



The Rocket

Hastings center rockhounds newsletter February, 2015

We didn't have any articles submitted for this issue; please contribute to make our newsletter more interesting in the future! The deadline for articles for the Rocket is now the first Friday of each month to have your article in that particular month's Rocket. Please email articles to: oipteapdoce@gmail.com using a paste into the email for your formatting. Word Documents make it so I have to spend an extra half hour on each person's submission, and all your formatting is lost. **NO MORE WORD DOCUMENTS PLEASE! Plain text only :)**

You are invited to attend the Hastings Centre Rockhounds annual "Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show" on Saturday March 14th and Sunday March 15th, 2015.

The show is held in the gym at the Hastings Community Centre, 3096 East Hastings Street, Vancouver; hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

We are always very proud to show the public the unique and beautiful treasures our members have crafted with their own hands. Each piece represents hours of skill and patience (along with a bit of creativity).

There will be demonstrations in cabochon making, wire wrapping, bead weaving and silversmithing, along with other lapidary arts-depending on who drops by.

Our ever popular 'touch table': a collection of large specimens on loan from our members-showcases rocks from all over the world.

The table gives our guests a great opportunity to see and touch large stones in their raw and natural form, which can be quite different than the finished product.

The Silent Auction gives everyone an opportunity bid on rocks to add to their collection.

The Grab Bags at \$2.00 each along with the Spin and Win wheel at \$1.00 a spin give all the ability to go home with something special. Our concession table has lots fresh and tasty

goodies ready for indulging the senses and to satisfy your taste buds....playing with rocks can work up an appetite!

In addition to our members' displays; we have invited others in the rock related community to sell their products. We have over twenty different sellers with tables of items for sale.

You can find rough rock, mineral specimens, slabs, tools as well as finished products like tumbled stones and jewelry, findings and books.

Our annual show is a membership drive to connect with people who want to become active new members in our club.

We always welcome your interest and questions. Please make plans to attend our show and bring all your friends and family.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is by donation. We look forward to seeing you.

Upcoming events/workshops:

Wednesday Wire Wrapping with Adam

Last Wednesday of every month only. 630pm until 930pm

Saturday Silversmithing with Adam and Dave

Drop in classes 9:15am - 12:30pm every Saturday.

Last Saturday of every month will be designated as an instruction day where beginners will have full attention from one of the instructors. Everyone is free to participate on all Saturdays of the month, but be clear that rigorous instruction will only occur on the designated final Saturdays. regular fees apply.

Our annual show is coming up soon, please send the flyer on the next page along to everyone you can :). We have a facebook event page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/762306527189017>

Please get the word out via all your social media! There will also be handbills and flyers available at the meeting this evening ;).

Hastings Centre Rockhounds



Pyrites - "Arrrgh" Fool's Gold

Presents Our Annual Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - 10AM - 5PM

HASTINGS COMMUNITY CENTRE

3096 EAST HASTINGS ST. (ACROSS FROM HASTINGS PARK)

***Fun for the whole family! Displays, demos, door prizes, silent
auction, grab bags, refreshments***

Admission by Donation

HASTINGS CENTRE ROCKHOUNDS
Minutes of Membership Meeting January 22,, 2014

President Linda opened the meeting and announced a change of year to September to September to give the executive time to process memberships for the Provincial Association.

Derrick from the HR McMillan Planetarium gave a fascinating presentation on meteorites. The order of the meeting was reversed to accommodate his need for an early night.

Business Linda reminded us of the new policy to hand in or email a written report to allow more time in the meetings for speakers and socializing.

Flyers are available to spread the word about our upcoming Rockshow on March 14 and 15. Email flyers are also available on the website.

Vice President Verne had nothing to report.

Treasurer presented her report.

Secretary Sharon was introduced. email sburrows@shaw.ca for reports.

Program Paul outlined upcoming presentation February - Judge Murray from BC Lapidary Society, March Amanda will introduce a speaker from Sun Yat Sen gardens "Rocks in Art and Gardening".

Rep to Center Verne reported no meetings so far this year.

Rep to Society Siggi announced a meeting on March 8 at Sullivan Hall.

Junior Delegates to Society no report.

Workshop Siggi has been researching new wheels, and has found plastic wheels at a discount and is planning to try them in the workshop. He suggested no more

than 12 - 14 people use the workshop at a time. There was a lively discussion of ways to implement this proposed class limit and the matter was finally referred to the executive and the teacher's meetings.

Showchair Dan introduced his assistants Adam, Athena W. Glenys, and Frank.

Children's program Bonnie, email bonnie3@ogopogo.com

\$ 65 fee for all vendors. There are 24 showcases available for members.

Volunteers are needed for many jobs, including sandwiches and cookies to sell.

Publicity Linda working on publicity for Show. See new showcase presentation by the office and outside the workshop door.

Newsletter Athena W. would like pictures and articles. Use email oipteaapdoce@gmail.com

Historian Adam would like pictures for a project he is working on.

Sunshine Debbie, no report.

Library Crystal and Manda opened the library as usual.

Ways and Means no report

Social Brigitte, Marilyn's M and O, Ginger and Arlene present

Membership Roz and Vera reminded us to sign in to the meeting 1. required by constitution and 2. to have a chance at the Door Prize!

Field Trips Isben no field trips planned.

REMINDERS Linda - pick up publicity flyers

Bonnie - Soapstone Carving on Tuesday

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded

President's Report:

February brings with it, here on the west coast anyway, the first signs of spring. We all love to feel the warmth of the sun on our faces and see the cherry blossoms brightening up the streets. February also means, for our club, that the Rock and Gem show is just around the corner. The final details are being put in place and opportunities for volunteering are everywhere!

If you are planning to show off your work let Dan C. know A. S. A. P. to book a show case. Even if you only have a few items finished, it is nice to show off to others what you have been up to.

Tables for selling wares are at capacity and the floor plan is now in its final stages. We need volunteers to bring refreshments to sell at the show- contact Brigitte R. to see what she requires. Bonnie G. is looking for volunteers help with the craft table and work with children.

Make sure you are able to help out somehow.....if not during the show, then maybe with set up on Friday night (starts at 5pm) or by getting the word out about the show...dropping flyers at stores or putting them in mailboxes, or even sending them out via email to anyone and everyone you know. The more people we can get to come to the show, the more 'successful' we will feel about the show....and it is always great to have a successful show! PLAN TO HELP OUT - mark the calendar.

Writing this report gives me way to connect with you- the membership- and hopefully has a positive impact with the way you feel about your club. It has been, and always will be, my hope and desire that everyone has good experiences when they come to the centre. Now, I know that not everyone can please everyone all the time, this is where compromise and understanding come into play. I am asking for all of the membership to make the effort to get along for the sake of the CLUB that we have joined....lets make BELONGING a JOYFUL experience for everyone.

If there are any problems or concerns within the club, please, do not take it to the community centre staff...they can not help you and do not want to hear any squabbling....all that does is get them upset at us. I am sure we can work out any problems there may be- this club has survived for over fifty years and will continue- I am sure- for fifty plus more. Have a great month, see you at the general meeting. Linda

Minutes regarding the Rock and Gem show

SETUP PROCEDURE for Mar. 13'th R&G show.

- 1) Setup tables per the Layout Plan, distribute chairs around the Gym 1 per table.
- 2) Bring up the table covers from the Saw room, once tables are layed out.
- 3) Cover the Club tables with Cloth covers.
- 4) Bring up the showcases and place directly on tables reserved for cases.
- 5) In four or so Teams of 3 cover & tape the rest of tables with plastic.
- 6) Bring up the Electrical cable box from the Work shop and connect .
- 7) Bring up the rest of the stuff from the Saw room
- 8) Power –up the food area.
- 9) Bring up the Demonstration equipment from the Work shop.
- 10) At 7:00 PM let the dealers in to set up.
- 11) Get all club tables ready for the Show.
- 12) Set up the club showcases for display.

Thanks ,Dan Constantinescu, Show Chair.

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Hastings Centre Rockhounds General Meeting schedule for 2015

General meeting nights are the 4th Thursday of the month

February 26th.

March 26th.

April 23rd.

May 28th.

June 25th.

no meetings July and August

September 24th.

October 29th.

November 26th.

no meeting in December
