

2013

All American Club Yearbook



Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 5342

Lincoln, Nebraska 68505

PHYLLIS N. PARKS

Phyllis N. Parks, age 93, died on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at her Tabitha home in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was born June 10, 1920 in Aurora, Nebraska, and graduated from Aurora High School. She was a nurse assistant at Tabitha from 1949 to 1952, worked at the Lincoln Journal Star for 12 years during the 1950s and 60s, and then as a bookkeeper at Hurlburt's Cycle Shop. Phyllis was very active in LGMC, holding the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer; chairing many committees, including Pick & Shovel editor; and was a Life Member. She, and her vast knowledge of LGMC's history, will be missed.

*In Memory of
Phyllis Parks
and
John Harrison*



JOHN HARRISON

by Jim & Sharon Marburger

LGMC member, John Harrison, passed away on Monday, July 15. His wife, Lee, is planning a memorial service to be held at a yet-undetermined date.

John had been a member of LGMC since 1971. He served as President, Audit Chairman, Dealer Chairman, Show Chairman, and was on many other committees, performing an assortment of duties in the club, including being on the Board of Directors. He always shared information and friendship to everyone. His dedication to the hobby and the club earned him the honor of being awarded an LGMC Active Life Membership in 2009.

Many people knew John as one of the owners of J.J.&L. Rocks & Minerals. The shop traveled around the Midwest, Rocky Mountains, and South Central U.S. Many people will be affected by John's passing, and he will be missed.

In addition to the rock hobby, John loved genealogy. He spent many hours in libraries across the country, researching his and Lee's family histories.

See the obituary below for more on John's life.

OBITUARY FROM THE LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR:

John Doane Harrison Jr., 76, of Hickman, passed away Monday, July 15, 2013. Born in Lincoln to John & Madoline (Barker) Harrison. He was a renowned mechanic in Lincoln. He retired from Nebraska National Guard & was a partner in J.J.& L. Rocks and Minerals. John was an active member in the community as an assistant fire chief at Hickman Fire Department, past president of Hickman Old Settlers Association, & past president of Gem & Mineral Club of Lincoln.

Survived by his wife, Eleanore Lee TeSelle; sons, John P. Harrison (Jean) of Lincoln, Ladd M. Harrison (Sue) of Gering, and Eric C. Harrison of Lincoln; daughters, Kelly (James) Gilliland of Eagan, Minn., Tracy Harrison of Arizona, and Stephanie Stanard Antill (Paul) of Hickman; eight grandchildren. Business partner, James (Sharon) Marburger.

Services at a later date. Memorials to the family for future designation. Condolences at wadlowrozanek.com.



**John offering advice to
Mineral Monkey Corey.**

ALL-AMERICAN CLUB "Yearbook" AWARD – For Year 2013

SECTION 1 – CLUB INFORMATION (NO POINTS AWARDED)

Club Name & Address: Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505

Date organized: January 15, 1955 Federation affiliation: Midwest

Number of members: Adults: 70 Honorary/Life: 3 Juniors: 11
[Don't combine Honorary/Life with total adults]

Meeting Place: Bethany Park Shelter House
64th and Vine Streets, Lincoln, NE
(Include city, state)

Person filling out form: Name: Sharon Marburger, Historian
Address: 334 Locust, Box 64
City: Hickman State: NE Zip: 68372
Phone: 402.792.2348 E-mail: lgmc.editor@windstream.net

Mission or purpose of the club: The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an
interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily
limited to Geology, Paleontology and Mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to
provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, especially to youth and student
groups.

SECTION 2 – SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS (30 POINTS POSSIBLE)

General Meetings:

Number of meetings 8 Average Attendance 24 Guests 2 Door Prizes Yes No X

(2a) Programs: *Include a separate list of programs for the year, including topic, speaker, etc.

Board Meetings: Number of meetings: 9 Average attendance: 7 Guests: 4

(2b) Officers: *Include a separate list of officers, directors, and committee chairmen.

(2c) Junior Meetings: Number of meetings: 8 Average attendance: 7 Guests: 1
Adult leader(s): Susy McMahan, Carolyn Ashmore, Linda Guenter, Andrew Tiedje

(2d) Special Group Meetings (Established groups): Number attending:
Cabbing Tumbling Carving Flint Knapping
Faceting Metal-working/metalsmith Beading
Mineral study Fossil study Intarsia Jewelry making
Other: Monthly Rock Party – all fields studied (Avg. 14 attendance) [Indicate type.]

(2e) Social Events: Number attending: Picnic 17 Banquet Holiday dinner 30
Other (Describe): Pizza Supper (following Rock Swap) - 22

(2f) Show Yes X No Date(s) April 6-7, 2013
Dealers: Yes X No # 14 Demonstrators: Yes X No # 12
Members working at show: # 25 Members attending: # 40
Member Displays: # 57 Junior Displays: # 4
Competitive Display Entry? Yes X No # 2

(2g) Swap Yes X No Date(s): January 26, 2013
Dealers: Yes X No Number of Swappers: 16
Number of members attending: 25 Number of members working: 20

(2h) Special Features: Club library: Yes X No Number of books: ~250
Yearbook committee or Website Committee Sharon Marburger (Yearbook); Jim Atkins (Web)

(2i) Field Trips: Yes X No Number of trips in field: 6
Other clubs invited? Yes X No Non-members allowed? Yes X No

Workshop: Yes No X
*Include a separate list of workshops.

(2j) Club maintains an active Website: Yes X No URL www.lincolngemmineralclub.org

Traveling club display (For other club shows, youth groups, schools, etc.): Yes X No

SECTION 3 – PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Bulletin: Yes No Bulletin name: Pick & Shovel

Editor's name: Sharon Marburger

Club Website: Show information posted: Yes No

Meeting information posted: Yes No

Workshop information posted: Yes N/A No

Meeting notices posted in public places: Yes No Where? _____

(3c) Meeting notices published in local media: Yes No Where? Lincoln Journal Star,
online calendars

(3d) Show and Swap fliers posted in public places: Yes No

Where? Ken's Kegs; Barberettes; Russ' Markets lunch rooms; Norfolk, NE businesses;

Auburn, NE businesses; Humboldt, NE businesses; Elk Creek, NE businesses; local

restaurants; local motels; post office branches; local hospitals; hobby classes; local

colleges and universities; local businesses; Lincoln Association for Traditional Art

concerts; social networking sites; State Office Building, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

publication, Nebraska tourism

Show information published in local media: Yes No Where? Lincoln Journal Star;

Prime Time; Neighborhood Extra; The Voice newspaper; Buy Lincoln magazine; Nebraska Life

Magazine; Kids' Life

Free or paid ads on TV or radio: Meeting notices: Yes No

Show information: Yes No

Copies of supporting material to include in report: 1) fliers; 2) media articles about the club activities; 3) show ads; 4) show or meeting notices from newspapers; 5) articles copied from club newsletter; 6) screens shots from web; 7) other.

**SECTION 4 – SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS
(20+ POINTS POSSIBLE)**

Members served as Federation Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:

Regional federation: Yes No (*Include a separate list of members serving.)

AFMS: Yes No (*Include a separate list of members serving.)

Members attended a Federation convention or show:

Regional Federation: Yes No #: 40 AFMS: Yes No #: 2

Members supported Federation scholarships or endowment funds:

AFMS: Scholarship fund: Yes No Endowment fund: Yes No

Other support for regional federations? (explain) _____

Members gave programs for other clubs: Yes No *Include a separate list of programs. _____

Members attended other club shows, swaps, etc.: Yes No

Members held joint field trips with other clubs: Yes No

Members displayed/demonstrated at other club shows: Yes No

(4e) Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs: Yes No *Include a separate list.

Bulletin Editor is a member of S.C.R.I.B.E. Yes No

Supporting material should include lists of all the above persons, positions, etc, and could include pictures, copies of certificates, reports printed in club newsletter, thank-you notes, etc.

SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

(5a) Members gave talks or demonstrations at local schools: Yes X No
*Include a separate list of those given.

(5b) Members gave talks or demonstrations to local groups: Yes X No
*Include a separate list of those given.

(5c) Members maintained displays at local public sites: Yes X No
*Include a separate list of sites.

(5d) Members maintained a booth, or an activity, at a local event: Yes X No
*Include a separate list of events.

Members donated materials to school, nursing home, etc.: Yes No X

(5d) Members active in local affairs: Yes No X

Supporting material for the above should provide details for these items, and could include pictures, thank you cards, letters and certificates of appreciation, reports from club newsletter, etc.

SECTION 6 – GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served on governmental agency committees: Yes ___ No X
*Include a separate list of those who served.

Members provided comments on governmental agency proposals, etc.: Yes ___ No X
*Include a separate list of proposals and participants.

(6a) Members contacted congressional representatives regarding legislation affecting access to sites, and collecting from same: Yes X No ___
*Include a separate list of representatives contacted and legislation.

(6b) Club members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations Yes X No ___
*Include a separate list of organization(s).

Supporting materials should include details for all of the above items, reports from club newsletter, and should include copies of correspondence.

SECTION 7 – OVERALL FORMAT AND PRESENTATION (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

This section evaluates the entry on neatness, organization, grammar, spelling, and overall presentation of material.

SCORING AND AWARDS

- Gold All-American Club Award: 90 - 100 points (average of three)
- Silver All-American Club Award: 80 - 89 points (average of three)
- Bronze All-American Club Award: 70 - 79 points (average of three)
- Honorable Mention: Less 70 points (average of three)

Instructions for completing the entry form:

1. Each entry is to be submitted as a single document, limited to a maximum of 100 pages (one- or two-sided), including text and graphics. A loose leaf notebook or a scrapbook are suitable binders.
2. The document should have six (6) sections, divided with the numbers 1 - 6, with the entry form in section 1 and the supporting documentation for each of the entry sections following the appropriate divider. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any one section, **PROVIDED THE TOTAL OF ALL SECTIONS DOES NOT EXCEED 100 PAGES.**
3. When filling out the entry form, mark all appropriate blanks and entry numbers, or other information where requested. Assemble requested supporting materials and lists following the appropriate section divider and insert photos and other graphics following the typed information.
4. All requested material is **for the year 2013.**
5. Deadline for submitting to the AFMS chairman is **April 15, 2014.** Check with your regional chairs for their deadlines.

SECTION 2 – SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS

Section 2a List of Programs, Announcements, and Reviews

Section 2b List of Officers, Directors, and Committee Members

Section 2c Youth Group

Section 2d Special Group Meetings

1. Monthly Rock Parties

Section 2e Social Events

1. Pizza Supper

2. Summer Social

3. Christmas Party

Section 2f 55th Annual Show / MWF Show and Convention

Section 2g 34th Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap

Section 2h Special Features: Library, Yearbook, Website

Section 2i Field Trips

1. Fairbury, Nebraska area (4/2013)

2. Nemaha River (4/2013)

3. Kadoka, South Dakota area (5/2013)

4. Fairbury, Nebraska (6/2013)

5. Crawford, Nebraska (9/2013)

6. Burden Quarry, Union, Nebraska (9/2013)

Section 2j Website

Section 2k Rockhounds of the Year (for 2013)

Section

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SECTION 2a – SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS

January	Annual Swap	No program due to a full afternoon of swapping and Silent Auction
February	Journey to Xibalba, the Mayan Underworld	Charles Wooldridge
March	The Bahia Emerald Story	National Geographic
April	Roadside Cleanup video	Department of Roads
May	None	Equipment failure
September	Summer Finds Roadside Cleanup video	Show & Tell Department of Roads
October	History of Nebraska Archeology	Rob Bozell
November	Annual Elections	
December	Christmas Party	Rock Bingo, where everyone wins at least one hobby-related prize

PROGRAMS

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.'s



PICK & SHOVEL

P.O. Box 5342, Lincoln, Nebraska 68505-0342, www.lincolngemmineralclub.org

Volume 55, Issue 6
February 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

General Meeting

February 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Program:

“Journey to Xibalba, the Mayan Underworld” by Charles Wooldridge

Mineral Monkeys

February 21, 2013
6:30 p.m.
Lesson: Shop Safety

Volume 55, Issue 7
March 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

REGIONAL SHOWS

March 15-17: KANSAS CITY, MO:
Greater Kansas City Association of Earth Science Clubs' Annual Show; KCI Expo Center, 11730 NW Ambassador Dr; Fri. 9-8, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; Contact: Mark Sherwood, 816.690.8226; kcginfo@yahoo.com; www.kcgemshow.org or www.gemshowkc.org.

March 16-17: CEDAR RAPIDS, IA:

General Meeting

March 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Program: Video on Emeralds

Mineral Monkeys

NO MEETING DUE TO
SCIENCE FAIR

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Volume 55, Issue 8
April 2013

General Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Program: Department of Roads
video on how to do Roadside
Cleanup

Mineral Monkeys

Thursday, April 18, 2013
6:30 p.m.
Lesson: Shop Safety

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

May 2013, Volume 55, Issue 9

General Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Program: TBA

Mineral Monkeys

Thursday, May 16, 2013
6:30 p.m.
Lesson: TBA

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 Meeting Dates

Board

*Meetings held at
Gere Library*

Wed., October 2

Wed., November 6

Wed., November 27

General

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

General Meeting

Thursday,
September 19, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Program: "Summer Finds" &
Roadside Clean-up Video

Mineral Monkeys

Thursday,
September 19, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Lesson: "Summer Finds" &
Review of FRA Program status

New Time!!

September 2013, Volume 56, Issue 1

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 Meeting Dates

Board

Meetings held at
Gere Library

Wed., November 6

Wed., November 27

General

Halloween Party
Thurs., October 17

Thurs., November 21

Sunday, December 1
(Christmas Party)

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

Halloween Party!

Come dressed as your favorite hobby-related item!

General Meeting

Thursday,
October 17, 2013
7:00 p.m.

**Program: History of Nebraska
Archeology by Rob Bozell**

Bring your artifacts for
Rob to identify

Mineral Monkeys

Thursday,
October 17, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Seniors' Lesson: Reviewing
achievements in FRA
Juniors' Lesson: 3 rock types,
and the state rock and mineral

October 2013, Volume 56, Issue 2

Editor: Sharon Marburger

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 Meeting Dates

Board

Meetings held at
Gere Library

Wed., November 27

General

Thurs., November 21

Sunday, December 1
(Christmas Party)

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

General Meeting

Thursday,
November 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Program: Video

Mineral Monkeys

Thursday,
November 21, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Junior Monkeys: Earth's Resources
Senior Monkeys: Specimen Care & Storage

November 2013, Volume 56, Issue 3

Editor: Sharon Marburger

PROGRAMS

B	I	N	G	O
9 calcite	24 jasper	32 moonstone	55 crinoid	72 shovel
13 diamond	21 halite	39 rhodonite	49 tourmaline	68 pick
5 aquamarine	28 limestone	FR★EE	57 dinosaur	61 shell
7 beryl	20 gold	43 silica	59 geode	70 sanding
11 citrine	26 laker	33 nickel	60 mammoth	65 grinding

There is never a program at the December meeting. It is the Christmas Party. Tradition mandates we play “Rock Bingo”, a fun and exciting game where everyone wins a prize!

There is usually a nice selection of specimens for prizes. Sometimes a non-hobby item gets donated as a prize, and it gets as much attention as the other prizes.

Section

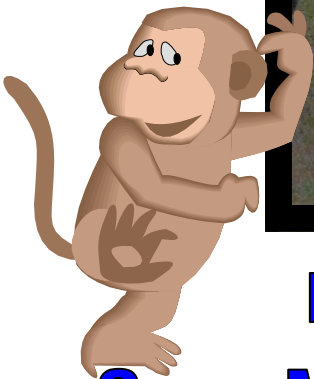
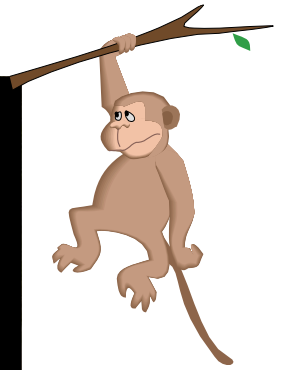
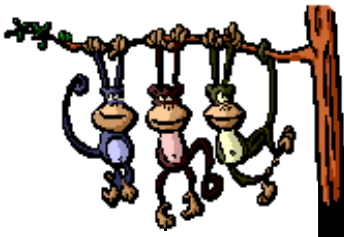
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SECTION 2b – SERVICES TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS – OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

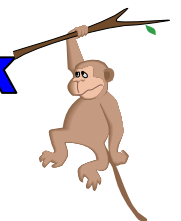
President	James Marburger
First Vice-President	Edward Dvorak
Second Vice-President	Aulden Stewart
Treasurer	Vera Lyman
Secretary	Mark Awakuni-Swetland
Board Member	Jayne Beer
Board Member	Robert Cropp
Board Member	Richard Peterson
Board Member	Charles Wooldridge
Audit	John Harrison, James Marburger, Ed Dvorak
Christmas Party	Edward Ridge
Education / Librarian	Charles Wooldridge, Judy Cropp
Facebook	Andrew Tiedje
Field Trips	James Marburger
Geology Day Coordinator	Aulden Stewart
Grinding Party Coordinator	Aulden Stewart
Historian	Sharon Marburger
Legislative Liaison	Robert Cropp, Susy McMahan
Long Range Planning & By-Laws	Edward Ridge, Robert Cropp, Charles Wooldridge, Sharon Marburger, Vera Lyman, John Harrison
Membership Record	Edward Ridge
MWF Liaison	Vera Lyman
Nominating Committee	Brad Nielsen, Roger Pittard, Robert Cropp, Judy Cropp, Vera Lyman, Edward Ridge
Programs	Jayne Beer/Judy Cropp
Property	James Marburger
Refreshments / Door Prizes	Mary Pittard
Scholarship	Vera Lyman
Show 2013	Charles Wooldridge
Swap 2013	Richard Peterson
Show—2014	Charles Wooldridge
Swap—2014	Richard Peterson
Website	James Atkins
Youth Activities	Andrew Tiedje, Susy McMahan Carolyn Ashmore, Linda Guenter

Section

2c



**Mineral Monkeys leaders
Susy McMahan and Carolyn Ashmore
awarded "Grand Monkeys"
for their lesson planning and work
with the juniors.**



MINERAL MONKEYS

Hi Monkeys!



by Susy McMahan, Co-leader

The Mineral Monkeys met after the Rock Swap, pizza, and cake on January 26 which, luckily for all, was NOT a school night. Nine kids attended, two of whom were visitors. We sorely missed our co-leader, Andrew Tiedje, who was suffering at home with kidney stones. Welcome to Chace Porter, our newest member. He has already assembled a large rock collection because his family lived in Wyoming and rock hunting was a family activity. Needless to say, he loves rocks!

Our topic in January was "Earth Resources". To make it interesting, and because we were short on time, we had several visual informational handouts from the MINERAL INFORMATION INSTITUTE, found at www.mii.org. We looked at minerals found in our bodies, food, and everyday items around us. By far, the most popular was the toothpaste handout. The kids each got a sample of copper and a penny, a nail and hematite, a slab on mica, a piece of galena, and a fluorite crystal to add to their collections and swap buys. Since fluoride in toothpaste is derived from fluorite, the crystal went into the mouths of a couple of the older kids who were then immediately sent to the rock handbooks to look up **toxic effects** which, fortunately, were none. As a reminder, once again, use the water bottle, don't put rocks in your mouth.

Judging from the trading and the conversation, fun was had by all!

Thanks to Nancy Akins and Jim Marburger for supplying rocks for the kids.

Our next endeavor is a big one. We will be studying "Lapidary Arts" and preparing to complete a lapidary project, which is a required portion of the activity. Jayne Beer and Judith Bay are generously offering their shop, The Jewelry Connection, for the actual lapidary work. In February we will study safety and learn about lapidary rocks to prepare for the shop activity! See you then!!

Photo courtesy of Sharon Marburger



Language Arts: Read "Ira Sleeps Over." Let students bring P's & toothpaste.

Social Studies: What was used before toothpaste was "invented."



Science: What minerals are found in toothpaste. Read about or research fluoride. Compare fluoride content in various brands.

Dig A Little Deeper A Bright Smile

From Toothpaste and Minerals

Toothpaste cleans your teeth and keeps them healthy.

The cleaning is done with abrasives (from rocks) that rub the plaque away. Abrasives are minerals like **silica**, **limestone**, **aluminum oxide** (also used in sandpaper), and various **phosphate** minerals.

Fluoride, used to reduce cavities, comes from a mineral called **fluorite**. It is sometimes changed into stannous fluoride (**tin fluoride**).

Most toothpaste is made white with **titanium dioxide** which comes from minerals called **rutile**, **ilmenite**, and **anatase**. Titanium dioxide also is used to make white paint.

The sparkles in some toothpaste come from **mica**, a mineral common in many rocks.

The toothbrush and tube holding your toothpaste are both made of plastics that come from **petroleum** (petrochemicals) and other minerals.

For more information about minerals in society, go to: Mineral Information Institute, www.mii.org

Math: Survey class on brands used, chart or graph. **Health:** Discuss dental hygiene & special ingredients. **P.E.:** Stomp & squirt contest, use toothpaste & butcher paper.

MINERAL MONKEYS

Hi Monkeys!



by Susy McMahan

Thanks to all the Monkeys, parents, and grandparents who helped with the junior booth at the show!! Leahh, with her great sales pitch, "And you can choose from any of these beautiful rocks," sweeping her arms with great drama. Jayden, who could spot a gem digger and gracefully swoop in with all materials needed to start their adventure for a mere 50 cents. Buddies Ian and Chace, who did their best in practicing how to give change, all the while the lure of rocks at the dealers calling to them. And little Samantha, who raced against anyone who didn't have a partner in the rock race!

Carolyn and Philip Ashmore, Linda Guenter, Danny Cromer and me, all working to keep things running smoothly. And a special thanks to Kay Jurgens for helping to set up and put away supplies.

April Lesson:

We will discuss "Shop Safety" at the April 18 meeting. The topic is carried over from February because the meeting was cancelled due to snow. This lesson is in preparation for a special meeting at the Jewelry Connection, where the Monkeys will complete a lapidary project, as part of the lapidary badge. That date has yet to be set, but great thanks to Jayne Beer and Judith Bay for letting us use their shop!!

The Juniors Activity Booth was a popular booth to visit. Jayden, Leahh, Ian, and Chace were kept busy most of the time.



Corey demonstrating lapidary

MINERAL MONKEYS

Hi Monkeys!



by Sharon Marburger

Hello Mineral Monkeys! I was so pleased to see Corey and Jayden at the Adopt-A-Highway event on April 20. I was even happier to see them both at the Rock Party at my home following the event. I think it would be awesome if they bring their projects to the May meeting, so we can see what they were working on.

At the time of this writing, I have not been able to reach your fearless leader monkey, Susy, so I do not know what your lesson will be for the month. I know you have been working on "shop safety," so I have prepared the puzzle below on all aspects of rockhounding safety.

See you May 16!



APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

- APRONS
- ATTENTION
- AWARENESS
- BELT GUARDS
- BOOTS
- COMPASS
- DUST MASK
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- FIRST AID KIT
- GLOVES
- GOGGLES
- GROUNDING PLUGS
- HARDHAT
- HAT
- INSECT REPELLENT
- MAINTENANCE
- MAP
- NO HORSEPLAY
- PHONE
- SAFETY VEST
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNSCREEN
- SUPERVISION
- TRAINING
- WALKING STICK
- WATER

A	W	U	P	N	A	G	G	M	T	I	K	D	I	A	T	S	R	I	F
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MINERAL MONKEYS

Hi Monkeys!



Photo by Susy McMahan



Photos by Sharon & Jim Marburger



At the May Rock Party, Corey shows one of his rock treasures to Sharon. Later, they shared Steve's lapidary equipment to grind and polish stones.

ROCKHUNTING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

By Ian Williams

I will never forget the time that my Grandma, my Dad, and of course me, went to South Dakota.

And where I want to start off is...when we got to our motel, I met up with my friends Jayden and Ivy. The next morning Corey was there and we went to the Buffalo Grasslands, where I climbed hills and found lots of rocks. I specifically heard a rattle snake, and after that stayed by the dirt path to hunt for rocks.

That night Corey's Mom, Jayne, made Hobo Stew and S'mores. Delicious!! Ivy, Corey, and I played Minecraft sitting in the dark at the picnic table.

On the way home Dad, Grandma, and I stopped at the 1880 Town and there were "gunslingers." An "outlaw" John, who was 15, and I robbed the bank, saloon and land grant office. My Dad and Grandma toured the town and ate peanuts and drank Sarsaparilla in the saloon. After I got out of "jail," I got a free Sarsaparilla.

I will never forget the time I went to South Dakota.



Photo by Susy McMahan



All of the "boys" eating Hobo Stew, even Ian (below).



MINERAL MONKEYS

Hi Monkeys!



My Trip To South Dakota

by Jayden Eno

I had a fun time in South Dakota, with my new friends, Ian, Ivy, and Corey. I found a lot of cool rocks. But honestly, the best part was going to Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse; I've never been there before. We went to Wall Drug with Ivy, Linda, and Scott, and my grandma and Paul were so fun. Ivy and I went and played at an arcade.

After we went back to the motel, it started to rain. I played in it awhile, then it stopped so I went inside to get a bucket filled with hot water. I thought it would feel nice, but it kinda hurt, and it felt kinda good at the same time.

After all that, my grandma told me to come in and take a warm shower. It was a wonderful weekend. I Loved It.



Corey, Ian, and Bobby climbing the walls at the Rose Creek Quarry.

photos by Sharon Marburger



photo by Philip Paul Ashmore



Ian and Jayden stop to examine a fuzzy caterpillar found while hunting for fossils west of Fairbury

MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Wow! What a wonderful start to our September meeting! We had 11 young people in attendance and a lot of new faces who will be joining our club soon. All the juniors were excited to show and tell about their summer finds, field trips, favorite rocks, and just getting to see one another again.

We opened the box from the Shawnee, Oklahoma club, and we divided up the contents among the kids. There was a lot of awesome stuff from their club that you can only get there (Red Oklahoma Mudballs), and some cool Bolie Agates. We will be sending a thank you card to them for the box of goodies they sent us.

I want to give a big thank you to Marcia Eddy-Hamilton and Jayden Eno for all their help in making identification labels and bagging up the rocks for the new juniors.

When the regular meeting started, President Jim Marburger called each junior by name to the front of the room, and gave them yet another gift to put in their collections. It was like Christmas in September! Some of the new kids looked surprised that he knew their names, and a few were even speechless. It was a fun time for all of us.

At the October 17th meeting, there will be a Halloween Costume contest with a rock related theme; come as your favorite gemstone or mineral.



photos by Sharon & Jim Marburger

MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore, Junior Mineral Monkey Leader

The October meeting proved to be another spooktacular time with both the juniors and adults dressing up for the occasion. Our theme was rock, mineral, or gemstone, and we had everything from Indiana Jones to Crazy Lace Agate, Apache Tears to Tiger Eye, and a cabochon to a cute Bubble Gum Agate who was handing out bubble gum to the juniors for their enjoyment. Everyone had a fun time.

The junior Mineral Monkeys learned the three rock types as well as our state rock and gemstone. Samples of each were handed out, thanks to donations from Ed Ridge and me.

At the November meeting, we will be looking at Earth Resources, the everyday uses of rocks and minerals, as well as minerals in the home and careers in the earth sciences. We will have a lot of samples to show this lesson, and some handouts too, so bring your rock folders with you.

MORE MINERAL MONKEYS

by Susy McMahan, Senior Mineral Monkeys Leader

At the October meeting, the senior Mineral Monkeys, costumes and all, worked on their lapidary projects. While some of them are accomplished at making cabs, for this project we sanded down polished stones and glued on bell-caps, and sent each junior home with a leather necklace for their slides. They used a Dremel to sand off the shine the part of the stone where the bell-cap was then carefully glued on, then stood the finished slide upright in a container of kitty litter (sand works also) to dry. Using the Dremel was a new experience for most.

We then enjoyed the great treats brought in, and Halloween was off with a sugar blast!

Thanks to Betty Selby-Syslo for the findings and Susy McMahan for the tumbled stones we used for the project!

At the November meeting the senior Mineral Monkeys will be looking at how to store their collections, presenting different ideas of how that can be accomplished. Any member is welcome to bring an example of how they store their collections; bring a picture of home storage, a case, a spreadsheet program, notebook, labels, etc.

Please send your memories of Phyllis Parks and John Harrison to Historian Sharon Marburger for inclusion in the 2013 All American Yearbook.

MINERAL MONKEYS

by Susy McMahan

On December 1, 2013, we had our annual Christmas Party. This was a special party because, for the first time, our junior members received badges and pins for the Future Rockhounds of America units they had completed during monthly meetings, field trips, community outreach, and work done during the show. The kids had a blast at the party; the food was great, and they each received a gift of an Orthoceras and chunky Crinoid stem from Carolyn and me.

I am really proud of all the kids; they have worked hard, learned a lot, and made new friends. We all look forward to the upcoming year and learning new things about rocks, fossils and minerals, growing their personal collections, and going on field trips together. Club members have been great, stepping up and donating specimens, their talents, and just supporting and encouraging our kids and us!!

Thanks to Carolyn Ashmore, my co-teacher, and all those working behind the scenes. Sharon Marburger, thanks for your help with badges, answering our questions, and waiting ... for our articles.

On January 25, 2014, from 1-5 p.m., we will have our annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap. All juniors are encouraged to attend all or part of the Swap, the pizza party, and the meeting after that. We will be working on a poster to display at the LPS Science fair and our annual show. So be thinking about your favorite part of the club, and we will use pictures and short stories on the poster.

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photos by Susy McMahan
collage by Sharon

CHRISTMAS PARTY / AWARDS

by Sharon Marburger

We gathered on December 1 to celebrate Christmas with one another. In addition to good food and fellowship, there was an awards ceremony, a gift exchange, and a few rousing games of Rock Bingo! Prizes for Rock Bingo were donated by various members of the club. Everyone went home a winner.

All of the Mineral Monkeys were awarded certificates of completion for lessons in the Future Rockhounds of America program. All of the Monkeys will receive a badge for each completed lesson. The club has had such an influx of new Monkeys, it is hard to keep up with them, so not everyone received their badges!! We should all be proud of their accomplishments. Below lists the lessons and those who have completed them:

- Rocks & Minerals: Brooklyn, Corey, Ian, Ivy, Jayden, Leahh, Mia, Sarah, and Taylor.
- Earth Resources: Corey, Ellie, Ian, Ivy, Jayden, and Leahh.
- Fossils: Corey, Ian, Ivy, Jayden, and Leahh.
- Lapidary Arts: Corey and Leahh.
- Collecting: Ian, Ivy, Jayden, and Leahh.
- Showmanship: Leahh.
- Field Trips: Corey, Ian, Ivy, Jayden, and Leahh.
- Earth Processes: Leahh.
- Stone Age Tools & Art: Leahh.
- Reaching Across Generations: Leahh.
- Maps: Leahh.

Richard Peterson received a 1st Place in the American Federation for Adult Articles. He received a plaque, a name badge, and a certificate.

The club newsletter received a 1st Place in Large Bulletins from the American Federation.

The club's All American Yearbook received a gold medal from the American Federation.

Andrew Tiedje's drawn entry received a 1st Place in the Midwest Federation and a 4th Place in the American Federation.

Congratulations to everyone!

Section

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SECTION 2d - SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS - SPECIAL GROUP MEETINGS, OTHER: ROCK PARTIES

Each month, LGMC members gather at the home or business of a host member to share in the love of the hobby. Lessons are available in cabochon cutting, faceting, silver smithing, wire wrapping, fossil preparation, and specimen identification. Participants also hold brainstorming sessions on a variety of subjects, including, but not limited to, the Mid-Winter Swap, Annual Show, and various youth and outreach activities. This also provides a good opportunity to hold brief committee meetings. Everyone has a good time learning, working on projects, and sharing ideas. The club youth, self-named Mineral Monkeys, are encouraged to participate in the Rock Parties. The events begin with a potluck supper, then off to the desired activity of the evening. There is a lot of fun and laughter accompanying these gatherings.

Would you like to have some hobby fun? Consider hosting a monthly Rock Party. It doesn't matter where you hold it. Pick a month. All you have to do is set the date and time, provide place settings for the potluck, and have areas to work in and chairs or floor to sit on. Let a Board Member know if you are interested in hosting. It is EASY and FUN!

JANUARY ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

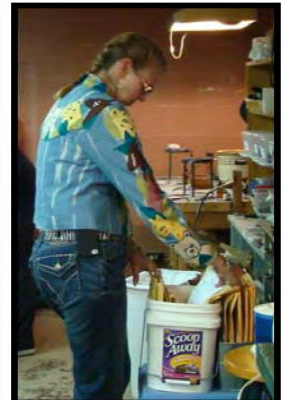
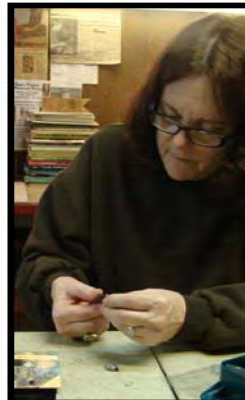
The Rock Party was hosted by Jayne Beer and Judith Bay at The Jewelry Connection on January 19. The theme was Mexican food. As always, there was plenty of food and it was all yummy!

Those in attendance were Judith Bay; Brian, Jayne, Kelly, and Corey Beer and baby Ja'ziel; Jim & Sharon Marburger; Mark Awakuni-Swetland; Vera Lyman; Susy McMahan, Ed Ridge; Greg & Betty Syslo; and Andrew Tiedje.

Judith worked on a silversmithing project, Susy a jewelry project, Andrew worked to remove a stone from a silver mounting, and Corey and Mark did lapidary. Everyone pitched in with specimen identification.

See the pictures on page 11.

ROCK PARTY PICTURES



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Richard Peterson, Chairman

1 year: Robert Cropp
Judy Cropp

2 years: Brad Nielsen
Roger Pittard

3 years: Vera Lyman
Edward Ridge

LONG RANGE PLANNING & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Richard Peterson, Chairman

1 year: Charles Wooldridge
Sharon Marburger

2 years: Vera Lyman
John Harrison

3 years: Edward Ridge
Robert Cropp

Our lovely hostesses

Photos courtesy of Sharon Marburger

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ROCK PARTIES

by Sharon Marburger

There was no rock party in February and there will not be one in March. Everyone is very busy getting ready for the Show.

The April Rock Party will be hosted by the Marburgers. Details will appear in the April Pick & Shovel.

If you have not attended a Rock Party, or have never hosted one, please consider it. They are a lot of fun and not much work. All you need is some space to set out the potluck food, provide regular or picnic service, and have floor and chairs to seat people. Don't worry if you have no equipment; people bring their own.

Let President Jim Marburger know if you would like to host a party. All months, May thru December, are still available.

ROCK PARTIES

by Sharon Marburger

There was no rock party in March. Everyone was very busy getting ready for the Show.

The April Rock Party will be hosted by the Marburgers, following the Roadside Cleanup on April 20. Details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

The May Rock Party will be hosted by Steve May, in Hickman. Details will appear in the P&S May issue.

If you have not attended a Rock Party, or have never hosted one, please consider it. They are a lot of fun and not much work. All you need is some space to set out the potluck food, provide regular or picnic service, and have floor and chairs to seat people. Don't worry if you have no equipment; people bring their own. Let President Jim Marburger know if you would like to host a party. All months, June thru December, are still available.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

Roadside Cleanup and April Rock Party April 20 - See details on page 6

Please note: If you plan to participate in the Roadside Cleanup, you must view the Department of Roads instruction video.

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Highway 77 Roadside Clean-up
Saturday, April 20, 2013
1:00 p.m.

Meet at "Rest Area" at
Hwy 77 + Hickman Road
(Turn east on Hickman Rd.,
then left into "Rest Area".

April Rock party
follows Roadside Clean-up.

Marburgers host the
"Grill + Chill."

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and
something cold. Bring side dishes.
Remember to bring your projects!

APRIL ROCK PARTY & ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

by Sharon Marburger (Photos courtesy of Jim & Sharon Marburger)

The April Rock Party was hosted by Jim and me at our Hickman home. We started it off early by participating in the Nebraska Department of Roads' (NDOR) Adopt-A-Highway Program. We met at the old rest stop at Highway 77 and Hickman Road at 1:00 p.m., ready to tackle our 2-mile stretch of road. There were four teams, each team taking a 1-mile stretch on either side of the highway. Team 1 members were Vera Lyman, Richard Peterson, and me (Sharon Marburger); Team 2 members were Mark Awakuni-Swetland, Ed Ridge, and Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge; Team 3 members were Paul and Carolyn Ashmore, and granddaughter Jayden; and Team 4 members were Brian, Jayne, and Corey Beer. Jim Marburger drove up and down the highway, keeping an eye on everyone, making sure we were all safe. At one point, he had to drive back into Hickman to retrieve some big, black trash bags because the 10 orange bags provided by NDOR weren't enough. By the time we were finished, 37 trash bags lined the highway! We were informed that our stretch of road had not been "picked up" for over two years. We had a pretty good time. The temperature wasn't too bad, although we managed to select a day that the wind was blowing pretty hard.

Afterward, most of us gathered at the house for the Rock Party. Steve May and Susy McMahan, who were unable to participate earlier in the day, joined us at the party. Some discussion ensued regarding our next roadside cleanup. One thing seemed obvious to everyone; the next event would be better if we had enough volunteers to have 8 teams of two. That way, each team would be responsible for only one-half mile, instead of the full mile.

While the volunteers straggled in from the field, Jim started grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Other food items of potato chips, cole slaw, muffins, green salad, fruit salad, beans, sweet potato with cabbage soup, and desserts appeared. I think there may have been other food, but I was too tired to notice.

Corey brought in and set up his lapidary equipment, then proceeded to start working stones. At the other end of the table, Grandpa and Grandma helped Jayden set up her brand new "All You Need." I gave Jayden a dopped Willow Creek jasper I had started. I can hardly wait to see how it turned out.

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Look out, can! Here comes Vera! Vera & Sharon on the hunt for the not-so-elusive trash item.



Wooly on the move.



Mark is serious about picking things up!



The question on everybody's mind: Where is Carolyn? She managed to avoid the camera!



Good job, Eddie.

After some deliberation, Paul & Jayden decide the road sign won't fit in the trash bag. No worries, though. They manage



Over here, Brian!



What's in the bag, Jayne?



Corey says, "Eh, there are no lakers here."

APRIL ROCK PARTY - CONT'D

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Meanwhile, in the living room, the menfolk hooked up a laptop computer to the big screen TV, where Jim demonstrated how to locate collecting places with Google Earth. Wooly asked if anyone wanted to see his program on Belize since we had a wireless connection. We enjoyed watching the program and listening to Wooly's narration.

It was a great day, and we had lots of fun strengthening our friendships and our love of the hobby.

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Richard & Wooly look like, "Wake me up when the fun starts."



Richard, Steve, & Chika the cat are engrossed in Wooly's program.



Jayden, Carolyn, & Corey enjoying



Susy & Andrew discuss a stone while Evolet looks on.



Oh boy!! New equipment!



We were all thinking it, but Jayne was the only one brave enough to admit it.

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Rock Party
2013 May at Mays'
Saturday, May 18, 5:30 p.m.
See page 2 for details.



May at Mays' Rock Party!



POTLUCK

Saturday, May 18
5:30 p.m.



16300 Hickman Ridge Road
402.440.7548



Bring your bibs because Steve is rustling up some Sloppy Joes!

He will provide coffee, water, & tea.

Activities will include identification of some of Steve's "pretty" rocks, lapidary, and whatever you bring. His equipment is well used carbide. Bring your equipment if you are working with delicate material.

From Lincoln, go to Saltillo Road and head south on 68th Street to Roca Road (flashing yellow light), turn left, go 1 block and turn right on Hickman Ridge Road. 5th house on the left. Enter the building where the rock driveway is, south of the house.



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MAY ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The May Rock Party was held at the residence of Steve May on the 18th. Ed Ridge, Wooly, Mark A-S, Jayne & Corey Beer, and the Marburgers joined Steve in an evening full of fun, laughter, tall tales, rock identification, and stone working.

Steve provided sloppy joe's, or sloppy steve's. I understand they were tasty! To complement the "steve's," there were assorted chips, muffins, salads, pies, homemade Indian bread and pudding, and brownies. Other food items were probably there, but I have blocked them out of my mind. Mmmmmm, veggies!

We all took a stab at helping Steve to identify the specimens he collected on his recent field trip. There appeared to be prairie agates, honey agates, jaspers, petrified wood, quartz, and a variety of other items not fully identified. Steve had a very nice assortment of finds.

After eating, several attendees made use of Steve's workshop, cutting stones, grinding and polishing specimens, and otherwise just enjoying the pleasant evening of friendship.



Steve looks on while Wooly cuts a stone



Steve and Corey compare notes and ideas on specimens



Hard at work



The meal is finished, but stories are still being told. Ed Ridge listens to Jim Marburger as Jayne Beer passes by.



A portion of Steve's treasures.

Silversmithing classes

The Jewelry Connection Ltd.
Indian Village Shopping Ctr.
13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln

Tuesdays

April 30, 2013

thru

June 18, 2013

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$120 plus \$30 supply deposit

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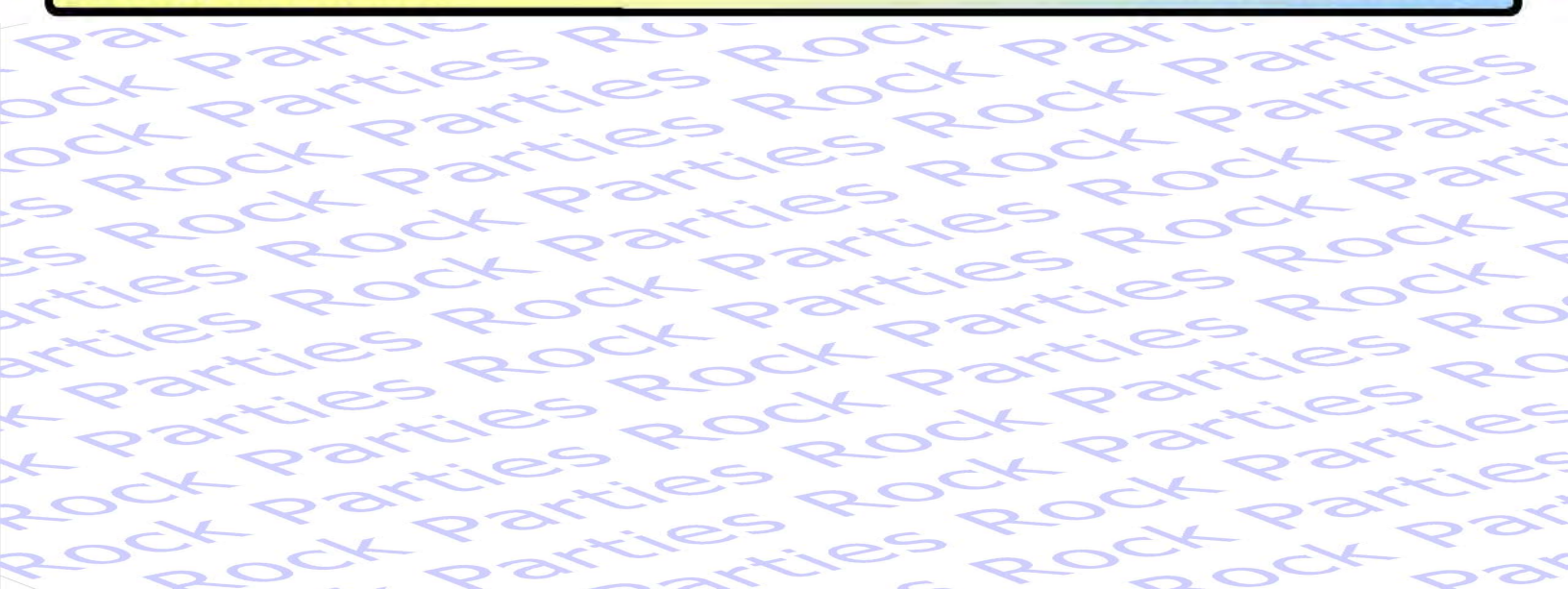
June

 **Rock Party** 

at The Pittards'
Saturday, June 15, 2013
See page 3 for details.

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June Rock Party at The Pittards'

Truly a Pot Luck Meal!!

Roger and Mary are not saying what the theme is, nor what they are preparing. Bring what you will and we will eat accordingly!

Saturday, June 15

2:00 p.m.

Geneva, Nebraska

See directions and map below

Bring your equipment and projects. There is plenty of room for everyone and equipment.

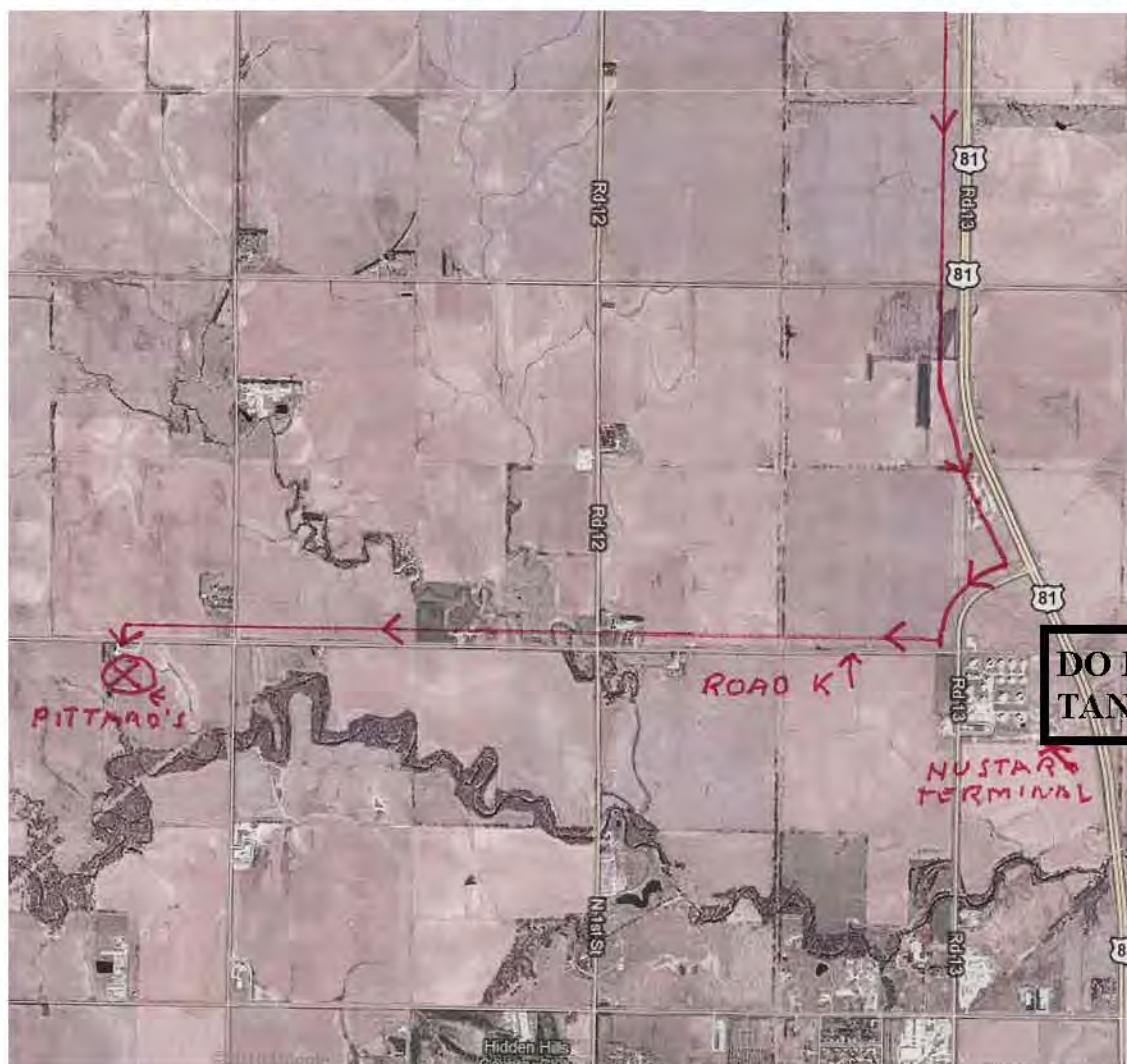
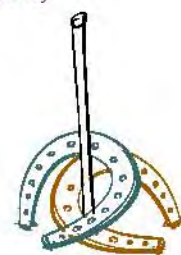
Some members expressed interest in working on the trailer. Be prepared for that activity, also, if you wish.

Roger has horseshoes, if you want to scare up a game with someone.

Otherwise, come for the food, fun, and fellowship.

DIRECTIONS

- I-80 West to Exit 353 at York (approx. 40 miles)
- From Exit 353, turn left (south) on US-81 toward Geneva (19+ miles)



- Take the Thirteenth Street exit (the first of four exits for Geneva), turn right, around a slight curve (¼ mile)
- Turn right (West) at gravel road (Road K), (this is on the north side of the Nu Star Pipeline Terminal) (go 2-1/3 miles)
- Turn Left into Pittard's driveway.

**DO NOT PASS
TANK FARM!**



JUNE ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

Saturday, June 15 started out with rain and thundershowers, at least in Hickman, Nebraska. By the time Jim and I started out for the Pittards' home in Geneva, the windshield wipers on the car could barely keep up with the rainfall. As we drove west, the rain became lighter and the clouds started breaking up. When we reached Geneva, the day was gorgeous!

Roger and Mary had tables and chairs set up under the trees on their south yard. There was a very nice breeze blowing, keeping the bugs at bay and the temperature down. We sat around and talked rocks while Jim set up the Genie grinder/polisher. Jim and I took about 15 pounds of rock collected during the Kadoka field trip to show the others, and to work on. I polished ends on a couple of pieces, then Jim took over and polished several more specimens. Carolyn Ashmore asked Jim a bunch of questions about the Genie, so he offered her a specimen to work. I believe she fell in love with the Genie.



Mark Awakuni-Swetland also did some grinding and polishing with the Genie, however, I did not capture it with my camera.



Roger started up the campfire around 4 p.m. and a few of us roasted wieners and marshmallows. Roger helped out the not-so-adventurous folks by cooking most of the hot dogs on the grill. With the hot dogs, there were four kinds of potato salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, watermelon, chips, and a variety of desserts. As usual, we ate very well!

I think we counted 15 participants at this rock party. You don't know what you are missing by not being a part of the fun! Join us next time!



Ed Ridge and Richard Peterson just hanging out



It takes this saw a long time to cut a slab



Now that's a log!

Photos by Sharon Marburger



Ed & Donna Anderson, Carolyn & Paul Ashmore



Mark seems to be very good at putting his back to me



Roger does a good job, too! Our hosts, Roger and Mary, with the Andersons in the background



Even with a broken leg, Ed Dvorak made it to the party. Thanks to Pat Dvorak for driving him! I did not catch the names of the other two people in this photo

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August Rock Party

August 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Home of Susy McMahan

5636 Greenwood Street

Susy will serve Tastees and those good old German-Russian sour cream noodles. Bring accompanying dishes for a great pot luck!

There is electricity available, so bring your equipment to set up outside of Susy's shop. If the weather is awful, her shop is air conditioned.

Join in the fun! See you there!



AUGUST ROCK PARTY

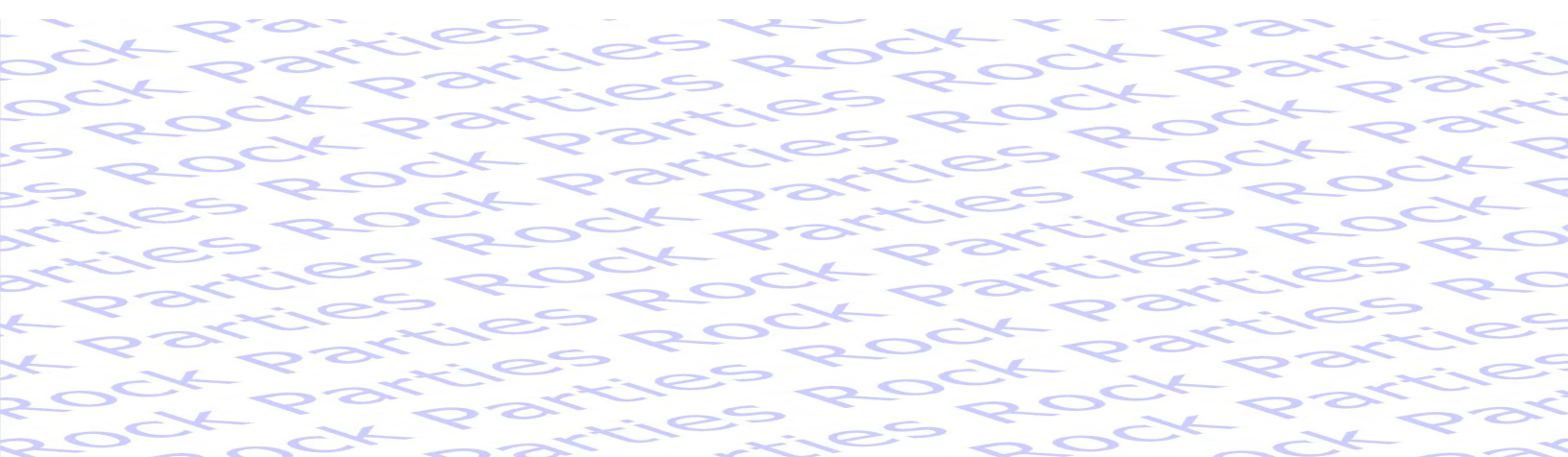
by Susy McMahan

On a beautiful Saturday in August, several members of the club gathered at Susy & Jim McMahan's house for food, fun and rock talk. Several juniors were able to use Susy's or Corey's Genie and Jayden's All-You-Need to complete projects. The Beers - Jayne, Brian, Corey, Kellie, and little cutie Jay; Linda Guenter & her grandson Logan; Mark Awakuni-Swetland; Vera Lyman; Judy Leick; Carolyn & Paul Ashmore and granddaughter Jayden; Wooly Woolridge; Ed Ridge; Richard aka Pete Peterson; Marcia Eddy-Hamilton (returning member); and Jim & Susy's grandson, Ian, all enjoyed the beautiful weather outside the shop, or inside, working on projects. Ian & Corey got in a game of Minecraft! A good time was had by all!

Photos courtesy of Jayne Beer.



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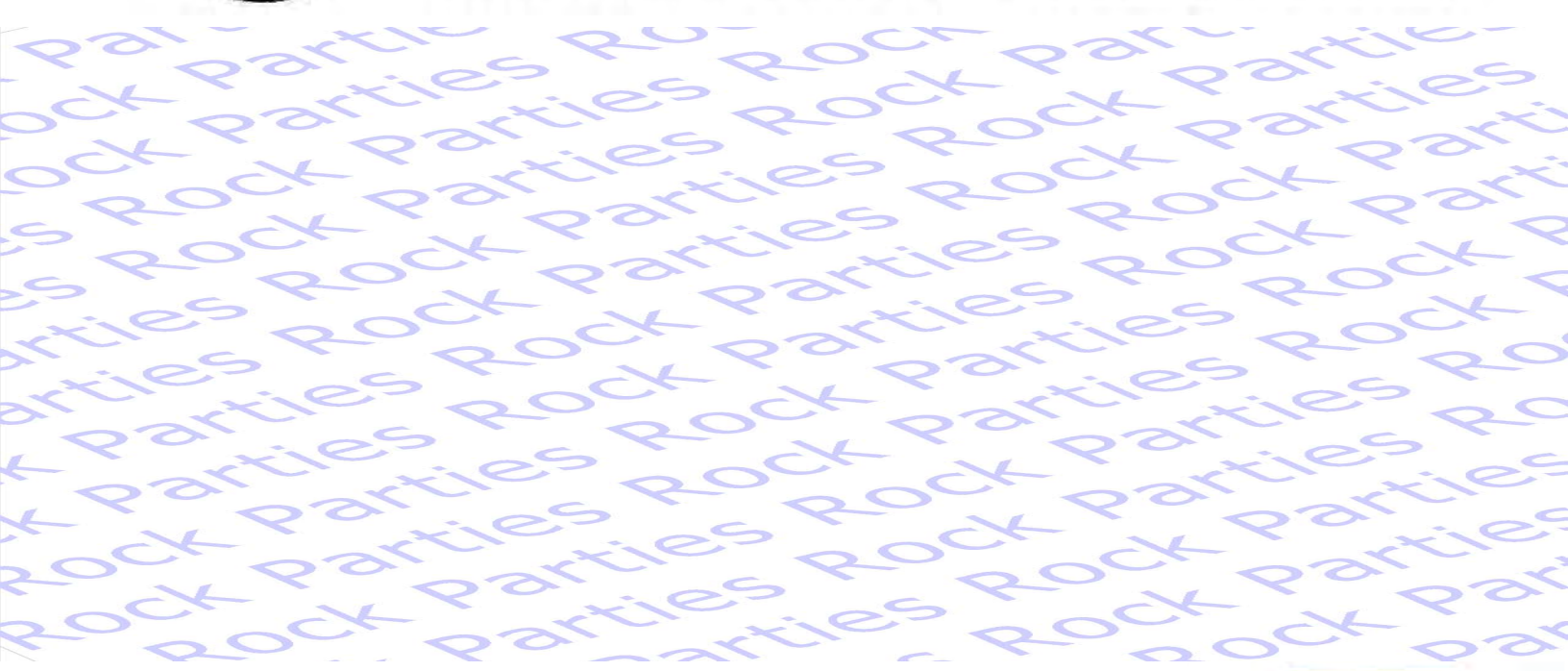


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September Roadside Clean-up **September Rock Party** **Saturday, September 28**



Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Hickman Rest Area at Highway 77 and Hickman Road. Enter Rest Area from Hickman Road, just east of Hwy. 77.

We are hoping for a minimum of 16 volunteers so we can have 8 teams of two. Each team will clean ½ mile. Join us for a rewarding experience. Attend the September meeting for a refresher on the rules of roadside clean-up.

Following the clean-up, we will meet at the Marburgers' for the monthly Rock Party. We will have a pizza party, so those participating in the clean-up won't need to worry about bringing food and keeping it edible.

If you are unable to join the clean-up, you are still welcome to attend the Rock Party. Please bring salad or dessert to complement the pizza supper. We will order the pizza around 4:30 p.m.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP & ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

September 28 started out as a gloomy, rainy-looking day. By the time the group met at the Hickman rest area, the sun was shining and there were very few clouds remaining in the gorgeous blue sky. The temperature was perfect for walking around in the sun and the stiff breeze cooled any sweat that formed. The group, pictured below in the photograph taken by Jim Marburger, was eager to begin the clean-up. Richard Peterson and Jim M. ferried the eight teams to their assigned clean-up starting points. Before we knew it, we were done! Sixteen to 20 bags of trash were collected, along with tires, tire treads, wooden boxes, and an assortment of oversized pieces of wood and metal. I did not hear of any significant finds, although I'm sure Mark A-S was happy to collect from the raccoon carcass that Vera found. Because we had done such a fine job of cleaning in April, we were able to finish this time in a little over an hour.

After running some personal errands, most of the cleaning crew met at the Marburgers' for food and more fun.



Wooly cutting a stone with the Genie & the stone.



PIZZA!!!



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October Rock Party

Wooly & Jackie invite us to their residence
for a fun evening of roasting wieners
and rock activities!

Saturday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m.

6115 Huntington

BRING sides
and desserts,
and don't forget
YOUR hobby projects!



October Birthdays:
Is your birthday in October?
Let the editor know!

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OCTOBER ROCK PARTY

Photos courtesy of Jayne Beer



(Above) It must have been a nippy evening for Philip Paul!

(Above right) Host Wooly

(Right) Gene, Eddie, and Susy enjoying their meals



OCTOBER ROCK PARTY - CONT'D



Eddie working with a couple of young members

photos courtesy of Jayne Beer



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Jayne strikes again with photos of the auction for Stella Thiessen's collection





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NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The November Rock Party was held on the 16th at The Jewelry Connection. Thanks to Jayne Beer and Judith Bay for hosting the party.

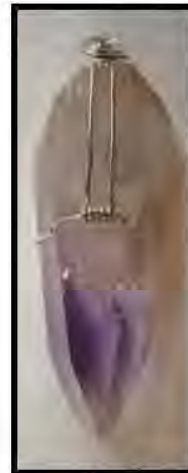
As usual, there was a delicious assortment of food, with soups being the main fare.

Approximately 11 club members attended. Corey and Ed R. worked on some lapidary items; Ed. D. and Marcia wire wrapped; Susy sorted beads; Mark sorted, examined, and identified specimens; the Marburgers assisted Jayne with identifying and sorting slabs purchased at an auction; and Judith and Brian floated from station to station, helping out where they could.

It was a fun evening!



wrapped by Ed Dvorak



wrapped by Marcia Eddy-Hamilton



wrapped by Ed Dvorak



Don't forget to bring your project and equipment!

**Main course: Soup
Bring your potluck foods!**



Rock Party

November 16, 2013

**The Jewelry Connection
Indian Village Shopping Ctr.
13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln**

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December Rock Party



*Hosts will provide
Pulled Pork
Sandwiches*

Saturday, December 14

5:00 p.m.

Marburgers' Home

334 Locust, Hickman



*Bring a
pocket item
of your choice*

Bring your projects and equipment. Two Genie grinding & polishing units will be available. All members and members-to-be are welcome.

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DECEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The December Rock Party was hosted by the Marburgers on the 14th. As always, there was plenty of good food eaten and lots of fun shared.

Eleven club members participated in the evening's camaraderie. Stories were shared, specimens were identified, and stones were ground and polished.



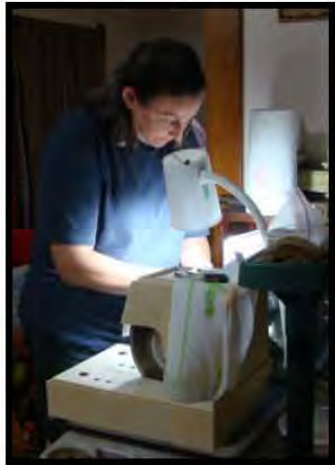
Corey, Ed D., Jayne, Charles, Bill



Everyone sucked in a breath when Wooly took a hammer to a beautiful slab of charolite. We soon realized that he was "helping" the slab to break along its fracture lines.



Bill and Charles discussing a grinding project.



Bill, Jayne, and Corey each got a turn working on the Genie.



Eddie brought his own equipment, but even he took a turn using the Genie.



Rock parties are fun and everyone participating always has a good time. If you would like to host a rock party, contact a Board member.



The boys doing some specimen identification.

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General Meeting

January 26, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Following the
Mid-Winter Swap
And
Pizza Supper
Program: Silent Auction

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S
34TH ANNUAL ROCK SWAP
JANUARY 26, 2013 - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



SILENT AUCTION

FAMILY FRIENDLY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grinding Party
Pioneers Park Nature Center
Chet Ager Building
Sunday, July 14, 2013
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Potluck picnic in the
park will follow!



LGMC Christmas Party

Sunday, December 1, 2013
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Club will provide fried chicken and coffee/tea.
Bring your potluck dishes.
Rock Bingo to follow! Prizes!!
Gift Exchange - \$5-10 limit

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**58th Anniversary
Cake made by
Treasurer Vera Lyman**

**Happy
Anniversary
LGMC!**



**Organized
January 15, 1955**



2013 PIZZA SUPPER & CLUB ANNIVERSARY



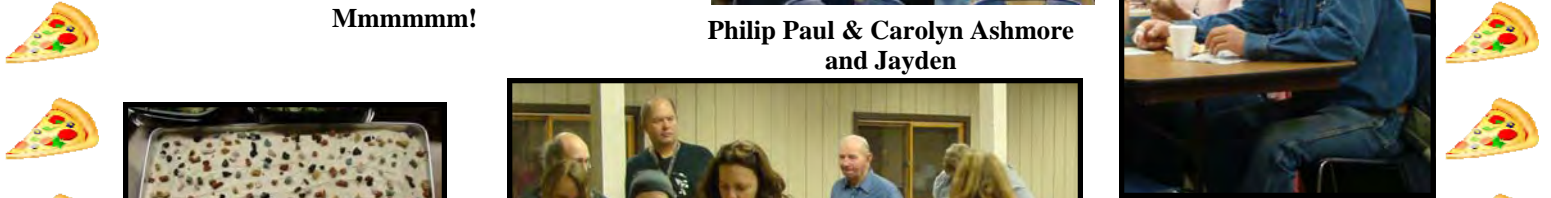
Mmmmmm!



Philip Paul & Carolyn Ashmore and Jayden



Greg & Betty Syslo



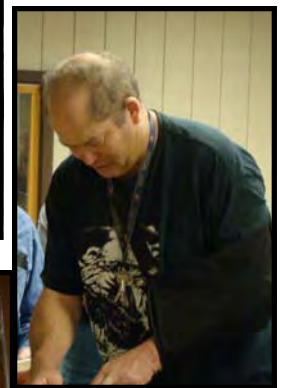
Vera Lyman always makes a delicious anniversary cake



Come and get it!!!



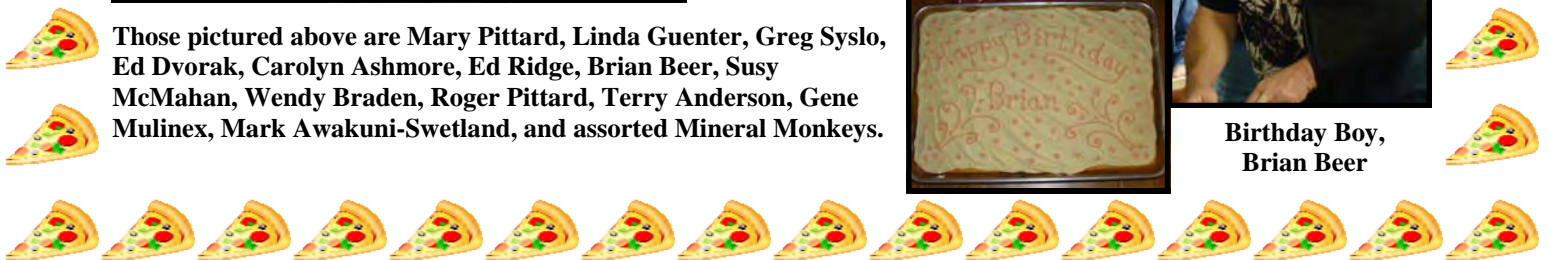
Roger Pittard



Birthday Boy, Brian Beer



Those pictured above are Mary Pittard, Linda Guenter, Greg Syslo, Ed Dvorak, Carolyn Ashmore, Ed Ridge, Brian Beer, Susy McMahan, Wendy Braden, Roger Pittard, Terry Anderson, Gene Mulinex, Mark Awakuni-Swetland, and assorted Mineral Monkeys.



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Picnic in the Park

July 2013



Corey B.; Jayne Beer, Jim Marburger, Andrew Tiedje



Ed Dvorak, Charlie Messenger, Karen Messenger



Kelly Beer, Ja'zeil, Bob Gritmit, Charles Wooldridge,
Andrew Tiedje, Carolyn Ashmore, Paul Ashmore



Carolyn Ashmore, Andrew Tiedje, Ed Dvorak,
Paul Ashmore, Jayne Beer



Left: The group
enjoying their
barbeque picnic.

Right: We look for
rocks everywhere
we go!



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Santa Wooly calling Rock Bingo numbers



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2013 SHOW COMMITTEE

By Sharon Marburger

Charles Wooldridge, 2013 Show Committee Chairman, called the first meeting for show planning on May 3.

There was discussion about what items should be included in our show packet and numerous field trip locations were suggested. Wooly began to develop the show budget.

Wooly has assigned a few of the chairmen, but more people are needed to assist. Let Wooly know if you would like to help. The following is the current show committee:

- Chairman:..... Charles Wooldridge
- Breakfast: Vera Lyman
- Dealers: Charles Wooldridge
- Demonstrators:..... Richard Peterson
- Displays: Ed Ridge
- Event Center Liaison..... Vera Lyman
- Finance & Ticket Sales:..... Vera Lyman, Jim Atkins
- Floor Chairman:.....
- Forms Sharon Marburger
- Host Hotel Sharon Marburger
- LGMC Club Booth:
- MWF Coordination..... Sharon Marburger
Vera Lyman
- Plants:..... Ed Ridge
- Pre-Registration Richard Peterson
- Printed Program: Sharon Marburger
- Programs & Speakers:.....
- Publicity & Promotion:.....James Marburger
Charles Wooldridge
- Ribbons & Recognitions:..... Al & Marilyn Stewart
- Security:..... Vera Lyman
- Silent Auction: Stella Thiessen
- Special Features:
- Web Master:..... Jim Atkins
- Youth Activities:.....

Although there is not yet a Special Features chairman, many ideas for displays were suggested.

Wooly is calling for a second show committee meeting to take place immediately following the general meeting. Let Wooly know how you would like to help. We want to make this an excellent show for the Federation.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING #2

by Sharon Marburger

Wooly opened the meeting with the good news that John Harrison accepted the position of Floor Chairman. Having held this Chair in the past, he is a great candidate for the job.

Wooly and Jim Marburger met with a marketing agent who specializes in non-profit organizations. Some of her suggestions included:

- try different advertising venues, such as KFRX radio, to reach a different age of people;
- work with Morrill Hall and share advertising and activities;
- find grad students who may need an advertising project;
- re-do the web page;
- in addition to rockhounds, try to appeal to families, artists, and others.

Pat Dvorak offered to talk to her school about designing a web page.

General Excavating will donate gravel for a "field trip" in the parking lot. The Event Center will keep the leftover material.

Wooly suggested we take a photograph of any effective billboards we run across.

We will try to contact Bill Breckenridge for a special display.

Mark Awakuni-Swetland will check with the Native American museum in Norman, Oklahoma to see if they would be willing to provide a display. He will also talk to UNL Geology Department to see if we can involve them, too.

Tom Whitlatch will be contacted to find out where the Cedar Rapids club gets their mammoth display.

Pete will follow up on getting a local Native American beadwork display.

Wooly has contacted Mr. Bones and the Kenfield Museum but has not yet heard back.

Will contact the Zoo School to find out how to advertise in the schools. Susy McMahan will contact LPS.

Possibly have a booth where scouts can earn their Geology Badge.

Several suggestions for field trip locations were mentioned. Pete has offered to lead a Nemaha River trip; Donovan Harris a Fairbury trip. An on-your-own field trip to Morrill Hall was also suggested.

Wooly will invite the Bead Society to participate.

There was discussion on adding a 15th dealer. Nothing yet decided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



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SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING #3

by Sharon Marburger

The third show committee meeting was held during the June Rock Party at Wooly's. Wooly started the meeting by announcing we will have the same 14 dealers as we had in 2012. He also has written confirmation that our Special Feature will be a large emerald crystal and a spectacular emerald and diamond pendant. There was discussion of allowing the owner to have a booth near the display so he can answer questions and possibly making high-end sales. These sales would not impact any of the dealers.

Mr. Bones has confirmed he will participate in the show.

Susy McMahan offered to contact the Dinosaur Museum in Milford to see if they have a traveling display available. (As of the date of this writing, Susy has received no response from the museum.)

Andrew Tiedje volunteered to contact paleontologist Paul Sereno of Texas, and Mike Voorhees, curator of the State Museum, to try to line them up as speakers for special programs.

It was suggested that we contact the Children's Museum and have them publish a \$1 off coupon for adult admissions, and free admission for 12-15 year olds with a paid adult. The same for the Friends of the Museum newsletter.

Mark Awakuni-Swetland will try to get a speaker and/or display from the Native American museum.

Contact Tom Whitlatch to find out where the Cedar Rapids club gets its mammoth display.

Perhaps have a booth where scouts can earn their geology badge.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING #4

by Sharon Marburger

Those who attended the July Rock Party at the Pittards' compared notes to determine what still needs to be done regarding displays, programs, and meetings. Because this was an informal (and unofficial) meeting, not much was done. We compared notes regarding invitations extended and replies received.

- Two field trips have been confirmed by their respective leaders.
- Regrets from Matt Joeckel. He will not be available to give a program because he will be out of state.

Those who have volunteered to contact individuals or institutions should plan to report on their progress at the next Show Committee meeting. No response? Keep after your target until an answer is received.



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SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING #5

by Sharon Marburger

Show Committee Meeting #5 was called to order after the potluck supper at the August Rock Party hosted by The Jewelry Connection.

Chairman Wooly reported his contact with the emerald guy, Sam Redman. Mr. Redman's fee for our event will be \$1,500. He will coordinate advertising and handle all interviews prior to the show.

Word from Jim Null is that Scott Wolters will not be able to participate in 2013 due to a previous engagement.

Programs: Jim Null's Lake Superior Agate PowerPoint. Wooly will talk with Doug Moore to see if he would be willing to present an agate program.

Special Displays: Jim Marburger is to contact the Oral Robert's Museum in Oklahoma; Loomis Truesdale's mozarkite cabochon display is lined up; Sharon will contact the Kenfield Museum.

Wooly asks that we all collect extra Nebraska material to salt the parking lot rock pile field trip. Bring specimens to the meetings; Wooly will gather and store until the Show.

Need volunteers to man the Club Booth. Bob & Pat Gritmit were interested in helping out in this capacity.

Sharon asked about possibly having paid ads in the Show Program book.

Need release form for anyone participating in the field trips. Sharon will send to Bob Gritmit for review.

Wooly asked Andrew Tiedje to chair the Show's Silent Auction committee.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - CONT'D

Show Report:

- Wooly reported that all of the dealer contracts have been mailed, five have been returned with payment.
 - A September 18 meeting has been scheduled for Wooly, Jim Marburger, and UNL's Mark Harris to discuss mutual marketing of activities.
 - Sam Redman will charge \$1,500 to bring his emerald display; he will handle that advertising.
 - Ed Dvorak will contact Mr. Bones to find out his fee.
 - Wooly asks that all members bring Nebraska specimens for inclusion in the rock pile "field trip".
 - Sharon Marburger will contact the Kenfields for a special display and Wade Beins for a program.
 - Jim Marburger has contacted the Oral Roberts Museum; no response yet.
 - Andrew Tiedje will contact Mr. Voorhees.
 - Due to the length of travel time, Richard Peterson asks that we change the meet time for the Nemaha River field trip on April 5 to 8:00 a.m. Additional information to include moderate physical activity, bring your own collecting tools, bring a "sack lunch", and a release of liability form will be prepared.
 - No additional information on the Fairbury field trip.
 - Andrew Tiedje will chair the Silent Auction committee. Volunteers to assist Andrew with the auction booth are needed.
 - Volunteers for the Club Booth. Bob and Pat Gritmit expressed interest in helping. More helpers are needed.
- Ed Dvorak offered to man the fluorescents display again.



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- Show Committee Report
 - Press releases will be handled by Sam Redman.
 - Mr. Bones wants \$1,300 to appear; we will decline this year.
 - Still need a Programs & Speakers Chairman
 - Jim M. and Wooly have communicated with Mark Harris at the State Museum. LGMC and the Museum will share advertising expenses, and the Museum will assist with graphic arts for advertising and our website. Ads will be placed in Lincoln Kids' Activities and other publications. The next meeting with Mark Harris will be October 4.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

- Charles Wooldridge, Jim Atkins, and Jim Marburger met with Mark Harris to discuss joint advertising options.
- Share in advertising costs. Our share of ads in *Nebraska Life* and *Lincoln Kids* will be \$750.
- UNL will provide graphic artists to assist with ad design.
- Wooly has spoken with Doug Moore who has tentatively agreed to provide a special display and present a program.
- The request to Mr. Bones has been withdrawn. Our show budget for 2013 cannot handle his fee. We will consider asking him to the 2014 show.
- Wooly still needs someone to chair Programs (speakers).
- A request for a Special Features chairman resulted in Bob and Patricia Gruit agreeing to take the job.
- Sharon Marburger suggested that we consider eliminating the ribbons attached to nametags in future shows. The ribbons fall off or get in the way when working. She showed an example from a national show where nametags had color coded dots to indicate a person's affiliation and paid activities. This would eliminate not only the ribbons, but other tickets (like the Breakfast). Overall, it should reduce costs.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Sharon Marburger asked the Board for feedback regarding business sized advertisements in the Show's handout program. It was determined that it is a good idea and it was suggested to charge \$25 per ad. General Excavating, who will provide material for the Parking Lot Field Trip, would receive a free ad. Vera Lyman offered to approach businesses to obtain advertisers.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

- Wooly reported that we now have photographs of the emeralds that will be on display at our show.
- UNL is helping to design advertisement, including a billboard. We will share ad space with the State Museum in *Nebraska Life* and *Lincoln Kids* newspaper.
- Lamar has offered a free billboard, 14 feet x 48 feet, costing us only the purchase of the vinyl which would be \$1,750.
- Most dealer contracts have been submitted with payment. The demonstrator contracts have been mailed out.
- Special displays of emeralds, German agates, and other specimens have been confirmed.
- 5 programs have been lined up.
- Wooly brought buckets for donations to the Parking Lot Gem Dig. Donations are still needed to "salt" the gravel pile.
- Suggestions for new show signs; where are they needed? Roger Pittard volunteered to fix the club booth sign, adjusting the signage to allow for easy conversation with the public.

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION

"2013 - Our Emerald Jubilee"
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

Hospitality

Host Hotel - \$79 + taxes per night

HOTEL INFORMATION

Chase Suites
 200 S. 68th Place
 Lincoln, Nebraska 68510
 Front Desk: 402-483-4900

Ask for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Show (at the Event Center) discount

Other hotels

Candlewood Suites
 4100 Pioneer Woods Drive
 Lincoln, NE 68506
 (402) 420-0330
 Located 6 miles from the Lancaster Event Center

New Victorian Suites
 216 N. 48th Street
 Lincoln, NE
 (402) 464-4400
 Located 6 miles from the Lancaster Event Center

Comfort Suites Lincoln East
 333 N. Cotner Blvd.,
 Lincoln, NE
 (402) 325-8800
 www.choicehotels.com
 Located 4.5 miles from the Lancaster Event Center

Staybridge Suites Lincoln
 2701 Fletcher Avenue
 Lincoln, NE 68504
 (402) 438-7829
 (402) 323-5007
 www.staybridge.com/lincoln-80
 Located 7 miles from the Lancaster Event Center

Country Inn and Suites
 5353 N. 27th St.,
 Lincoln, NE 68521
 402.476.5353
 www.countryinns.com/lincolhne
 Located 6.3 miles from the Lancaster Event Center

CAMPGROUNDS

Lancaster Event Center
 4100 North 84th Street
 Lincoln, NE 68507
 (402) 441-6545

Camp A Way Campground & RV Park
 200 Campers Circle, (previously 200 Ogden Rd.)
 Lincoln, NE 68521
 (402) 476-2282
 campaway.com

LINCOLN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
<http://www.lincolnairport.com/contact.cfm>
 Served by United and Delta airlines

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Car-Rental Companies

Avis
 1-800-331-1212

Budget
 1-800-527-0700

Hertz
 1-800-654-3131

Van Service

Dash About Shuttle
 1-800-720-3274

Eppley Express
 1-800-888-9793

OMALINK
 1-402-475-5465

Taxis

Capital Cab
 1-402-477-6074

Yellow Cab
 1-402-477-4111

TOURIST INFORMATION

Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
<http://www.lcoc.com/>

Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
<http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/>

Visitor & Convention Bureau
<http://www.lincoln.org/>

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Applebee's
 Description: Varied menu.
 6100 O Street
 Lincoln, NE 68510
 Phone: (402) 467-6161
 Handicap Accessible: Yes
 Hours: 11 a.m.- 12 a.m. Mon.- Sun.

Concessions at the Show Site

DAILY (no outside food or drink allowed)

Boston Market
 Description: Chicken
 500 N. 48th
 Lincoln, NE 68504
 Phone: (402) 466-3111
 Handicap Accessible: Yes
 Hours: 11 a.m.- 9:30 p.m. Mon.- Sat.;
 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. Sun.

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION

MWF Registration Form

"2013 - Our Emerald Jubilee"



Sponsored by the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock, Lincoln, Nebraska
(All meetings/meals to be held in the Lancaster Room of the Event Center)
(Show will be in the Lincoln Room of the Event Center)

April 6 & 7, 2013

Registrant _____
 Additional Registrant _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Country _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Club & Region _____
 AFMS Position(s) _____
 MWF Position(s) _____

Friday: Complimentary evening snacks at a "cracker barrel" meet & greet, local speaker _____ (number attending)

Saturday: Lunch - Ham & Turkey Sandwiches with chips, salad, and beverage (Available to anyone who wishes to pre-order)

\$10 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Saturday: Awards Banquet (buffet) \$22 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Beef, Chicken, Potato, Two Vegetables, Salad, Roll & Butter, Beverage

Sunday: Dealer/Club/Editor's Breakfast \$10 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Butter of Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, French Toast, Fruit, Coffee

Everyone is invited to participate in breakfast. Editors will hold their meeting at 9:00 a.m.

One Day Show Pass \$5 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Two Day Show Pass \$9 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Mail completed registration form with payment in full, no later than **February 24, 2013**, to:

Vera Lyman
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 5342
Lincoln, NE 68505-0342

Questions: E-mail lgmc.editor@vminstream.net or call Show Chairman, Charles Woodbridge, at 402.416.3233.

2013: Our Emerald Jubilee
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

PRELIMINARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(will be updated as necessary)
Check our web site, www.lincolngemmineralclub.org, for updated information.

Lancaster Event Center

4100 N. 84th St. (84th & Havelock), Lincoln, NE

Thursday, April 4

10:00 a.m.: Field Trip. Meet at the Event Center parking lot to ride-share to Fairbury, Nebraska to collect fossils, selenite, agate, & petrified wood.

Friday, April 5

8:00 a.m.: Show Setup begins.

9:00 a.m.: Field Trip. Meet at Event Center to ride-share to the Nemaha River to collect fossils (mammals), agates, Lake Superior agates, petrified wood, coral, just about anything!

6:00 p.m.: Cracker Barrel. Join us in an informal gathering at the Lancaster Event Center, Lancaster Room, to meet and chat with your MWF Executive Board and others. Everyone is invited. A local speaker will provide a talk on a hobby-related subject. Complimentary snacks available.

Saturday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Show Opens.

8:00 a.m. State Directors' Meeting.

9:00 a.m. Executive Meeting.

Lunch Break.

1:00 p.m. Council of Delegates Meeting.

6:00 p.m. Show Closes.

7:00 p.m. Awards Banquet.

** On your own field trip to the State Museum at Morrill Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$5 per adult (price subject to change).

Sunday, April 7

8:00 a.m. Dealer/Club/Editor Breakfast.

9:00 a.m. Editors' Meeting.

10:00 a.m. Show Opens.

5:00 p.m. Show Closes.

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION

Competitive Exhibit Application

“2013 - Our Emerald Jubilee”

Sponsored by the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock, Lincoln, Nebraska

April 6 & 7, 2013

Please fill out ONE application form per exhibit case. Copy this form for additional cases.

Please type or print

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Club Membership: _____

All exhibits must be hobby related (agates, geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archeology or lapidary).

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT CASE TITLE: _____

Division: _____ Class: _____ If Junior, provide birth date: _____

Exhibitor Group: _____
 Master _____ Advanced _____ Novice _____
 Junior _____ Society _____ Jr. Society _____
 (Exhibitor is responsible for choosing proper DIVISION, CLASS and GROUP.)

Exhibit Case Size: standard case: 4' wide, 2' deep, 2' high
 Please bring your own case, if possible - Describe: _____ Wide, _____ Deep, _____ High
 I need a case, 2' x 2' x 2' 4' x 2' x 2' (First come basis, no guarantees)
 Do you need electricity? Yes No Indicate total watts: _____ (Cannot exceed 100 watts per case)
 (Exhibitors must furnish risers, backdrop and lock - Please use CFL or LED lights.)

Undersigned exhibitor agrees to abide by AFMS Uniform Rules, Current Edition and those rules set by the Show.
 Exhibitor's Signature: _____ Exhibitor's Society: _____

I hereby certify, as an officer of the above named Society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of the Society and to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the rules.

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Certification for Society (group) and Junior Society (group) I hereby certify, as an officer of the above named Society, that the materials and/or workmanship exhibited are the property of this Society or the personal property of at least 5 members of the Society and no more than 20% of the material or workmanship exhibited are the property of any one member, and that the lapidary and jewelry exhibited are entirely (except for minor findings or where otherwise allowed by rules) the work of members of this Society. It is agreed that the exhibit will remain on display until the show closes on Sunday, April 7, 2013.

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Please mail the completed form to:
 Competitive Exhibits
 Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
 P.O. Box 5342
 Lincoln, NE 68505
lgmc_editor@windstream.net

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Educational (Non-Competitive) Exhibit Application

“2013 - Our Emerald Jubilee”

Sponsored by the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock, Lincoln, Nebraska

April 6 & 7, 2013

Please fill out one application form per two exhibit cases. Copy this form for additional cases.

Please type or print

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Club Membership: _____

All exhibits must be hobby related (agates, geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archeology or lapidary).

EXHIBIT CASE #1 TITLE: _____

Please describe your exhibit or display: _____

Exhibit Case Size: standard case: 4' wide, 2' deep, 2' high
 Please bring your own case, if possible - Describe: _____ Wide, _____ Deep, _____ High
 I need a case, 2' x 2' x 2' 4' x 2' x 2' (First come basis, no guarantees)
 Do you need electricity? Yes No Indicate total watts: _____ (Cannot exceed 100 watts per case)
 (Exhibitors must furnish risers, backdrop and lock - Please use CFL or LED lights.)

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Please describe your exhibit or display: _____

Exhibit Case Size: standard case: 4' wide, 2' deep, 2' high
 Please bring your own case, if possible - Describe: _____ Wide, _____ Deep, _____ High
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 Do you need electricity? Yes No Indicate total watts: _____ (Cannot exceed 100 watts per case)
 (Exhibitors must furnish risers, backdrop and lock - Please use CFL or LED lights.)

I agree to comply with the conditions set by the Show and will follow the Show Rules. I will remove any items deemed inappropriate, if so requested.
 Signature _____ Date _____

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SHOW / MWF CONVENTION

Luncheon

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Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505

Event Center, Lancaster Room

Ham & Turkey Sandwich,
chips, salad, and beverage

Saturday, April 6, 2013, noon

501

Prepaid One-Day Pass

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

55th Annual Show

Event Center, Lincoln Room

DEALER/EDITOR/CLUB BREAKFAST

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505

Event Center, Lancaster Room

Sunday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m.

301

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Banquet

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505

Event Center, Lancaster Room

Beef, Chicken, Potato, Two Vegetables,
Salad, Roll & Butter, Beverage

Saturday, April 6, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Two-Day Pass

401

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

55th Annual Show

Event Center, Lincoln Room

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Complimentary Breakfast Pass

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505

DEALER BREAKFAST

Event Center, Lancaster Room
Lincoln, Nebraska

Sunday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Complimentary Pass

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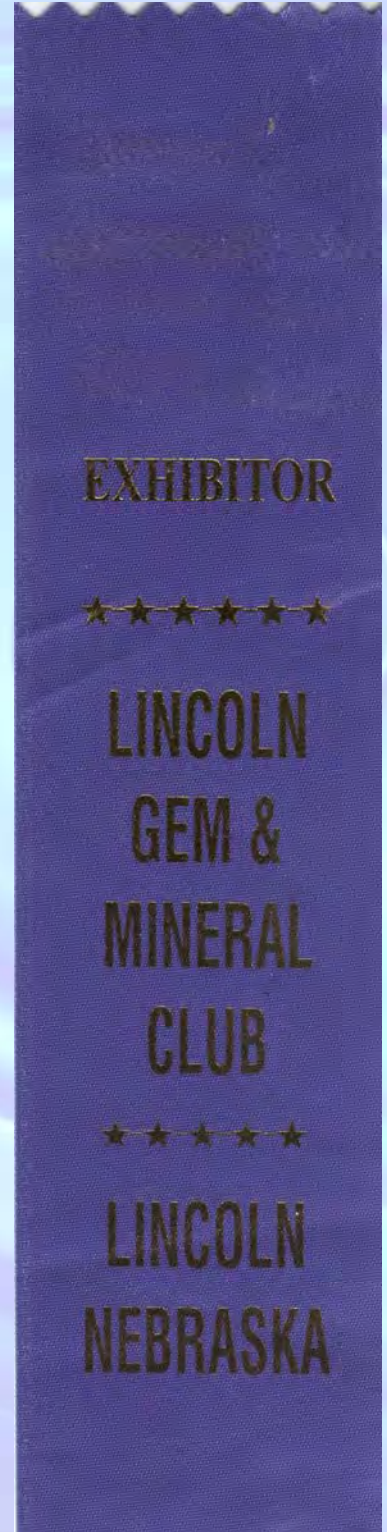
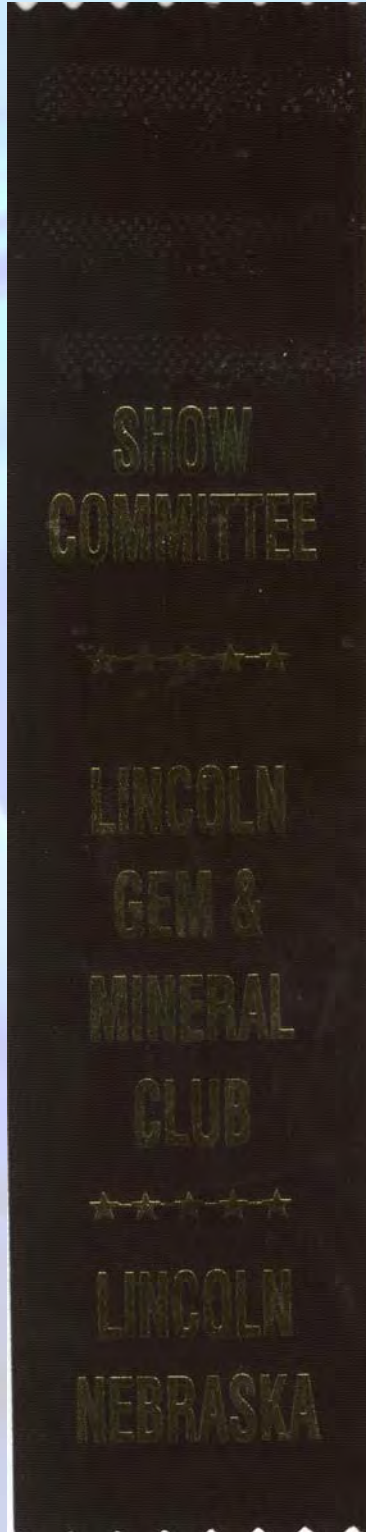
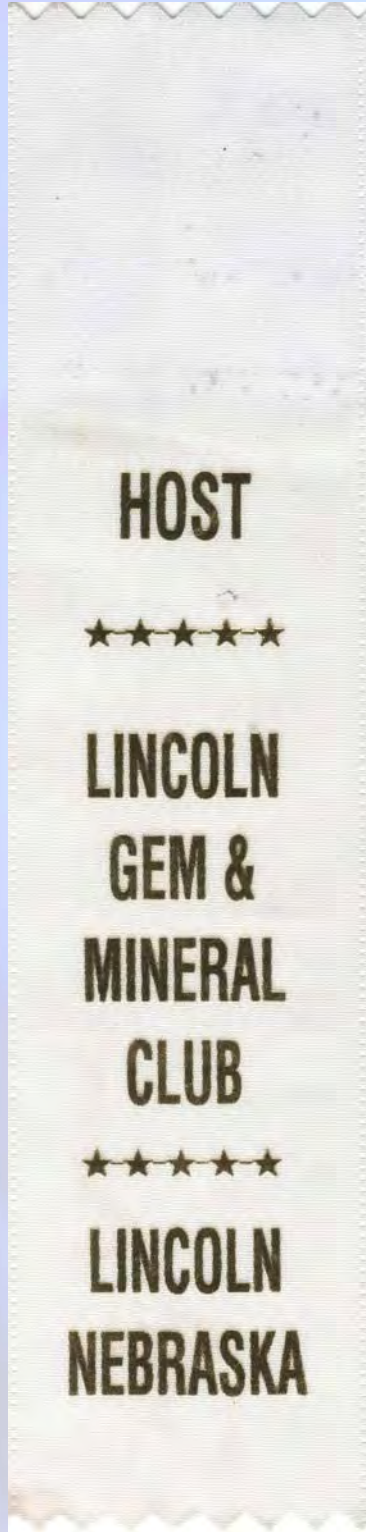
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Lancaster Event Center
84th & Havelock

Saturday, April 6, 2013, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, April 7, 2013, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION



Educational Programs

All programs are approximately 50 minutes in length.

Saturday, April 6

10:30 a.m. *Mining Amethyst in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada* by Charles "Jeff" Groff

11:30 a.m. *The Romance of Emeralds* by Dallas Patterson

1:30 p.m. *A Wisconsin Redneck in Kaiser Wilhelm's Backyard* by Doug Moore

2:30 p.m. *Formation of Lake Superior Agates* by Jim Null

3:30 p.m. *A Geotourist Guide to Nebraska* by Robert Swanson

Sunday, April 7

10:30 a.m. *Mining Amethyst in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada* by Charles "Jeff" Groff

11:30 a.m. *The Romance of Emeralds* by Dallas Patterson

12:30 p.m. *Formation of Lake Superior Agates* by Jim Null

1:30 p.m. *A Wisconsin Redneck in Kaiser Wilhelm's Backyard* by Doug Moore

2:30 p.m. *Green Precious Metals and Gemstones* by Charles Yost

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.'S

55TH ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW



SHOW PROGRAM

President's Welcome from Jim Marburger

Welcome to the 55th Annual Gem & Mineral Show of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club! We are honored to host the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies' annual Convention, and to have you as our guests for this fabulous show. We hope you have a fun time wandering through the exhibits and special displays. Don't miss Dallas Patterson and his spectacular display of emeralds! Stop by to watch our demonstrators who show how they do what they do. Visit our dealers who have traveled from near to far in order to provide you with that special item you can't find anywhere else. There is the Club Booth where you can pick up an application to join the club, or just chat with the club members. Kids always have a good time at the Youth Booth. Take the time to attend the Educational Programs where speakers talk about various aspects of the hobby. Thank you for attending. Enjoy the show!

Show Committee

Chairman:.....Charles Wooldridge
Breakfast:.....Vera Lyman
Dealers:.....Charles Wooldridge
Demonstrators:.....Richard Peterson
Displays:.....Ed Ridge
Event Center Liaison.....Vera Lyman
Finance & Ticket Sales:.....Jim Atkins, Vera Lyman
Floor Chairman:.....Ed Dvorak, John Harrison
Forms.....Sharon Marburger
Host Hotel.....Sharon Marburger
LGM&C Club Booth:.....Charles Wooldridge
MWF Coordination.....Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger
Plants:.....Ed Ridge
Printed Program:.....Sharon Marburger
Programs & Speakers:.....R. Grimit, S. Marburger, C. Wooldridge
Publicity & Promotion:.....James Marburger, Charles Wooldridge
Ribbons & Recognitions:.....Al & Marilyn Stewart
Security:.....Vera Lyman
Silent Auction:.....Jackie Barnhardt, Judy Cropp
Special Features:.....Charles Wooldridge
Web Master:.....Jim Atkins
Youth Activities:.....Susy McMahan, with special thanks to Kay Jurgens for her assistance

Show Chairman's Welcome from Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge

Welcome to the 55th annual Lincoln Gem and Mineral Show. Traditionally, the 55th anniversary is the "Emerald" celebration so, to keep with tradition, we are having an "Emerald Jubilee." Dallas Patterson is here with displays of some of the world's largest emerald specimens, & he will also speak on the subject. The Club is offering a free emerald specimen to the first 2,000 paid attendees. There are other features, exhibits, displays, demonstrations, & educational programs; too many to mention here. We are also hosting the Midwest Federation Convention. This involves meetings, an awards banquet, and the opportunity to visit with folks from all over the Midwest. I would like to thank all the vendors, demonstrators, exhibitors, presenters, and club members who have helped make this show a reality. A special thank you goes to the University of Nebraska State Museum, particularly Mark Harris, Dana Ludwick, and Angie Fox, who helped with marketing the show this year. Lastly, and most importantly, I want to thank each of you for attending. Enjoy the show!

Special Features

Emeralds, Columbian, featuring "El Gigante".....Dallas Patterson
German Agates.....Doug Moore
Amethysts, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.....Jeff Groff
Rock Houses.....Naomi Fletcher / Gene Moberg
Ice Age Fossils, Southeast Nebraska.....Richard Peterson / Charles Wooldridge

Activities

LGM&C youth booth! -Learn the ABC's of building your own rock collection.
Find some of your own invertebrate fossils. Other hands-on activities.
Gem Dig! -Find your own gemstones.
Rock Races! -See who has the fastest rock.
Fluorescent Display - See how some plain-looking rocks light up with UV.
Silent Auction -Place your bid on specimens, highest bid takes it home!

Demonstrations

Lapidary Techniques.....Ed Ridge, Al Stewart
Metalsmithing.....The Jewelry Connection
Knapping.....Mark Awakuni-Swetland
Carving.....Connie McCartney

Selling Demonstrators

Roger Fabian Stones.....Jayne Beer
Lapidary.....Tom Whitlatch
Glass Artistry.....Julie Whitlatch
Rock Painting.....Aerie Artwork
Wire Wrap.....Cheryl Barnholdt, Bill Wehr
Wire Wrap and Lapidary.....Betty Selby-Syslo
Silver and Gold Smithing.....Greg Syslo
Emeralds - specimens & faceted.....Dallas Patterson
Mineral specimens.....Nebraska State Museum

Dealers

Brushy Creek Gems & Minerals.....Boone, Iowa
Burns Gems.....Marshalltown, Iowa
Carved Opal & Obsidian.....Austin, Texas
D&D Jewelry Creations.....Branson, Missouri
Francina Maria Designs.....Elko, Nevada
Hurlburt Minerals.....St. Louis, Missouri
JJ&L Rocks & Minerals.....Hickman, Nebraska
K&K Minerals.....Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Lincoln Curios Rock Shop.....Lincoln, Nebraska
Schooler's.....Blue Springs, Missouri
Teton Gems.....Riggins, Idaho
The Crystal Singer.....Lincoln, Nebraska
West Side Agates.....Ames, Iowa

Special Features

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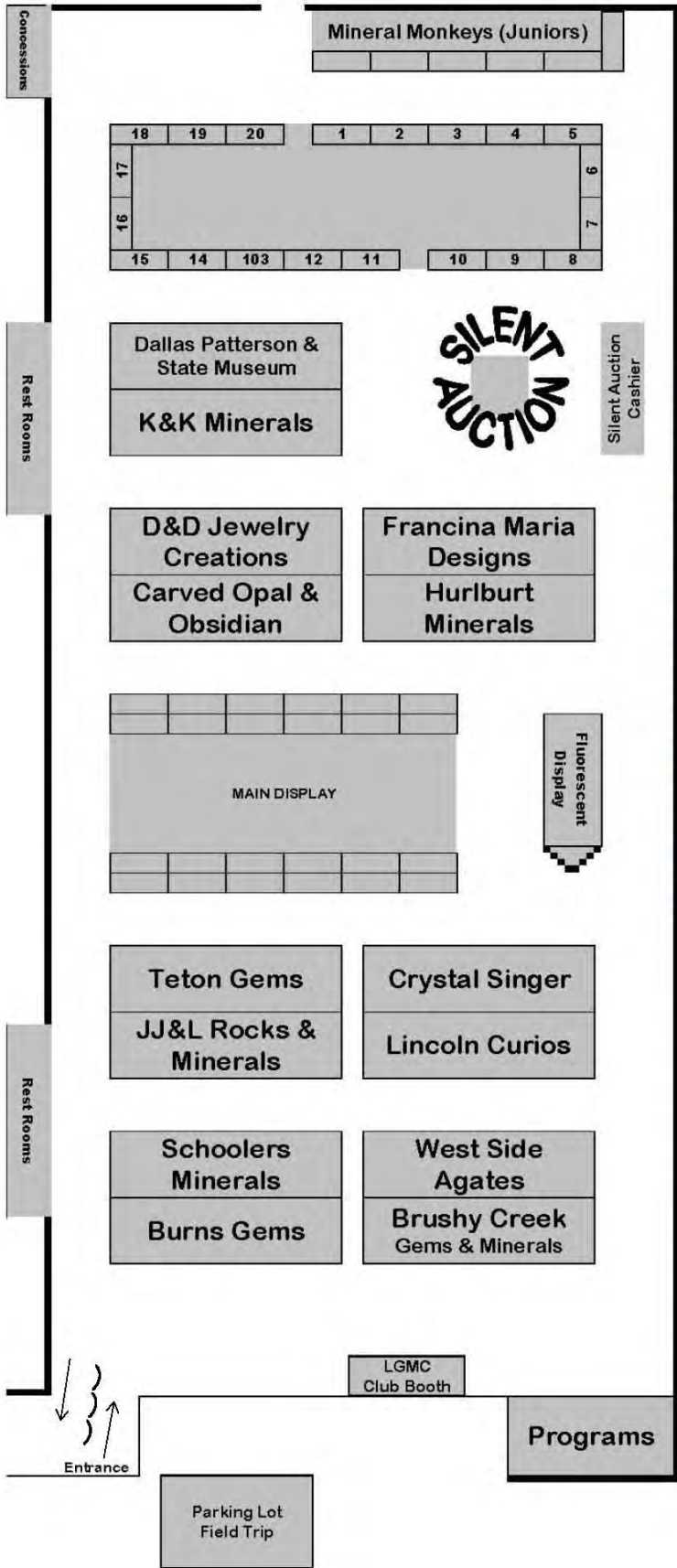
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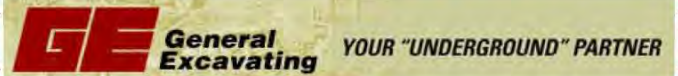
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April 5 & 6, 2014



DEMONSTRATORS

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|-------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Aulden Stewart | 13-14 | Lapidary Liquidator (Tom Whitlatch) |
| 2 | Ed Ridge | | |
| 3 | Cheryl Barnholdt | 15-16 | Mark Awakuni-Swetland |
| 4 | Connie McCartney | 17 | Aerie Artwork (Tammy Jeanneret) |
| 5&6 | Douglas Moore | 18 | |
| 7-10 | Roger Pabian Stones | 19 | Greg Syslo |
| 11-12 | Glass by Julie (Julie Whitlatch) | 20 | Rock 'n Wrap (Betty Selby-Syslo) |

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS MINERALS GEMSTONES!

CLUB DISPLAY CASES AND SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION

by Ed Ridge & Sharon Marburger

The club owns 39 display cases, available for use at the annual show. Of course, if you have your own display case(s), you are invited to use it/them. However, you must let Ed Ridge know your needs, whether you need to reserve a case or you need space to display using your own case.

The 39 cases are comprised of four different styles: the Frank Rule case, of which there are 3; the Wichita case, of which there are 5; the Gless case, of which there are 16; and the new case, of which there are 15.

The new cases are held in reserve this year, their primary use will be for Special Displays and Competitive Displays. If there are any remaining after their designated duty, those will be available for general use. The approximate size is 48" wide by 23" deep and 32" high.



The Gless case is very similar to the new case. It, too, is approximately 48" wide by 23" deep and 32" high.



The Wichita case is 31" wide by 24" deep and 8" high.



Like the Gless and new cases, the Frank Rule case is roughly 48" wide by 23" deep and 32" high.



Photos courtesy of Ed Ridge

Because this year's Show is also the Midwest Federation (MWF) Show and Convention, the Show Committee is requiring all club members to complete a pre-registration form. The form can be found as an enclosure to this newsletter. Completing the form will better enable the Committee to meet the needs of all participants.

All members and participants are encouraged to attend the Club and MWF functions. Plan to attend the Friday evening "Cracker Barrel" where you can hear the Director of the USGS Nebraska Water Science Center speak. Spend Saturday evening at the MWF Awards Banquet where you'll get good food and see your friends maybe win an award! And don't forget the Sunday morning breakfast for club members, dealers, and MWF visitors. The Editors' meeting will follow at 9 a.m. Don't forget to mark all the activities on your pre-registration form!

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION

Pick & Shovel

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PRELIMINARY 2013 SHOW & FIELD TRIP REPORT

By Charles "Woolly" Wooldridge

I will be unable to attend our monthly meeting in April so I would like to send out a Show Report. I have not seen the final tally of how many folks attended the show, but it appears we are headed in the right direction. I have discovered that building the show's attendance is like turning a big ship ... a few degrees at a time. Everyone I have spoken to was pleased with the show. I heard from a number of vendors who said they did the best they have ever done at our show. That is exciting! Thank you to all of you! Thanks especially to Jim Marburger ... we had some of the best publicity I can recall.

We will be starting right away to plan for next year's show. I have entitled it "Stones and Bones" and expect to have a focus on Ice Age artifacts and fossils. If you know of special exhibits or speakers, we should start contacting them soon. Please let me know of your ideas.

I want to extend a very special thank you to the seniors of our club who handled the teardown and trailer loading: Bob Gritit, Roger and Mary Pittard, Charles and Karen Messenger, and Ed Dvorak. A big thanks, also, to Kathy Messenger, who jumped in to help even though she is not a club member. These folks did all the teardown and heavy lifting.

Now, don't get me wrong ... I am not complaining about anybody. I can't think of anyone who didn't help with some aspect of the show. Everyone did their fair share, and more. Many people were injured or sick, or were working in some other way. What I want to say is these folks are heroes! They worked their tails off!!! They deserve our highest accolades. Without them we would have been in a real pickle. Next year we need to hire some muscle to do the heavy lifting.

By Sharon Marburger (all photos in this section are courtesy of Jim & Sharon Marburger, unless otherwise credited)

Thursday, April 4 was a beautiful day for a field trip. The group met at the Event Center to caravan to Fairbury, Nebraska for a roadside, roaming collecting experience. After a couple of minor setbacks, we all managed to meet up with Donovan Harris, our gracious trip leader, at the first collecting area. There we found fossil shells, shell imprints, and one fantastic specimen of petrified wood in limestone (see photo). I found an ammonite imprint, which I thought was pretty cool.



Petrified wood in limestone



One happy hunter



Our brief second stop produced cone-in-cone specimens (aragonite). These specimens fluoresce a deep red color. Very pretty under short wave light.



We stopped a third time to look for sharks' teeth. Unfortunately, the County had dumped dirt and gravel on the road, covering any fossil finds.



The fourth stop took us to the historic marker memorializing the survey of the territories of Kansas and Nebraska. The Sixth Prime Meridian is the foundation for all sections, townships, and ranges in Nebraska and Kansas, and parts of Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota.

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2013 SHOW, & FIELD TRIP REPORT - CONT'D

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The fifth location we collected was full of worms - fossil worms, that is. Many plates of worms were extracted and hauled away to be put in collections. Our leader, Donovan Harris, demonstrates how to remove the plates (below).



The final stop this day took us to a clay pit south of Fairbury. There we found clear selenite crystals, fossilized grasses, and, of course, clay.



It was a fun day, full of collecting, good-natured teasing, and camaraderie. The fact that the day was gorgeous didn't hurt us any, either! What a great day for a field trip.

This editor did not receive an accounting of the Nemaha River field trip on Friday, April 5. However, some pictures were shared, so I shall pass them along.



View of the Nemaha River
Photo by Carrie Burkhart



Collecting on the Nemaha
Photo by Carrie Burkhart

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2013 SHOW & FIELD TRIP REPORT - CONT'D

(Continued from page 8)



Photos by Martin & Linda Dougherty

The Nemaha River field trip was very well-attended. I heard that approximately 30 people participated. Awesome!

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION

MINERAL MONKEYS



by Susy McMahan

Thanks to all the Monkeys, parents, and grandparents who helped with the junior booth at the show!! Leahh, with her great sales pitch, "And you can choose from any of these beautiful rocks," sweeping her arms with great drama. Jayden, who could spot a gem digger and gracefully swoop in with all materials needed to start their adventure for a mere 50 cents. Buddies Ian and Chace, who did their best in practicing how to give change, all the while the lure of rocks at the dealers calling to them. And little Samantha, who raced against anyone who didn't have a partner in the rock race!

Carolyn and Philip Ashmore, Linda Guenter, Danny Cromer and me, all working to keep things running smoothly. And a special thanks to Kay Jurgens for helping to set up and put away supplies.

April Lesson:

We will discuss "Shop Safety" at the April 18 meeting. The topic is carried over from February because the meeting was cancelled due to snow. This lesson is in preparation for a special meeting at the Jewelry Connection, where the Monkeys will complete a lapidary project, as part of the lapidary badge. That date has yet to be set, but great thanks to Jayne Beer and Judith Bay for letting us use their shop!!

The Juniors Activity Booth was a popular booth to visit. Jayden, Leahh, Ian, and Chace were kept busy most of the time.



Corey demonstrating lapidary

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION

APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES - CONT'D

(Continued from page 4)

- Jayne reported that 1/3 of the Club t-shirts ordered have been pre-paid. The remaining t-shirts will be at the Jewelry Connection Booth for sale. One will be displayed at the membership booth.

SHOW

- Vera reported that Kay Jurgens would come in Friday to setup the Junior's area. Linda Guenter and Susy McMahan will run the Junior activities.
- Vera reported that the Event Center has moved all meals and meetings from the Lancaster Room to the Nebraska Room. Signs will be posted.
- Wooly reported on the advertising already in progress and an upcoming television interview in conjunction with Dallas Patterson's emeralds press release event at the UNL State Museum. He and Corey Beer will be featured.
- Wooly inquired if the cracker barrel event on Friday evening was a full meal or appetizers. Learning it was appetizers, he suggested that members be urged to take time to eat a meal beforehand as everyone will be "hungry as bears" after setting up the show.
- Wooly will bring technology equipment for the programs.
- Wooly reported that the leftover gravel from the Nebraska Gem Dig will be left at the Event Center, and it will be moved to the graveled parking areas.
- Jim reported that 2,000 giveaway emeralds for show attendees were ready to go.
- Sharon displayed the proposed Show program in color and black & white. The Board chose the less expensive B&W version.
- Sharon reported that she and Vera had arranged surprise table centerpieces for the banquet.
- Aulden reported having all show ribbons and name tags ready to go.
- The Silent Auction will be run by Jackie and Judy. Richard will sort out the materials donated by the Ralph Ulrich estate for auction. Vera reported having some boxes of items collected during general meetings that she will bring. Stella Thiessen had

collected some donated items that need to be retrieved. Wooly will track them down.

- Field trips were discussed. A last minute e-mail had been sent out noting earlier departure times for both trips. Sharon will lead the caravan to Beatrice on Thursday. Brian and Corey Beer will lead the caravan to meet with Richard on the Highway 8 bridge before going on to the Nemaha River. It was noted that the field trips did not include a roster of participants. Such a roster was strongly recommended for future trips.
- Gratuities for presenters was discussed. It is the Club's practice to not offer gratuities when requesting a program, but providing a gratuity for the presentation afterwards if funds allow.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Ed Dvorak, second by Richard. Carried.

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April 6-7: LINCOLN, NE.

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charles.wooldridge@nebraska.gov,
www.lincolngemmineralclub.org.**

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION

SHOW RECAP REPORTS

- Ed Dvorak noted that the event tables had all been set up in a satisfactory way prior to our Friday morning arrival.
- Ed Ridge reported that 61 display cases had been used.
- Saturday's Silent Auction, handled by Judy Cropp and Jackie Barnhardt, was reported as well attended.
- In the absence of Charles Wooldridge, Vera Lyman reported that we fell just short of our 2,000 paid entries goal. She described the postcard sized advertisement as the best return on the cost. A final report on show finances must wait until all of the bills have been paid.
- Jim reported that the Fairbury Field Trip was satisfactory and an article describing it is in the April P&S.
- Richard Peterson reported that the Nemaha River Field Trip included approximately 30 people and everyone enjoyed the experience.



Donations to the Food Bank of Lincoln

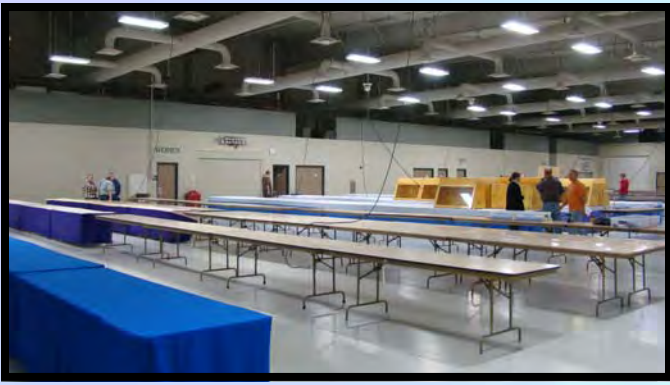


General Excavating dumping a load of Platte River rock for the Nebraska Gem Dig. Members salted the pile with more rocks, minerals, and fossils found in Nebraska.



A few gleaners comb the Nebraska Gem Dig at the end of the show, hoping to find a few remaining specimens. (The leftover rock was given to the Event Center for parking lot landscaping.)

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION



Setup begins



Ticket sales and Club booth



Special Display provided by Dallas Patterson



Close-up of emerald



Juniors booth is open for business



**Top and Bottom
Attendees visit the many demonstration tables**



Don't forget about our dealers! Member Brad Nielsen poses with his mother at their booth.



SHOW / MWF CONVENTION



President Jim Marburger welcomes the MWF to Lincoln, Nebraska



LGMC President Marburger introduces AFMS President-Elect Richard Jaeger



Show Chairman Charles Wooldridge addresses the group



Meeting attendees



Robert Swanson of the USGS mentally prepares to speak at the Friday night "Meet and Greet."



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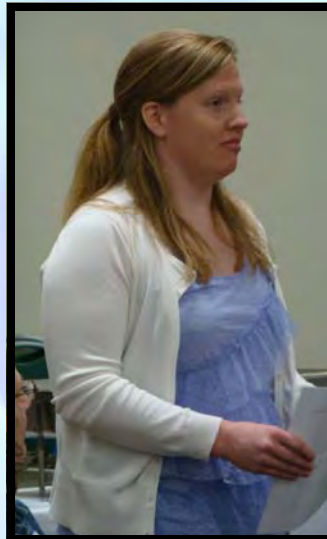
Donna Moore, Richard Jaeger, J.C. Moore



Robert Swanson of the USGS was the AFMS Scholarship Honoree. He selected two students, Jason Alexander and Rebecca Puta, who are pursuing studies in Earth Sciences to each receive \$4,000 a scholarship.



Banquet centerpiece



**Scholarship recipient
Rebecca Puta**



LGMC member Martin Dougherty received a plaque for Competitive Display. Marty and his wife, Linda (not shown) are our long-distance member, residing in Long Beach, California!

SHOW / MWF CONVENTION



Editors' Round Table following Breakfast



Karen Leibold won the auction to take possession of E-Bear, the mascot of the MWF Endowment Fund.



BEAC Chairman Celia Tiffany presents LGMC's awards for winners of the Editors' Competition. Pick & Shovel editor, Sharon Marburger, accepts the awards on behalf of the winners.

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LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S

34TH ANNUAL ROCK SWAP

JANUARY 26, 2013 - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



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The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily limited to Geology, Paleontology and Mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, especially to youth and student groups.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

General Meeting

January 26, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Following Mid-Winter Swap
And
Pizza Supper

Program: Silent Auction

Mineral Monkeys

January 26, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Lesson: Earth Resources
Look in the January P&S for your
preparatory assignment.
Let's earn some badges!!

Calendar of 2012 Meeting Dates

Board

Jan. 2, 2013

General

January 26, 2013
Mid-Winter Swap

TENTATIVE 2013

Board

Wed., February 6
(at Vera Lyman's home)

Wed., March 6
(at Vera Lyman's home)

Wed., April 3

Wed., May 1

General

Thurs., February 21

Thurs., March 21

Thurs., April 18

Thurs., May 16

PLEASE NOTE:

THE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED SWAP FLYER HAD AN INCORRECT DATE. SEE RICHARD PETERSON OR CHARLES WOOLDRIDGE FOR CORRECTED FLYERS OR MAKE COPIES OF THE FLYER ON PAGE 9.

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SUNSHINE CORNER

December Birthdays:

Jim Atkins
Ivy Guenter
Al Stewart
Janette Van Butsel

Welcome New Members:

Bruce Sturges
Victoria "Tori" Lee
Philip Paul Ashmore
Carolyn A. Ashmore
Jayden Eno

**Congratulations to LGMC's
newly elected Board of
Directors.**

2013 MID-WINTER SWAP

by Sharon Marburger

The 2013 Mid-Winter Swap took place the afternoon of January 26 at the Bethany Park Shelter House. We had a great variety of swappers, 16 total. Reports following the Swap indicate everyone was happy with their sales and swaps of the day. Attendance was fabulous. I counted 37 adult members and 3 Mineral Monkeys in attendance! Wow! Did I mention fabulous? There were lots of members from other clubs and general public attending, also. We attribute the large attendance to great advertising. In addition to all the flyers handed out by everyone, a special thanks goes to Andrew Tiedje for posting the Swap on Facebook.

Photos courtesy of Jim & Sharon Marburger



Swap fun



Sharon Marburger and Vera & Ellie Lyman greet visitors, sell swapper bucks, and collect silent auction money.



Jayne Beer, Charles Meisinger, and Mark Awakuni-Swetland vying for the winning bid at the Silent Auction



A few of the Swappers and guests



MINERAL MONKEYS

by Susy McMahan, Co-leader

In January we will meet at approximately 6:30 p.m., after the pizza supper following the 34th Annual Rock Swap, and before the regular meeting begins. (The pizza supper will cost approximately \$6.) During this meeting, we will study everyday uses of rocks and minerals, minerals in the home, and careers in Earth Sciences. Any adult member having a special interest or knowledge in any of these areas is welcome to join us. See you Saturday, January 26th!

MID-WINTER SWAP

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James Marburger, President

WOW! Here we go again! A new year has started and there is a large amount of work to be done, beginning with the 34th Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap and Sale this month. Everyone is asked to please post flyers wherever possible and mention the event to others. You may reproduce the flyer on page 8 of this newsletter for distribution. Swap chairman, Richard Peterson, will need help to set up tables, dealer registrations, and other items on the day of this well-attended event. (Richard has ordered 60 degree temps for the day, with sunshine!) Let's all support this event. You may bring items for the silent auction that day. Dealer setup begins at 12 noon, doors are open to the public from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. As usual, we will have a pizza supper following the Swap and before the general meeting at 7 p.m. Pizza money (approximately \$6 per person) will be collected at the time you sign up for supper.



Brad Nielsen & Greg Syslo

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Wooly and John Harrison



Rowdy Cropp and Judith Bay



Donated Snacks



Swap Items

MID-WINTER SWAP



Jayne Beer & Charles Meisinger



Steve May



Nancy Akins



Betty Selby-Syslo



Susy McMahan



Cynthia Casselman



Vera Lyman & Ellie



Dan Cromer & kids

Section

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SECTION 2h– OFFERINGS TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS - LIBRARY

The library continues to grow with member donations and subscriptions. Out of print journals and magazines are solicited and several “missing” magazine issues have been located and donated to the library.

Pick & Shovel - All issues of the club bulletin since its inception are available in hard copy and electronic copy. The Historian also maintains a set.

Lapidary Journal magazine - All but 6 random issues under the *Lapidary Journal* masthead.

Gems & Minerals magazine - All issues from 1957 until its demise around 1990.

Rock and Gem magazine - Most issues from its inception in 1974 to date.

Earth Science journal - incomplete set with issues beginning about 1948 and continuing until it was annexed by American Geological Institute.

Desert Magazine - Incomplete set with issues dating from the mid-1950s up to its demise.

Master’s Theses from about 15 students who have been financially supported by the club.

Approximately 250 books on various subjects including mineralogy, paleontology, geology, lapidary, faceting, metal smithing, and history.

Several maps showing collecting areas.

Assortment of VCR tapes, CDs and DVDs on mineral identification, slide shows, and videos.

Section

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FIELD TRIPS

See Section 2f (Show/MWF Convention) for more Field Trip reports.

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Volume 55, Issue 6: February 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James Marburger, President

The 2013 Mid-Winter Rock Swap was a success. Thanks to all who worked, attended, sold, and bought at this successful club event. Even the weather cooperated! As for the Swap, I brought home some great items and a touch of the flu. It has been 2 weeks of not much fun.



I am getting cabin fever. I have been looking at a possible field trip to eastern Wyoming in the spring. Snow pack is low this year and could make for some early fun.

A trip to Colorado is also a possibility. Where would you like to go? I will try to come up with some local day trips, too. What are you interested in – fossils, minerals, cutting materials, or just a good time with nature? I look forward to your suggestions and feedback.

- Two field trips are planned in conjunction with the April Show. One will visit a quarry and road cuts south of Fairbury; the second will visit the Nemaha River. LGMC members are encouraged to go along to provide background information for our out-of-town visitors on the trips.

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- A future club field trip might consider going to the Hastings Museum of Natural History to view displays of rocks and minerals.
- Members are asked to be willing to relinquish their space on the planned field trips so that visitors can have the opportunity to go. We can arrange for the trips to be repeated for club members on a future date.

MINERAL MONKEYS

**There will not be a Mineral Monkey lesson at the March meeting.
Most of the Monkeys will be at the Science Fair!**

FIELD TRIP WITH THE OMAHA CLUB

by Susy McMahan,

Some members from the Omaha club are planning an “unofficial” club trip; in other words, if you show up, you are included. The article below is from their newsletter. I talked with President Allan Jeanneret, who said we are more than welcome to extend an invitation to Lincoln club members for this “unofficial” trip. The Omaha club used to go every Memorial Day weekend, but haven’t for the past several years. I went on several of them, and they are great fun!! It is a good trip for people who are not able to climb hills, as the terrain is pretty flat. All you need is a screwdriver to pop agates out of the ground and a bucket to put them in. And a bucket to sit on. The rattlesnakes should be only in thickets of grass/big rocks. I never saw one in any of the several trips I took. Also, if you are not there when they leave for hunting in the morning, they won’t wait, so don’t be late! For any questions, call Allan at 402-873-6515.



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THE REAR TRUNK

Kadoka South Dakota Field Trip

Memorial weekend

Meet at the Kadoka Kampground behind the Sundowner Inn in Kadoka South Dakota off I-90 exit 150 at 8:00 am. Mountain Time on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Kadoka is about 450 miles from Omaha. It’s about 7-8 hour drive depending on how long you stop for breaks. Rock hunting is free. Please do not litter. Leave gates how you found them. If one is open leave it open, if one is closed close it after you pass through it.

This trip is perfect for kids old enough to watch out for snakes and cactus. There are Rattlesnakes there, so watch out for them.

Rocks to be found there are Prairie agates, Bubble Gum agates, petrified wood, Jasper, and a few lucky people might find a Fairburn agate!

Bring: Sunscreen, hat, long sleeve shirt to protect you from the sun, plenty of buckets for the rocks you find, an eight or ten inch screwdriver to pry the rocks loose from the dirt and **PLENTY OF WATER**. Also bring something to eat in the field like a sandwich and snacks.

Gas stations – Amoco, Texaco, Conoco.
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Happy Chef exit 150
Burns Bros. truck stop exit 152 open 24 hours
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Camping - Kadoka Kampground I-90 exit 150 (behind Sundowner Inn) [1-605-837-2243](tel:1-605-837-2243)
Showers and RV hook up’s and Tent sites

Show Flyers for handout will be available at the March General Meeting. We have full sized sheets, half sheets, and postcards. This year’s “Indiana Jones” flyers look AWESOME, so take a stack and spread them around. Or, if you prefer, you may reproduce the flyer on page 10 of this newsletter. Let’s make this show sparkle and shine! Don’t forget to talk it up; spread the word to everyone with whom you come in contact.

Wouldn’t it be great to have record attendance?

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Volume 55, Issue 8: April 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James Marburger, President

April showers bring May flowers. Why are the dandelions in bloom in the snow? We just had one of the nicest shows in the Midwest Federation area. Meetings went well once we found the rooms through the "Mother of All Garage Sales" and the two horse shows. I welcomed the MWF to our show and then stood in for Wooly on the reports and comments as the show chairman. He was very busy at the show, when not out in the parking lot, directing traffic. We had a great crew to set up, man, help, answer questions, and provide a fantastic show for all who attended. I wish I could have been in the Lincoln Room on Saturday to see the crowd; reports were very positive. I had numerous first-timers to the show tell me they were very impressed. I want to thank everyone who came out for our show this weekend. The entire club worked hard and our Midwest Federation friends had lots of fun at the show and on the field trips. Again, many thanks to all who helped make the show a success.



REMINDER: FIELD TRIP WITH THE OMAHA CLUB

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THE REAR TRUNK

SHOW REPORT

- Jim M. reported that John Harrison, Floor Chairman, will be unavailable.
- Jim M. reported that one dealer has withdrawn, and 13 remain. Some Special Features have dropped out and others have been added.
- Wooly reported on his examination of the location of the gravel dig pile and presentation area.
- Program schedule reminder: Thursday field trip to Fairbury area departs the Lancaster Event Center ("LECtr") at 8:30 a.m. Jim and Sharon M. will lead the convoy to Fairbury. Due to limited space, LGMC members are asked to hold back and let our visitors have the opportunity to go. LGMC will arrange another date to make this trip.

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May 2013, Volume 55, Issue 9

Editor: Sharon Marburger

Kadoka, South Dakota Field Trip

Join in the fun with the Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club (the Omaha Club) on this unofficial field trip. You will be glad you did! For any questions, call Allan at 402-873-6515.

When: Memorial Weekend, May 24-27, 2013

Meet at 8:00 a.m. MDT on Saturday and Sunday

Where: Kadoka Kampground behind the Sundowner Inn, I-90, exit 150

Why: To collect prairie agates, bubble gum agates, petrified wood, jasper, and - if you're lucky - Fairburn agates

Bring: Sun protection, plenty of water, snacks to eat in the field, rock bags / buckets, and an 8-10 inch screwdriver to pry rocks loose from the dirt.



Andrew searching for that perfect stone.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James Marburger, President

There is still some snow on the tulips, but be assured field trip season is upon us. The rivers are getting back to normal, including high water events that will uncover some great items. The Memorial Day field trip to Kadoka, South Dakota will be here soon. If you have any ideas for other trips, let me know and I will try to set them up for the club. We will have a Fairbury, Nebraska trip as soon as it warms up a little. This trip will be good for everyone, including junior members.



- Jim reported that the Fairbury Field Trip was satisfactory and an article describing it is in the April P&S.
- Richard Peterson reported that the Nemaha River Field Trip included approximately 30 people and everyone enjoyed the experience.



Andrew Tiedje and Jim Marburger take a break after setting up camp.

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Editor: Sharon Marburger

- Field trips were discussed. A last minute e-mail had been sent out noting earlier departure times for both trips. Sharon will lead the caravan to Beatrice on Thursday. Brian and Corey Beer will lead the caravan to meet with Richard on the Highway 8 bridge before going on to the Nemaha River. It was noted that the field trips did not include a roster of participants. Such a roster was strongly recommended for future trips.



Martin Dougherty's sister and his wife, Linda, pose for a picture at the Nemaha River location.



There was a nice turnout of participants on this field trip.

NEMAHA RIVER FIELD TRIP (4/5/13)

by Carrie Burkhart

It was a beautiful day for a field trip. When we got to the first site, the intrepid group of explorers donned backpacks and various weapons to hunt the elusive sabertoothed cocklebur. It wasn't long before we found it, along with chalcedony, petrified wood, shells, and small agates. The best find at the first stop was a muskrat skull found by Corey Beer. At the second stop, it was a rockhound promised land. It was easy getting to and it wasn't long before we were finding specimens. Thankfully, no sabertoothed cockleburs. A member of the Midwest Federation (MWF) found a small Lake Superior agate. There were tenaculites, crinoid buttons, shells, agates, a cone-in-cone specimen, and teeth. Cory found one mammal tooth and I think I found a beaver tooth. Or maybe it was a sabertoothed herring tooth. One MWF member from Michigan gave me a great laugh. She was sitting on the ground with a shovel, digging what looked like a channel to connect the Yangtze River to the Nemaha River. When I asked what she had found, thinking it was something big, she smiled up at me and said she had found heart-shaped rocks. Got to love rockhounds!

So on that final note, I will leave you with how to become a rockhound. (1) You have to be curious. (2) You need a bag of marbles. (3) Every time you pick up a rock, drop a marble. (4) Once you've lost all your marbles, you're an official rockhound. Happy hunting and keep looking at the ground!



FIELD TRIPS

June 2013, Volume 55, Issue 10

Editor: Sharon Marburger

FIELD TRIP, JUNE 29

FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA

See

President's Message
on page 2 for
field trip details.



Mark Awakuni-Swetland
collecting selenite at the Rose
Creek Clay Pit



A man and his rock hound

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James Marburger, President

June has arrived after a very wet end of May. The high water event across Southeast Nebraska and Northeast Kansas has given us hope of finding great agates and fossils in the rivers. The event started May 27th and ran to June 1st with nearly 18 to 22 feet of water in the North Fork of the Big Nemaha River and tributaries to the South Fork of the Big Nemaha River. We did not get a good breakup of spring ice, but this flush should do the trick. The rivers have not receded back down to normal stages yet, so caution is needed if you go there to hunt. With the high water, the banks may be unstable, the mud deep, and possible quick sand. As things settle down, great hunting will be had. Also upland hunting should be good with the heavy run off that will expose many items.



The joint Kadoka, South Dakota trip with the Omaha Gem Club was a great success and was well-attended by both clubs. Rain made it a little tricky in places, but nice material was found. There was even a nighttime collecting event in the parking lot, using the black light.

June will be busy for the club this year, with programs being presented at the Beatrice and Lincoln libraries, and the Lincoln Wilderness Park System. Thanks to all of the volunteer presenters.

The Rock Party will be held at the Pittards' residence in Geneva on June 15. See page 3 for more information.

Saturday, June 29, with a rain date on the 30th, I will lead a field trip to the Fairbury area for fossil clams, worm tracks, wood, selenite, sharks teeth, cone-on-cone aragonite, and botryoidal iron plant casts. We will also make a site tour of the 6th Prime Meridian Monument, the point where surveying in Nebraska and a part of Kansas begins. We will follow the same path that the Midwest Federation field

trip took as part of the annual show. We will meet at the McDonald's in Fairbury at 9:00 a.m. Although most of the sites are road cuts, collecting material is plentiful. We will visit the famous Rose Creek Clay Pit, where fossil flowers have been found.

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ON THE WAY TO KADOKA

by Sharon Marburger

Andrew Tiedje, Jim and I headed off to Kadoka, South Dakota a day before everyone else in order to take "the long way," and stop at the Petrified Wood Museum in Ogallala, Nebraska. I had heard much about the museum and the Kenfield brothers, and decided it was time I made a visit.

We arrived at the museum around lunch time, so we had the place to ourselves. We started the tour of the facility with a very nice lady explaining all the nuances of the museum. She soon left us to explore on our own, smiling at our "Oooooos" and "Aaaahhs."

There were several spectacular specimens of petrified woods and agates. I was especially enamored of a small coffee table, and left the museum with plans to design my own. The Kenfield brothers' artwork using petrified wood was also somewhat mind-boggling. Great patience and attention to detail were evident in their work.

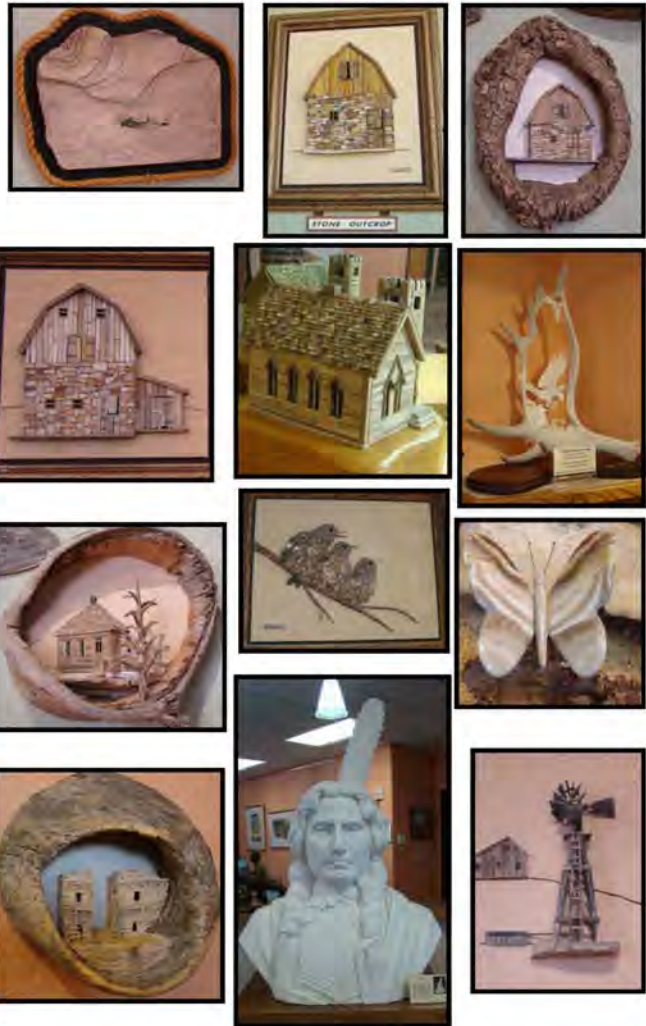
Several displays were on loan to the museum, while others had been donated. The Native American section was awe inspiring. It was presented in a very attractive manner, again with attention to detail. I was amazed at the number of artifacts that had been found locally, and I was somewhat intrigued by the display of lead slugs.



I had a great time there. If you like rocks and/or art, the Petrified Wood Museum is the place to go!

Photos by Sharon & Jim Marburger

Some of my favorite pieces



A BIG THANKS TO THE OMAHA CLUB - FROM THE LINCOLN CLUB!

by Sharon Marburger

Those of us from Lincoln who went to Kadoka, South Dakota for the Omaha Club's "unofficial" field trip, offer up a huge THANK YOU for inviting us to participate in your fun. The Lincoln members attending were Carolyn and Philip Paul Ashmore; Jayden Eno; Brian, Jayne, and Corey Beer; Susy McMahan (and Susy's son, Bobby, not a member but still a willing participant!); Ian Williams; Linda and Ivy Guenter (and Linda's non-member friend, Scott); Andrew Tiedje, and Jim & Sharon Marburger. I personally would like to add an extra thank you to Allan Jeanneret, for being a great "wagon master"; Erna Pharoah, for sharing her knowledge; and Alda Schwenke for keeping us on the straight-and-narrow with Fairburn Agate identification.



Photos by Sharon & Jim Marburger

We had a fantastic time and brought home lots of prairie agates, petrified wood, quartz, jasper, and some stuff we really don't know what they are. They are pretty, so they are not leaverites!

The weather was great; we had a full spectrum of it during the time we were there. Sunshine, wind, no wind, fog, rain, clouds. No snow, so we couldn't ask for better!

MINERAL MONKEYS

Hi Monkeys!



Photo by Susy McMahan



Photos by Sharon & Jim Marburger



At the May Rock Party, Corey shows one of his rock treasures to Sharon. Later, they shared Steve's lapidary equipment to grind and polish stones.

ROCKHUNTING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

By Ian Williams

I will never forget the time that my Grandma, my Dad, and of course me, went to South Dakota.

And where I want to start off is...when we got to our motel, I met up with my friends Jayden and Ivy. The next morning Corey was there and we went to the Buffalo Grasslands, where I climbed hills and found lots of rocks. I specifically heard a rattle snake, and after that stayed by the dirt path to hunt for rocks.

That night Corey's Mom, Jayne, made Hobo Stew and S'mores. Delicious!! Ivy, Corey, and I played Minecraft sitting in the dark at the picnic table.

On the way home Dad, Grandma, and I stopped at the 1880 Town and there were "gunslingers." An "outlaw" John, who was 15, and I robbed the bank, saloon and land grant office. My Dad and Grandma toured the town and ate peanuts and drank Sarsaparilla in the saloon. After I got out of "jail," I got a free Sarsaparilla.



All of the "boys" eating Hobo Stew, even Ian (below).

I will never forget the time I went to South Dakota.



Photo by Susy McMahan



MINERAL MONKEYS

Hi Monkeys!



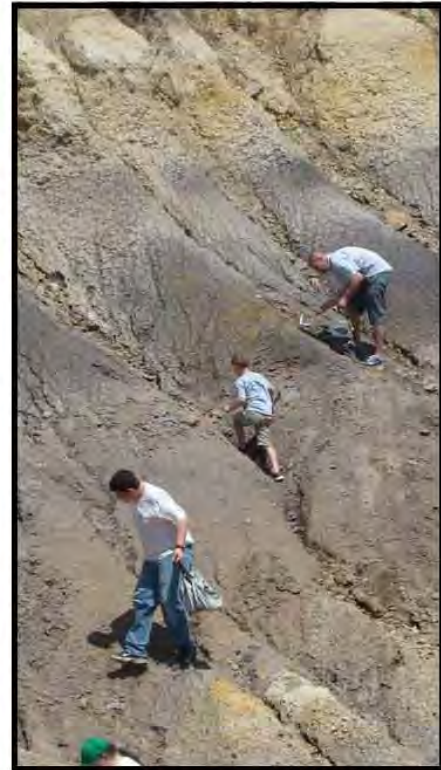
My Trip To South Dakota

by Jayden Eno

I had a fun time in South Dakota, with my new friends, Ian, Ivy, and Corey. I found a lot of cool rocks. But honestly, the best part was going to Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse; I've never been there before. We went to Wall Drug with Ivy, Linda, and Scott, and my grandma and Paul were so fun. Ivy and I went and played at an arcade.

After we went back to the motel, it started to rain. I played in it awhile, then it stopped so I went inside to get a bucket filled with hot water. I thought it would feel nice, but it kinda hurt, and it felt kinda good at the same time.

After all that, my grandma told me to come in and take a warm shower. It was a wonderful weekend. I Loved It.



Corey, Ian, and Bobby climbing the walls at the Rose Creek Quarry.

photos by Sharon Marburger



photo by Philip Paul Ashmore



Ian and Jayden stop to examine a fuzzy caterpillar found while hunting for fossils west of Fairbury

FIELD TRIPS

July 2013, Volume 55, Issue 11

Editor: Sharon Marburger

FAIRBURY FIELD TRIP

by Sharon Marburger

Saturday, June 29 was the perfect day for a field trip. A beautiful blue sky with a few white puffy clouds, very low humidity, and a stiff breeze to keep the bugs away and provide heat relief.

Those meeting at the Fairbury McDonalds were Brian, Jayne, & Corey Beer; Susy McMahan; Ian Williams and his dad, Bobby; Philip Paul & Carolyn Ashmore; Jayden Eno; Ed Ridge; Andrew Tiedje; Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge & Jackie Barnhardt; Mark Awakuni-Swetland; and Jim & Sharon Marburger. Later, North Central Kansas Club member, John Eppich, joined us for a portion of the trip.



photo by Jayne Beer

We visited the same locations as those the Midwest Federation collected during the 2013 Show field trip. Collecting this time was a little more difficult due to the differences in seasons; April had very little vegetation while wet May and June produced lush grasses and flowers. However, lots of specimens were found and carried home.

by Carolyn Ashmore

MY AMAZING AND MEMORABLE TRIP TO FAIRBURY

The excitement of yet another Field trip, this time to Fairbury, Nebraska, was nothing like the trip we had last month to South Dakota. This time, instead of Fairburns, it was fossils. I was totally amazed at how plentiful and beautiful the fossil beds were and how easily accessible they were to get to. We went to several different sites on this trip and I managed to get something from every place we went.

When I wasn't bugging Susy, Mark, Wooly, or Jim with questions about this or that, I kept busy looking and asking questions about other people's finds. With so many knowledgeable people in this club, it's easy for this newbie to find answers almost anywhere.

So when I found this unusual looking rock, I had no idea what I was looking at; it was black, and it looked like a tooth or a claw of some sort. I went looking for someone who could tell me what it was. Mark told me to find Wooly because he would know. Before I could show him, he asked if I found something. I opened my hand and showed him my find. He told me I had a great

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It's not that far to Kansas!



Ed Ridge, Sharon Marburger, Jayne Beer, and Brian Beer scouring a road cut for fossils.

FAIRBURY TRIP - CONT'D

(Continued from page 8)

find, that I had found a Mosasaur tooth! He continued, telling me Mosasaurs lived in the sea during the late Cretaceous period, prior to the dinosaurs. I soon felt the adrenaline rush you get when you know you found something special! My mind raced, bombarding Wooly, and now Jim, with more questions. They gave enough answers that I could now learn more about this on my own and I couldn't wait 'til I could get back to the Motel and my computer, hoping to find out even more about this marine reptile that lived so many millions of years ago. I found a mountain of information on the subject. I'm including a picture of this most dangerous of marine life. After reading about mosasaurs, I think we are fortunate they do not exist today.



Mosasaur tooth, slightly over 1 inch long



Jayne shows Sharon what she found.



Thanks to Jayne Beer and Jim Marburger for the photos



To sum this up, it was a wonderful field trip that included nice weather, lots of great finds, and a meal with good friends.



Philip Paul Ashmore with fossil clams



John Eppich with fossil worm tracks



Mark Awakuni-Swetland's super piece of selenite



We respect and appreciate all aspects of nature



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James Marburger, President



Hey, it is September and summer is coming to a close. Schools are open and OUR club meetings are starting up again. It will be great to see everyone at the September meeting now that the main collecting season is over. The juniors' (Mineral Monkeys') meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. beginning in September so they can have a full hour of lessons to cover the FRA program each month. They are planning to bring specimens they found this summer; attendees will help to identify the specimens during a show and tell period. It should be a fun and interesting time. I found a rock this summer that, after 50 years of looking in southeast Nebraska, I can now say it is possible to find in Nebraska. So I would like to invite the adult members to also bring finds of the summer to share with others. It is always fun to compare what we are collecting. This will be part of the program. In addition, we will have a short video on the correct procedures for trash pick-up during the Roadside Clean-up scheduled for September 28.

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Editor: Sharon Marburger

SUMMER FIELD TRIP REPORTS

- Many members brought their summer field trip finds to show and tell.
- Susy McMahan reported on the Crawford field trip with satisfaction. Other members commented on the productive rock hounding and the warm western hospitality extended to all of the visitors.
- Jim M. reported on the Club's Fairbury field trip that retraced the 2013 Show sites. Various fossils were found by all participants. Carolyn Ashmore displayed the Mosasaur's tooth found alongside of a gravel road. Ammonites and shells were plentiful. A clay pit yielded other fossils, as well as fish tail selenite.
- The Marburgers and the Grimits made a quick visit to the Burden quarry east of Union, NE. Several interesting fossils and rocks were displayed. A spring field trip is in the planning stage.
- Jim M. displayed a nice specimen of rutiled smoky quartz. He reported finding it sitting on Road 614, approximately 2 miles east of Burchard Lake, going through glacial till. The existence of rutiled quartz in Southeast Nebraska was reported in Roger Pabian's book, "Gemstones of Nebraska."



Lunch time on the Fairbury field trip.

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CRAWFORD FIELD TRIP, SEPTEMBER 2013

by Susy McMahan

Once a year an amazing event takes place in the beautiful town park of Crawford, Nebraska over the Labor Day weekend - outdoor dealers, home-cooked food (including breakfast), field trips, and an auction of items for the club and speakers. The people there were friendly and rock talk was everywhere.

Roger Clark, who writes the Fairburn Agates, Gem of South Dakota books, and John T. Hurst, who wrote Dryhead Agates, were the speakers. They sold autographed copies of their books, and had amazing specimens.



Other attractions of the area include Toadstool Park, Ft. Robinson, Meng Bison Kill area, where bones of 600 animals killed 10,000 years ago are being studied. Carhenge is nearby, and the Nebraska National Forest.



Carolyn and Paul Ashmore, Susy McMahan, Marcia Eddy-Hamilton, Pete Peterson, Jayne, Brian and Corey Beer traveled from Lincoln, and we had the pleasure of



meeting Kenneth and Sharon Jensen, LGMC members who live near Crawford.

Field trip finds at areas throughout the grasslands were blue chalcedony, agates, petrified wood, fossils and many other interesting stones. We returned to our motel at night tired, but not too tired to check out our finds for fluorescence with our club's black light. We went to bed dreaming of Fairburn agate patterns.

Plans are to travel again next year!



Photos courtesy of Jayne Beer.



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OUR CRAWFORD EXPERIENCE

by Carolyn Ashmore

A friend once told me that rockhounds are a breed of people that love what they do; love helping and educating others, as well as some of the warmest and friendliest people you ever want to meet. I found this very true in Crawford, Nebraska, as well as in my home club here in Lincoln.

During the four days of the Labor Day weekend, the Crawford club, Northwest Nebraska Rock Club (NNRC), provided us with three days of field trips, led by Pete and Nancy Moore, Donny Larson, and Wade Beins. Although they were very busy leaders, they were never too busy to take questions or give us answers about the elusive Fairburn agates.

While it was some of the hottest weather to go rockhounding in, afterwards we could relax and enjoy their beautiful, shaded park. There were many vendors from everywhere that gathered there, and depending on how early or late one arrived, one could enjoy a nice homemade breakfast or lunch while under a shade tree.

After the field trip on Saturday, we walked through the vendor area. I managed to meet John Hurst, author of the book *DRYHEAD AGATE*. He signed my copy, and all the while I was thinking of a quiet place in the park to read it. Later in the afternoon, we all gathered in an enclosed building where both John Hurst and Roger Clark, authors of the three Fairburn agate books, had displays and talked about their books, the agates themselves, and where to find them. We had a chance to see and touch some of the most perfect of Fairburn and Dryhead agates I've ever seen. I had a chance to talk to Roger Clark and I told him I had purchased his last book earlier in the

year in South Dakota and that I loved it. I asked if he had any suggestions on how I could find either of his other books. He went outside and brought in his second book and gave it to me. I was overjoyed! (By the way, I have now finished reading them both.)

At 6:00, it was a BBQ supper and an auction that followed, lasting until about 9:30 because everyone was having such fun.

Back at the motel, exhausted, but not too tired, we broke out our club's fluorescent light to see which of our daily finds illuminated and what colors they showed us.

Sunday was our rest day, so we visited Toadstool Park, the Hudson-Meng buffalo kill site, then back to Crawford for more fun in the shade. After breakfast, Monday morning was spent swapping e-mail addresses and phone numbers; saying our good-byes; telling Valerie, President of the NNRC, how wonderful they all made us feel and what a blast it was to be included in their festivities; then off to Fort Robinson for the rest of the day.

In closing I would like to thank all members of the NNRC who showed me what an extension of a rockhound family looks like.

photo provided by Jayne Beer



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December 2013, Volume 56, Issue 4

Editor: Sharon Marburger

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James Marburger, President

Thank you for a wonderful, fun year as your president. The club has earned a vast amount of recognition from its surrounding communities. We have presented a fantastic show, swap, geology day, grinding party, demonstrations at many venues, expansion of our Mineral Monkeys, fun field trips, and many pot luck rock parties. Our Pick and Shovel and an article by Richard Peterson won First Place for Large Bulletin and Adult Article 2013, respectively, by the AFMS. All of these activities and accomplishments depend on you. Sharing our hobby and knowledge with each other and the community will strengthen the hobby for the future.



I hope to have some field trips in the spring. Take time now to sharpen your tools and arrange a field pack so it will be ready when the time comes. If you have anything you would like to collect, make sure to tell me and maybe it can be incorporated in a field trip.

We had a great Christmas party with awards presented to our members for participation in educational endeavors, articles, drawings, publications, and a very surprised Roger and Mary Pittard for being our Rockhounds of the Year. Rock Bingo was great fun for everyone.

The January Indoor Rock Swap is our next big gathering. Please lend a hand and bring specimens for the Silent Auction. The pizza meal will be before the General Meeting at 7 p.m. Please plan to spend the afternoon at the Swap, eat supper, and celebrate our club's birthday with cake made by Vera.

Thanks again for your help. I now pass the New Year to Ed Dvorak.

- Jim reported on potential future field trips. Jim & Sharon M. and Bob & Pat Grimmet had recently visited the Burden Quarry east of Union, Nebraska. They found fossils. A spring trip could be arranged. A fall trip would be too dangerous as the area is used by deer hunters.
- Susy mentioned a possible field trip site near Weeping Water and 84th Street.
- Jim reported that a spring trip could be organized to a farm near Fort Dodge, Iowa. A local farmer is seeking help in removing stones from a plow field. Jim reports that geodes and Lake Superior agates are often found there.

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1. Monthly meetings include a hobby-related program to stimulate the mind. This is a social event where members informally share hobby activities. A short business meeting precedes the activities.
2. Monthly Rock Party where members share their hobby-related skills with other members. This event is hosted at the various homes/businesses of individual members. A potluck meal begins the fun.
3. *Pick & Shovel* newsletter. This 12-page monthly publication is packed with informative articles, news of upcoming events, as well as activities for junior members.
4. *Who's Who*, the annual membership directory with contact information for all members.
5. The LGMC Library has a multitude of books and periodicals on all facets of the hobby. Material may be checked out for in-depth study.
6. Field trips. There are guided day trips or longer excursions to collect and learn about the hobby.
7. Free admission to the annual gem and mineral show with show participation.

9. Paid membership entitles automatic enrollment in the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (MWF), and the Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs (NAES). Other memberships include the Nebraska Academy of Sciences and the American Lands Access Association (ALAA).

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Activities are for children up to and including 15 years of age who are accompanied by a responsible adult. Lessons are held immediately before the monthly club meetings. Hobby basics are taught using hands-on projects. Self-named "Mineral Monkeys" are members of the American Federation sponsored Future Rockhounds of America program, through which merit badges can be earned.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, LGMC provides funding to Southeast Community College lapidary classes. In addition, specimens are donated to Lincoln Public Schools' earth sciences classes.

GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

Shows are held annually during the first full weekend of April.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

LGMC joins Lincoln Parks and Recreation in presenting Geology Day in February and the Grading Party in July. Both events are held at Pioneer Park at one of the Nature Center buildings. The club also participates in the Zeotis-LPS-Norvartis Science Fair in March.

MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through May, except for January and December.

Junior activities are held prior to the monthly meetings.

Meetings are held at the Bethany Park Shelter House located on Vine Street near the Cotner Blvd. intersection.

Check the website for exact meeting dates and times.

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All general meetings will be held at the Bethany Park Shelter at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of the month. December and January are the only exceptions.

General Club Meetings

January 25, 2014 - Mid-Winter Rock Swap (1-4PM) and meeting to follow

February 21, 2014

March 9, 2014 - Geology Day at Pioneer Park - 1-4 PM

March 20, 2014

March 20, 2014 - Science Fair

April April 5-6 2014 - Annual show

April 17, 2014

May 15, 2014

July 13, 2014 - Grinding Party - Pioneer Park 1-4 PM

September 18, 2014

October 16, 2014

November 20 2014

December 7, 2014 - Christmas Party and meeting

Board Meetings - Meet at 6:30PM

January 8, 2014 (Gere Library)

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Interests (check all that apply)

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- Tumbling rocks
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- Faceting
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- Minerals
- Fluorescents
- Fossils
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- Field trips
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All members are encouraged to participate in club activities!! Would you be willing to:

- Provide displays for various club functions
- Serve on a committee
- Hold office
- Assist with Juniors
- Help with advertising
- Be on a phoning committee

Do you have your own equipment? Yes No

What kind? _____

Have you belonged to another club? Yes No

Where? _____

How long have you been interested in the hobby?

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ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Roger and Mary Pittard for receiving the club's Rockhounds of the Year!

Roger and Mary have given local presentations on rocks and other hobby items, they work tirelessly at the annual show where Roger has recently been the Floor Committee Chairman, they host at least one monthly rock party each year, care for and house the club's inventory trailer, drive quite a distance to attend club meetings and events (towing the trailer when needed), and Mary is responsible for arranging snacks at each meeting. This couple really rocks!!

**President Jim Marburger
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Gem expert and explorer Dallas Patterson to visit Morrill Hall

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Lincoln, Neb., March 26th, 2013 —

(<http://newsroom.unl.edu/releases/downloadables/photo/20130326emeralds.jpg>) Sampling of Dallas Patterson's emerald collection, including "El Gigante" (top) (Photo: Dallas Patterson)

Gem expert and Indiana Jones-style explorer Dallas Patterson will show off his collection of rare and beautiful emeralds from noon to 2 p.m. April 4 at the University of Nebraska State Museum of Natural History in Morrill Hall, south of 14th and Vine streets on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus. Regular museum admission will apply.

The Iowa native has been around the world excavating and collecting gems -- often amid treacherous conditions. In 2007, he discovered "El Gigante," a 220-carat emerald with natural crystal faces that he reports is one of the largest of its kind ever found in Colombia. Patterson will display the six-sided green crystal in its original position in the 7-pound, 5-ounce specimen of the host rock in which it grew. Patterson obtained the spectacular gem from a Colombian mine. Visitors will be able to see a variety of other emeralds in addition to "El Gigante." Patterson will also be available to answer questions about his adventures over the past 25 years.

Visitors can dig even deeper into the world of crystals and geology in the museum's "Minerals and Meteorites" exhibit curated by R.M. "Matt" Joeckel, the museum's geology curator and professor in the UNL Conservation and Survey Division of the School of Natural Resources and the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. The exhibit showcases Earth's diversity of minerals, along with several rare meteorites, including ones that fell in Nebraska. It will be on display through November. For more information about the exhibit and Patterson's appearance, visit <http://www.museum.unl.edu> (<http://www.museum.unl.edu>).

Patterson will be the special guest at the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club's annual show April 6 and 7 at the Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N. 84th St. The family-friendly event will feature presentations by Patterson, along with hands-on activities, displays of gems, minerals, fossils, artifacts, jewelry, and more. For more information, visit <http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org> (<http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org>).

The University of Nebraska State Museum of Natural History in Morrill Hall is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sundays. Regular admission is \$6 for adults (19 and over), \$3 for children (5-18 years, 4 and under are free), and \$13 for families (up to two adults and children). UNL staff, faculty, and students are admitted free with UNL ID. Museum members are also free with a valid membership card. There is an additional charge for planetarium shows. Parking is free in front of the museum. For further information, telephone the museum at 402-472-2642, or visit its website or Mueller Planetarium's website, <http://www.spacelaser.com>. (<http://www.spacelaser.com>.)

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Lincoln Kids!

Family Fun at the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Show April 6-7

by Dana Ludvik, Public Relations Coordinator, U of N State Museum

Families will have a rockin' good time at the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club's annual show April 6 and 7 at the Lancaster Event Center near 84th and Havelock Ave. The family-friendly event will feature hands-on activities for all ages, along with educational presentations and fascinating displays of gems, minerals, fossils, artifacts, jewelry, and more from expert vendors. In celebration of the club's 55th "Emerald Jubilee" anniversary, the first 2,000 show attendees will each be given one natural emerald specimen as a door prize.

Children will especially enjoy looking for colorful gemstones in the Mineral Monkey's Gem Dig. Parents and grandparents can get into the action, too, as they search through material from the Gem

Dig of Nebraska. There will also be fun rock races and a space to view glow-in-the-dark specimens.

This year's special guest is Dallas Patterson, an Iowa native and internationally-known gem dealer who has been likened to a modern day Indiana Jones. He will show-off his truly spectacular collection of rare and beautiful emeralds, such as a 49-carat finished sparkler that is the size of a half-dollar coin. Among his other impressive specimens on display will be "El Gigante," a 220-carat natural specimen that is thought to be the world's largest emerald crystal. Patterson will share his adventures collecting over the past 25 years, including faraway places such as the treacherous emerald mines of Colombia. Patterson and his exquisite emeralds will be at the show all weekend.

Another highlight will be an expansive display of German

Agates from Doug Moore of Wisconsin. Moore boasts the world's largest collection of German Agates. In addition, there will be opportunities to watch jewelry-making demonstrations, sign-up for rock hunting field trips, and bid on silent auction items throughout the event.

Admission is \$5 per day or \$9 for a two-day pass. Children ages 11 and younger are free with a paid adult. Bring a can of food for the Lincoln Food Bank to receive \$1 off admission per adult. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 6 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 7. Parking is free in the Lancaster Event Center lot.

Visit lincolngemmineralclub.org for more information and to download a discount coupon for the show.

Families interested in digging even deeper into the world of geology should be sure to check out "Minerals & Meteorites," a remarkable exhibit at the University of Nebraska State Museum of Natural History in Morrill Hall, south of 14th and Vine Streets on the UNL Campus. The exhibit showcases Earth's incredible diversity of minerals, as well as those that traveled through space to get here. Large, brilliant displays explain their chemical structures and highlight their natural beauty. Visitors can walk-through a giant model of quartz as

they learn all about its properties. They will also "ooh" and "aww" at the florescent glow of minerals under the black-light.

Several rare meteorites are also on display, including a 165-pound meteorite that was found in 1982 near Bayard, Nebraska. One display even challenges visitors to pick up a real meteorite to see how it looks and feels compared to a "meteor-wrong." Other show-stoppers in the exhibit include a 300-pound amethyst cathedral pair and a 350-pound smoky quartz cluster. This exhibit will be on display through November 2013. Don't miss it!

For more information on this and other exhibits at Morrill Hall, visit www.museum.unl.edu or call (402) 472-2642. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sundays. Regular admission is \$6 for adults (19 and over), \$3 for children (5-18 years, 4 and under are free), and \$13 for families (up to two adults with their children or grandchildren). UNL staff, faculty, and students are admitted free with NU ID. Friends of the Museum are also free with valid membership card. There is an additional charge for planetarium shows. Parking is free in front of the museum.



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Family Fun at the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Show April 6-7

ATTENTION: News, Calendar, Education Editors
WHEN: April 6, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and April 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
WHERE: Lancaster Event Center, near 84th and Havelock Ave.
CONTACT: TBD
DOWNLOADS: See below

Lincoln, Neb., March 18, 2013—Families will have a rockin' good time at the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club's annual show April 6 and 7 at the Lancaster Event Center near 84th and Havelock Ave. The family-friendly event will feature hands-on activities for all ages, along with educational presentations and fascinating displays of gems, minerals, fossils, artifacts, jewelry, and more from expert vendors. In celebration of the club's 55th "Emerald Jubilee" anniversary, the first 2,000 show attendees will each be given one natural emerald specimen as a door prize.

Children will especially enjoy looking for colorful gemstones in the Mineral Monkey's Gem Dig. Parents and grandparents can get into the action, too, as they search through material from the Gem Dig of Nebraska. There will also be a fun rock races and a space to view glow-in-the-dark specimens.

This year's special guest is Dallas Patterson, an Iowa native and internationally-known gem dealer who has been likened to a modern day Indiana Jones. He will show-off his truly spectacular collection of rare and beautiful emeralds, such as a 49-carat finished sparkler that is the size of a half-dollar coin. Among his other impressive specimens on display will be "El Gigante," a 220-carat natural specimen that is thought to be the world's largest emerald crystal. Patterson will share his adventures collecting over the past 25 years, including faraway places such as the treacherous emerald mines of Colombia. Patterson and his exquisite emeralds will be at the show all weekend.

Another highlight will be an expansive display of German Agates from Doug Moore of Wisconsin. Moore boasts the world's largest collection of German Agates. In addition, there will be opportunities to watch jewelry-making demonstrations, sign-up for rock hunting field trips, and bid on silent auction items throughout the event.

Admission is \$5 per day or \$9 for a two-day pass. Children ages 11 and younger are free with a paid adult. Bring a can of food for the Lincoln Food Bank to receive \$1 off admission per adult. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 6 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 7. Parking is free in the Lancaster Event Center lot.

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G20 (Friday April 5, 2013) **ENTERTAINMENT** Lincoln Journal Star

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Gem expert and Indiana Jones-style explorer Dallas Patterson (below) shows off his stones, including a 220-carat emerald (above) during an exhibit and discussion on Thursday at Morrill Hall in Lincoln.

Rock star

From Colombia to Lincoln, collector brings gems.

By PETER SALTER
Lincoln Journal Star

He won't disclose the value of the 33-carat emerald, pulled from the Colombian highlands, surrounded by diamonds and attached to a 14-carat gold chain.

His insurance company won't let him. Six figures? Oh, yes. Seven? Maybe a little over. He won't give his Iowa hometown. And even his name — Dallas Patterson — will become suspect.

But with an armed University Police Officer standing by, a small but interested crowd gathering at Morrill Hall and the "Raiders of the Lost Ark" theme coming from a small boom box, Patterson will talk about emeralds.

The beauty of emeralds. The business of emeralds. The perils.

"The most dangerous part is getting them out of sight of bandits, government officials and getting them out of the country — and then getting



yourself out," he said.

The semi-secretive and self-styled emerald explorer is in Lincoln this weekend for the annual Gem and

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If you go

Dallas Patterson will display his emerald collection this weekend at the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Show. He'll also have some emeralds for sale.

About the show:

■ More than a dozen vendors selling fossils, gems, minerals, specimens, finished jewelry, petrified wood, equipment and supplies.

■ Demonstrations, children's activities and educational programs.

■ 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Lancaster Event Center, 84th Street and Havelock Avenue.

■ Admission is \$5 for adults, \$9 for adult two-day pass. Children 11 and under free with a paid adult.

■ Free emerald specimens to first 2,000 attendees. ■ Details: lincolngemmineralclub.org/

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Mineral Show, but he also put on a high-dollar show and tell Thursday at the University of Nebraska State Museum.

He's not a gemologist. He majored in political science and history at Drake. But he roomed with a student from an affluent Colombian family that traded in coffee, racehorses and emerald mines, he said.

His former roommate recruited him in 1979 to help with the mines in Muzo, he said. "I tell everyone I took care of him in college, now he's taking care of me."

He was thrust into the business, but determined that was the best way to learn: Lose money in a transaction, and you're not going to forget it.

He described a Colombia plagued by political corruption, poverty and greed. His company knows that some of its hundreds of miners might be inclined to pocket their discoveries to buy milk or flour, to feed their families.

"So we tell them if you find something, bring it to us and we'll give you a bonus. We're actually paying them twice. Here, we'd call it thievery; there, we call it the way business is done."

He travels to the mines with Swisher Sweets for the men, bread for the women, candy for the kids. They call him Santa, and they protect him.

He was in the mine a few years ago when they uncovered the El Gigante, an estimated 220-carat emerald crystal emerging from a bed of shale and calcite. The highlight of his traveling show weighs more than seven pounds.

"It was brought out in a wheelbarrow. I covered it up pretty fast."



Emerald expert Dallas Patterson takes a question from Delaney Tracy, 9, of Gibbon, during an exhibit and discussion Thursday at Morrill Hall.



Gem enthusiast Pat Grit of Lincoln takes pictures of the emeralds.

It's probably one of the largest specimens in the world, he said.

"In the emerald business, you say 'one of.' You can say that with certainty until someone shows you a bigger one."

Patterson gives a handful

of presentations — and visits a handful of shows — every year. He likes to teach people about emeralds — their value, their rarity, the subjectivity of their quality. Unlike diamonds, there is no standard of grade.

And his audience Thursday

was grateful. Delaney Tracy, 9, traveled two hours from Gibbon to see Patterson's collection. She became interested when a family friend gave her a rock collection.

She asked questions: How much are they worth? How long have you done this? What's your security like? What's the biggest emerald? And she wrote his answers in her notebook so she can give her own presentation when she returns to school.

In gem and mineral circles, Patterson is a big deal, said Charles "Woolly" Woodruff II of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, who slipped and used Patterson's real first name.

A celebrity. Maybe even a rock star. Reach Peter Salter at 402-473-7254 or psalter@journalstar.com.

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1. Members serving as Midwest Federation Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:
 - a. Second Vice President – James Marburger
 - b. Membership Chairman - James Marburger
 - c. Newsletter Editor - Sharon Marburger
 - d. Nebraska State Director - Charles Wooldridge
2. Members serving other clubs:
 - a. Jim Null served as a Board Member for the Nebraska Mineral and Gem Club (Omaha).
3. Members supporting Federation scholarships or endowment funds:
 - a. \$100 to the MWF Endowment Fund.
4. Members held joint field trips with other clubs:
 - a. Kadoka, South Dakota (see Section 2i for information)

EXCHANGE BULLETINS

CALIFORNIA

San Diego: San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, "Pegmatite"

ILLINOIS

Chicago: Chicago Rocks & Mineral Society, "Pick & Dop Stick"

Elmhurst: West Suburban Lapidary Club, "The Opal"

INDIANA

South Bend: Michiana Gem & Mineral Society, "Rockfinder"

IOWA

Marvin: Cedar Valley Rock & Mineral Society, "Cedar Valley Gems"

KANSAS

Topeka: Topeka Gem & Mineral Society, "Glacial Drifter"

Wichita: Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, "Quarry Quips"

MICHIGAN

Redford: Michigan Mineralogical Society, "Conglomerate"

MINNESOTA

Barnum: Carleton County Gem & Mineral Club, "Agate Picker"

MISSISSIPPI

Picayune: Pearl River Rock Club, "Gravel Gazette"

MISSOURI

Independence: Show Me Rockhounds

Independence: Independence Gem & Mineral Society, "The Gemrock"

NEBRASKA

Omaha: Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club, "Rear Trunk"

SOUTH DAKOTA

Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society, "The Ammonite"

TEXAS

Katy: Houston Gem & Mineral Society, "Back Benders' Gazette"

Seabrook: Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society, "Stoney Statements"

WISCONSIN

Jamesville: Badger Lapidary and Geological Society, "Badger Diggin's"

Wauwatosa: Wisconsin Geological Society, Inc., "The Trilobite"

SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SECTION 5a – Members gave talks or demonstrations at local schools

9/24/13	Susy McMahan	Villa Marie School Waverly
10/13	Susy McMahan, Carolyn Ashmore, Corey Beer, Ian Williams	Pershing Elementary School Lincoln
11/13	Susy McMahan	Northeast High School Lincoln
12/4/13	Susy McMahan, Carolyn Ashmore	St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School David City

SECTION 5b – Members gave talks or demonstrations to local groups

4/3/13	Roger & Mary Pittard	United Methodist Church Geneva
6/18/13	James Marburger	Gere Library Lincoln
6/18/13	Charles Wooldridge, Corey Beer	Beatrice Library Beatrice
6/20/13	Karen Messenger, James Marburger	Wilderness Park Lincoln

SECTION 5c – Members maintained a booth, or an activity, at a local event

2/10/13	Charles & Karen Messenger, Susy McMahan, Ed & Pat Dvorak, James & Sharon Marburger, Aulden Stewart, Nancy Akins, Charles Wooldridge, Ed Ridge, Mark Awakuni-Swetland, and junior Corey	<i>Geology Day</i> Pioneers Park Nature Center Lincoln
3/21/13	Susy McMahan, Paul & Carolyn Ashmore, Brian & Jayne Beer, Linda Guenter, Ed Ridge, juniors: Ivy, Corey, Jayden, Ian	<i>Zoetis, LPS, Novartis Science Fair</i> Lancaster Event Center Lincoln
7/14/13	Charles Wooldridge, Mark Awakuni-Swetland, James & Sharon Marburger, Aulden Stewart, Brian & Jayne Beer, Ed & Pat Dvorak, Ed Ridge, Andrew Tiedje, Vera Lyman, Paul & Carolyn Ashmore, Bob & Pat Gruit, Charles & Karen Messenger, and junior Corey	<i>Grinding Party</i> Pioneers Park Nature Center Lincoln

Section

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SLATE OF OFFICERS

Elections are coming! The annual election of the Board of Directors will be held at the November 21, 2013 General Meeting. Below are the current nominations for the Board.

President	Ed Dvorak
1st Vice-President	Richard Peterson
2nd Vice-President	Jayne Beer
Secretary	Mark Awakuni-Swetland
Treasurer	Vera Lyman
Board Members (vote for 4)	Charles Wooldridge Robert Cropp Aulden Stewart Carolyn Ashmore

Further nominations will be accepted from the floor immediately prior to elections at the Annual Meeting / November General Meeting. If you want to be a part of the decision-making process, let it be known that you would like to be nominated.

OUTREACH

by Susy McMahan

LPS

Ian's teacher asked me if we could do a fossil presentation for all three third grade classes at Pershing Elementary School next quarter. Naturally, I said of course. I have some fossils, but I will be asking members to pitch in so we can send each kid home with a crinoid stem or some other fossil of interest. More details to come.

Villa Marie School

On September 24, I was invited to review and help teach Mrs. Lohmeier's class at Villa Marie School in Waverly,

OUTREACH - CONT'D

Nebraska. The school is a private parochial school that teaches kids with developmental disabilities.

We were studying Igneous, Sedimentary, and Metamorphic Rocks. It was back to the books again for a review (for me), gathering samples from each group, and a throwing in a few of my favorites that always make for good stories. The duffel bag was loaded!

We talked about each rock group, everyone checked out the samples, and then we had a very good question-and-answer session. Mrs. Lohmeier talked to the kids about starting a rock collection using egg cartons and cotton, and explained how to keep track of the names of the rocks.

I received thank-you notes from Mrs. Lohmeier and Sister Peggy Kucera, but the best notes were from the students!! Here are some of their comments:

"I liked the rock that had little stones in it. I learned that if I want to see a rock I would polish it to make it shiny." Sasha

"I love the Tiger Eye, why do they call it Tiger Eye? I hope you can come again." Joe

"I liked the Bloodstone, I liked the Sandstone." Rachael

"My favorite rock is Lava Rock. I love Lava Rock because it was from Hawaii." Zoe

"Thank-you Mrs. Susy McMahan for bringing your rocks it was really cool. I really liked the big chunk of Quartz and Obsidian." Creighton

At the end of the class, each student took a tumbled rock which I identified for them, to start their collection. We had a great time!



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YOUTH OUTREACH

by Susy McMahan, Youth Co-leader

In October, Carolyn Ashmore and I were invited to teach about fossils to three classes, on three different days, to third graders at Pershing Elementary School. Getting ready was half the fun! Gathering fossils, studying different fossils online just to "make sure", and gathering crinoid stems with a little illustration of the actual creature to hand out to the kids. Thanks Jim Marburger for the donation!

We talked about and passed around fossils that are common to Nebraska, talked about the shallow ocean, were given permission to say dinosaur poop at school (after copralite). Each class had fewer than 20 students, and we had an hour, so we had a great time! Sea creatures, animal bones, plant fossils!! We ended each class with You-Tube videos of today's relative of crinoids (most stemless). What fun!

Thanks to Corey for the bison horn and teeth, and prime trilobite specimen. The kids loved to hear stories of field trips. Ian (one of our juniors and a third grader) was given permission to be at all three classes with us, and he told some firsthand tales about field trips and hunting for fossils.

We received the absolutely coolest thank-you notes, with personal messages and drawings by each one of the students!!

Anyone interested in helping when these request come in, let us know and you can tag along or go it alone! We have requests from Northeast and Huntington schools already!!



Photos courtesy of Carolyn Ashmore



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OCTOBER ROCK PARTY

Photos courtesy of Jayne Beer



(Above) It must have been a nippy evening for Philip Paul!

(Above right) Host Wooly

(Right) Gene, Eddie, and Susy enjoying their meals



NOV BOARD MTG MINUTES - CONT'D

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dishes. There will be a gift exchange (\$5-10) and rock bingo. Donated prizes are needed for the bingo winners.

SHOW REPORT

- Wooly and Jim M. reported on publicity issues and progress as that is the most important focus at this stage. Wooly described a plan to use the corner of the Mineral Monkey's area to set up a lithic demonstration (flintknapping) area. How this placement might impact the other youth activities was discussed. The safety needs for visitors viewing the lithic demonstrations would include having safety glasses available. The Club may already have some glasses in storage. Wooly asked members begin donating Nebraska rocks & minerals for the outside gem dig. This activity was quite popular at the 2013 show.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Wooly, 2nd by Richard P., motion carried.

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representative sample

OUTREACH ACTIVITY

by Susy McMahan

In November, I visited Mr. McMahan's class at Northeast High School in Lincoln, to teach rocks and the rock cycle. (And yes, Mr. "Mac" is my son.)

I talked with his class about igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks, then they looked at several rocks I brought. We had a hearty discussion about the different specimens, and each student took a tumbled rock home. Tiger-eye in gold, red, and blue seemed to be the favorite of the day. Thanks to Carolyn Ashmore for donating the tumbled tiger-eye.

Some students are planning to attend our show in April so they can see more rocks, and buy some geodes for cracking.

On Thursday, December 4, Carolyn Ashmore and I left Lincoln early and headed for David City, Nebraska. We were on our way to teach the rock cycle to Sister Karen Marie's 7th grade students (and some 8th graders who came early just to see the rocks) at St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School. Since we had 60+ students, we found a you-tube video, "Bill Nye the Science Guy, Rocks and Soil," which covered the explanation of the igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks and more. We had placed rocks and specimens on three tables and the kids were eager to look at them after I gave a quick explanation of certain rocks. They went from table to table and checked out the specimens. The class ended with kids looking at tumbled rocks (some nice Lake Superior Agates) and choosing one to take for their collections. Judging by all the excitement when looking at the specimens, I'd say everyone had a good time. Carolyn and I provided the rocks for displaying and tumbled stones for sharing. Thanks to Marcia Eddy-Hamilton for helping with labeling and packing all of the rocks and specimens.

Our next invitation is to teach fossils to over 100 third graders stretched over a three-day period at Huntington Elementary School in February. Anyone who wants to join in and go with us is more than welcome. It really is a lot of fun, and an ongoing learning experience for the presenters.



Photo by Carolyn Ashmore

Section

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EXPERIENCE THE HOBBY

by Roger & Mary Pittard (photos courtesy of Mary Pittard)

Experiencing the Rockhound Hobby was the theme of the program presented by Roger and Mary Pittard on April 3, 2013, to a group of 14 ladies of the Geneva United Methodist Church Circle, at the home of Marie Aspegren of rural Geneva.

It was first noted that there is a definite connection between rockhounding and church, as rocks and stones are mentioned numerous times throughout the Good Book.

Among the topics discussed were the formation, type, and identification of rocks; the cause and effect of plate tectonics; rocks of Nebraska, including the state rock (prairie agate) and state gemstone (Nebraska blue agate); and lapidary, the cutting and polishing of rocks.



As the various rocks were discussed, samples were passed hand to hand to give a more realistic "feel" of the genuine article. The ladies viewed the display of rocks assembled, which ranged from rough (as found in and collected from nature) to those cut, polished, and used in jewelry. For the finale, the ladies were shown the effect of ultra-violet light on fluorescent rocks.

During the presentation, Roger also managed to slip in a reading of a Cowboy Poem (he has become rather addicted to them). The poems are usually humorous and nearly always carry a moral story.

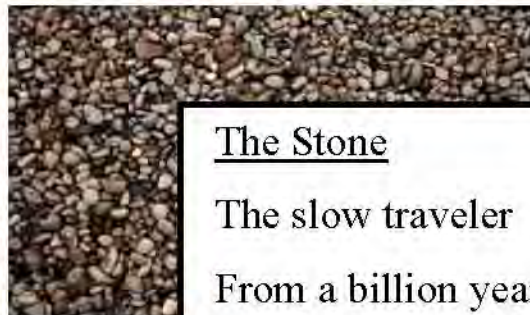
We had a great time, ladies; let's do it again!!



HAIKU

Written and submitted by Jacqueline Barnhardt

Jackie has been a member of LGMC since 2010. She likes rockhounds and shiny things.



The Stone

The slow traveler
From a billion years ago
Lives with me, for now

NEMAHA RIVER FIELD TRIP (4/5/13)

by Carrie Burkhardt

It was a beautiful day for a field trip. When we got to the first site, the intrepid group of explorers donned backpacks and various weapons to hunt the elusive sabertoothed cocklebur. It wasn't long before we found it, along with chalcedony, petrified wood, shells, and small agates. The best find at the first stop was a muskrat skull found by Corey Beer. At the second stop, it was a rockhound promised land. It was easy getting to and it wasn't long before we were finding specimens. Thankfully, no sabertoothed cockleburs. A member of the Midwest Federation (MWF) found a small Lake Superior agate. There were tenaculites, crinoid buttons, shells, agates, a cone-in-cone specimen, and teeth. Cory found one mammal tooth and I think I found a beaver tooth. Or maybe it was a sabertoothed herring tooth. One MWF member from Michigan gave me a great laugh. She was sitting on the ground with a shovel, digging what looked like a channel to connect the Yangtze River to the Nemaha River. When I asked what she had found, thinking it was something big, she smiled up at me and said she had found heart-shaped rocks. Got to love rockhounds!

So on that final note, I will leave you with how to become a rockhound. (1) You have to be curious. (2) You need a bag of marbles. (3) Every time you pick up a rock, drop a marble. (4) Once you've lost all your marbles, you're an official rockhound. Happy hunting and keep looking at the ground!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

by Jim Marburger

June 20, 2013

Wilderness Park

Lincoln, Nebraska

Presenters: Karen Messenger, J.A. Marburger

On June 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Karen Messenger and I did a presentation at the Day Camp in Wilderness Park. Karen "Rocky," me "Rocky TWO," and other camp counselors had four tables set up so the 40 kids could take turns going through the displays. Rocky had presented fossils and a field trip to Weeping Water for fossils earlier in the week, so my presentation wrapped up the lesson on rock collecting and polishing.

One table had polished and rough petrified wood specimens to look at, and each camper received one rough sample. The second table had the State Rock, the Prairie Agate, on display. Each camper also received one of these specimens. The third table had a vibro tumbler running and the campers could pick a tumble-polished agate that caught their eye. The fourth table had books and fossils, along with a Genie rock polisher ready to polish each camper's specimen selected from the first two tables.

I answered questions on how to polish the stones and how to remove the scratches to get to the polished end. The sun was high but the wind was blowing a nice breeze up to the last 15 minutes. Then the wind stopped, humidity went to near 100%, the temperature was 85 degrees, and the flies and mosquitoes roared out with blood on their minds. But, Karen and I were able to finish up so the kids could have lunch. Handouts on rock collecting and minerals were distributed, along with the club's information sheets.

It is a lot of fun to see the eyes light up when new and exciting things happen, like picking up rocks and

seeing them polished. Perhaps the excitement of this new hobby experience will remain with some of them.

by Jim Marburger

June 18, 2013

Gere Library

Lincoln, Nebraska

Presenter: J.A. Marburger, President LGMC, Inc.

On June 18 at 1:50 p.m., the room at Gere Library was setup and items for the presentation were spread out on the table - prairie agates, petrified wood, Lake Superior agates, a mastodon tooth, a small old calf skull, books, and some chalcedony. But where was everybody? Sweat time. At 2 p.m., the door opened up and in came about 20 young people with a few adults. Here we go!

After introductions and short explanation of why I was a "rockhound," we got down to passing items around and answering questions. All eyes were focused on the material presented for the "Beneath the Surface" teen summer reading program. My program was "Rocks that can be found in Nebraska." I gave them the scoop on what they might find in their back yards. A slide presentation on field trips to the Oglala National Grass Lands and Jet, Oklahoma Salt Plains captivated them.

The hour was flying by and I thought I had them hooked. But then came the final act. The overhead lights were dimmed and the black light shined on chalcedony and few other items. Bright greens, reds, oranges and blues. WOWOW!

Hand out information sheets on the club were given out, along with a few applications. Maybe we will get a few more Monkeys this fall.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH - CONT'D

by Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge

June 18, 2013

Beatrice Library

Beatrice, Nebraska

Presenters: Wooly, Corey Beer

June 18, 2013 Corey Beer and I gave a talk to two groups of "rockhounds" in Beatrice, as part of the Beatrice Library Summer Series. We brought hands-on displays of artifacts, fossils, petrified woods, and, of course, agates we had collected in southeast Nebraska. I showed some pictures of collecting sites and Corey brought along lapidary equipment to show them what can be done with our "treasures" after we collect them. The two o'clock presentation was attended by over 90 elementary school age children. They were really excited and had many good questions to ask each of us. The kids were very polite and we were able to let each of them touch and observe close up all of the display items. They were especially amazed at what Corey was able to do with his cabbing machine.

Three o'clock found Corey and me with a couple of hours of free time so, of course, we headed out to look for some rocks. We searched a few minimum maintenance roads near Holmesville. One road cut through Dakota Sandstone was where we found some "Indian Paint Pot" material, but we were unable to find anything real exciting. We headed back to Beatrice to a pharmacy near the library where we had spotted some river gravel in the parking lot landscape. In the gravel we found lots of nice petrified wood, honey agates and cherts. Just as we were leaving Corey was handing me a rock he found when he dropped it. It landed on ... you guessed it ... a LAKER! And it was a nice one, at that. He has to be one of the luckiest rockhounds I know!

After a wonderful dinner at The Black Crow restaurant, we returned to the library to do our presentation again, this time to a couple dozen adults. There were many questions and sharing of experiences. They were all impressed with Corey's beautiful LAKER found just six blocks away. I enjoyed talking with some "old timers" about the former Beatrice rock club and the swaps that were held in Chautauqua Park. I recognized Lloyd Pretzer and his son Mark. Lloyd has prospected, dug, and cut many dazzling Idaho Star Garnets from the Fernwood area in northern Idaho. I displayed some of his star garnets at one of our gem shows 20-25 years ago. I was excited when Mr. Pretzer expressed a willingness to display them again. While I talked about the "old times," the folks who were new to the hobby gathered around Corey and, once again, were amazed and delighted with the results of his lapidary endeavors.

by Corey Beer

Wooly came to my house at about noon to pick me up. I had packed my rocks and my Genie rock polishing machine. We loaded them into the back of his Subaru and we headed off to Beatrice. We got there about 1:00 p.m. and as we were driving to the library, we had our eyes on the lookout for good landscape rock so we could tell the first group of kids about places where they could look for rocks. When we got to the library, we met the librarian who let us into the room where we set up my equipment and the specimens that we brought. At about 2:00 p.m., the kids got there. It was kind of overwhelming when 90 kids showed up.

Wooly started showing a slide show that he had created for a different presentation, and he showed pictures of agates in the ground in their natural place so that kids could begin to see the difference between agate and ordinary rocks. Once we finished, we had the kids come up in rows of two. When they came up, Wooly explained what the specimens were. While he did that, I worked on cutting a stone on my Genie so that they could see how stones were cut. This was pretty hectic but, overall, the kids were interested in what we were talking about. Once they left, we had about 2 hours until dinner.

We couldn't wait to go look for rocks in the area. First we drove out into the country to look for sandstone paint pots; we looked for a while, but didn't find too much. We decided to go look in town. We stopped at the pharmacy and looked until we had to leave. As we were showing each other our finds, I dropped a rock and I bent over to pick it up. Right under the one that I dropped was my favorite type of agate. A LAKER!

We left and went to The Black Crow, which was a really fancy restaurant in town. I ordered the Buffalo stew which was delicious! Once we finished eating, we drove back to the library and started our adult presentation at 7:00 p.m. It went basically the same as the first time until the time when they came up; this group had many more questions than the first group. I liked this a little bit more because I could talk more technical than I could with the first group. This program lasted about a half hour longer than the first one, because they stayed around and talked for a while. At about 8:30 p.m. we started to pack up and we got home about 10:00 p.m. I really enjoyed this experience and would love to do it again.

Section

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GEOLOGY DAY

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Pick & Shovel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have had several requests to present short programs at different locations, which will provide great promotional opportunities for the club. Locations include libraries, home schools, scout groups, and retirement centers. All of these events will bring in great rewards for our club and the presenters. Please contact me if you can help or provide materials. We can use these times to bring our hobby into the limelight and get our name out to the public. At this time, the scouts are planning to attend Geology Day at Pioneers Park Nature Center, Chet Ager Building, on February 10 to complete the required items to earn their geology badge.

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Make plans to participate in

GEOLOGY DAY

at the Pioneers Park Nature Center
Chet Ager Building
February 10, 2013

Bring a display
Demonstrate any aspect of the hobby
Provide "freebies" to the kids
Plan to have a great time
This is a great opportunity to
share the love of our hobby with others



FROM THE TRAILS

OF THE PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER

JANUARY - MARCH 2013

GEOLOGY DAY

February 10, Sunday

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Chet Ager Building

\$5 Suggested Donation

Learn about fossils, minerals, rocks and gemstones through displays and demonstrations by the members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. They can also help you identify your own specimens during this drop-in program.

GEOLOGY DAY



Photos by Ed Ridge



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Pick & Shovel

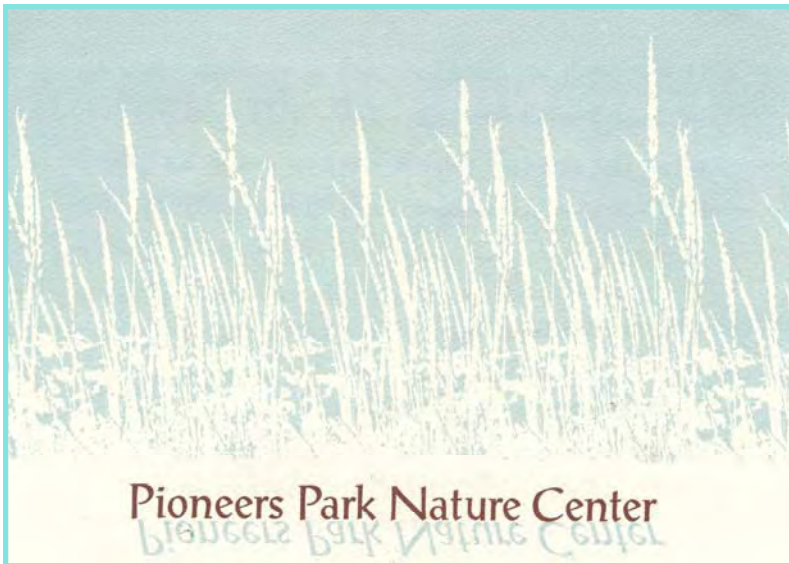
GEOLOGY DAY - BRRRRRRR

by Karen Messenger

Thanks again for a fun and informative (if not too busy) Geology Day. The cold, windy, and cloudy weather seemed to cut our crowd down, even if we had a nice, warm place to be. We ended up with just 32 adults and 26 children, for a total of 58.

All the hardy presenters put on a good show; there were ten of you. As always, the give-aways were enjoyed by kids of all ages, along with the information.

Jim Marburger asked at Geology Day if the Nature Center might consider moving the event to the second Sunday in March, in an attempt to avoid possible bad weather, and now that the Rock Show is in April instead of March. I checked with our coordinator and the change would be fine. So, if the Club okays the change, the proposed dates for 2014 are: Sunday, March 9, 2014 for Geology Day; and Sunday, July 13, 2014 for the Grinding Party.



Pioneers Park Nature Center



Susy McMahan & Karen Messenger



**Nancy Akins, Charles Wooldridge,
Corey Beer, Ed Ridge,
Mark Awakuni-Swetland, and Susy McMahan.**

**BELOW:
Ed Dvorak, Charles Messenger, Jim Marburger, Aulden Stewart**

Geology Day Photos courtesy of Sharon Marburger



MARCH GEN. MTG. MINUTES - CONT'D

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- Sunday Breakfast from 7:00-9:00 a.m., with Editors' Meeting to follow. LGMC members wishing to participate in the breakfast and/or banquet need to see Vera immediately to reserve a space.
- Sunday close down and clean up begins at 5:00 p.m. We will need all hands to help.
- Wooly reported that Channel 5 is running our TV spot. Additional press releases and interviews are planned. Four billboards are up around Lincoln. The State Museum folks have been very helpful in this effort.
- Judy Leick-Cropp and Jackie Barnhardt will coordinate and man the Silent Auction.
- Ed Ridge is coordinating display space and display case needs. Members need to visit with him ASAP.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jim M. distributed the 2013 LGMC budget that had been approved by the LGMC Board of Directors. Motion to approve by Sharon M., 2nd by Bruce Sturges, motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Roger Pittard, 2nd by Mary Pittard, motion carried.
- Meeting followed by a video presentation, National Geographic's "The Bahia Emerald Story."

SCIENCE FAIR

By Susy McMahan, Juniors Co-Chair

Members of the club were once again invited to be demonstrators at the LPS Science Fair held March 21 at the Lancaster Event Center. The event is now called the *Zoetis, LPS, Novartis Science Fair*, Zoetis being the new name for Pfizer, one of the sponsoring companies. The annual fair is for students, grades 5-8. Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club was one of many science-related groups who provided education for kids and their siblings, while waiting for their projects to be judged.

This year, the number of students participating was over 700, a record (not counting siblings)!! We had a gem dig, demonstrated lapidary, had specimens on display and, of course, answered the 10,000 or more questions.

SCIENCE FAIR - CONT'D

Thanks to Ed Ridge for his displays of rocks, and his generous sharing of samples and taking photos; Jayne Beer and Corey (junior member) demonstrated lapidary, while Brian Beer helped with the heavy lifting and running whatever errands were needed; Linda Guenter, Ivy (junior member), Jayden (junior member), Carolyn and Philip Ashmore, Ian (junior member, who helped the Children's Museum across the aisle as much as he helped us!), and Susy McMahan for successfully running the gem dig. Everyone had great fun separating stones from the rough material! The gem dig often had standing room only, with kids standing between the kids who were lucky enough to get one of the 16 chairs!

We all got dinner, T-shirts, cloth bags, and pens for volunteering!



Lapidary Demonstration Booth



Jayne Beer demonstrating lapidary



Susy McMahan, Philip Ashmore, and Linda Guenter working the Gem Dig. Brian Beer helping out as needed.

Photos courtesy of Ed Ridge

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

by Karen Messenger and Sharon Marburger

Grinding Party

Pioneers Park Nature Center, Chet Ager Building

July 14, 2013

It was another warm, but not horrible, bright and shiny Grinding Party Sunday. We had 12 displays, several with two and three displayers, plus various other club members mingling with the guests.

Attendance was good with 123 adults and 62 kids, for a total of 185 people as of 4:00 p.m., with more visitors trickling in.

Thanks to all the faithful displayers for all of their hard work and patience with the public. We really appreciate your involvement.

The 2014 Geology Day is scheduled for March 9 and the 2014 Grinding Party is planned for July 13. Both events run 1-4 p.m. at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, Chet Ager Building. Mark your calendars and start planning your display and demonstration!

Club members attending were Charles Wooldridge; Mark Awakuni-Swetland; Jim & Sharon Marburger; Aulden Stewart; Brian, Jayne, & Corey Beer; Ed & Pat Dvorak; Ed Ridge; Andrew Tiedje; Vera Lyman; Philip Paul & Carolyn Ashmore; Bob & Pat Gritmit; and Charlie & Karen Messenger.

Displays and demonstrations included tumbling, artifacts, beginning rockhounding, how to grind and polish a "window" in a stone, cabochon making with a flat "lap" wheel, general lapidary, wire wrapping, and club information. Thanks to the Messengers for being our hosts.



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Contact Betty for class information.

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JOHN HARRISON

by Jim & Sharon Marburger

LGMC member, John Harrison, passed away on Monday, July 15. His wife, Lee, is planning a memorial service to be held at a yet-undetermined date.

John had been a member of LGMC since 1971. He served as President, Audit Chairman, Dealer Chairman, Show Chairman, and was on many other committees, performing an assortment of duties in the club, including being on the Board of Directors. He always shared information and friendship to everyone. His dedication to the hobby and the club earned him the honor of being awarded an LGMC Active Life Membership in 2009.

Many people knew John as one of the owners of J.J.&L. Rocks & Minerals. The shop traveled around the Midwest, Rocky Mountains, and South Central U.S. Many people will be affected by John's passing, and he will be missed.

In addition to the rock hobby, John loved genealogy. He spent many hours in libraries across the country, researching his and Lee's family histories.

See the obituary below for more on John's life.

OBITUARY FROM THE LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR:

John Doane Harrison Jr., 76, of Hickman, passed away Monday, July 15, 2013. Born in Lincoln to John & Madoline (Barker) Harrison. He was a renowned mechanic in Lincoln. He retired from Nebraska National Guard & was a partner in J.J. & L. Rocks and Minerals. John was an active member in the community as an assistant fire chief at Hickman Fire Department, past president of Hickman Old Settlers Association, & past president of Gem & Mineral Club of Lincoln.

Survived by his wife, Eleanore Lee TeSelle; sons, John P. Harrison (Jean) of Lincoln, Ladd M. Harrison (Sue) of Gering, and Eric C. Harrison of Lincoln; daughters, Kelly (James) Gilliland of Eagan, Minn., Tracy Harrison of Arizona, and Stephanie Stanard Antill (Paul) of Hickman; eight grandchildren. Business partner, James (Sharon) Marburger.

Services at a later date. Memorials to the family for future designation. Condolences at wadlowrozanek.com.



John offering advice to Mineral Monkey Corey.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH—CONT'D

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Sharon demonstrates how to cut and polish a "window" in a rock



Al demonstrates cabochon cutting on a flat wheel



Wooly (above), demonstrates rotary barrel tumbling. Wooly always has specimens to hand out to the kids, young or old.

Ed (left) displays a large variety of collectable materials. He, too, usually has specimens to hand out.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH—CONT'D

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President Jim offers a suggestion to Andrew who is polishing specimen ends on the Genie



Corey demonstrates cabochon cutting while Mom Jayne looks on

Jim also demonstrates a vibrasonic tumbler. He explained the differences between the rotary and vibrasonic tumblers all afternoon.



Secretary Mark shows young enthusiasts some Native American artifacts and fossils he has collected

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Ed D. demonstrates wire wrapping while wife Pat looks on

SECTION 6 – GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE ELATIONS

Club members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations

American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

Blue Ribbon Coalition

Susy McMahan named the Nebraska State Liaison to ALAA

LACK OF FUNDS FORCE TEMPORARY STATE PARK CLOSURES

Excerpts from August 30, 2013 Lincoln Journal Star article by Algis J. Laukaitis

Seven state recreation areas and one historical park in Southeast Nebraska will be closed until spring as part of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's (the "Commission") plan to fix its aging and deteriorating state park system. Other recreation areas and historical parks will be closed statewide, in an effort to save money.

The Commission is eliminating all off-season services and vehicle access at about one-third of its state recreation areas and historical parks. The closures will begin on September 16, 2013. Although visitors will be allowed to park vehicles outside of the areas and walk in, there will be no services provided. Bathrooms and roads will be closed, there will be no snow removal, no trash pick-up, and no Commission employees on site. Most areas will reopen on May 1, 2014.

Commission Deputy Director, Tim McCoy said the commission doesn't have enough money in its budget to pay for capital improvement and deferred maintenance projects. "The park permit fees are intended to focus on

day-to-day operations and day-to-day maintenance," he said. "When we look at replacing roofs, septic systems and swimming pools, it was never set up to do that."

An interim study on the park permit fee issue is underway, but no date has been set for a hearing. "The Legislature and the Natural Resources Committee will really make the decision of what the next step is," McCoy said.

CLOSURES INCLUDE:

State recreation areas

Blue River, Cheyenne, Conestoga, Cottonwood, Dead Timber, DLD, Keller, Long Lake, Long Pine, North Loup, Olive Creek, Oliver Reservoir, Pelican Point, Riverview Marina, Rock Creek Lake, Sandy Channel, Schramm, Sutherland, Union Pacific, Verdon, Stagecoach, Walgren, and War Axe. Vehicle access to boat ramps will remain open at Riverview, Pelican Point and Sutherland's Hershey Beach.

State historical parks

Ash Hollow, Buffalo Bill, and Fort Hartsuff. The closure of Arbor Lodge State Historical Park in Nebraska City will be delayed until Sept. 23, following the Applejack Festival. It will reopen April 23 for the Arbor Day celebration.

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ODDS & ENDS

NAME TAGS

Many of you purchased name tags. Wear them to the meetings! There are lots of new faces in the club and it is helpful to have a name to put with the face, for both old and new members. If you don't have a name tag, paper stick-on tags will be available at the membership table.

LAPIDARY CLASS

Rowdy Cropp says the Lapidary Class will begin on October 12. Register as soon as possible if you hope to get into the class. There are 12 slots per class, and they go quickly. Go to the Southeast Community College website to register. (<https://www.southeast.edu/assets/0/74/87/285/612/61c47878-9232-4dc7-86a4-3607a9aee6ea.pdf>)

MWF ELECTIONS

Ballots were sent out by the MWF for the upcoming election of officers. The Board selected its choice of candidates and the ballot returned to the MWF.

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Excerpt from the July to September, 2013, issue of the ALAA Newsletter provided by Tom Noe

Let ALAA Know About Your Rockhounding Experiences

By John Martin (webmaster@amlands.org)

I send ALAA greetings to all rockhounds, from here in southern California! That's correct, southern California, where many rockhounds live and play. At ALAA we need your watchful eye, so that both the positive and negative experiences of rockhounding don't get overlooked and missed. We want to move forward and remain fair and balanced. So, when legislative or land management issues arise in your rockhounding area, whether on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service or state, county or city--or even on privately owned land--tell your state representative for American Lands Access Association about the issues and the details that affect your rockhounding experience. The issues that you let ALAA know about can then be investigated and a course of action may be suggested. To find your state representative, refer online to www.amlands.org/6715.html or www.amlands.org/6694.html. If you don't have a state representative, join ALAA and become the state representative for your state!

Or, when noteworthy rockhounding issues pop up, just send an email directly to ALAA at info@amlands.org with the details of the issues and concerns, and they can then be addressed.

Much more information about rockhounding and ALAA can be found on the ALAA website, www.amlands.org.

Susy McMahan named the Nebraska State Liaison to American Lands Access Association

SUSY'S TIDBITS

- According to Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, permission must be obtained from the Superintendent of the individual park before collecting rocks or any other item.
- 2013 closures of state parks will not deny access; the closures limit accessibility and services.