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www.ripplerockgemandmineralclub.com

MEMBERSHIPS

A single membership is \$15.00 and a family is \$25.00. Memberships may be paid at the *General meetings* or by mail to Box 6 Campbell River, BC, V9W 4Z9.

Gemboree Jottings

We have reached the maximum registration of 100 rock enthusiasts and we've got a good program planned for all.

Thursday the 20th of July will begin the Gemboree with registration and an open 'tailgate' sale at the Pavilion. It all begins at 1:00pm and will continue on until 4:00 pm. There is no fee for the tailgate.

A campfire starting at around 7:00 pm will close out the night.

Friday will feature a choice of 3 fieldtrips; Port Alice, Bonanza Lake or the Merry Widow mine and will start off the day at 9:00 am. Marshalling will begin at 8:30.

A selection of demonstrations will follow later in the day at around 3:00 pm and we'll have a pot luck dinner with all food provided by the attendees at 5:30.

An evening campfire with open entertainment provided by the attendees will close off the Friday's activities. To get on the entertainment schedule you can contact me (Gordon Burkholder) at the Pavilion.

Saturday will follow the same outline with the same 3 trips being offered. The Demonstrations will be repeated later in the afternoon and a B-B-Q hosted by the Ripple Rock Club will follow.

Campfire and entertainment will once again end the Day.

Sunday starts off with a hosted pancake breakfast put on by the Ripple Rock Club. An auction will follow at 1:00 pm with viewing from beginning at noon closing off the weekend's activities.

Fireside activities for those who stay overnight will begin at 7:00.

Gordon Burkholder

Web Coordinator Comments

I continue to put up information about club happenings and events as well as information on items for sale. We get a lot of requests from 'vendors'

offering things for sale so I hope you are checking the website on a regular basis. Put it in your bookmarked bar for easy access.

www.riplerockgemandmineralclub.com

Janet Burkholder

Show Stuff

This is it! Our show starts with the set up on Friday at 3:30 in the Timberline gymnasium. All members are needed to help with this. Floor mats need to be taped down, tables need to be off-loaded and set up and some covering done. Display cases need assembling and wiring and lighting prepared for each. Vendors will be able to set up after this job has been completed.

Saturday sees the doors open to the public at 10:00 am and all volunteers will need to be on site prior to that for instructions and to prepare their stations. We need people to work at the "Kids' Table", gold panning station, admissions table, silent auction section, used equipment table, carving station, gem tree station, and the Club table as well as for show 'security'. There are door prizes to be collected from vendors and a draw will be made each hour for kids and adults. Doors close at 4:00 pm.

Sunday is the same format but at the close of the day we need all members to return to take down the tables, put away equipment, remove signage and assist in clean up. The tables have to be loaded and taken away for storage and the show cases dismantled and packed safely away.

This is a lot of work but with many hands it can be done easily. I look forward to seeing all of the club members over the weekend and thank you in advance for your help in this endeavour.

Pat Doyle

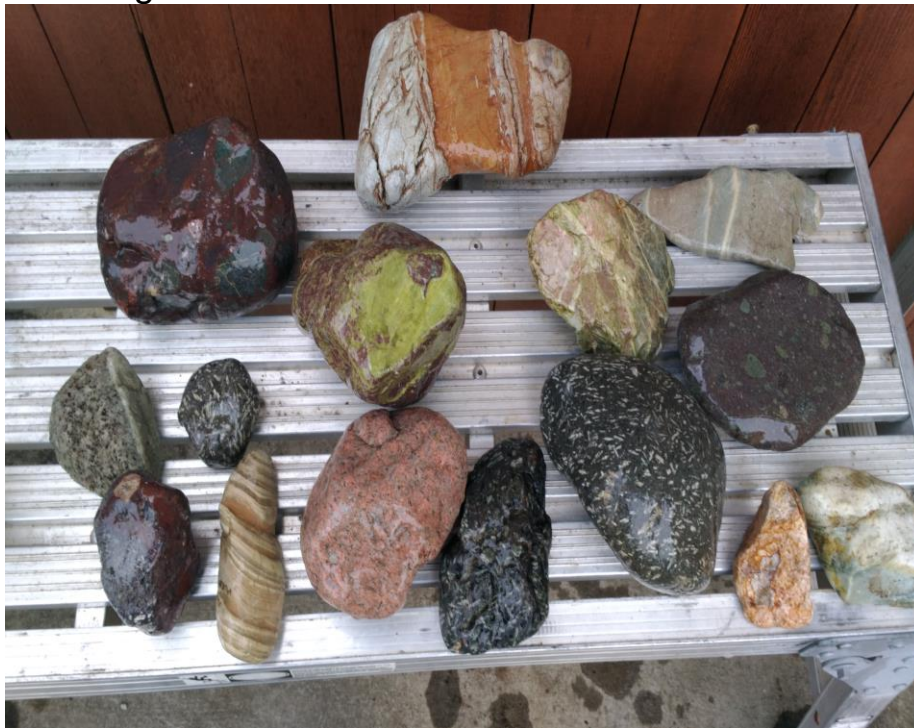
Editor's Edicts

June is a month of bitter sweetness. It begins the summer hiatus for Bugles and a long stretch of rock collecting on the Island. I look forward to the show and its conclusion and to seeing my friends and companions made through this wonderful and interesting 'hobby'. I hope you all have a terrific and safe summer. See you in September. Please note that there may be a special show issue in June and perhaps even one after the July Gemboree.

THOSE PORT ALICE STONES

Ken Palmblad and I made an exploratory trip up to Port Alice in anticipation of rock collecting sites for the Gemboree. We met up with a couple of local rock enthusiasts; Marc Roper and his dad Stewart. They showed us some terrific collecting spots in the area with promises of more in the future. For our needs right now the ones they provided us are just fantastic!

Port Alice, as I reported in the last issue is a small town with a lot to offer. Here are some of the rocks we found with our 'guides' assistance. Both Marc and Stewart have been living and working in the area for many years and their knowledge is remarkable.



Some samples taken from a local stream



'Picture stone taken from several locations



Cut conglomerates with greens, purple and pastel colours



Interesting rice rock



Some of the marble found in streams and at a loading site

This will be one of the featured collecting sites visited during the 2017 Gemboree. A word to those who like to head out on their own, this is in an active logging area with oversize trucks hauling logs. Please check in with the local company to give them a heads up and find out where the trucks are hauling from.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

Bonnie Delausier



Bonnie Delausier with some of her creation in the making

Bonnie has always had a fascination for rocks. She uses the pieces to create jewelry which she sells at markets, fairs and arts and crafts events around the Island. Bonnie has been working on her lapidary skills for about 4 years. She can be found at the shop on most Fridays and acts as a shop opener quite often. Bonnie is pictured here wearing one of her creations and showing off 3 pieces in the works.

Harry Kerr



Harry is seen here working on some pieces at the shop

Harry got introduced to rock collecting one fateful day at the Woodward Ranch in west Texas some 10 years back. The owner gave Harry and Molly Milroy instructions on where to find some rocks. Harry returned with some samples and was told they were 'leaverite'. Harry obliged by leaving them behind but joined up with the Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club upon his return to Campbell River.

He enjoys finding interesting rocks and making things out of what he finds. Harry describes himself as the 'resident non-expert' and is in the shop quite often working on his creations or fixing some piece of needy equipment.

York Machine's 24" Rock Saw

Dennis Cambrey of York Machine has created an innovative rock saw. It is small for a 24" saw and uses less cooling lubricant than most. It features an electronic control panel with settings for length of cut and also adjustable speed of cut. The blade turns at the same rate but the feed is adjusted to allow for hardness of the rock and lifespan of the blade.

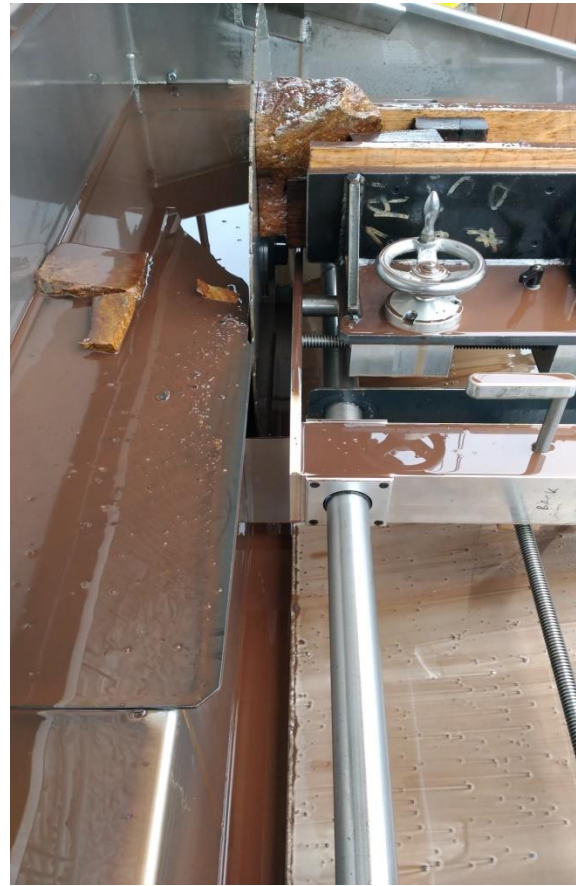
The feeding area is easily accessed and adjusted to fit rocks of varying sizes. The adjustment for width of cut is managed by a wheel and moves easily on the carriage.

The saw is powered by a 1.5 hp electric motor and runs quite quietly. A good quality blade provides nice clean cuts.

Dennis has a few more of these beauties for sale and can be contacted at his new shop at the north end of town. York Machine is a worldwide supplier of machined equipment and the detail and quality of their work is exceptional.



The York Machine 24" rock saw in its new home



Cutting table has hand controls. narrow oil reservoir and sloped tray to feed coolant back into reservoir

There are a lot of things about this saw that I like. I think the BBQ style lid is exceptional. It is lightweight and gets out of the way for loading and cleaning the machine. Once closed it is held in place by a single clamp. The bed of the saw is sloped to feed oil back into the reservoir. This allows for easier clean up and contributes to the smaller amount of oil required to keep the blade cool and lubricated.

The electronic control makes cutting more precise and allows for adapting to various types of stone. It also has an emergency stop and reset control. The saw is set on locking wheels and makes moving quick and easy. The saw has a built on tool caddy to help keep you organized with spaces for the necessary wrenches, measuring tapes and any other items needed. Draining is easily accessible and there is plenty of height to place a bucket to capture the lubricant. Perhaps the greatest feature of this saw is that it comes with Dennis' backing. He'll be there to help with anything that might need it. Thanks, Dennis for creating this great saw.

