

## Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Richmond residents interested in earth sciences, and the cultural art of lapidary and silversmithing formed the Richmond Gem and Mineral Club (RGMC) in 1957. RGMC is a founding member of the Richmond Arts & Cultural Centre and recently changed its name to Richmond Gem and Mineral Society.

RGMS is a family oriented club that encourages the participation of all family members in its activities. Families especially enjoy Rock hounding, the search for various types of rocks, minerals, and gemstones. Other activities include disciplines such as lapidary (the polishing of rock), Silversmithing (making jewellery using silver or other metals), Carving (creating stone figurines), and Lost Wax Casting (using wax casts to shape molten metal into findings and figurines).

On the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July) a general meeting is held. The general meeting usually consists of a business, social, and program portion. The program portion usually consists of a talk, video presentation, or demonstration of a subject relating to rock hounding, geology, mineralogy, lapidary, gemology, and silversmithing. The general meetings are open to the public and are free to attend.

New members are welcomed. For additional information or membership applications, please contact Darlene or George Howe at 604-274-4893 or [darhowe1@gmail.com](mailto:darhowe1@gmail.com)