



# Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

JUNE 2009

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

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

At Post Falls Senior Center, in the Dougall Room— 1215 E. 3rd. St. Post Falls, ID

The public is welcome.

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**Annual Rock Show —2009** is now in the past, and all are rested and able to look back on a pretty good time! Most of the vendors were very good, the help from club members was exceptional and the weather cooperated really well! We'll see when all the bills are paid whether it was a success financially. Our major expenses for the year ahead are rent for our meetings, storage, occasional purchases of supplies of rocks for our members, our picnic in July and "party" during December.

As show chairman for 2009, I am so grateful to our club members for doing an outstanding job! I want to thank Mike and Diane Rose for their excellent help —Mike for being our backup (and muscle) for any problems that came up, helping with set-up, and manning the microphone, taking lots of turns at the treasure hunt for the kids.....and Diane for making all the banners for the vendor locations, name badges, and taping the spaces for the vendors tables to be placed. Together they did many large jobs. (Thank goodness they did not decide to stay in Arizona.) Other returnees were Jim and Ramona Peterson, and thanks to them for helping with cases and putting in a beautiful display case. Everett and Erna held down the ticket area with occasional relief from other members, and some of the work they have done every year I promise we will split up to different areas next year—whichever is in charge. Warren Price helped with the tables, electrical plug ins and in the Fluorescent display (which we were able to use, courtesy of Bill Allen and Johnnie and Ginger Pitman of the Panorama Club.) The Pitmans were with us almost the entire weekend helping in many areas and worked very hard. Bill Johnson and Rick Bucheit did an great job with the Silent Auction, keeping things really moving. Former member Karl Mrazek worked for hours there also. I cannot thank all of you for doing all the things you got done, but please know your help did not go unnoticed. Donnie Moen put in hours at the Fluor. Display. Yolanda Rosales and George Lyles looked out for the Treasure hunt for one whole day (and took Sunday "off" to go on a raptor rescue!!~) Kelly and Valerie Hanson were there to help, , Bertha and Tiffany sold grab bags, Pam and Dennis Hicks, before they went to work being vendors, as did James Finckbone and Steve before setting up to sell. (Steve and Dennis both reported thefts from their tables.) Joan worked very hard at the tear down and is so willing to help. Her jewelry in the club case was outstanding. Michael Burton was the cameraman for our event, and has already posted many pictures on our web site.

The club members who participated in the club case displays are to be congratulated—every one seems to be getting much better at what we like to do—particularly Mike Rose! His array of cabs proves it. And Warren with the fire agate and star garnets. Finally—just a big thank you to **everyone** and I'll be glad to help the next show chairman in every way possible (except ladders are out!). Continued on page 3

## **North Idaho Mineral Club meeting May 21 st 2009 called to order at 6:30 by President Mike Rose.**

The meeting began with the program. Our guest speaker was Dave Waisman, mineralogist from Spokane, on "Why I Collect Minerals. It was a good presentation and got a rousing applause. The pictures were absolutely beautiful.

Garnet dig at Emerald Creek opens tomorrow, Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Mike Rose, Warren Price and Bill Johnson met Kelly and Valerie Hanson there on Saturday. Warren came away the big winner with 27 ounces including one very large garnet., and he later reported that one had a six rayed star)

Mike started out by thanking Bev for getting Dave Waisman to present this program, and thanking members for bringing refreshments. Next month Maria McDonald and Warren Price have volunteered to bring refreshments.

Show report: There was a show meeting at the Bockman's house on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Looks like we may have more help from members this year than in years past. Twenty one dealers are signed up. Friday morning setup crew ready. Seven AM for the Roses to mark table locations Eight to eight thirty for people to set up tables. Will need help on Sunday putting tables away.

Members were contacted by phone by Erna and Joan Gundlach for contributions for the potluck on Friday.

Mike says to encourage members to purchase a club vest, hat or pin so they can be recognized as members by the public. He brought some along to sell. Anyone who doesn't have a name tag talk to Diane.

Treasurers report by Susan Rekow: at our last meeting we had \$9,191.01. Deposits \$1,063.70. Payments out of \$863.02 brought the balance to \$9385.69. Most of the show bills remain to be paid.

New Business: Harris and Cherie Frisque brought in a big geode and have asked Mike to cut it for them.

Old Business: We had a workshop last Saturday. Steve brought a couple of buckets of miscellaneous slabs to the show meeting and several club members met at Rose's shop to identify them and price them for the show. Many were mediocre so were pit into tubs for 25 cents or half dollar each. Others were nice enough to price individually and were put in plastic bags with the price marked on them.

Bill Johnson also brought a couple of small boxes of slabs and they were added to the others.

Then Mike Rose and Bill Johnson went to the storage unit and brought back a dozen or more buckets of club material to sort through, identify and price for the silent auction.

Members spent a couple of hours going over and marking stuff.

On other business we have two different regular meeting times out there. 6:30 and 7. The Nickels Worth has 7 PM and Diane said she will have them change it.

**Showcase Auction** on Friday night has a slab saw and some gems and minerals for sale.

(Mike Rose bought the rock saw for Bill Johnson and they have since cleaned it out and it is in production at Johnson's garage. It cost \$81 for the 10" saw but the blade was worn out so a couple of old but barely used ones were purchased for \$65 from the Roses.)

Steve Livingstone is going to do a POW WOW at his Rock Ranch and will pass out brochures. (I didn't get one.) May do our picnic at Livingstone's ranch this year. Not decided yet.

Dennis Hicks is doing a campout and dig for geodes at Red Top and invites people to join him May 28<sup>th</sup> to May 31 st. Close meeting at 8:15. Silent Auction over at 8:25. About 3/4 of the material sold. Bill J. Secretary

At this meeting we welcomed Brian Taylor as a guest.— Jim and Ramona Peterson back for the summer.

Cherie and Harris Frisque renewed their membership. Maria McDonald has completed her Masters degree in Social Work and can now renew her membership and again take part in the club. And we welcomed new members, Bill and Laurie Jonas who live in Newport during the summer and plan to spend the winter in the south.

Twenty six members and guests were present at this meeting.

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One big thank you goes to Bob Bockman for making and manning for long periods the new Ring Toss, and to Sherla Francis and Jim Rauch for helping wherever needed. I think part of the time they were doing both the Ring Toss and the Treasure hunt. Ruth Brooks came to the show though she is now in a wheelchair. She said she “wouldn't miss it!” Thanks to Cherie and Harris for their help. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me. Bev B.



Winners of the grand prizes—  
The young lady on the left who got the bookends and books was on her way back to Utah after a visit. And the smiling blond girl on the right was awarded the beaded snowflake obsidian necklace.



Below are Susan, Mike Burton and Erna at the ticket desk



Bill Johnson at his post, taking a break



A couple of views of the west part of the room during the show



**The Northwest Rockhound Retreat for 2009** is drawing closer. Some of our members ~~will be~~ going again. For information access the Northwest Newsletter at [www.amfed.org/nfms](http://www.amfed.org/nfms) for all the information and registration materials. The classes have once again expanded. Sept .7 through 13. A great experience!!!

**PROGRAM FOR June 18.**

Meeting starts at 6:30 PM, Program at 7 PM—

A short “rock related” film on DVD

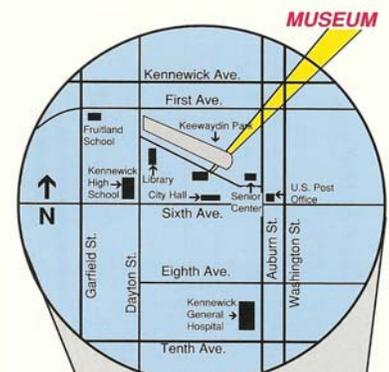
Silent Auction, Some discussion of ways to improve our next show

Refreshments provided this evening by Maria McDonald and Warren Price

**MAXEY’S PETRIFIED WOOD FLOOR**



If you want to see the “9th wonder of the world” next time you are going southwest on Highway 395 through Kennewick, drive over to the East Benton Co. Historical Society and Museum—not far off the highway and well worth a visit! I will not go into the reason this delight came to be—or how it got into the museum, but I will furnish the information to anyone who wants it at the next meeting. I have made two hand-outs. Directional map follows, but pay attention to the direction of the arrows.



Detail of Map Below Showing Museum Location



Map of Kennewick, Washington

**JUNE BIRTHDAY PEOPLE——PEARLS**

Pearls are organic gems, created when an oyster covers a foreign object with beautiful layers of nacre. Long ago, pearls were important financial assets, comparable in price to real estate, as thousands of oysters had to be searched for just one pearl. They were rare because they were created only by chance.

Today pearls are cultured by Man. Shell beads are placed inside an oyster and the oyster is returned to the water. When the pearls are later harvested, the oyster has covered the bead with layers of nacre. Most cultured pearls are produced in Japan. In the warmer waters of the South Pacific, larger oysters produce South Sea cultured pearls and Tahitian black cultured pearls, which are larger in size. Freshwater pearls are cultured in mussels, mostly in China.

The quality of pearls is judged by the orient, which is the soft iridescence caused by the refraction of light by the layers of nacre, and luster, the reflectivity and shine of the surface. Fine pearls do not have any flaws or spots in the nacre: it has an even, smooth texture. Other factors which affect value are the regularity of the shape, size, and color: rose tints are the most favored.

Cultured and natural pearls can be distinguished from imitation ones by a very simple test. Take the pearl and rub it (gently!) against the edge of a tooth. Cultured and natural pearls will feel slightly rough, like fine sandpaper, because of the texture of natural nacre. Imitations will feel as smooth as glass because the surface is molded or painted on a smooth bead.

( from Gem by Gem website)

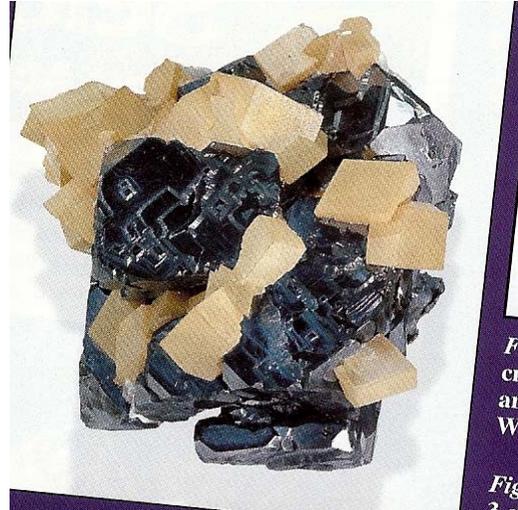
**Notes from Dave Waismans presentation on May 21, 2009**

What is a mineral? It is naturally occurring, solid, inorganic, with its own unique chemical and physical characteristics, formed in the waters and gases of the earth's crust.

Minerals are everywhere. They give us our standard of living—our cars, homes, everything we use daily. They are common but they are also rare.—uncommon analogues.

They are unique. There are around 4000 mineral species but only 100 or so are collectible. They are millions of years old.

The higher grade of minerals form in rare geologic environments, are of striking size, symmetric form, collectible and beautiful. They are truly Nature's Art.



Galena with Calcite from Rocks and Minerals Nov-Dec 2003

A complete membership roster will be provided in the July newsletter, for 2009

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Kevin and Alyssa Kneseck of Coeur d'Alene. 3172 N. Honeysuckle Dr. phone 277-7745 e-mail geo\_science@msn.com;

Donald McKenzie and Kathy Kopp at P.O.Box 366, Philipsburg, MT. 59858. Phone 1-406-859-1282

Joining at the last meeting were Bill and Laurie Jonas of 102 Beryl Court in Newport, WA. 99156. home phone 1 509-447-2356, cell 425-931-4432. email— billjon63@yahoo.com

Cheryl Ellicott of 291 Phillips Lane, Sagle ID. joined at the show Her phone is 1-208-869-2058 e-mail cherylellicott@gmail.com

**RENEWING members** are Cherie and Harris Frisque of P.O.Box 903, Spirit Lake, ID. 83869 Phone 208 623-6382. Also, Joanna Petridou 2425 E. Golden Rd., Spokane, WA 99208 jpetridou@gmail.com

Rob Moser, 1395 E. Stockman, Post Falls, ID. 208-457-9540, and

Maria Mc Donald, 4745 Troy St., Coeur d'Aene, ID. 83815 208-762-4378

Tom Chermnok of Grand Forks B.C. paid his dues for another year. He is listed on the current membership list as are Jim and Ramona Peterson of Colbert, WA. who join after coming home from their place in AZ. (Cindee Root has not renewed her membership and will be removed from the roster.)

**OFFICERS FOR 2009**

Mike Rose—President

Warren Price—V.P.

Secretary - Bill Johnson

Treasurer — Susan Rekow

Federation director—Everett Headrick

Federation Delegate—open

WSMC Delegate—Open

**Committees for 2009**

Hospitality – Bertha McPherson and Bob Bockman

Field Trips—Dennis and Pam Hicks (with Roses')

Membership-Susan Rekow

Show Chairman-Bev Bockman 2009

Newsletter Editor—Bev Bockman

Program Chairman-Bev Bockman **AND CLUB MEMBERS**

Webmaster—Michael Burton

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2009 Rock and Gem Shows in WA., OR. , ID. & MT

June 19-21 Oregon Coast Agate Club, Newport, Oregon

First Annual Malheur Co. rock show at Ontario, OR.

July 17-19 Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary at Reedsport OR.

**2009--JULY 29-30 AUG. 1-2 BILLINGS MT. AFMS/NFMS SHOW**

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