



# Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

**MARCH 2012**

P.O. Box 1643 Hayden, ID 83835

MEETING AT LAKE CITY SENIOR CENTER 1916 LAKEWOOD DRIVE

667-4628 6:00 P.M. 3rd Thursday of month Visitors Welcome

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MEETING ON MARCH 15 6:00 PM

PROGRAM: DVD FROM AFMS/NFMS LIBRARY

(I ordered two—just in case—and do not know at this moment which is coming. Both are excellent!!)

Refreshments and Silent Auction follow the business meeting.

**For the benefit of members—old and new—**this is a reminder that work on our show must begin in earnest. Bill is doing double duty as President and Show Chairman and **must** have the support of the membership. The show provides for our rent, storage costs, and running expenses such as programs, advertising and all the costs of putting the show on. **JUNE 2 & 3 ARE THE DATES THIS YEAR.** Needed are help with advertising, making prizes for the kids games, organizing the dealer pot-luck on Friday evening, setting up and filling display cases, making the floor plan for the vendors and other activities, setting up tables and chairs and skirting the tables that need them, and if any of you have questions **please** ask at the meeting. **Let's have some input.** Everybody should be doing what they can to help. (The fairgrounds lets us in early Friday to start set-up.)

Regular meeting of North Idaho Mineral club—February 16, 2012

The program by Leon Agee—The American Golden Topaz—was screened before the meeting, and was beautiful, interesting and very well received! Thanks to Leon!!! A good friend to rock hounds and especially fond of facetors. He was very impressed with the questions asked by the members and even more impressed to find that several are active and that some of those are self taught.

The meeting was brief consisting of the treasurers report: three months paid on our meeting room, WMC dues paid, P.O. Box paid (price raise). Old business consisted of reminders about the show, and need for a show board meeting as soon as feasible. (ED. Taking place at 2 PM March 11 at Headricks. All members are encouraged to come—just let Ev know if you decide to come because parking is tight)

Field trips that have been written up in the Northwest Newsletter for this spring were mentioned, and the many planned by the rock Rollers and the Panorama Club that we are welcome to attend. There will be a first show in the city of Port Angeles the weekend of March 24 if anyone is going their way.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM for refreshments and the Silent Auction. Several new members were welcomed tonight—Bill Gundlach, Robert and Teresa Holt of Rathdrum. The names of Dean and Patricia Hutchinson are on the roster, as well as Carol Schlobohn, and Mark and Dot Sallade. Tammy Madland remains unwell, but glad Hiram could be there.

Sec. Pro tem (for Tammy and Diane)—Bev B.

**Field trip on April 2—a Monday—at 9:30 at the Mario & Son Marble and Granite “plant” just west of State Line on the frontage road that goes to Liberty Lake. Go under the free way at State Line and take the first road going west. It is amazing, noisy and you can have free polished samples—also there is a museum. The facility is open to the public, so if you want to go back with visitors or grandchildren later you can. Sign up at the March meeting please. Not far to drive!**

The next field trip will be with the Rock Rollers to Saddle Mountain for petrified wood and to the diatom pits for common opal. We will have more information at the meeting in March—the trip will be in April. Get out your digging tools and leather gloves and good boots or shoes.

**Panorama Gem and Mineral Club Rock and Gem show at the grange hall 1 mile out of Colville (west) on Highway 20. The show is on March 30 (Friday) and Saturday March 31. Carpool if you have to but try and go. Open on Friday 8: 30AM to 6 PM and Saturday 9—5. Good Group with a good show! (They open on Friday for the children in the area.)**

Regarding **land use problems** and closures, I have received many alerts for most of the western United States, but even if I tried to reduce them to the tiniest amount of information it would be too much for you to read. Nevada is one area—also the Wild Lands policy has reared its head again—A wilderness designation is one of the strictest forms of land management—once so designated nearly all forms of non-pedestrian recreation are illegal. And it may soon be illegal to pick up agates from the Oregon beaches. I encourage any interested to read the letter I will bring to the meeting on the 15th. BB

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**Short newsletter this month dictated by inability to remain at the computer over long. Do better next month I hope. BB**

### **Aquamarine— Birthstone of the month**

From the light blue of the sky to the deep blue of the sea, aquamarines shine over an extraordinarily beautiful range of mainly light blue colors. Women the world over love it for its fine blue shades which can complement almost any skin color, and creative gemstone designers are inspired by it as they are by hardly any other gem.

Its light blue arouses feelings of sympathy, trust, harmony; friendship and good feelings. The blue of aquamarine is a divine, eternal color, because it is the color of the sky, it is also the color of water with its life-giving force, and it really does seem to have captured the lucid blue of the oceans. When you consider that according to the saga it originated in the treasure chest of fabulous mermaids, and since ancient times, has been regarded as the sailors' lucky stone. Its name is derived from the Latin 'aqua' (water) and 'mare' (sea).

It is said that its strengths are developed to their best advantage when it is placed in water which is bathed in sunlight, and according to the old traditions the aquamarine promises a happy marriage and is said to bring the woman who wears it joy and wealth.

Aquamarine is one of the most popular and best-known gemstones, and distinguishes itself by many good qualities. It is almost as popular as the classics: ruby, sapphire and emerald. In fact it is related to the emerald, both belonging to the beryl family. Much more often than its famous green cousin, aquamarine is almost entirely free of inclusions. Aquamarine has good hardness (7.5 to 8 on the Mohs scale) and a wonderful shine. That hardness makes it very tough and protects it to a large extent from scratches. Iron is the substance which gives aquamarine its color, a color which ranges from an almost indiscernible pale blue to a strong sea-blue. The more intense the color of an aquamarine, the more value is put on it. Some aquamarines have a light, greenish shimmer; that is a typical feature. However, it is a pure, clear blue that continues to epitomize the aquamarine, because it brings out so well the immaculate transparency and magnificent shine of this gemstone. (From Hellgate Breezes, Missoula MT 3/07)

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MAR. 30-31 PANORAMA GEM CLUB-COLVILLE, WA

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