

HASTINGS ROCKHOUNDS

BC Jade Auction, Langley

Oct. 18, 2016

Some neat pictures from the annual jade auction. Tons of huge boulders and some less-huge boulders also. Amazing colours!



(above) Thomas standing next to a very large piece of Jade, requiring stairs to escalate to the top.



Poetry of Rocks

Here's a wonderful piece of poetry, which I think all Rockhounds can relate too. The author, Jack Troy, is an internationally recognized ceramicist and writer. Thank you, Frank, for finding such a gem.

The Big Valley Stone Poem, By Jack Troy

Visitors often ask about
the weather-sculpted stone I keep
beside my driveway
at the base of a white oak tree.
I first saw it beside a barn door
one rainy morning six years ago
at an auction in Big Valley.
Just this spring I took a notion
to see if it was still there.

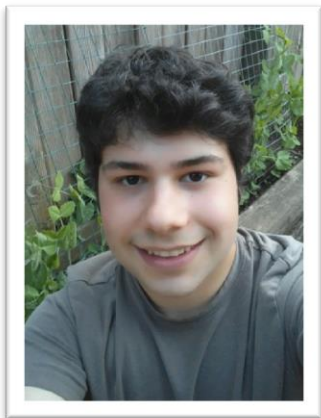
A young Amishman came out
of the barn and I asked him
if that rock was still around.
Let's have a look, he said.
We found it in a clump of weeds.

Would you mind if I took it?
I like unusual rocks.
You're welcome to it,
just grab your end and I'll get this one.
Up went the stone for its first ride
in a Japanese pickup truck.
Thanking him, I got in and started up the engine.
I hope you enjoy having it, he said.
You ought to get around easier without
that stone on your mind.

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Club Member Exposé You Could Be Next!

Adam Z. - Shop Instructor and Chairperson (Librarian)



How long have you been with the Hastings club?

About 4 years.

If you were a mineral what would you be?

If I was a mineral I would be Feldspar.

What do you do in your real life, outside of the rock hounds?

I am a student at the UBC School of Music studying composition.

What's your favorite orange food?

Carrots!

Anything else interesting (or not?) you want to add?

I have just completed writing a piece for a wind ensemble.

Wow very cool, Thanks a bunch Adam!

Classifieds, Reminders and Shout-outs!

- ✓ Club Show 2017: March 11&12 (10th for set up)
- ✓ Next Meeting (after tomorrow's):
Thursday, Jan. 26th, 2017

Shop Schedule						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:30PM-9:30PM Lapidary		1PM-4PM Lapidary	6:30PM-9:30PM Lapidary		9AM-12:30 PM: Silver Smithing 1PM-4PM: Lapidary
Shop schedule is subject to change with instructor availability. Schedule will change as special classes and additional workshop instructors become available. Newbies requiring 3-day training course: please come to a regular session and work with the instructor to start your training. If the workshop is busy, you may have to schedule another time with the instructor.						

BCLS Field Trips:

(for more details visit: <http://www.bclapidary.com/trips>)

ALWAYS CONTACT THE TRIP LEADER THE DAY BEFORE TO ENSURE THE TRIP IS GOING, AND THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER CHANGES.

- Agate, Jasper, River Rock
December 11, 2016, Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Herrling Island
Vehicle: car
Tools: rock hammer, chisels, carrying container for specimens.
Meeting Place: Ranchers Restaurant, 53560 Bridal Falls Road. Rosedale, BC
Map
Wagonmaster: Trevor Christie - bcrockhunter@yahoo.ca or phone: 604-794-3668
- Agate, Jasper, River Rock
January 15, 2017, Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Hamilton Bar
Vehicle: car
Tools: rock hammer, chisels, carrying container for specimens.
Meeting Place: Esso Station, 2406 Hot Springs Road, Agassiz, BC
Wagonmaster: Trevor Christie - bcrockhunter@yahoo.ca or phone: 604-794-3668

Reminder from the Membership Committee

Early club membership renewal will be available at the meeting on Thursday November 24th. We've got over 100 members now, so if everyone waits to renew at the January meeting, there could be quite a line up.

The cost is \$20 for a single person & \$25 for a family.

Before renewing with the Club, members need to have their 2017 Hastings Community Centre (HCC) card, which they could get anytime, starting this month (Nov).

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When renewing it's important to tell the front desk that you're a Rockhound. The cost is \$6 for singles; \$8 for families. The HCC has requested we not all arrive at the same time since the staff also have to help other Community Centre members and it can get quite busy.

Show Case



Sharon G.
holding her
first cab.



Credits

Photo Credits to Adam Z., Wendy/Sharon G. and Thomas! Writing Credits to Nickell and Frank!



Disappointed with the brevity of this month's issue? Send me your photos and stories to include for January's Newsletter! I can't make it fantastic without contributors like YOU!