

# Bellevue Rock Club

## *Meeting Minutes*

January 3, 2012 7:00—9:30 p.m.



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### *Old Business*

- We currently have \$16,570 in the bank.
- Club activities. Emery Bayley has contacted the tour company that took us to the Rice Museum a few years ago to get quotes for several potential trips:
  - 1 day excursion to Mt. Rainier. 10 hours. \$1112 + fees.
  - 1 day trip to Mt. St. Helens tour with a geologist. 12 hours. \$1741 + fees.
  - 2 day tour of the Great Missoula Floods, including the Coulees in Eastern Washington. \$2557 + fees + lodging.

These would include a 36 passenger bus.

Maybe we can plan something for September.

Other ideas from the floor:

- Oregon Coast agate hunting
- A repeat of the Rice Museum trip

### *New Business*

- Bruce Himko and Dave Scott looked at a large inventory of jade animal carvings that have been offered for sale. The pieces vary in size and quality, but are generally nice and would be excellent raffle prizes for the show. The seller wants \$1500 for the entire lot of 200+ good carvings with an additional couple of dozen broken or chipped ones included. A motion was made and passed to approve a \$500 expenditure for Bruce to purchase a portion of these.
- Bruce Himko suggested that it would be useful for the club to own a high quality UV light that could be fastened into a display cabinet at the show (either for the sale of fluorescent specimens or for a club display.) Veda Depaepe will investigate the different products and costs.
- Upcoming Programs:
  - March 2012: Tad Dillhoff of the Burke Museum will speak about Paleoforests of Eastern Washington. See Tad's research page here:  
<http://www.evolvingearth.org/mcabee/fossilwoods/fossilwoodsmain.htm>
  - October 2012: Kathy Troost, Director of the Pacific Northwest Center for Geologic Mapping Studies at University of Washington, will give a presentation about the use of LIDAR for mapping geologic formations.
  - Emery Bayley has also purchased 5 more DVD's from the Rochester Mineral Symposium.

- Jackie Hughes reported that geologist Rob Viens will be teaching a class on February 17 through the Bellevue Parks Department:

#### **Geology From Mountains to Sound**

*Take a virtual trip from mountains to sound and explore the long and dynamic geologic history of the I-90 corridor. Geologist, Rob Viens will present and discuss the geologic history of the region as it is expressed in the trails and parks along the Mountains to Sound Greenbelt, including Mercer Slough, Cougar Mountain, Tiger Mountain, Mt. Si and Snoqualmie pass. Pre-registration required.*

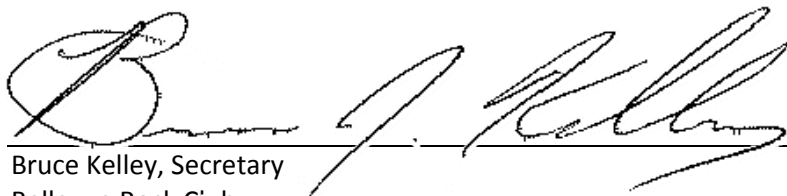
Contact the Bellevue Parks Department: [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_connections.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_connections.htm) for more information.

- The Port Angeles Rock & Gem Show will be held March 24-25. Vern Burton Community Center, 308 East 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA.
- Bruce and Fiona Kelley will be travelling to the Tucson show in February. Bruce offered to select and bring back several flats of mineral specimens for show stock. A motion was made and passed to approve up to \$300 for this.
- There was some discussion of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies membership. It costs us \$3.50/member to belong (that's half of our membership dues!) It is seen as having limited value, but Emery reminded us that it can be useful for contacting rockhounds in other areas of the country when you travel. Dave will renew our membership for 2012.

#### **Program**

- We had 12 people showing bragging rocks
- The business meeting was very long, so we only watched one of the two planned videos from the Wonderful World of Agates symposium at University of Wisconsin:
  - Roger Clark: *Fairburn Agates*

#### **Approval:**



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Bruce Kelley, Secretary  
Bellevue Rock Club

January 4, 2012

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