

Parksville and District Rock and Gem Club (PDRGC)

Member Information Sheet: *To be completed at enrolment and retained by member(s)*

DATE: _____
 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME(S): _____

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Annual Membership Fees are due by the first meeting of the year (1st Tuesday in January) and are valid from January 1st until December 31st.

- Enrolment of new members between January 1st and June 30th gives full membership status from enrolment date until December 31st of the current year.
- Enrolment of new members after July 1st gives free guest* status until December 31st of the current year, **plus** full membership for the following year.
- Note: Free guest status permits total participation in all club activities. However, it does not include the following: inclusion in the BCLS Directory, participation in club elections, and discounts for special events or year-end dinner.

Club Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7 pm, from September to May

Location: Please check the website for the current location

Exceptions: Club picnic in June, Summer break during July & August, Year end dinner party in December

Membership gives access to the following:

Parksville and District Rock and Gem Club Members page, (PDRGC) Web: www.pdrockandgem.org

All clubs of the British Columbia Lapidary Society (BCLS) Web: www.bclapidary.com

Gem and Mineral Federation of Canada (GMFC) Web: www.gmfc.rocks

B.C. Rockhounder is currently in hiatus.

The BCLS Directory contains information about all the Lapidary Clubs in B.C. Published annually (*Members enrolled after December are included in the directory of the following year.*)

For your Records:

Check which options you have selected:

- Membership – Single \$20.00
Membership – Family \$40.00
Name tags \$10.00 QTY:
Digital eCopy of Rockhounder – not currently available
BCLS Directory \$10.00 annually

Visit us on Facebook or on our website www.pdrockandgem.org for more information, news and club activities.

Member information sheet 2024

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Objectives:

- To promote and encourage the study, collecting, cutting, polishing and engraving of gemstones, minerals, rocks and other geological materials as a hobby
- To encourage exploration of Vancouver Island for rocks and minerals
- To promote and encourage association and information exchange with other hobbyists
- To sponsor and support activities that aid in sharing knowledge and expertise about all aspects of this hobby

History:

The club was originally formed as the “69's Club of Coombs”. In May 1984 it assumed its current name and was welcomed as a member of the provincial BCLS.

Members:

Members vary in knowledge and experience, but everyone shares an interest in rocks, minerals, gems and/or lapidary.

Experienced members share their knowledge, and beginners are encouraged to ask questions and attend demonstrations as well as participate in workshops and field trips.

Programs:Talks and demonstrations:

Presentations are given at the meetings by specialists in the field. Topics include lapidary techniques, jewellery-making, accounts from field trips and other related activities.

Time is also allotted for members to give a “show-and-tell” of their latest finds or creations.

Field trips:

A wagon master organizes field trips based on membership interest and level of mobility. The goal is to have at least six field trips each year. A liability waiver must be signed for each trip.

Workshops:

In addition to the monthly meetings the club offers occasional workshops to learn new skills or improve existing ones. These depend on availability of instructors and membership interest.

Pebble Pups:

Junior members have opportunities to do a variety of rock related activities in age-specific programs.

Lapidary Shop/Clubhouse:

Our shop is located at Unit 0 – 2458 Alberni Hwy, Coombs. The shop is available for use by trained members when a supervisor is present. Available times and sign up are found on our website through Google docs.

Shows:

During the year various Rock and Gem Shows are held throughout the province. Members may participate in these shows to promote and sell their own products. The club creates at least one showcase to be featured at all Vancouver Island Shows and our club organizes a show in the fall. Member support is very much appreciated.

Vancouver Island Zone Meetings and Gemboree, and B.C.L.S. Gem Show and Rendezvous:

Members may attend these events. For information, please check relevant websites.

Rockhound's Code of Ethics: (Source: BCLS Directory, 2017)

1. I will respect private property and do no Rockhounding without the owner's permission.
2. I will use no firearms or blasting material in Rockhounding areas.
3. I will take garbage home or deposit it in proper receptacles.
4. I will leave gates as found.
5. I will do no willful damage to materials or take more than I can reasonably use.
6. I will fill excavations which may be dangerous to livestock.
7. I will build fires in designated places or safe places only, and make sure they are completely extinguished before leaving.
8. I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supplies.
9. I will not tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.
10. I will obey all laws and regulations of forestry and game departments in the area in which I am hunting.
11. I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
12. I will always use good outdoor manners.
13. I will show respect to other members.

*The Parksville and District Rock and Gem Club is a volunteer organization. All help is gratefully sought.
"Many hands make light work."*