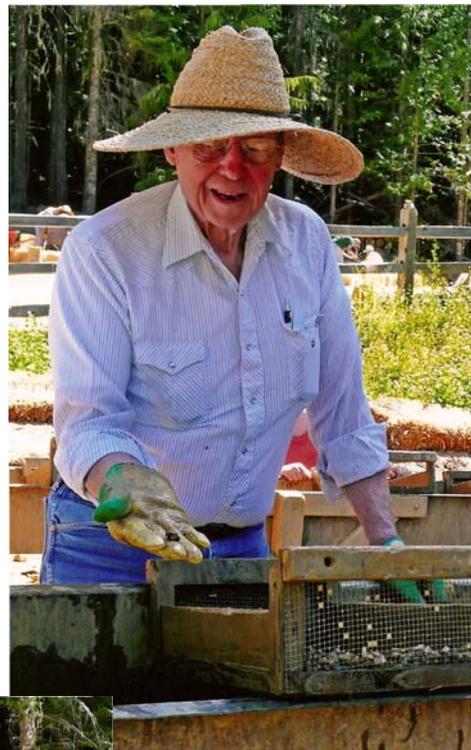
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**Emerald Creek**

Mike Rose and  
Lu Rauch  
  
Sifting-----



Jim Peterson



The dirt area

"Here's one!"  
Everett

### REPORT ON THE RATHDRUM DAYS EXPERIENCE

Bob and I set up the gazebo on the high school grounds at Rathdrum on July 18, the morning after our last meeting in Dalton for the picnic. We got out tables set up and then I went to the store for some supplies to make signs, which I had forgotten to bring from home. The wind was pretty brisk that morning, and some of our neighbors had had trouble with their signs blowing away, so we taped ours to the gazebo top. Worked fine. One tent just up from us blew away and two supports broke so it could not be used.

We set up the Treasure Hunt that we used at our show in June, and the Ring Toss from the Colville club. ( Johnie and Ginger had brought it down to us on a trip to Spokane, for which we were very grateful. ) The event opened that day at noon, but we had our first customers quite a bit earlier. I think it was a hit! Susan Rekow and grand daughter Sayra came up to help us in the early afternoon, and we were so glad! I made a quick trip home to get my small sieves to facilitate getting out the last little stones for the kids to put in their bottles, (at Susan's suggestion) and did that ever help move things along. We used so many of the little bags that Mike had already prepared with the gem stones in that we had to make an emergency order from the Rose "bag factory" that evening. The Ring Toss was a great success also, and Bob gave away two boxes of his best tumbled petrified wood pieces during the two days we were there--even letting some of the more eager kids look through the boxes for their own prize. We got home at almost 9 PM that Friday. On Saturday we opened at 10 AM and were joined by Mike Burton who spent several hours helping and working with the kids at the treasure hunt. Bob is going to make a Ring Toss of our own, and we can use it at the next show if we decide to do so. Anyway, it was quite fun--some of the little kids who wanted to do the treasure hunt we stood on top of our cooler so they could reach the table top, and the little ones that wanted to do the ring toss got to stand in front of the table they had a better chance. We were able to talk to lots of parents and other interested adults about our club and had some leaflets about the club to pass out.

Everett and Erna Headrick arrived in the afternoon through the time the event closed at about 7 PM , and helped us take things back to the car. Thank you so much, Mike, Ev and Erna for all your help!! It was really kind of fun to do this, and we're hoping to get asked back next year. We made over \$100.00 for the club and sent a check to the treasurer. Bev

### Meeting notes for North Idaho Mineral Club potluck- Called to order at 6:00pm. July 17, 2008

Mike Rose gave a treasure report on the show profits and expenses.

#### New Business

Diane invited everyone to go to Emerald Creek with the Panorama club the 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. Will dig for garnets the first two days and the 30<sup>th</sup> we have a tour of the commercial garnet factory there. If you want to go to that be there by 8:45.

There are room for 30 people and only 4 from the Panorama club have confirmed.

Mike will make a count tonight and will call the Garnet place tomorrow with the number of attending. Everyone must wear a hard hat. Diane bought 14 of them at \$4.50/ea so if you need one see her. Roses are going to be camping there at the Forest Service campground on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. It costs \$6 per night.

Garnet dig opens at 9am. The garnet doesn't appear as good of quality as before. More of the dirt pile is roped off so you have to dig in front.

Take a stool, scrub brush, sun block and water.

Forest Service would like to close the garnet dig, but keep it open so people won't be digging in the creek. They plan on moving further up the valley in a few years.

There were 23 people at the pot luck. Lots of good food and conversation.

The club is going to have a booth at the Rathdrum fair at the high school. Bob Bockman is manning it and would like volunteers to help.

Mike Rose and Bob Bockman talked about how far the club has come in the last 4 years. A lot of time was spent on pre-show prep this year and it showed.

Mike talked about a short trip up in the CDA's to look for an old mine tailing with malachite.

The USGS maps no longer show the mine symbols but we were able to find the correct old closed road and hiked back in a couple of miles to the mine site.

A silent auction was set up with some of the Canadian, Tom Chennsnok's rocks but I left before the auction started so don't know how it went. Bill Johnson, Secretary.

Many other rocks were out for bidding and sold well--some really nice slabs from those obtained in Ellensburg before the show. Also, some interesting "show and tell" specimens from field trips and collections. That always adds a real sense of intense interest to us rockhounds. (Bertha was there sporting a bright purple cast on her left arm. I'm sure that is her favorite color, and it is a healing color, so hope her arm will shortly be back to normal.)

**FIELD TRIP TO EMERALD CREEK JULY 28-29 30**

All had a good time, and lots of hard work, for our first scheduled Bi-club Gamet dig at Emerald Creek. The NIMC group: Everett and Erna Headrick, Jim and Ramona Peterson, Jim and Lu Rauch with grandchildren Lacy and Miles, Cindee Root with grandson Kado Pirone. Panorama Group: Larry and Carol Price, Brian and Peggy Martell, Warren Buell, and Mr. X (sorry, I do not know his name) as well as Mike and I members of both clubs.

We dug, sifted and washed lots of material along with 100 or so other people both days. Everyone found garnets and most got nearly a pound a day. Everett brought his wheelbarrow so Mike dug and sifted while Everett and I washed and picked garnets. Miles and Lacy dug, Lu sifted and Jim picked garnets from the screen, quite a team effort! I tried to get pictures of most of the group except Mr. X eluded me while the camera was out.

Everyone, except Larry and Carol stayed in the Forest Service Campground where we sat around the campfire swatting mosquitoes, that were unaffected by bug spray or Downy fabric sheets. We swapped rock stories and ate some-mores prepared by Miles, Lacy, and Kado as roasters of the marshmallows and Lu would add them to chocolate frosted graham crackers, some plain chocolate, second was mint and a third peanut butter. Mint was my favorite. What a treat!

On Wednesday, we all went on the mine tour with Bill Johnson and Rick Buchheit driving down just for the tour and Donni Moen took time off work to join the group. Dave Thorn, plant manager, explained the mining process including a very strict permit process required to mine the area. They are required to restore the area after mining to better than it was before they mined the area with time restraints as well. A very informative presentation. sorry you were not able to join us.

Submitted by Diane Rose (SEE SOME GREAT PICTURES BELOW AND ON PAGE 1)



Lacy and Jim Rauch

Kado Pirone

Above-  
Lacy, Jim R. Larry and Carol Price and Ev  
Center--Cindee Root & grandson Kado Pirone



MINE TOUR The tour group with exception of Bill Johnson and Diane Rose--the penalty of being the photographers.

NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 21, 2008 AT 6:30 pm

PROGRAM a video presentation

TREE STORIES -- a 2001 AFMS Award Program (25 minutes)

Short meeting and REFRESHMENTS

PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR SHOW AND TELL ITEMS

(I will bring items that are mentioned in this film for new members to examine and hold and ask questions--OK? Bev)

**Welcome new member who joined at the July meeting. Add to your member list.**

**James "Pete" Pryor -- 3943 N. 22nd St., CdA. 83815 664 4281**

Our friend and fellow rock hound, **Keith Berger** of Colville, WA.--a charter member of the Panorama Gem and Mineral Club died on August 6. He had been in ill health for some time now, and his passing was not unexpected. He leaves his wife Ann, at the home in Colville, three children, and one beloved grand daughter--and his "fat dog" Beauty . He was known at our rock shows as "ROUND ROCKS" as his real love was making marbles by hand. They were made of any and all beautiful materials. And he is known by his friends in Colville as one of the best log scalers that ever lived. He will be missed by many!

I got an e-mail announcement from the ROCK RANCH and it sounds like Steve Livingston is off to a good start with his rock shop/rock hunting and family fun area out south on Barker Road in the Valley. How nice to have a place close by to take the kids out to do some rock hounding without having to drive to another state or half way across ours. I have not been there as yet, and he does require reservations--but I hope to get out there before our next meeting so I can give you the scoop.

The phone number there is 509-270-9076. Call for information and details or any questions.

Open for public digs Wednesday through Sunday 11 AM to 7 PM- tools provided or bring your own. Call for details and prices.

On September 6, Saturday will be an all day tailgate party and potluck for dinner for dealers and customers--everybody welcome. There is a big parking lot area where everybody that has some extra lapidary material or equipment to trade or sell can set up.

I know there are those of us who will not be attending this tailgate party! We will be in "isolation" at the John Hancock Field Station in Oregon at the Northwest Rockhound Retreat. And that does mean no frills, and no phones and such. Glad to hear more of our members are going to experience this unique opportunity for learning about what is dear to our hearts--and getting better at what we love to do, and living 24 hours a day with like minded people. Wish us luck! Sept. 1 through Sept 7.

<p><b>Officers and Board members 2008</b></p> <p>President Bob Bockman</p> <p>Vice President Kelly Hanson 772 5780 rockhounds@adelphia.net</p> <p>Treasurer –Donni Moen ( and Mike Rose )</p> <p>Secretary Bill Johnson 765 3099 wjohnson@icehouse.net (also, field trip associate)</p> <p>Federation Director –Bob Bockman</p> <p>Federation Delegate (Open)</p> <p>Washington State Mineral Council Delegates—(open)</p>
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<p><b>Committee Chairpersons for 2008</b></p> <p>Hospitality Bertha McPherson (guest book) 772 3882</p> <p>Field Trips—Mike and Diane Rose 667 8591 (e-mail below)</p> <p>Membership-<b>Diane Rose</b></p> <p>Refreshments <b>members sign up monthly</b></p> <p>Public Relations—Diane Rose 667 8591 <a href="mailto:rockinroses2@msn.com">rockinroses2@msn.com</a></p> <p><b>Show Chairmen 2008</b> Bob Bockman and Everett Headrick</p> <p>Bulletin Editor... — Bev Bockman 773- 5384 bockbb@aol.com</p> <p>Program Chairman —Bev Bockman 773 -5384</p> <p>Public Lands Access Committee Representative Kelly Hanson</p>
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**AN IDEAL CLUB MEMBER'S ALPHABET**

- Always: attend meeting
  - Bring: someone with you
  - Communicate: with others
  - Develop: mutual understanding and respect
  - Enjoy: the hobby and have fun
  - Friendship: cherish and nurture the valuable commodity
  - Generosity, Goals, Gentleness: use when needed
  - Honesty: use it regularly
  - Ideas: Share with other members
  - Jealousy: avoid like the plague
  - Knowledge: help promote it
  - Labor: donate when and where needed
  - Mistakes: correct yours and overlook others
  - Nonsense: use frequently - breaks monotony
  - Order: help maintain at all meetings
  - Patience: develop as much as possible
  - Quarrels: never indulge. They serve no good purpose
  - Rocks: study, hunt, collect, work, polish, build with them
  - Share: your talents, energy and knowledge with others
  - Talent: use and improve as much as possible
  - United: help the club stay that way
  - Value: friends, members, yourself and the organization
  - Work: an important ingredient, be willing to help carry the load
  - X-rate: all gossip, malice, petty peeves & negative attitude
  - Yesterday: leave it where it belongs - in the past
  - Zeal: be generous with it, encourage other to do likewise
- Original source unknown  
 Via Quarry Quips 4/ 2003  
 The Mountain Gem 2004

**IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU HEARD**

The store manager heard a clerk tell a customer, "No, Ma'am, we haven't had any for awhile and it doesn't look as if we'll be getting any soon."

Horrified, the manager came running over and said, "Of course we'll have some soon. We placed an order last week!" Then the manager drew the clerk aside.

"Never," he snarled. "Never, Never, NEVER say we are out of anything - say we've ordered it and it's coming. Now what was it she wanted?"

"RAIN" said the clerk.

(All above from Gem Cutters News 3/2005)

**THUNDER EGGS**

Thunder eggs do not thunder and neither will they hatch. They are not even eggs! They are called thunder eggs because they were once thought to be petrified eggs of the terrible dinosaur called the Thunder Lizard or Tyrannosaurus Rex.

They are curious baseball-shaped concretions dug from the soil of old volcanic ash beds of Idaho and Oregon. These concretions were once hollow lava pockets that have since been filled with chalcedony, agate and opal. When cut in half and polished, they reveal patterns of great beauty and color.

Thunder Eggs are sometimes confused with geodes. The thunder eggs are solid, a geode is a similar shaped hollow globular body varying from two inches to a foot or more in size and is characteristic of certain limestone beds. They have hollow interior linings of inward projecting crystals and sometimes this lining is drusy quartz. They have a clay film between the outer geode and the enclosing limestone.

From The Thumblicker, and others Via Pickin's & Diggin's 12/1991 Jean Wallace, Editor

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**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE**

What's the difference between rocks, minerals and gems?

Minerals are made up of inorganic materials (substances that were never alive), whose atoms are arranged in a regular pattern or crystal.

Rocks are made up of one or more minerals. Most people also include clay and limestone in the rock category. Gems are a special subgroup of highly prized minerals. Gems are usually clearer, rarer and more beautiful than other minerals. Color, luster and hardness are also important that can set gems apart from other minerals. But there's no hard and fast rule as to which minerals cut it as gems and which ones don't. It's mostly a matter of custom.

What's the difference between precious and semi-precious gems?

Most gems can be divided into precious and semi-precious. Diamonds, emeralds, rubies and sapphires are all considered precious gems. Most remaining gems, such as varieties of quartz, including amethyst, opal and bloodstone, are semi-precious.

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 via Rock Licker 9 / 03

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**2008 Rock and Gem Shows in WA., OR. , ID. & MT**

- Sept. 6-7 Umpqua Gem Club Roseburg, OR.
- Sept. 13-14 Marcus Whitman Club--WallaWalla, WA.\*\*\*\*\*
- Sept. 19-20-21 Farwest Gem Club--Coos Bay, OR.
- Sept. 20-21 Hellgate Club--Missoula, MT\*\*\*\*\*
- Sept. 20-21 So WA. Min. Soc.--Castle Rock, WA
- Sept. 26-28 Portland Regional Portland, OR\*\*\*\*\*

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