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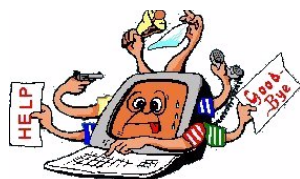
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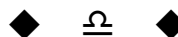
FEBRUARY MEETING

Friday 12 February 2010 7:30 pm

**SPRUCE CLIFF COMMUNITY CENTRE
608 Poplar Road SW. Calgary, AB**

**Program Probably a Guest Speaker
Pebble Pups DINOSAURS !**

**Refreshments Birthday Cake and Beverage
supplied by the Social Committee .**



MARCH MEETING

Friday 12 March 2010 7:30 pm

Program Still to be confirmed

Pebble Pups Still to be determined

Refreshments Coffee, Tea, Juice



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THE CALGARY LAPIDARY JOURNAL

February 2010

The Calgary Lapidary Journal is the "official" publication of, and is published by The Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to the sphere of the Earth Sciences pertinent to the lapidary hobby in Canada.

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Canceled Postage Stamps - for Hermina Kolski
Campbell Soup Labels - for Alice Jaquish
Pop Can Pull Tabs - for Bow Cliff Seniors
Drop them off at the Sign In Table.

Please use a little care when cutting off the soup labels. We need the bar code intact. Also, with the stamps, don't just rip them off - use scissors. It will save having to trim them later.

Be sure to pick up some of the **Club Business Cards** to give to prospective members. Put your return address label on the back so if they have any question, they can call you first.

EXCHANGE NEWSLETTERS

We exchange newsletters with a number of Canadian and USA clubs. These newsletters are brought to the meetings and set out for you to take home and read. Some are marked **Read & Return** so they can be read by more members. They have excellent articles.

Check the table for other articles of interest - APS monthly meeting and March Symposium plus other show announcements.

Meet & Greet

Because of the weather we only had 39 members at the December meeting. However, there were 54 members and guests at the January meeting.

Please pick up a copy of the Club Brochure. Keep it handy by your phone as it has important phone numbers on it.

Membership is open to all interested persons. Dues are for the **CALENDAR YEAR**, payable annually, prior to December 31st each year.

Adult (18 - 64)	\$ 20.00
Adult Couple	\$ 25.00
Senior Citizen (65+)	\$ 18.00
Senior Couple	\$ 21.00
> Pebble Pup (under 14)	\$ 2.00
> Junior (14 - 17)	\$ 2.00
> Student - Full-time (18+)	\$ 2.00
> With Adult Membership	
Individual Student	\$ 10.00
Individual Junior	\$ 10.00
Pebble Pup Sponsored	\$ 5.00

NAME TAGS (order from Membership) \$ **3.00**

DUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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Lorna Hightower

DOOR PRIZES

December Door Prize winners were:

Gemstones of the World - Zach Allen
Fossil Horn Coral - Emmanuel W.

The adult winners were:

Selenite Crystals - Rocky Ma
Barite Specimen - Alicia Hightower

The January winners were:

Pebble Pups -
Pyrite Sample - Jonathan Hightower
New Zealand Gemstones - Juliette Wilson

Adults -

Buce Blue (BC) Specimen - Ernie Spurgeon
Australian Crazy Lace Agate - Joan Irvin

Many thanks to the members who donated items for the door prizes.



February is Valentine's Day.

Our resident **CUPIDS**, AKA **Don & Vi Merkley** will donate a faceted stone for the yearly **Birthday Stone**. Since Vi is cutting the stone, a lucky man will be the winner. So, when you sign in, pick your lucky number. You may be the winner!

All the ladies who, in previous years, won **The Birthday Stone** donated by **Don Merkley**, and the men who won the stones donated by **Vi Merkley**, are asked to please wear the pendant or ring they made with the stone. Thank You.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

It is long past the typing deadline for this issue and the President's Message has not been received. So - you get an Editorial from February 1978. It is still relevant.

What you Give is What you Get

Last month's editorial **Recipe for a Happy New Year** mentioned that Father Time has issued you a **Credit Card** for the entire year. We all realize, especially after the Christmas spending, that items purchased with a credit card have to be paid for.

Membership in Life is like a **bank account**. The good you do for others are the **deposits** to your account. Good deed done to you or for you by others are the **withdrawals**. Even with a credit card you should not overdraw your account.

What does all this banking jargon have to do with **our club**? Well, every club has 2 sets of books; one in which the treasurer keeps track of the income and outgo of the club's financial transactions. The other book is kept by Father Time. It records the **goodwill, cooperation, participation** and **involvement** of the club members in the club's activities.

We all contribute **financially** to the club when we pay our dues, buy raffle tickets and sell our show tickets. We can also contribute in a **material** way by donation items for the club and show silent auction and raffles.

But how do we get to put entries in the **Participation Pass Book** kept by Father Time? ... By giving our **time** and **talents**, willingly and generously.

Each month the President's Message in the Journal urges us to **Get Involved**, to **Participate**. Some of the members have taken this to heart while others still do nothing. With the Annual Show just around the corner we are going to need the participation, cooperation and involvement of **all the members**.

How does your pass book stand ?

Credit Balance or Overdraft ?

[TM]

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RIDDLES

1. If King Midas sat on gold, who sat on silver ?
2. What do you get if you eat uranium ?
3. What always weighs the same no matter how big it gets ?
4. What did the limestone say to the geologist ?

From - The Pegmatite - Sept. 09

MEETING PROGRAMS

Eric Dahlberg

JANUARY

The January Program was a video on the Opal Mining in Australia.

FEBRUARY

Presentations will also be made for **The Van Ende Volunteer Trophy** and a **Life Membership**. There are no **Silver Steggies** for 25 years of continuous membership to be presented this year.

THE VAN ENDE VOLUNTEER TROPHY

This trophy is 18 inches high and weighs 20 pounds. It was donated to the club by Paul and Geneva Van Ende and is to awarded annually.

Criteria for Awarding the Trophy

To be awarded to a person (s) who has worked for the betterment of the club - for example: Show Committee, Study Groups, Pebble Pups, or any Club sponsored activity. This award to be given for past contributions as well.

Choosing the Recipient

The general membership submit a name (s) and the reason why they think this person should receive the award. The executive them select the recipient from the name submitted.

At the January meeting there was a lively discussion regarding a recommendation from the Board of Directors that the club add a \$75. gift certificate from one of the local rock dealers for the person selected to receive the Trophy. Other suggestions were put forward - a Certificate, a Keeper Trophy, even a new category - separate from the Trophy - to award and recognize members who volunteer.

After all was said and done - it was moved by Ehren Rebmann, seconded by Lee Smith that **the Van Ende Trophy be given, retroactively and from now on, with a \$75. gift certificate from Green's, Komarevich's or a rock related store of the recipients choice.**

MOTION CARRIED.

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IT'S ALL IN THE SPELLING

CARAT - a standard unit of mass used for precious stones, especially diamonds, is equal to 200 milligrams.

KARAT - a unit of proportion of gold in an alloy equal to 1 / 24 part of pure gold.

CARET - a mark on printed or manuscript material to show where something such as a letter or word should be inserted. In the United States, the caret is usually made just under the line. Other cultures invert the caret and place it above the line.

CARROT - Bugs Bunny's favorite food !

MEMBERSHIP**Debbie Curle****WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

I was happy to welcome our new members Haley MacIntyre and Alexandra Sommers to their first meeting. I look forward to seeing them again next month. We also welcome Karen & Bill Guse as prospective new members.

NAME TAGS - \$ 3.00

Order yours now so you have it for the show.

Thanks to all of you who renewed your memberships. If you haven't renewed yet, please mail in your renewal forms and a cheque. My address is:

136 Martindale Blvd NE, Calgary AB T3J 2X

We would like to finalize the membership list by January 31 but - since you won't be reading this until early February - we'll stretch a point and extend the final renewals to the February meeting.

Your AFRC Membership Card, with the insurance information on the back, will be included in the March Journal. Be sure to double check the envelope before you throw it out - the envelope, not The Journal.

CARDS

Please notify either Pat Hausberg - 240-4514 or myself, 698-6507 if you know of a member who is ill, at home or in the hospital, so cards can be sent. Notify us also of milestone birthdays or anniversaries.

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**THE JOURNAL****Trudy Martin**

Well, Canada Post has done it to us again. The rate for a Thin Journal (4 pages) is now 57¢. The cost to mail a Fat Journal (8 pages) has increased from 98 ¢ to \$1.00. That is **\$6.28** for postage per family for the 8 issues mailed (not counting GST or the cost of the printing or envelopes).

So, I am asking those members with computers to consider accessing The Journal off the club web site. You get to read the Journal 2 to 3 days before the printed copy goes in the mail and the pictures, when I'm able to include them, are in **COLOUR!**

You will be notified when the Journal has been posted to the web site. You can then access it at your convenience. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer. Let me know if you want to switch. If it doesn't work for you, we can always switch you back to a printed copy.

Trudy Martin - martintm@telus.net

**PEBBLE PUPS****Alicia****Hightower**

We had a great time at the January meeting. Mrs Merkely gave us a superb talk on quartz and the quartz family.

In February we will be shifting our attention to DINOSAURS ! We will be assembling wooden dinosaur skeletons and will have a discussion about rocks that became fossilized - like petrified wood, coprolites, dinosaur bone and amber.

I would like to thank Mrs. Merkely for volunteering her time to come and talk to us last meeting. Thanks, also, to Rocky Ma for the lovely mineral posters; Mrs. D'Souza for once again bringing snacks and Mrs. Martin for the activity sheets.

Have a great rest of the month and I will see you again in February.

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**CRAFTY SATURDAYS****Nancy****Pilling**

Here is the line up for the 2010 events. Sign Up sheets are available to the general meetings. Some classes are restricted to the number of persons to be accommodated. First come - first served.

|            |                                              |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Feb. 27    | <b>Beaded Daisies</b> with Gillian Macartney |
| Mar. 27    | <b>Wire Wrap</b> with Sandy Bessey           |
| Apr. 24    | <b>Stone Carving</b> with Bernice Mathews    |
| May        | No Crafty Saturday but AFRC May Daze         |
| June       | No Crafty Saturday but maybe a BBQ           |
| July / Aug | Summer Time !!!                              |
| Sept. 25   | <b>Wire Wrap</b> with Lavern Novlan          |
| Oct. 23    | To be confirmed                              |
| Nov. 27    | To be confirmed                              |

We hope to have our **Regular Participants** at each event as well :-

**Barbara Fisher** with stuff to make craft items for the fish pond at the show.

**Alice King** with Scrimshaw

**Peter Meyer** doing flint knapping

**Dave Biro** or someone from the Faceters Guild to demonstrate faceting

Is there a craft you would like to demonstrate? If so - send me an e-mail or give me a phone call. **948-4184**

<showbox2@shaw.ca>

**WIT and WISDOM**

We should all live as if someone is writing a book about us.

The squeaky wheel doesn't always get greased; sometimes it gets replaced.

Time is the ultimate tailor. It makes more alterations than any other.

**SOCIAL**

**Carol Westley**

My sincere thanks to everyone who contributed items for the Mustard Seed Ministry. They were much appreciative of your generosity.

February is our BIRTHDAY MEETING so we will have CAKE to go along with our coffee and juice. Please make an extra effort to attend.

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**MINI MINERS MONTHLY MAGAZINE**

Our club has a subscription to the Mini Miners Monthly Magazine. Copies are set out on the side table with the Exchange Newsletters for members to read and enjoy. While geared to children, there is a lot of interesting and educational reading for the adults as well.

Those of you who were at the pot luck supper saw the place mats produced by Diamond Dan Publications. They had colored pictures of mineral specimens on the front and activity games on the back. They certainly gave a festive look to the dinner table.

Last year, Darryl Powell, AKA Diamond Dan, offered a subscription rate that was a real bargain! As long as the club has a regular subscription (\$19.95 US per year) then the members, **willing to receive the magazine via e-mail**, could get a subscription for only **\$ 2.00**. Seven members signed up to take advantage of this special offer.

It is now time to renew these subscriptions. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, see me at the February meeting. I will collect your money and send it on when I renew the club subscription. To compensate for the Exchange rate I'm asking that you pay me \$2.25 Canadian and I will look after getting the US Money Order.

Trudy

**ANSWERS TO THE RIDDLE**

1. The Lone Ranger
2. A - tomic ache
3. A hole
4. Stop taking me for granite

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**2010 SHOW**

A separate Show Bulletin comes to you with this Journal. It contains everything you need to know about the show but were afraid to ask.

**Read it. Keep it handy, by the phone.**

If you have any questions about the show, phone the member in charge of that area of responsibility or committee. The Show Committee members are listed on the inside cover of the show bulletin.



**From the Exchange Newsletter**

**WEBSITES OF INTEREST**

If you have found any good sites, please let me know and I will add them to the list. A great site I recently found for kids is **www.rockhoundkids.com**

- <http://nsminerals.atspace.com>
- <http://museum.gov.ns.ca/fossils/>
- <http://www.mindat.org>
- <http://vuprocks.com>
- <http://gis3.natr.gov.ns.ca/MODB/>
- <http://gis.wvdep.org/convert/>
- <http://www.bayoffundytourism.com/tides/times/>
- <http://www.rockngem.com/>
- <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/MEB/pdf/ic66.htm>
- <http://www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/nssites.html>
- <http://www.42explore.com/rocks2.htm>
- <http://www.allaboutgemstones.com/>
- <http://www.rockhoundkids.com>
- <http://mineralcollecting.org/>
- <http://www.galleries.com/>
- <http://www.minerals.net/>

From - The Rockhound's Bark  
Nova Scotia Mineral & Gem Society

**HINTS & TIPS**

**TO SEE INSIDE STONES**

See inside stones before faceting by immersing them in **oil of cinnamon** or **oil of cassia**. These are sold in most drug stores. Their refractive index is near that of most gemstones, so surface irregularities of the stones will vanish and you can see flaws and inclusions.

**OXALIC ACID**

**Spic and Span** has oxalic acid in it. It is an excellent source for the final polish of tumbled stones. Use one cup of Spic and Span for each six pounds of stone. This is not suggested for calcite-based stones or other soft stones. Test on your stones before using.

Note to Calgarians - Spic and Span is hard to find in the local stores. If you see it - buy two boxes ! We found some on our trip to Billings last summer so we're good for awhile.

From - Chips & Splinters website  
[www.sarmclub.com](http://www.sarmclub.com)

Via The Pegmatite - San Diego Mineral & Gem Society

**Mineral of the Month****Holger Hartmaier**

Calaverite-  $\text{AuTe}_2$   
 Sylvanite-  $(\text{Au}, \text{Ag})\text{Te}_2$

This month, as part of our continuing series on gold minerals, we will focus our attention on the minerals Calaverite and Sylvanite. Chemically speaking, these gold bearing minerals are gold and gold-silver tellurides because of the presence of tellurium (Te). Calaverite and sylvanite are closely related. Calaverite becomes sylvanite when 13.4% of the gold is replaced with silver. The following is a summary of the physical properties of these minerals:

**Calaverite:**

- Crystal system- monoclinic.
- Colour- pale yellow-white to silver white, opaque.
- Luster- metallic.
- Streak- Yellowish-gray, very brittle.
- Hardness- 2.5 to 3.
- Fracture- uneven, no cleavage.
- Specific Gravity- 9.3

Calaverite occurs as minute slender to short prismatic crystals that are striated parallel to the elongated direction, as bladed, lath-like crystals, or granular and massive. It is found in gold-bearing hydrothermal vein deposits with other telluride minerals and native gold.

**Sylvanite:**

- Crystal system- monoclinic.
- Colour- pale yellowish silver white, opaque.
- Luster- metallic.
- Streak- Silver white.
- Hardness- 1.5 to 2.
- Fracture- uneven, with perfect cleavage parallel to one of the crystal faces (side pinacoid).
- Specific Gravity- 8.16.

Sylvanite occurs as complex, thick tabular to short prismatic crystals, commonly forming penetration twins which produce arborescent forms giving it the name "graphic ore"

Although these minerals are rare, they are important ores of gold at several mines worldwide. Notably, calaverite was first described from the Stanislaus Mine in Calaveras County, California. Sylvanite was named after Transylvania (Romania), where it was first found. Its name is also related to *sylvanium*, one of the first names proposed for the metal tellurium. It was also called *graphic tellurium*, *graphic gold* and *schrifterz* because the crystal arrangement resembles written characters.

Calaverite is found with other telluride minerals at Cripple Creek, Teller County, Colorado and Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. Notable Canadian localities include Kirkland Lake and Boston Creek in northeastern Ontario and the Engineer Mine in the Atlin mining division in British Columbia.

Sylvanite is found with calaverite in Calaveras County, California and Cripple Creek Colorado. In Transylvania, it is found at Nagyag and Offenbanya in veinlets in altered porphyry with gold. Canadian localities include Bigstone Bay, Lake of the Woods and the Dome Mine, Porcupine, Ontario.

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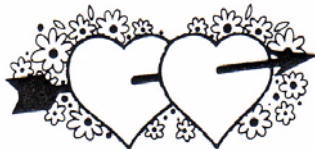
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*My Rockhound Valentine*

*I love your hair of Citrine hue,  
 I love your eyes of Sapphire blue.  
 Your Ivory teeth so Pearly white,  
 I love your Ruby lips so bright!  
 Your Jade smooth skin so soft and sleek  
 A blush of Rose Quartz on your cheek.  
 Placed there from Cupid's palette board  
 Makes you a prize to be adored.  
 You are a Gem and you're all mine!  
 You are my Rockhound Valentine !*



**COMING EVENTS C R L C**

Tue. Feb. 9 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM  
 Fri. Feb. 12 General Meeting - 7:30 PM  
**Club's 51 st Birthday**  
 Tue. Feb. 23 Show Committee Meeting 7:30 PM  
 Sat. Feb. 27 **Crafty Saturday 09:00- 4:00 PM**  
 Tue. Mar. 9 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM  
 Fri. Mar. 12 General Meeting - 7:30 PM  
 Sat. Mar. 27 **Crafty Saturday 09:00 - 4:00 PM**  
 Tue. Mar. 30 Show Committee Meeting 7:30 PM  
 Tue. Apr. 6 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM  
 Fri. Apr. 9 General Meeting 7:30 PM  
 Sat. Apr. 24 **Crafty Saturday 09:00 - 4:00 PM**  
 Tue. Apr. 27 Show Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

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**BOW CLIFF SENIORS**

CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD  
 FOR WEEKLY CLASSES

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Wednesday - February 10 - Lunch & Bake Sale**  
**Wednesday, February 17 - Chinese New Year Lunch**  
**Bow Cliff Seniors will be CLOSED Monday, Feb. 15**  
**for Family Day**

**For more information**  
 please call 246-0390 or 240-2213

**Two Questions**

How many of you have looked closely at the art work now hanging on the walls in the main hall and side room ? They have some pretty talented students in their painting and paper tole classes.

Are there any other CRLC members besides Norma Seymour and John Hausberg who are members of Bow Cliff Seniors ?

**My Friend Murphy**

There is no time like the present for postponing what you don't want to do.

**2010 AMERICAN FEDERATION SHOWS**

**March 6 - 7 Eastern Federation**  
 Newark, Delaware  
**April 16 - 17 Rocky Mountain Federation**  
 Wichita, Kansas  
**June 18 - 20 California & American Federations**  
 La Habra, California  
**August 27 - 29 Midwest Federation**  
 Peoria, Illinois  
**October 16 Southeast Federation**  
 Knoxville, Tennessee  
**November 13-14 South Central Federation**  
 DeRidder, Louisiana  
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**Northwest Federation**  
 Date not finalized yet.

For more details on these shows go to the American Federation Web Site [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) and then go to the regional federation you are interested in. Some of the shows have fluorescent displays, lectures and field trips.

**Attention all Editors**

These shows will all have an Editors Breakfast and Meeting, generally on the Sunday. If you can possibly attend, please do. You will get to meet and talk with your fellow editors, share hints and tips and exchange newsletters and ideas.

If you are not yet a Scribe member, application forms, publicity and other pertinent information will be available for you.

Trudy Martin, Scribe  
<http://scribesite.home.att.net>

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It is impossible for us to list all the Canadian and American Club Shows. If you are going to be traveling check out the shows listed in the Rock & Gem magazines, club newsletters or on the various club websites.

BC Lapidary Society <http://www.lapidary.bc.ca/>  
 CCFMS (Ontario) <http://www.ccfms.ca/>  
 G M F C <http://www.gmfc.ca/>

**SILVERSMITHING CLASSES AT GOLDEN, BC**

**BEGINNERS January 30 & 31 March 27 & 28**  
**ADVANCED February 20 & 21 April 10 & 11**

College of the Rockies, 1305 - 9 Street S. Golden, BC Cost about \$100.00 per person

Call Becky 1- 250 - 344-2010 to register.

**THE ROCK SHOW - EARTH SCIENCES**

**Peter Meyer 403-289-4135**

**TABLE SALES AND ORDERS**

Rough, Slabs, & Finished Stones  
Minerals, Fossils & Finding,  
Estates and Consignments

**SUNDAYS: 7 am - 2 pm**

Hillhurst - Sunnyside Market

1320 - 5 Avenue NW, Calgary AB  
( west hall )

**Shop & Swap in The Journal**

**Reasonable Rates**

**Contact - The Editor  
Trudy Martin 403-287-1570**

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**Are you looking for a Poly Arbor?**

**There will be one advertised in the APRIL  
issue as the people are away on vacation.**

EDMONTON  
LETHBRIDGE  
MEDICINE HAT  
REGINA  
WINNIPEG

AND ALL POINTS EAST

Are you planning a Mini Show, Swap Meet, or  
something special?

Send me an e-mail and I will try to mention it in  
the next Journal.

With summer coming - rockhounds will be  
traveling.

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\*\*\*\* **AFRC MAY DAZE** \*\*\*\*  
**MAY 21, 22, 23**  
**2010**

hosted by  
**Lacombe Handicraft & Lapidary Club**  
at  
**LACOMBE, AB**  
**More details to follow.**

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**The 1120 Rock Club of Kelowna**  
and  
**The Vernon Lapidary & Mineral Club**  
present the  
**4 th Annual - Okanagan Gem Show**

**AT**  
**Winfield Memorial Hall, 3270 Berry Road,**  
**Winfield, BC**  
**July 17 & 18, 2010**

**Sat. - 9 AM - 6 PM ----- Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM**

Adults - \$4.00 Children 12 & under - \$2.00

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Ken Dewerson - 250-707-0618  
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**GMFC SHOW & CONVENTION**

hosted by  
**RIPPLE ROCK GEM & MINERAL CLUB**

**SAT. June 12, 2010 10 AM - 5 PM**

**SUN. June 13, 2010 10 AM - 4 PM**

Timberline School Gymnasium  
1681 South Dogwood Street  
**Campbell River, BC**

Rock, Gem, Fossil & Crystal Displays  
Hourly Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Dealer Sales  
Spin & Win & much, much more.

**Adults \$2.00**  
**Children under 12 FREE when accompanied by an  
adult.**

**CALGARY ROCK & LAPIDARY CLUB**  
**www.crlc.ca**

**GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW**



## **GOLDEN JUBILEE**

### **A HOBBY FOR ALL AGES**

**SATURDAY            M A Y 1 / 2010            9 AM - 6 PM**

**SUNDAY              M A Y 2 / 2010            10 AM - 5 PM**

**FISH POND, SILENT AUCTION  
DISPLAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS, DEALERS**

**Crystals, Gemstones, Mineral & Fossil Specimens, Beads & Beading Supplies  
Books, Equipment, Tools, Gift Items, Rough Rock and Rock Slices**

**Free Parking at the Arena & at Queen Elizabeth School  
Food Concession at the Arena**

#### **ADMISSION**

**Adults \$5.00**

**Students \$3.00**

**Seniors \$3.00**

**Children 6 and under admitted FREE if accompanied by an adult**

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**SHOW BULLETIN  
FEBRUARY 2010**

**2010 SHOW**

**Bob Hightower**

The **Annual Show** is rapidly approaching (I can hardly wait) and things are kicking into high gear in terms of planning and preparation.

As was mentioned, we now have a Ticket Committee Chairperson. Thank you very much, Cal Luchuck. Now the show committee is all assembled and ready to do the club proud.

All the pieces are falling into place except for the **BIGGEST PIECE** of all - **V O L U N T E E R S**. Without the help of club members, the show cannot be the success it has been in the past and continue to grow stronger in the future. I'm sure, during the meetings leading up to the show, the call will go out for people to help man the various tables the club sponsors, to help set up and take down the tables and chairs that are needed for the dealers, and to help set up and take down the display cases.

When you volunteer, the show becomes a bit more **SPECIAL** and you have a sense of pride when you see how much your contribution helped to add to the success of the show.

We will have our next show committee meeting the end of January. Any developments will be communicated to you during the general meeting in February. If you would like to volunteer - don't be shy, just ask any one on the committee and we would be more than appreciative of any help you can provide.

The **Calgary Faceters Guild**, the **Alberta Palaeontological Society**, and the **Archaeological Society of Alberta** will be at the show. Be sure to stop by their areas as they all have interesting displays and demonstrations. We will have **64 show cases**, a full compliment of **Demonstrators** both days and the ever popular **Fish Pond** and **Silent Auction**. Remember, if you put in a display you will receive a **Free Show Pin**.

The Silent Auction needs material and items are still needed for the Fish Pond. Please see Mike or Barbara is you can help out.

The following pages have all the information that you need for the show. If you have questions or concerns about a specific area of the show please contact the committee person responsible and they will assist you.

**2010 SHOW COMMITTEE**

|                           |                         |          |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Show Chairman -           | Bob Hightower           | 254-2716 |
| Show Advisor -            | Wayne Braunberger       | 278-5154 |
| Show Secretary -          | Trudy Martin            | 287-1570 |
| Show Treasurer -          | Alice King              | 275-2727 |
| Dealer Chairman -         | Mel Martin              | 287-1570 |
| Ticket Chairmen -         | Cal Luchuck             | 289-7574 |
| Exhibits Chairman -       | Pearl Broad             | 282-2331 |
| Demonstrations Chairman - | Joan Irvin              | 277-9632 |
| Fish Pond Chairman -      | Barbara Fisher          | 481-2354 |
| Silent Auction Chairman - | Mike O'Toole            | 945-1874 |
| Publicity Chairman -      | Trudy Martin            | 287-1570 |
| Floor Plans -             | Hilda Jacobsen          | 265-3239 |
| Equipment Co-Ordinator    | Lorne Alcock            | 239-4981 |
| A.P.S. Centre -           | Dan Quincy              | 247-3022 |
| A.S.A. Display            | Mike Turney             | 283-3609 |
| Calgary Faceters          | Dave Biro               |          |
| 403-885-4653              |                         |          |
| <b>Volunteers -</b>       | <b>All CRLC Members</b> |          |

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Write in your name and phone number



**FEBRUARY SHOW BULLETIN**

The purpose of this **Show Bulletin** is to give the members all the information they need to know about the show. Ah Ha ! I see you shaking you head - you have been a member for 25 years so you know **ALL ABOUT THE SHOW!** Well, that's fine, but we do have **NEW MEMBERS** who don't know what the show is all about. Maybe they would like to exhibit but don't know the club has its own cases that they can use. Maybe they haven't been able to attend the last couple of meetings and don't know who to phone to get their name on the **Sign Up Sheets**, who they should contact if they want to help with **Set Up** or **Take Down**, where they can get **Show Tickets** and **Show Posters**. The information will be **HERE** in one **BULLETIN**, so put it in a safe place and refer to it as the need arises. Remember, this is **OUR CLUB SHOW**. As Club Members we are all expected to pitch in and help wherever we can.

Please feel free to contact any one of the committee members if you have any questions or concerns. Better yet, **if you would like to learn more about the show**, talk to one of the chairmen and offer your help. There are days when these people wish they were triplets so they could get everything done on time. A little help goes a long way. I know they would appreciate your help and any new ideas you might have.

Our show has been held at the West Hillhurst Arena since 1982. The arena is well suited to our needs. The staff at the community centre are very cooperative and obliging. We have a very good working relationship. We've been there so long, some of the community residents automatically mark the **First Weekend in May** dates on their new calendar each year. Did you mark it on your calendar ? **I Certainly Hope So !**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**SHOW SET UP - FRIDAY, 30 April 2010**

The heavy work at the arena is from **9 am to 12 noon**, setting up the tables, skirting them, bringing the show cases and equipment in from the storage room and getting everything set up. We need some of the younger men to help here. Get your name on the Sign Up Sheet so we know who and how many will be coming.

There are lots of light and easy jobs for the ladies to do, too. **Dress warm** as the big door at the back will be open to let the dealers drive in. Bring your lunch. Coffee and Donuts will be available.

**WEAR YOUR NAME TAG**

The security people will be instructed to **ONLY** let in those people wearing **NAME TAGS**. We can't have every Tom, Dick or Harry wandering around in the arena while we are trying to set up the show ! Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**DEALERS** set up first as they drive their vehicles into the arena to unpack. **EXHIBITORS** set up next - **but not until after lunch**. The work crew will have the cases set up on the tables so everything will be there for you. Cases may be set up between **1 and 7 pm Friday** and must remain intact until the show closes at 5 pm Sunday, May 2.

**SHOW TAKE DOWN - SUNDAY, 2 MAY, 2010**

Sunday, **at or just after 5 pm**, there will be an announcement over the PA System to signal the end of the show and the start of the take down. **Please, do not start to remove your display until the announcement is made**. We must insist all visitors are out of the building before show cases are opened. This is for your protection and the security of your material.

Displays should be removed carefully and as quickly as possible so the workers can proceed with the rest of the take down.

If you were unable to help with the Set Up please plan to do your share by staying to help with the Take Down.

**PARKING AND ACCESS**

**Friday** the arena parking lot and the side door to the arena will be open to allow easy access for workers and exhibitors.

**During Show Hours (Saturday and Sunday)** access to the arena will be through the **Main Front Doors Only**.

We also request that Club Members and Exhibitors park on the side streets or at **Queen Elizabeth School** thus leaving the parking lot open to the **paying customers**. The parking stalls at the back of the arena will only be assigned to participating **DEALERS**.



**EXHIBITORS**

When you arrive at the arena, please check in at the **Registration Table** and pick up your envelope. It will contain your **Exhibitor Ribbon**, which gives you free admission to the show, your **Show Pin** and your **Display Location**.

Please note the **Display Location Numbers** are not the same as **Show Case Numbers**. Your Display Location number might be B10 but your show case number could be 24, 36 or 78. Once your display is set up, locate the **glass front to match your show case number** and secure it to the case with the 2 screws provided.

On Sunday, the work crew will assist in returning the glass fronts to the storage carts and collapsing the show cases. Your first responsibility is to remove your display as quickly as possible, lock it away in the trunk of your car and then come back and help out - light jobs or heavy duty - rolling skirting, removing and storing light bulbs and light brackets in their proper boxes, folding tables and chairs, stacking show cases and moving them to the storage room. Many hands will make for an easier and faster take down.

Exhibitor forms have been available at every meeting since October. Did you pick yours up yet? If not - be sure to pick one up at the February or March meeting. Forms can be downloaded from the club web site **www.crlc.ca** Go to Annual Show and scroll down until you come to the part about Exhibitors. If all else fails - phone either Pearl or Trudy to get your name on the list.

There are a limited number of styrofoam risers. Please let Pearl know if you need to borrow one.

We may put on a **How To Set Up A show Case** seminar at one of the upcoming Crafty Saturdays. This would be particularly beneficial to new members.

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**SHOW CASES**

Please remember that the **GLASS** for the front of your show case has to match the **NUMBER on the show case**.

Show cases are numbered 1 - 80.

Display Spaces, as marked on your envelope, will have **A. B. C. or D.** in front of the **space number**. **A-3, B-10, C-6. D-5** or whatever. So, if your **space** is **A-3** your **show case number** could be 15, 22 or 36. That's the glass number you have to look for.

If you are not sure **ASK SOMEONE!**

**SHOW TICKETS**

Cal Luchuck

**CRLC SHOW ADMISSION PRICES**

REGULAR ADMISSION \$5.00  
STUDENTS and SENIORS \$3.00

The tickets for our **2010 Show** are printed and I have already sold a few tickets which have been entered into the **Advanced Ticket Sale Draw**.

**The Advance Ticket Sale Draw Rules:**

For every \$10.00 worth of tickets purchased before the April General Meeting, you receive one entry into the draw. We will make a draw during the Show Ticket Report at the general meeting. Please note that you don't have to be at the meeting to receive the prize.

There are **THREE PRIZES** this year. Check them out at my table when you buy your tickets.

I am encouraging you to volunteer during the show. I am looking for enthusiastic **Ticket Sellers and Ticket Takers**. Phone or e-mail me to get your name on the list. **My number is 289-7574** or e-mail <cre84u@shaw.ca> I will have the Sign Up Sheets at the general meeting.

**Ticket Seller Duties**

greet the visitors to the show and sell tickets, you will need to manage your cash float, handle cash

**Ticket Taker Duties**

Tear off the small numbered portion of the ticket and direct visitors to the table where they can fill out the center portion of the ticket for the Hourly Door Prizes.

Please note that Volunteers will receive a special Ribbon that entitles them to **free show admission**.

**HOURLY DOOR PRIZES**

There will also be a variety of prizes, generously donated by our dealers and club members, to be won at the show.

Draws will be made every hour from the green ticket barrel at the Information Table.

**Remember:**

**You need to have a ticket stub in the ticket barrel if you want to win one of the Hourly Door Prizes.**

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**PUBLICITY**

Trudy Martin

The best publicity and advertising for our show is enthusiastic members who will make sure **all their friends and neighbors** know about the show because they either gave them posters and book marks or, better yet, sold them tickets to make sure they will come to the show.

**Show Posters** (in 3 sizes), and **Book Marks** may be picked up at the February, March or April Meetings. People can't come to the show if they don't know **where** and **when** it is being held. Take some posters and put them up at your office, on bulletin boards at the grocery store, at your hair dressers or barber shop, or anywhere else you can think of. Go for a walk and put one in every mail box on your street. We need **EVERYBODY** to do their share - this includes the Pebble Pups, too.

Pebble Pups, you have a very special part to play in the show publicity. Take some of the small posters and book marks with you to school. Ask your teacher if it is OK for you to hand them out to the other students. Mention to your friends the great prizes they can win at the Fish Pond and it only costs 50¢.

Advertisements have already been placed in the lapidary magazines, on the Internet and in other lapidary club newsletters. Our local lapidary dealers; Green's, Komarovich, Ken's and Earth Gems are also handing out show publicity to their customers. In March, we will target the Community Centres, Libraries and Radio Stations. If you can think of anything else, **especially if it's free**, please let me know.

Which **radio station** do you listen to? Which **TV station** do you watch. I'm thinking if Show Information could be mailed directly to Joe Smith at the XYZ Station, it might get better results than just being mailed to the general office where, I'm sure, they have a LARGE recycle bin.

Once again, the Publicity Committee needs your help. No previous experience needed - just a **Way With Words** and a Willingness to Help. Phone me **287-1570**

**VOLUNTEERS****TWO HOUR****SHIFTS**

**Sign Up early and get the shift that suits you best - Saturday, Sunday - or both days.**

**Ticket Sellers, Ticket Takers, Fish Pond, Silent Auction, Information, Demonstrations**

**The Information Booth needs FIVE ( 5 ) people each shift. It's a great place to be - you get to see and talk to EVERYBODY!**

**We also need help in the kitchen serving the coffee and donuts on Friday morning. Please volunteer. Thanks.**

**DEMONSTRATION AREA****Joan Irvin**

One of the highlights of our annual CRLC show is the Demonstration Area. Last year 15 enthusiastic volunteers performed their magic for the public (and each other), sharing a variety of skills used in Jewellery Making and Metal Working. CRLC club members, guests from The Edmonton Tumblewood Club, and students from The Alberta College of Art + Design demonstrated a range of beginner through advanced techniques – literally “something for everyone.”

Last year’s demos ranged from wire wrap and solderless chain-making, to chain maille, scrimshaw, pearl stringing, and even metal clay! A variety of silversmithing skills were also featured, including sawing & piercing, riveting, raising, chasing & repousse, and stone setting.

Do you have a passion you’d like to share (perhaps something you learned at a Crafty Saturday workshop)? We would love to include a Lapidary demonstration this year, and you don’t have to be an expert to participate! If you enjoy interacting with the public, and are able to show off a simple skill, I’d love to hear from you **403-277-9632** or **joan.irvin@acad.ca**. Volunteering in our Demonstration Area is a lot of fun, and provides an excellent opportunity to get to know your club members, and others with similar interests.

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**A. P. S. BOOTH****Dan Quincy**

The Resource Centre - Identification Booth is staffed by members of the **Alberta Palaeontological Society**. They will answer your questions about collecting, identifying, cleaning, preserving and displaying fossils - their area of expertise. In addition, they will also answer questions about Rocks and Minerals, Geology and Palaeontology. If they don’t know the answer, they can direct you to someone who can.

**Kids -** be sure to stop by and go through the **Give-Away Box**. Anything you find is free to keep. There are always treasures to be had. You just don’t know what you might find. There will also be fossils on display for you to look at, too.

**FISH POND****Barbara Fisher**

The time to make the many items needed as Fish Pond prizes for the Rock and Gem show in May is **NOW**.

I will be bringing kits for people who are able to take them home, make the critters and return them to me at the next meeting or Crafty Saturday. I really appreciate this help. Please return any kits you may have taken home, so that I can do a count of items completed.

I am hoping some of you can offer me ideas for different prizes, as a variety makes it more interesting for the children of all ages. Phone me **481-2354** at or e-mail at **<bee.fisher@shaw.ca>**

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**EXHIBITS****Pearl Broad**

The CRLC 50th Annual Show is on May 1 and 2, 2010. There are 64 Display Cases to fill, and to date I have received the Exhibitor Entry Forms for 28, so I am asking you to consider displaying your items in a Display Case.

You may wish to share a Case if you feel you do not have sufficient items to display. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you are unsure of what you may display or the setting up of the Display Case. My phone number is (403) 282-2331 and e-mail **pearlb2@telus.net**.

I will have the Exhibitor Entry Forms at the general meetings and the Crafty Saturday. The Entry Form was also included as the last page of the December, 2009 Journal. Please complete and return to me as soon as possible, as I am getting a lot of inquiries and you do not want to miss getting a Case. Let us all work together to make this the Best Show Ever in celebration of the 50th Annual Show.

**SHOW PINS**

A new and different show pin has been designed for the 2010 show. You just **have to have one** to put on your vest. Supply is limited. Pins will be on sale at the Information Table for **\$3.50**.

Exhibitors get their pin for **FREE**. So, please consider putting in a display case - either on your own or in combination with another members. We’re hoping the Pebble Pups will put in a case. How about YOU ?

There is only room for **64 show cases**. Fill in your application form early if you don’t want to be # 65.

The club has an assortment of styrofoam bottoms and risers that members may borrow if necessary. Please let Pearl know so she can mark it on your form.

**SILENT AUCTION****Mike O’Toole**

Are you afraid to open your closet for fear of causing a rock slide? Do you have boxes and bins under a table in your rock room? Are you looking for some way to make more space in your house and at the same time help make the CRLC Annual Show a success?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, perhaps you should think about donating your excess rocks, rough, specimens, etc. to the Show Silent Auction.

Each year the Silent Auction is a beehive of activity with young and old alike adding to their collections or finding that piece of rough for the perfect cabochon.

If you have something you would like to donate, please bring it to one of the monthly meetings or, if you wish to donate a lot of material, please call me at **945-1874** and we can set a Pick-Up Time - one evening or on the weekend. All donations gratefully accepted.

**DEALERS****Mel Martin**

We welcome back to the 2010 show the following dealers.

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| Aesthetics Underground | Blackfoot Rocks & Gems |
| Canada Fossils         | Calliope Beads         |
| Capilano Rock & Gem    | C & D Gemcraft         |
| Discovery Gemstones    | Earth Gems             |
| GCMS Ltd.              | Geode Man              |
| Komarevich Originals   | Lapis Gems Lapidary    |
| Lucky Strike Lapidary  | Mountain Gems          |
| Outback Gems           | Revelations West       |
| Rockabout Gems         | Rockhounds             |
| Sahara Minerals        | Script Crafts          |

The dealers support our show and our hobby by bringing items for us to purchase - rough material and finished items - everything a rockhound's heart could desire or their wallet afford.

They also generously donate items for the **Hourly Door Prizes** and many of them put in display cases as well.

Please welcome them and treat them with the respect they deserve. Thank You

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**NOTE FOR THE DEALERS**

Thanks for getting your contracts back so promptly.

I will be sending you the Friday morning entrance schedule shortly.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

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**INFORMATION CENTRE****Trudy Martin**

People attending the show are curious to learn more about the Club and about our Hobby. We will have brochures and business cards to hand out, back issues of the Journal as well as posters and information on other upcoming shows.

This booth is a great place to be. You get to see and talk to everybody! The **Ticket Barrel** and the **People's Choice Ballots** will be at the Information Table.

**EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR**

Lorne Alcock

First, I want to thank all the people who helped out with showcase repairs last spring. We managed to repair many showcases that were in need of repair and re-painting. I will be checking our inventory of showcases, and may be looking for some help again this spring in doing more repairs. But we may be good for another year or two.

Second, my thanks to all members, and others, who came out to help with the show last year. I think that it was a great success. Now we need help again for the 2010 Show. I need helpers on Friday, moving equipment into the Arena on Friday morning, starting at 8:00 AM, and finishing up around 1:00 PM, just in time for you to load your Showcase. During the Show there is not much for me to do, so I plan to help out with Ticket Taking, and maybe at the Silent Auction. What a great place to pick up some beautiful rock, at great prices.

Then on Sunday evening we have to tear out the Show. Mainly, we move our equipment back into our storage area. We work from Show closing time at 5:00 PM until we have swept the Arena floor, at around 9:00 PM. There is a lot of electrical wiring and the showcases, along with a lot of other equipment, that needs to be stored for another year. Please come out to help. Oh, and bring along a pair of gloves. Our showcases are very old, and they give off a lot of slivers.

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**WHY DO WE HAVE A SHOW ?**

Good Question !! There is more than one answer, depending on whether you are a **Participant** or an **Observer**.

1. The Annual Show gives the club members an opportunity to **Show Off** the work they have done, or the specimens they have collected.
2. It is an **Event** which is looked forward to annually. It is a great time to renew acquaintances with friends and fellow rockhounds from near and far.
3. It is **Educational**. Looking at the cases, watching the demonstrators, talking with them and asking them questions, is a "Crash Course" in the many facets of the hobby.
4. It **Promotes the Hobby**. By Word of Mouth, Brochures, Tickets, Posters, members can spread the hobby to those who might not otherwise know about it.

So you see, members, it is not something we put on just for our own enjoyment. It is an important educational event for Calgary and area. You can be proud to be a **CRLC MEMBER** and to be there to help make the show a great success.

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### ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

Are you interested in the subject of Archaeology and in the story of Alberta's [past? Are you intrigued by the beautiful artifacts that have been left behind by native cultures? Are you curious about the strange lines of rock called Medicine Wheels and about the paintings and carvings found on rock walls? Would you like to help preserve and protect Alberta's great archaeological sites?

If the answer is **YES**, then you should be a member of the Archaeological Society of Alberta. Since 1964 the Archaeological Society of Alberta, Calgary Centre, has been an advocate for the study and preservation of the rich archaeological heritage of Alberta. Help do your part to preserve Alberta's past for the future - become a member of the **Archaeological Society of Alberta**. For more information, write us at Box 65123, North Hill Postal Outlet, Calgary AB T2N 4T6

The Calgary Centre meets monthly September through April. Meetings usually consist of lectures by archaeologists from the local community and occasionally we bring in speakers from further afield. In the spring and late summer, field trips to sites in southern Alberta are undertaken. Special events are also organized; these have included a "Learn How to Make Stone Tools" workshop, an artifact identification weekend, as well as a Ceramics production workshop.

Members of the Archaeological Society of Alberta, Calgary Centre, will have a table and two show cases at the **CRLC SHOW on May 1 - 2, 2010**. be sure to stop by and visit with us. ASA members will be on hand to help identify any artifacts that participants or attendees may bring in.

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### ALBERTA PALAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

14 th Annual Symposium ---- Saturday, March 13, Sunday, March 14

**P A L E O 2 0 1 0** in conjunction with

The Mount Royal University Earth Science Department and the CSPG Palaeontological Division

**MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY**

4825 Mount Royal Gate SW,

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Saturday, March 13, 2010 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

POSTERS, LECTURES, FOSSIL DISPLAYS, FOSSIL IDENTIFICATION,  
VIDEOS \* ACTIVITY TABLE FOR THE CHILDREN

For information on the lecture program contact Philip Benham  
403-691-3343 <Philip.Benham@shell.com>

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Workshops \*\*\* Registration Required**

Contact Mona Marsovsky 403-547-0182 <giftshop@albertapaleo.org>

Watch our website for developing details

**[www.albertapaleo.org](http://www.albertapaleo.org)**



# BC GEM SHOW

FEATURING

**OVER 40 DEALERS**

**April 9, 10, 11, 2010**

**Friday: 10 am - 8 pm**

**Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm**

**Sunday: 10 am - 5 pm**

**Ag-Rec Building**

**Central Fraser Valley Fairgrounds**

**32470 Haida Drive, ABBOTSFORD, BC**

**ADMISSION: Adults - \$6.00, Students (6-17) - \$2.00**

**Under 6 (accompanied by an adult) FREE**

**Children's Creative Workshop**



A very popular area where youngsters are given a kit of material to make a "Critter" with a tumbled rock.



**DEMONSTRATIONS**

**CLUB EXHIBITS**

**SPECIAL EXHIBITS**

**GRAB BAGS**

**DOOR PRIZES**

<http://www.lapidary.bc.ca/gemshow.html>

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