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# RIPPLE ROCK GEM & MINERAL CLUB

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### MEMBERSHIPS

A single membership is \$15.00 and a family is \$25.00. Memberships may be paid at the General meetings or by mail to Box 6 Campbell River, BC, V9W 4Z9.

**Special Show Edition**

**Membership**

We always sign up new members during the show and this year was no different. We have 4 new memberships and they are;

Harold Bombback from Gold River, Joanne Ness and Cuyler Cotton from Nanaimo, Kathy Pagliardi and Richard Calkins from Campbell River, and Leanna and Wayne Baird from Fort McMurray. Welcome to the Club. We look forward to getting to know each of you while you are members.

Please email Steve Cooley or Gordon Burkholder to sign up for your introductory lapidary course.

**Dennis Cambrie**

**Editors Note**

I have enjoyed putting together this review of the 2016 Show and hope that you do as well. I received many photos and news items but I am sure that there are more. All photos used were from **Allan Gray**

**Gordon Burkholder**

**ROCK and GEM SHOW 2016**

**Thank You Show Committee!**

First of all on behalf of the Club I'd like to shout out a huge "thank you!" to Pat Doyle and all of her wonderful volunteers for making the 2016 version of our annual Rock and Gem Show such a success.

**Vendors**

The vendors were ready to sell their offerings to an eager and appreciative crowd that numbered well over 900 people for the 2-day event.



Shelly Penner's table of paintings



Bonnie Deslaurier, one of several Ripple Rock Members selling their wares

### **Kids' Corner**

Kids' activities were very well attended and we had around 200 young people drop by. Linda Henderson ran the Kids Corner.

As usual the children's table was a huge success. The children thoroughly enjoyed making Rock critters and challenging themselves with the "Rock Identification Sheets." Many kids spent a ginormous amount of money on the Spin and Win this year and our Rock Grab Bags sold out the on the first Day. I hope to double the amount of bags I make and the amount of rocks I tumble for next year. I really enjoyed myself working at the Children's table because I get to watch them create their cute stones and I get to see their happy faces when they win at the Spin and Win or open their rock Bags. Their never disappointing.

**Linda Henderson**

### **Gem Trees**

Thanks to Wayne and Dagmar Hughes who prepared the gem trees and helped the children prepare their special tree the gem tree centre was an overwhelming success again this year. The kids were deservedly proud of their creations. This activity is fast becoming one of the most popular at the show



Dad talks to kids making gem trees

## **Soapstone carving**

Shane Mawhinney and his 2 very helpful daughters worked for both days at the soapstone carving station helping their budding carvers create some very cool things. It was dusty work but the results paid off for all concerned.



The soapstone table

## **Gold Panning**

Outdoors, the 'Myhres' clan did a bang up job helping with the panning for the 'gold' and gems in the concentrate. Jamie and her mom Mellissa and Alvin are to be heartily thanked for all of their efforts on both days of the show. Once the water got flowing, the kids really dug the work and had a lot of fun!

Gold Panning had 83 kids on the Saturday and 44 kids on the Sunday for a total of 127. We had some issues; no Janitor + no water hose = no panning (Thanks Gord for saving the day!), and the "gold" coins we had have disappeared (only a dozen left - not enough to hand out). We had many people who were surprised to see us in the back. We had a few parents grab extra bags when our backs were turned when it got busy, but how do you call them on it? Oh well, live and learn.

So, for next year we will purchase a new batch of "gold" coins to hand out, some proper signage, and some new material for the bags. We do have enough "gold", just need a strong can or container to crush it up in. As for the other material, the sand is good, and a suggestion from Steve that we look through the cast offs from the trim saw at the shop (Thanks Steve!).

**Mellissa Ticknor**

## **Displays**

It wouldn't have been a great show without the displays and this year Charlie and Lena brought their fantastic rock collection for all to see. As usual, Charlie answered the

many questions from interested viewers and Lena worked tirelessly at a multitude of jobs. Wow! And thanks to both of you.



Charlie yuks it up with a visitor

The **Rock Art** of Ron McBurnie and Pat Doyle has become a mainstay of our show. People admire the creative nature of the display that has been created.



Ron McBurnie's Art Rock Display

## Show Cases

Show Cases from Island Zone Clubs; Parksville, Courtenay, Alberni Valley and our own showcase were on Display. Jack Boyes once again took charge of the set up and take down of the showcases. Thanks, Jack!



Our own Showcase



Courtenay's Club Display



Port Alberni's Display

## Used Equipment Sale

Steve Cooley watched over the used equipment sales station. There were a few saws and other bits of equipment offered for sale. The club sold our old 18" Lortone to Donna and Randy Truman from Port Hardy which made us all very happy! Thanks for taking that on, Steve.

## Demonstrators

Gordon Billings and a few of the other faceters from the 'guild' gave demonstrations of the work they do as faceters. They also had a very impressive display of their works and answered all of the questions and inquiries from attendees. Thanks to **Mike Williams** and **Gordon Billings** for all their efforts.

## Fossil Extraction

**Russ and Lori Ball** were once again showing folks how to remove the matrix material from around fossils. Many people had a go at this and they were fascinated and educated by what was revealed. Here Russ shows a young fan how it is done.



So that's how it's done!

**Paleontologists** were also busy showing off the interesting remains of by-gone eras. As always the young and old visitors alike took time to learn from the good folks at the Paleontology display.



Early rock club members

## The Earth Burped

Our own Dennis Cambrie has created a very interesting and educational display on the volcanic eruptions that shaped the southeast corner of Arizona and created some very special minerals and rocks in the process.



Dennis' display

Dennis' second display was special because he brought in the 24" rock saw that his company, York Industries created especially for our club. It was great to see what can be done when it comes to making rock equipment.



Our new saw!

## Silent Auction

The silent auction tables were very busy and this year we had 4 auctions. The idea was to reduce the amount of traffic and congestions, not to mention bad behaviours by the bidders. Judging by the returns it was another success. The club members who donated items for the auction are to be thanked. Without their generosity this would not be as successful as it is.



Gordon Billings and Dennis discuss the bidding

## Concession

Our concession this year consisted of coffee and treats and had a sandwich special on Saturday. Linda Henderson took charge of the sandwich orders and there were many volunteers who sold the offerings from our concession. All of the left over pop will be used at the annual picnic. Thanks to everyone for helping out at the concession!

## 50/50 Draw

Our 50/50 draw went well again this year. The winners of each made their table fees for sure! Monies generated from the draw go towards educational items for the club.



Tini Frey wins big!



Gabrielle from Sedna designs

## Door Prize Draws

The attendance at this year's show was very good and the total was just over 900. Vendors and club members (thank you Gwen Langille!) donated items that were chosen by winning ticket holders. As always this generated a lot of interest and many difficult decisions but always ended with happy rock enthusiasts.



Mother and son winners in the same draw!

Congratulations to all those who helped make the 2016 Rock and Gem Show such a huge success. We are getting older but also better! Enjoy your summer! We'll see you in the Fall!

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