



THE ROCKET November 2014

Wine and Cheese Party

Thurs. Nov. 27 Wine will be provided by our club - bring a finger food for snacking-
prepared on your own plate to take home!



President's report

November is the time of Remembrance. Not only is it time to pause and reflect on those who have passed on, it is also the time to acknowledge those who have answered the call of duty making our world a better place. This applies not only to the service men and women of the military, but to all our own 'service' helpers within our own group.

November is an important time for our club....it marks the time of our elections. Now it is time for YOU to stand up and do your duty to this organization that you volunteered to join. Why is it that you wanted to belong to the Hastings Centre Rockhounds? Was it to find like-minded individuals who are passionate about your hobby or was it because you found that 'rockhounds' are a friendly bunch and you want some new friends in your life? How can YOUR EFFORTS make a difference? What will be your mark in the club, and in what way will others remember you? Where are you needed most?

Remember, in any organization; many hands to make light work. Well-oiled gear systems are maintained by diligent and properly trained service technicians. Those 'technicians' did not become experts over night or by themselves; they are trained and have had lots of practice. Within this organization, there are plenty of opportunities to learn and grow. Everyone benefits from 'NEW' members getting involved along with those 'EXPERIENCED' members giving of their expertise and knowledge.

So, this time of year shows us that peace is better than war- and that everyone benefits from working together. When there is fighting and animosity everyone loses out. Fellowship with a common goal builds community; bickering and infighting leads to dissemination. Let's make this club strong, giving both you and me something proud to belong to.

Thanks for your time and see you all soon at the general meeting, Linda



HASTINGS CENTRE ROCKHOUND
Minutes of Membership Meeting October 23, 2014

President- Linda F. Linda called the meeting to order at 7:40. Thanked everyone for coming and put out flyers for South Delta Show Nov. 8 & 9. Linda still plans on cutting down the meeting time so we have more social time. This may be by having a pre-arranged agenda.

Secretary – Marilyn S.- report M/S/C

Treasurer – Sue.- adopted as read

Programming – Paul P.- Tonight's program will be a talk by Crystal C. on luminescence and a display of florescence and luminescence. The costume winners were Vera and Roz. January 22nd meeting will have Astrologist Derek Kiel as speaker. If Dave M. can get the equipment he will show his pictures of opals.

Rep to Society-Sigge R. – The bursaries have been increased to \$1000. These are for children or grandchildren of members. All details are available on the BCLS website.

Workshop-Sigge R.- Sigge thanked Thomas and crew for cleaning the large saw. It still needs some wiring changed. New wheels will be in the New Year.

Thomas H.- Thomas thanked those that helped with the cleaning of the saw. He would like anyone that planned on leaving the class early to check with the Instructor before signing in as they may not be accommodated. Everyone must do the Orientation and their name recorded in the book. Anyone that wants to know about the Sunday trips to contact him.

Showchair – Dan C. – Dan wants a committee to help him. Adam K., Sharon B., Ginger S., Bonnie G., Brian K., and Linda F. all volunteered

Newsletter – Marilyn O and Marilyn M – Still away and computer down

Sunshine-Debbie C-Spoke to Sheila and she is doing well.

Ways & Means – John P.-5 prize lots this evening

Social – Brigitte R., Marilyn M. & Marilyn O.-Brigitte thanked everyone for the goodies for tonight and reminded everyone that the next meeting would be the wine and cheese and everyone to bring a “finger food”. Not able to warm anything or supply utensils. Do not bring wine.

Library – Crystal C. and Manda M. –A Thank you for a donation of 2 books on metal clay jewellery.

Membership-Roz M & Vera S.- Roz thanked Elaine for a program to simplify the membership list. Everyone must have their Hastings Community card for the next meeting to have our membership completed by Jan. 1 for BCLS. We have 194 paid members. 43 members and 4 guests at the meeting. Vera thanked Spring L. for a bucket of rocks as a donation to Ways and Means.

Bonnie G.- Needs small tumbled rocks for “pets” for the children's part of our show.

Brian K.-Gave an outline of what would be at the Jade Symposium at Robson Square on Nov.21-23. Brian also asked for volunteers to work 5 hour shifts.

Adam K.- Adam will run his wire wrapping class the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Birthday draw – Ginger S.

Nominating Committee member from Membership is Ginger S.

New Business –M/S/C That all tables at show be at Dealers' rate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Workshop Hours

Lapidary



Reminder....

You must show both your Hastings Rock Club and Community Center 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. (604 380 4682)

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

Second & fourth Wed. –**Wire Wrapping** –Adam

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.

Upcoming Programs:

- November 27, 2014 David Myers, Club Member - "Animation of Opal-like Effects"
- December NO MEETING
- January 22, 2015 Derek Kief. Astronomer with H.R. MacMillan Space Centre - "Meteorites"
- February 26, 2015 Doug Murray, President of the B.C. Lapidary Society - "News of the BC Lapidary Society"
- March 26, 2015 Pin Lee, Master Gardener of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden – "Use of Stone in Chinese Art and Landscaping"
- April 23, 2015 Curt Higham, President of Ames Tile & Stone - "Commercial Stone Tile"
- May 28, 2015 TBA
- June 25, 2015 PARTY

That's it for now!

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IMPORTANT NOTICE-RE: MEMBERSHIP – Roz & Vera

Thursday, November 27 is our AGM/Christmas Social/Membership Renewal meeting. This e-mail will help you prepare for the meeting by noting the **changes to the membership renewal process**.

The BC Lapidary Society is demanding that we have our valid membership list for 2015 in to them by January 1st. Our last meeting before that date is November 27 so everyone needs to renew then!

You need 2 Memberships to be a Member in Good Standing

You must be a member of the **1) Hastings Community Association (HCA)** to join the
2) Hastings Centre Rockhounds.

Change #1) Hastings Community Association (HCA)

When you go to the Community Centre office to get your **Hastings Community Association (HCA)** membership you need to say that you are a **"Rockhound"** (They are making us a list of "Rockhounds" who have an HCA membership. You must be on this list when we check it. They are not using membership cards very much in 2015) We will check the list December 8 to accurately include members on our **valid** member list.)

Change #2) Hastings Centre Rockhounds

Process for Renewal at the November 27 meeting:

- 1) Pick up your pre-filled out membership form from **Station 1** (the SIGN IN Table.)
- 2) Check it for any errors or omissions. Fix them on the form.
 - Circle the amount you will be paying:
\$20 Single or \$25 Family
 - Sign the form
- 3) Take the *completed* form to **Station 2** (across the room) and Pay for your Hastings Centre Rockhounds membership.
- 4) pick up your pre-printed membership card.

Enjoy the AGM and Social the same evening, but please intend to renew your membership that night. We will make it as smooth as we can, but please bring your patience and renewal fee.

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



One of these lucky **November or December** birthday members in attendance at the meeting will win a "special" rock!

November

Thomas Hui
Glenys MacIsaac
Chris Pippin
Melina Auerbach
Olivier Wong
Ross Radatzke
Destiny Madland
Dieter Piltz
Alison Ku
Ed Stefanison

December

Ann Lang Ying	Betty Fung
Monica Parelkar	Thomas Planche
Rahul Khopkar	Ibsen Pfaff
Helen Yeung	Nat Franklin
Sam Esworthy	Christopher Hamilton
Lori Schlechtleitner	Bin Liao
Sheila Sutherland	Yu Ting Gao