



THE ROCKET

June 2014

Next meeting is June 26, 2014 at 7:30

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here comes Summer! I hope everyone has a safe, happy and healthy time in the sun. No matter what you have planned; off exploring the great outdoors finding lots of material to cut and polish during the winter months, or just hanging around at home puttering in the yard and cooking steaks on the BBQ, please keep aware of your surroundings. Come back to us, safe and sound, in the fall. I believe we are still going to have a lapidary workshop or two available over the next two months....check out all the sources we have for information to find out the times. Thank you, to everyone who have brought in all sorts of rocks from the Rendezvous weekend; they will be used well. Look for slabs of ocean picture rock on the Ways and Means table at the general meetings.

An organization is only as good as the sum of its parts. When everyone works together towards a common goal the possibilities are endless and much can be accomplished, but, when there is infighting, gossiping and backstabbing going on, the various parts may never become whole. This job of President (I feel) in the club is not so much "running" the organization, but getting our many volunteers to work together as a cohesive group. We need to have everyone working together for this club to continue to succeed. I know that this is not "my" personal club - meaning that the Hastings Centre Rockhounds will continue -with or without me in it....after all it has been here a lot longer than I have. Hopefully it will continue to be part of the Community centre for a long time.

There was a very good turn out by our members at the Hastings Association Annual General Meeting on June 4th, (28 rockhounds).

The Association, the Parks board and the centre staff noticed! Our members made up half of those who attended; thanks -everyone who came out- for your precious time. I hope you got to have a piece of cake!

If you have ANY suggestions how to make this club (YOUR CLUB) better.....please share them with me. (linmfoy@yahoo.ca, 604 299 3903).

Thanks for listening, see you at the wine and cheese meeting on the 26th of June.

Linda

Wine and Cheese Party

Thurs. June 26th Wine will be provided by our club - bring a finger food for snacking!



HASTINGS CENTRE ROCKHOUNDS
Minutes of Membership Meeting May 22, 2014

President- Linda F.- called the meeting to order at 7.40 and welcomed everyone. Linda gave a brief history of deceased, long time member Jackie Walker and then asked for one minutes silence in her honour. Tuesday July 22 the Family Dropin will be having a rock display. They have asked for volunteers to help the children and parents identify their mystery rocks. It will be about 2 hours. Linda's soapstone Workshop will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. A notice from Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club of Bellingham of their Rock Recycling Rendezvous June 14th. Details at www.mtbakerrockclub.org.

Secretary – Marilyn S.- report M/S/C

Treasurer – Sue.- adopted as read

Programming – Paul P.-Kathy Unglert was the speaker tonight subject volcanoes. June meeting is our Social. Paul will be leading a walking tour of buildings downtown Tuesday 27th. Brian Matheson "The Jade Guy" will be our next guest in the fall. Paul suggested we look at Googles salute to Mary Anning Paleontologist born May 21, 1799. She was world renowned for her key findings in Jurassic marine fossil beds at Lyme Regis in Dorset

Rep. to Centre – Michael E.- A reminder that the AGM for Hastings Community Association will be Wed. June 4 at 7 pm and everyone must have their Hastings membership card with them.

Rep. to Society – Debbie C- abbreviated version of the AGM at Rendezvous

Gem Show, \$15,000 profit, lots of volunteers was great

Library, Sharon wants to give up film library - What to do with the films?

Summer Camp, in Port Alberni, with side trip at end to Port McNeil.

Rockhounder, Amanda has a new program that will do layout, no need for student helper and helper's bursary. Two \$500 scholarships will be made instead for BC students (like GMFC's). Also, mailing costs are very high. new magazine cost will reflect tiered mailing costs for quantities mailed (less per mag with more mags mailed).

Rendezvous, new coordinator is Dave Hunter

Bylaws, amendment #8, Clubs must pay membership dues to BCLS on time, **by Jan 1**, or be designated delinquent. This is a huge problem, most clubs are several months late. BCLS pays GMFC and ins. from these monies. Amendment; delete section #30 "with no more than 2 reps from 1 club". Allows our current executive to continue to legally keep their positions.

Workshop-Sigge R.- Everyone must be trained on the flatlap and a record kept of those that have. A discussion on a drip for the flatlap.

Publicity – Linda F.- Our brochure needs updating. Ginger S volunteered to redo it.

Historian Jakub K.- Asked that our Facebook be an open account. The membership agreed.

Sunshine-Debbie C-A card was sent to Jill, sister of Jackie Walker.

Ways & Means – John P.-4 prize lots including Cliff Smith cabs

Social – Brigitte R., Marilyn M. & Marilyn O.-Brigitte thanked everyone for the goodies for tonight and reminded us that June was our wine and cheese social. Everyone is to bring a finger food but no wine it will be supplied. Bring utensils if they are needed and remember to take your dishes home.

Membership-Roz M & Vera S.- Roz reported 52 members signed in and 1 guest. There are club patches and pins for sale at their desk. Vera has a folder of pictures from the shows.

Field Trip Leader-Wade S.- Still out of commission but a number of trips listed on the BCLS website.

Soapstone-Bonnie G.- Bonnie will be running a three week soapstone workshop on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 starting May 28th.

Brian Matheson-Brian gave a brief history of his Jade Symposium and how it has developed into a competition with 2 categories – jewellery and sculpture. Carvers from all over the world will compete and the finale will be an exhibition at Robson Square. Volunteers are needed. All details are on: Jadesymposium.com

Birthday draw for May will be in June.



Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Come show your talent:
design the show flyer for 2015 Show theme is Pyrite- fools' gold



-or along that line)

Show dates are March 14 & 15, 2015

Any, and all, submissions are welcome!

Your prize is a gem tree (of your choice)

So, make your mark.....

Submit your design by September 25th, 2014

Email Linda with your design (linmfoy@yahoo.ca)

Workshop Hours

With Instructor

Monday & Thursday 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Wednesday 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Silversmithing

With Instructor - Dave F.

Saturday 9:15- 12:15 pm

Mon. 10:00-1:00 **Explorations in Metal Work** Mike M (604 873 9830)

Fri.- Basic Silversmithing 10:00-1:00 Dan C (604 298 0329)

Membership

Runs from January to December

Single \$20 Family \$25

Membership with Hastings Community Centre is required for club membership.

Club Contact Person: Michael Edwards-604-987-1471



About Our Organization

The Hastings Club has been active for over 50 years. It was founded in January 1959.

Interests of members, range from all aspects of lapidary arts - to rock, mineral and fossil collecting. We have a well equipped workshop where we cut & polish cabochons & stones. We also organize regular field trips to various hunting areas.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July, August and December) at 7:30pm at the Community Hall at the Hastings Community Centre.

JUNE BIRTHSTONES

June counts three gems as birthstones, pearl, Alexandrite, and moonstone.

PEARL

Historically, pearls have been used as an adornment for centuries. They were one of the favorite gem materials of the Roman Empire; later in Tudor England, the 1500s were known as *the pearl age*. Pearls are unique as they are the only gems from living sea creatures and require no faceting or polishing to reveal their natural beauty. In the early 1900s, the first successful commercial culturing of round saltwater pearls began. Since the 1920s, cultured pearls have almost completely replaced natural

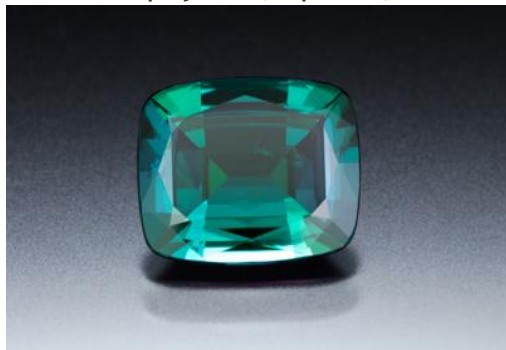


pearls in the market.

ALEXANDRITE

A relatively modern gem, *Alexandrite*, was first discovered in Russia in 1831 during the reign of its namesake, Czar Alexander II, and is an extremely rare chrysoberyl with chameleon-like qualities. Its color is a lovely green in both daylight and fluorescent light; it changes color to a purplish red in incandescent light. Due to its rarity, some jewelers stock synthetic versions of this enchanting gemstone.

(Synthetic gemstones are man-made alternatives to the natural material, possessing the same physical, optical, and chemical properties as the natural gemstone.)



MOONSTONE

The third birthstone for June is the *Moonstone*. It was given its name by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone's appearance altered with the phases of the moon – a belief that held until well after the sixteenth century. A phenomenal gemstone, moonstones show a floating play of light (called *adularescence*) and sometimes show either a multirayed star or a cat's eye. Considered a sacred stone in India, moonstones often are displayed on a background

of yellow (a sacred color) and are believed to encapsulate within the stone a spirit whose purpose is to bring good fortune. Part of the family of minerals called *feldspar*, moonstone occurs in many igneous and metamorphic rocks and comes in a variety of colors such as green, blue, peach, and champagne. The most prized moonstones are from Sri Lanka; India, Australia, the United States, Myanmar, and Madagascar are also sources.

- See more at: <http://www.americangemsociety.org/june-birthstones#sthash.B2YWOWkU.dpuf>

JULY BIRTHSTONE RUBY

There's no better way to demonstrate your love than by giving a ruby in celebration of a July birthday. Rubies arouse the senses, stir the imagination, and are said to guarantee health, wisdom, wealth and success in love. Ruby is a variety of the gems species *corundum*. It is harder than any natural gemstone except diamond, which means a ruby is durable enough for everyday wear. Fine-quality ruby is extremely rare, and the color of the gem is most important to its value. The most prized color is a medium or medium dark vivid red or slightly purplish red. If the gem is too light or has too much purple or orange, it will be called a fancy-color sapphire.



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JUNE

Nigel Hamilton
Sante Gasparin
Sherry Breshears
Melina Auerbach
Maria Martinez
Dan Constantinescu
Ken Lau
Jill McLean
Ron Crump
Mei Shing Chan

JULY

Paul Pinsker
Frank Turco
Allan Reykjalín
Dennis Mitchell
Phinney Sue
Anthony Young
James Esworthy
Caroline Liu
Leo Wagennar
Dinesh Patel
Teagan Chandler
Elizabeth Courtney
Siggi Rohde
Manda Mok



One of these lucky June and July birthday members in attendance at the meeting will win a “rock” carved by Cliff Smith!!!

Downtown Building Tour – by Elizabeth Ann

I was one of the 11 people who joined Paul Pinsker and his wife on the “downtown buildings tour” on Tues. May 27. I would like to extend a thank you to Paul for his time and also for the research that he put into the tour. I enjoyed it thoroughly and learned so much.

The older buildings were a feast to the eyes with their glass, brass and marble, not to mention the high ceilings, adornments and carvings.

The weather was perfect. I brought a friend, Joyce, from my complex. She is not a rockhouser (not yet!). She also enjoyed the tour and took dozens of pictures.

We were able to admire most of the buildings both from the outside and from the inside.

Once again, Paul, a big thank you. For those who were not able to attend, Paul will hand out printed sheets at the meeting naming the buildings and the historical facts.

I hope that we can do that again sometime. It is amazing the things one sees when one gets up off the couch!



Alhambra Building in Gastown - 1886



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hastings.rockhounds@groups.facebook.com

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/hastings.rockhounds>

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