

NEWSLETTER

The Marbelous Cadillac

1953 vintage Caddy carved in stone by french artist Roland Baladi



Here's a little something for our stone sculptors to ponder. Sixteen tons of fine Italian Carrara marble transformed into a full sized replica of an American automotive icon. The work is correct in every detail down to the Fleetwood emblems and smallest of trim details

The "car" was offered for sale at \$ 2,000,000 and now resides in a private collectors garage. The "Marbelous Radio" another Baladi creation is slated to be installed in the vehicle as soon as they figure out just how to get the drivers door open. On reaching the artist for comment he stated only -

"Of all the Caddy's I have ever carved that's another one"

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JADE BOOK TO RETURN FOR MAPLE RIDGE SHOW

We are fortunate to have Cosimo Gericatano and his fabulous annual event in february 2008. the Saturday only so we will have for the remainder of the show. known colours was suggested for at Abbotsford some years ago we



the opportunity for sculptor and artist jade book appear once again at our clubs The book will be made available for to arrange for a display to fill that space A display of jade in it's many lesser that purpose. There was such a set up will try our very best to track it down.

Announcements

- Welcome Tracy Harland our new Vice President.
- Welcome Tracy Lazarowich our new Librarian.
- We are looking for a new recording secretary to fill Brigitta's role as she is leaving to attend art school in Nelson B.C. We wish her well.
- Club & Society membership cards in ask at shop
- Thank you to Kathy Allen for promoting our club in her publication "TV FACTS".
- New magazines are not to be taken out till they are on hand at the shop for at least 30 days.

Equipment for sale

the club has several pieces of equipment available for purchase by members. The items are in varying states of repair. there are tumbling units , Grinders and Polishers, Saws, Carving equipment etc. All will require some work and are to be sold *as is, where is*. A list of the Items will be posted at the shop along with an asking price. To give all members an equal opportunity the items will be on display at noon on Saturday July 7. sale to take place at 12:30 that day

Soapstone for sale

The club has a quantity of stone available at \$1.50 per lb. We have Italian green in small blocks from 2 to 5 lbs. We have some Brazilian stone in larger random boulders the colour shifts from browns to greens within each stone. We also have a line on some pink to yellowish / brown stone from Washington state. Ask at the shop.



FROM THE CLUB HISTORY BOOK / A MILESTONE APPROACHES 1958 / 2008



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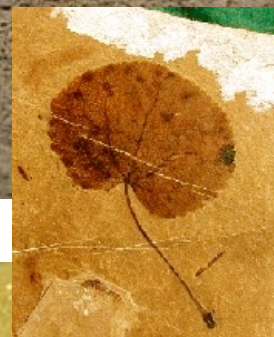
In the fall of 2008 our club will celebrate its 50th. anniversary. We should start planning now, how we intend to celebrate the occasion. Please bring your ideas and thoughts to our meetings. Perhaps one idea could be to move our annual show date to the fall . Move to a larger venue with the participation of more dealer Displays, Demonstrations along with members from other clubs, wind it up with a birthday Party and dance.

McABEE FOSSIL BEDS CAN BE A REAL FAMILY ADVENTURE

The McAbee Fossil Site offers fossil digging tours at the “Eocene Age “ fossil site near Cache Creek, BC. The Macabee site is approximately 50.2 million years old. Over 50 plant varieties have been found, including over 40 Broadleaves and 15 Conifer species. Both Ginko varieties are also present. Countless insect species can be found such as tiny flies, wasps, leaf-hoppers, etc. The Eohiodon (Mooneye) fish is also present. Digging season runs from May to October

Friendly and qualified on-site guides offer information on the geographical history of the area as well as directing you to where you will be able to find your own unique fossils. Guides are available daily from 9:00 - 4:00 during the high season in July/August. Drop-ins welcome during July/August. Call ahead to book your guided tour during the off-season. Bus tours are welcome and need to be pre-booked.

The Maple Ridge club has had trips to the site and everyone said they had a great time. Dress right, the temperatures can soar in that desert area, drink lots of liquids and you never know you might be the one to find that really unusual specimen.



EXTRA! EXTRA! KRYPTONITE FOUND - SUPERMAN GOES INTO HIDING !!!

Geologists and mineralogists from mining group Rio Tinto discovered an unusual mineral. It didn't match anything known previously to science so they enlisted the help of mineral expert Dr. Chris Stanley at the Natural History Museum in London England.

‘Towards the end of my research,’ says Dr Stanley, ‘I searched the web using the mineral’s chemical formula, sodium lithium boron silicate hydroxide, and was amazed to discover that same scientific name written on a case of rock containing kryptonite stolen by Lex Luther from a museum in the movie Superman Returns.

The large green crystals of kryptonite have a devastating affect on the superhero. However, unlike its famous counterpart, the new mineral is white, powdery and not radioactive. And, rather than coming from outer space, the real kryptonite (*Jadarite*) was found in Serbia.



Mike Rumsey inspects new mineral

FIELD TRIPS / UPCOMING EVENTS



Field trip for garnets

Sunday June 10th. Meet at 9 AM. Happy Prospector Rock and Gem shop at 3005 Hot Springs Rd. Agassiz. Trip leader Cam Bacon or contact Walter or Gordon Pinder from the maple Ridge club.

Annual Club Picnic and Barbecue Event

to be held at the home of Brigitta and Andreas Schnieter. We thank our hosts for their hospitality again this year. For our newer members information, the club puts up a lamb for barbecue and each member or family is expected to bring along a pot luck dish. You should also bring along cutlery and dishes with your beverage of choice. There will be games for the kids and adults. Dinner will be served at 5 PM. Fellowship from 2. PM. A map and more details will be posted in the shop & in the june newsletter.

Event Calendar

Weekly Friday BBQ at shop

For the month of july begin july 6 th. Burgers and hot dogs, chips and pop.

Arts Council classes - July

Saturdays Silver & Metal Smithing by Walt Pinder. Dates TBA based on registration numbers

Wed. Evenings Stone Carving by Ken Rimmer & Kevin Healy Dates TBA

Based on registration numbers

Workshop Schedule:

Tuesday evenings 6 PM -9:30 PM

Wednesday evenings 6 PM - 9:30 PM

Friday Evenings 6 PM - 6:30 PM

Call ahead to check shop for any available daytime hours.

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