



THE ROCKET

September 2014

Next meeting is Thurs. Sept. 25

President's report



I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer! Check out the calendar on our website for workshop times.....come try something new. If you have a workshop idea that you feel other members would be interested in please give me a call and let's see if we can fit it in.

Siggi is still looking for members who would like to become instructors...it would be great to open up another night for lapidary work. Call him if you would like to help out your club 604 941 0300.

We have to have some discussion about the lapidary equipment- it seems that some people are still not taking care of the equipment.

I want to impress on you the members the ACTUAL cost of the equipment: each of the (regular) grinding and polishing wheels are about \$300.00 (EACH).

It is very quick to ruin one when one does not use enough water (or no water!), damage also happens when people bump the polishing wheels with stones (especially on the edges) or have not ground down the stones enough on the grinding wheels first. It is very important not to miss steps. Some of the polishing wheels are damaged and need to be replaced. We do not want to replace them until the problem has been fixed...there is no sense buying new wheels if they are going to be destroyed so soon, the wheels were supposed to last at least a couple of years (not less than one!). I don't know how to make this situation better - any suggestions? Maybe we will have to increase fees to cover the costs of new wheels? Maybe stiffer monitoring and penalties?

Basically, the lapidary workshop is on a honour system...we figure people will police themselves since they belong to a club and everyone has to be a member to participate, but- even with having taken the orientation and have been show how to use the equipment- damages are occurring. Any feedback would be appreciated. Thanks for listening, see you soon at the general meeting on the 25th. Linda

Welcome
Back

HASTINGS CENTRE ROCKHOUNDS
Minutes of Membership Meeting June 26, 2014

President – Linda F. – At 7:45 Linda welcomed the gathering. Linda announced there would be clean up during the summer. Family Drop in would be July 22 and any one that wished would be welcomed as a volunteer.

Secretary – Marilyn S. – Adopted as read. Correspondence - magazines for the Library and a notice from the Interior Zone of a boot sale to be held August 23 @ Swan Lake Nursery. Reserving spots by August 13. Contact Gloria Bordass @250-493-1027 Or Lorne Morris @ 250-675-4461

Treasurer – Sue M. – Adopted as read

Programming – Paul P. – Brian Matheson will be our program for September. Jade and the Jade Symposium.
Paul would like suggestions for the topic “meteorites”. All enjoyed Paul’s tour of the downtown buildings.

Rep. to Centre – Michael E. - Michael congratulated our new Board Members. Thomas Hui and Anthony Young.

Workshop-Siggi R- A volunteer list was passed for cleanup duties. A motion was made that lapidary continue on Mondays through July. Motion was passed. David F. will continue Silversmithing on Saturday mornings through July also. Linda’s soapstone will continue the second week in September.

Publicity – Linda is still looking for entries in the contest for flyer design for the next show. “Fools Gold”

Website - Athena B. has the Rocket on the website and Ginger and Athena are redesigning other things and hope to have a “contact page” set up.

Library – Cystal C. & Manda M. –Have new magazines and will prepare cards for new members that wish to borrow books and magazines.

Social – Brigitte R., Marilyn M. & Marilyn O. – Thanked everyone for the goodies for the wine and cheese party. Volunteers for September meeting are Joyce, Marilyn, Isabel, and Arlene.

Ways and means-Adam K. filling in for John.

Membership –Vera Schmedding – 53 members signed in and 5 new members

New Business – In September Adam would like to give a class on wire wrapping that he learned and liked. It would probably be 2 classes, afternoon and evening on a Wednesday.

Birthday draw won for June – Nigel H and July -Manda

Meeting adjourned

Workshop Hours

Lapidary

Reminder....

You must show your
Community Center and
Hastings Rock Centre
membership cards to
your instructor each time
you use the workshop &
pay fees.

With Instructor

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



Silversmithing

With Instructor

Friday **Basic Silversmithing** 10:00 - 1:00 pm Dan C. (604 298 0329)

Saturday **Advanced Silversmithing** 9:15 - 12:15 pm Dave F. (604 291 9577)

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

Membership

Runs from January to December

Single \$20 Family \$25

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 - silversmithing, metal work – to rock, mineral and fossil collecting. We have a well-equipped workshop where we cut and polish cabochons and stones. We also organize regular field trips to various collecting areas.

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

Anyone can post a notice to this group's wall by sending an email to:

hastings.rockhounds@groups.facebook.com

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

Our web page can be found at:

www.hastingscentrerockhounds.com

August Birthdays

Lynda Austin Denier	Wade Soball
Judy Chen	Marina Tsougrianis
Jacob deVijze	Kieran Wilkins
Donna Erickson	Vicky Wong
Stefanie Evangelista	Coen Silver
Kosho Gao	John Silver
Megan Kinman	Ingrid Pike



September Birthdays

William Chow	Donna McNeil
Linda Foy	Vivian Rickey
Shane Soldan	Cecil Tsang
Adam Zolty	Marilyn Olson
Kawen Wong	

One of these lucky **August or September** birthday members in attendance at the meeting will win a "special" rock carved rock by Cliff Smith!!!