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Friday, February 27, 7pm Meeting

Hope you all had a lovely Valentine's Day and Family Day?
Happy Lunar New Year, everyone!

This Friday's meeting is hosted - as usual - at Hastings Community Centre Auditorium (on the main floor) at 7pm on Friday, February 27. N.B. I will be out of the country most of March - so please email me your March newsletter items by March 7... Nickell kindly sent us a roundup on her visit to Roundup, which I've reproduced in full on the following pages...

If you need to attend a membership meeting by Zoom, please contact [Crystal for a link](#). Meetings occur on the fourth Friday of each month with breaks for July, August and December. Monitor the [HCR website](#) and your email for scheduling changes and for updates re special events, volunteer opportunities, and workshop announcements.

Thank You Bob for Your January Mineral Identification Talk - Part 3

Thanks to Bob for always stepping up to share and educate! And, to Midori for forwarding these photos - if you missed January's presentation, please check with Bob for details.



Photos submitted by Midori T.



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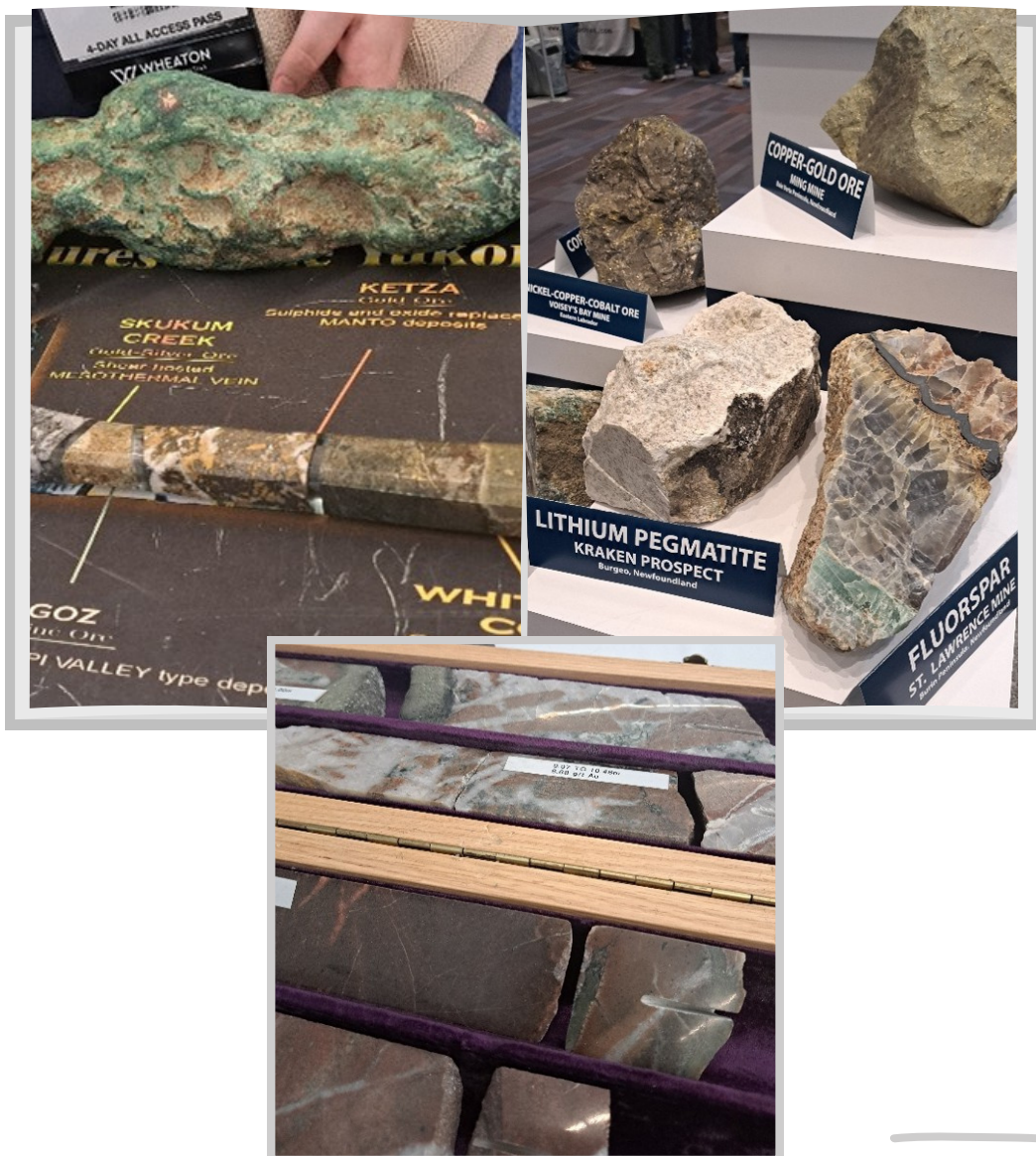
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AME (Association for Mineral Exploration) Roundup - January 26-29, 2026

Article submitted by Nickell A.

I recently attended AME (Association for Mineral Exploration) Roundup conference over the last week of January. There, I recognized many folks from our club, the BCLS and the broader Rockhounding community. AME round up had everything from technical talks (the geology was way over my head), to indigenous focus groups to children's rockhounding activities! I was technically 'on the clock' as I was assigned to go on behalf of my company (for business purposes), but that doesn't mean I couldn't have a little fun along the way!

Here are some pictures I took while exploring the exhibit hall and other areas.



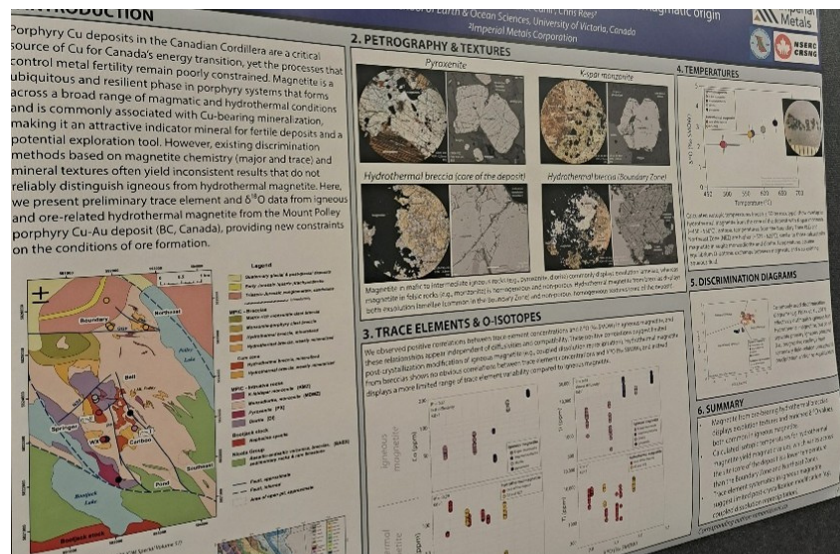
AME (Association for Mineral Exploration) Roundup - January 26-29, 2026, continued...

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I ended up running into TJ (and I heard that Meghan was about, but alas, our paths did not cross) and we took some photos at the photo booth. Even the BCLS had a booth, and rockhounding celebrities such as Dan Hurd were walking about.

There were many prospectors and prospective miners in the “Core Shack” and “Project” areas showing off their cores and pitching their projects for future extraction operations. Many companies specializing in services from drilling, survey, analysis, and engineering had booths promoting their services and fancy technologies. The indigenous market had tons to browse, and there was A LOT of general geoscience to behold.

- Nickell A.



😊 Upcoming Events

Don't miss our annual gem and jewellery show - hosted here at the Hastings Community Centre on March 14 and 15. Great opportunity to exhibit or volunteer and promote our club to the community! Be sure and sign up to help out if you haven't already done so... We're celebrating 65 years of rockhounding!!



GEM & JEWELRY SHOW

HASTINGS CENTRE ROCKHOUNDS CLUB
65TH ANNUAL ROCK INTO SPRING!

MARCH 14 & 15, 2026

(Saturday & Sunday)
10:00am - 5:00pm

KNOWLEDGABLE VENDORS | ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN |
REFRESHMENTS PRIZES | DEMONSTRATIONS & DISPLAYS
ADMISSION BY DONATION
FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Hastings Centre
Rockhounds Club Website
hastingscentrerockhounds.com/

Hastings Centre
Rockhounds Club Facebook
facebook.com/groups/hastings.rockhounds



March HCR Membership Meeting - Mar. 27



March 27, HCR membership meeting - TBC a little bird told me that March's presentation will be made by David M. who makes beautiful backlit pendants. Monitor email and HCR website for confirmation on these events and more! Meeting topic queries go to events.hcr@gmail.com



Rendezvous Update - May 15 - 18, 2026

Rendezvous 2026 will be taking place from May 15-18, 2026, in Lillooet at Elks Hall, 920 Moha Road, in Lillooet. The Hastings Centre Rockhounds are hosting the event this year. Join fellow rockhounds for a fun-filled weekend of field trips, displays, auctions, our annual general meeting, and community.

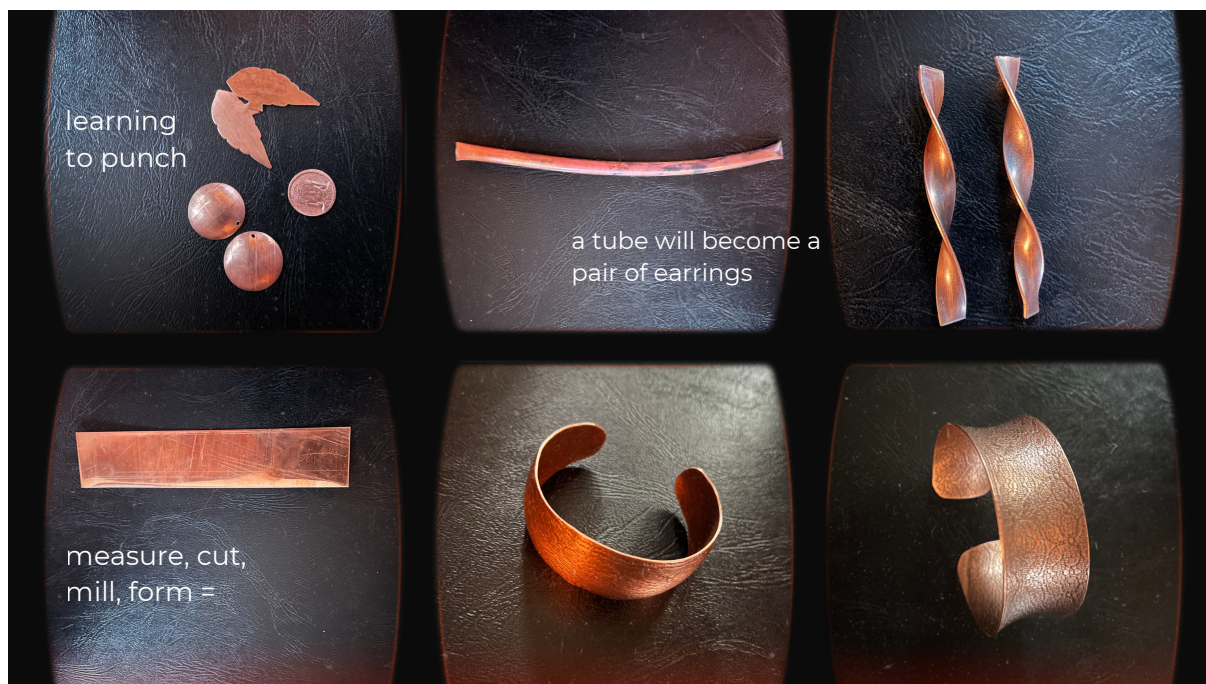
The organizing team is currently planning the event and preparing the schedule and registration forms. Updated information will be posted on this webpage and the BCLS Rendezvous webpage as it becomes available.

We'll also keep BCLS members informed through the BCLS mailing list as details are finalized. Nickell has commenced regular organizing meetings, if you wish to volunteer or be more "in the know" please check in with her at our next meeting (she is always at the Membership table).

We look forward to seeing you at Rendezvous 2026!

Metal Series with Mike Ma!

I have had the pleasure of attending Mike's metal magic workshops the past few Sundays. To give you an idea of what these sessions entail, I thought I would share some photos as a picture really is worth a thousand words...



Shop Talk

Hanging out in the shop on Sunday mornings! Hoping to share some photos of Tannis, Diane, and Claire's pieces! Email your projects to edrocket18@gmail.com



Email me photos of what you're working on!

Workshop Hours

Workshop fees are \$4 for silversmith and metalsmith, \$5 for lapidary. Visit our [website](#) regularly to confirm scheduling, and monitor your HCR email for last-minute changes and updates on special classes on Enamelling and other topics..

Schedule

Monday (6:30 pm – 9:30 pm) – **Lapidary**
Instructor: Jo or Renee
Wednesday (9 am – 12 pm) – **Silversmithing***
Instructors: Robert and Diane
Wednesday (1 pm – 4 pm) – **Lapidary**
Instructors: David and Steve
Thursday (6:30 pm – 9:30 pm) – **Lapidary**
Instructors: Tim and Daniel
Friday (1 pm – 4:30 pm) – **Lapidary**
Instructors: Richard and Al
Saturday (9 am – 12 pm) – **Silversmithing***
Instructors: Crystal and Robert
Saturday (1 pm – 4 pm) – **Lapidary**
instructor: Robert.

Please note that the schedule is subject to change based on instructor availability. Changes are often announced by email.

***Beginners to Silversmithing** are asked to [contact Crystal](#) before attending. Instruction is available only at the Saturday session and there is a \$45 beginners kit with supplies needed for silversmithing.

[Workshop rules and regulations](#)

Ask Dawn About Enamelling!

Dawn may be teaming up with Mike again to offer enamelling techniques. Find out what dates she will be teaching next. Mike was explaining that we could take pieces from our copper adventures and add enamelling elements!



Mike's samples



Dawn's class samples



Update from Joyce

- The entire library collection has been reviewed and titles selected for keeping as reference or lending have been pulled from the Library cart. All remaining titles in the cart can be sold or recycled as appropriate.
- Titles for lending are now stored in two plastic bins in the Storage room and will be brought out during meetings.
- Titles for reference are located in designated workshop cabinets.

Participate at Upcoming Events!

Our annual gem and jewellery show on March 14 and 15 is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your own work or help out and meet other members and our neighbours. We're celebrating 65 years of rockhounding and remember, this club runs on volunteerism. Whether you sign up to be a greeter, provide snacks, or help set up or tear down - your contribution is invaluable to the success of these events. Ask Crystal for info on accessing the sign up sheet or double check your email - you likely have already received the forms and simply need to add your name to one of the stations!



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