



Welcome to the Parksville & District Rock and Gem Club (PDRGC) and Membership Benefits

We hope you enjoy participating in activities such as Rock Hounding Field Trips, Lapidary Crafting Shop, Annual Rock Show, Community Events etc.

This is How Our Club Works

Our general meetings are first Tuesday September through November and January through May, plus December Christmas Dinner and June Picnic and Auction. Our website is <https://pdrockandgem.org>. Find our Activity Schedule and Sign Up on Google Docs. Access it first time through our website, Member's page.

We are a club of volunteers. The members are the doers and the owners. From our membership we elect in November, an executive (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer). Volunteers fill the activity chairs such as membership, field trips, lapidary shop, programs, annual show, online presence, community events, etc. As a group they help plan and organize our activities and finances with our involvement. We encourage new members to get involved, ask questions and help us make things work and have fun.

The Executive and chairs hold a business meeting a week before the general meeting. Any club member is welcome at these meetings as well. Any items involving a significant change or financial outlay are discussed here and brought to the membership at large at the general meeting for discussion and vote. Financial Statements are available on our website members section. We want all our affairs to be visible to all members.

Our club is one of the largest on the Island, so there are great opportunities to meet other rock lovers and have some fun making it all work. It is this volunteer spirit that has made our club grow from a handful of members over 20 years ago and our membership as of January 2026 is now around 191.

Ours is one of 30 clubs, members of the BC Lapidary Society (www.bclapidary.com), and enjoy the benefits of the Annual Rendezvous, field trips, calendar, scholarships, etc.

We are delighted to have you as a member of our club and encourage you to jump in and get to know us and share with us the fun and excitement of finding that new rock, making it shine, learn a little geology and make new friends.