

2014

# ALL AMERICAN CLUB YEARBOOK



Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 5342

Lincoln, NE 68505

# In Memory of Mary Pittard



February 20, 1934 - May 3, 2014



Volume 56, Issue 9: May 2014

Pick & Shovel

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak, President via Sharon Marburger, Secretary

It is with great sadness I inform you of the passing of a dear friend. Mary Pittard passed away on Saturday, May 3 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mary had her appendix and gall bladder removed while on vacation this past winter. Numerous complications ensued, to which she finally succumbed. Roger said she was a tough gal, but too many ailments came on at once.

The funeral will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 9 at the Geneva Methodist Church, corner of 10th and H Streets in Geneva, Nebraska. Visitation will be 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, with the family present from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Keep Roger and the family in your thoughts and prayers.



# Mary



Mary O. Pittard, 80, Geneva, died May 3, 2014 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Born February 20, 1934 to George and Mary Picek Rudduck in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Survivors: husband, Roger Pittard, Geneva; daughter, Cathy and Tim Fairbanks, San Antonio; sons, Kent and Lissa Pittard, Kalama, Wash., Mark and Anne Pittard, Ankeny, Iowa; brother, Richard and Raven Rudduck, Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister, Dorothy and Charles Thomas, Boron, Calif.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services: 10:30 a.m. Friday, United Methodist Church, Geneva. Visitation: 1 - 8 p.m. Thursday, with family greeting friends from 6 - 8 p.m., Farmer and Son Funeral Home, Geneva. Memorials: American Lung Association. Graveside Services: Geneva Public Cemetery. Pastor Ron Harris officiating. Online condolences: [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)



*Your kind and thoughtful  
expression of sympathy  
is deeply appreciated and  
gratefully acknowledged*

**Mary**



**Mary was so proud of her first effort at wire wrapping. Ed Dvorak held a teaching session at the August 2010 Rock Party at the Marburgers.**

*members of L.G.M.C. -  
What a great contribution, and, what a  
great tribute to Mary from the Lincoln Club -  
I am very grateful, and, know Mary would  
be proud.*

*I want to give my personal "thank you"  
to the wonderful group of people that  
make the club what it is.*

*Thank you - Thank you  
Roger*

*The family of Mary Pittard would  
like to thank you for your generous  
contribution to the American Lung  
Association in memory of Mary.*

*-The Pittard Family*



**ALL-AMERICAN CLUB "Yearbook" AWARD – For Year 2014**

**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: 80 Honorary/Life: 3 Juniors: 15  
[Don't combine Honorary/Life with total adults]

Meeting Place: Bethany Park Shelter House  
64<sup>th</sup> 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 9 Average Attendance 23 Guests 1 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: 3

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

(2c) Junior Meetings: Number of meetings: 9 Average attendance: 7 Guests: 2

Adult leader(s): Susy McMahan, Carolyn Ashmore

**Bonus:** Separate junior workshops or events other than meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

(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. 12 attendance) [Indicate type.]

(2e) Social Events: Number attending: Picnic 8 Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday dinner 36

Other (Describe): Pizza Supper (following Rock Swap) - 25

(2f) Show Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) April 5-6, 2014

Dealers: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ # 14 Demonstrators: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ # 12

Members working at show: # 26 Members attending: # 59

Member Displays: # 36 Junior Displays: # 2

Competitive Display Entry? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X # \_\_\_\_\_

(2g) Swap Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): January 25, 2014

Dealers: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Swappers: 10

Number of members attending: 44 Number of members working: 25

(2h) Special Features: Club library: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Number of books: ~200

Yearbook committee or Website Committee Sharon Marburger (Yearbook); Jim Atkins/Jim & Sharon Marburger (Web)

(2i) Field Trips: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Number of trips in field: 4

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)**

**(4a)** Members served as Federation Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:

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

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

**(4b)** Members attended a Federation convention or show:

Regional Federation: Yes  X  No   #:  8  AFMS: Yes  X  No   #:  2

**(4c)** Members supported Federation scholarships or endowment funds:

AFMS: Scholarship fund: Yes   No   Endowment fund: Yes  X  No  2

**(4d)** Other support for regional federations? (explain)  Advertising in Pick & Shovel

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

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

**(4e)** Members held joint field trips with other clubs: Yes  X  No

Members displayed/demonstrated at other club shows: Yes   No  X

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

**Bulletin Editor is a member of S.C.R.I.B.E.** Yes  X  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.

Members maintained displays at local public sites: Yes     No X  
\*Include a separate list of sites.

(5c) 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

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.

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

Club members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations Yes X No \_\_\_  
\*Include a separate list of organization(s).  
**Bonus:** Club is member of ALAA: X Yes

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)



## **SECTION 2 – OFFERINGS TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS**

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# 2014

## WHO'S WHO



Associated with



2014

January							February							March						
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### 2014 Elected Officers

President .....Edward Dvorak  
1st Vice President .....Richard Peterson  
2nd Vice President ..... Jayne Beer  
Treasurer ..... Vera Lyman  
Secretary ..... Sharon Marburger  
Board Members: ....Carolyn Ashmore Jim Atkins  
Susy McMahan Charles Wooldridge

Regular Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month (exceptions to be publicized in The Pick & Shovel). All meetings in 2014 are scheduled to be held in the **Bethany Park Shelter** near Cotner Blvd. and Vine Street in Lincoln.

Official Colors: Blue & Gold

Web Page: www.lincolngemmineralclub.org  
Official Publication: THE PICK & SHOVEL  
Editor: Sharon Marburger  
Business Reporters: Vera Lyman  
Circulation: Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger  
Reporters: ALL Club Members  
Publisher: Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 5342  
Lincoln, NE 68508-0342

FOUNDER: **In C. Everett** 1921 – 2003

Organized January 15, 1955  
Incorporated March 18, 1959  
Joined MWF February 12, 1961  
Joined NAOESCI January 1970

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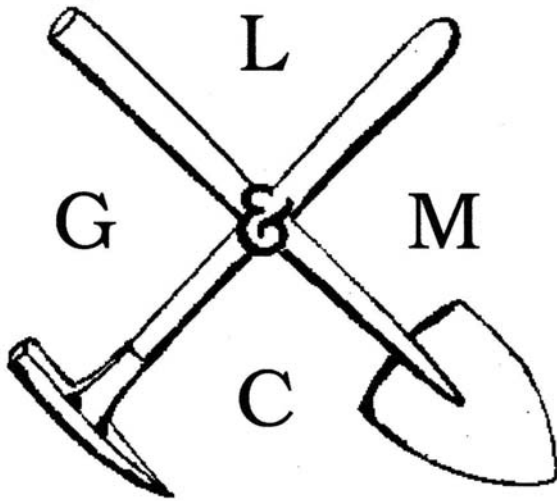
### MEMBERS OF:

American Lands Access Association (ALAA)  
Friends of the University of Nebraska State Museum

### ♦ ACTIVE LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Vera Lyman – 2009  
William Rockel - 2013  
Shirley Rockel - 2013

Resident Agent: James Marburger



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**Section**

**2a**

## SECTION 2a - SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS - PROGRAMS

January	Annual Swap	No program due to a full day of swapping and silent auction. Mineral Monkey awards given to those who missed December awards ceremony.
February	Video: Mining and cutting precious stones	
March	No program. Finalizing Show planning	
April	Video: "The Secret Canyon"	Donated and running commentary by Jim Null
May	Video: "How to Find Agates"	Karen Brzys of the Gitche Gumee Museum
September	Sharing of Summer Finds	Everyone!
October	Halloween Contest	
November	Video: "Gemstone Journey"	
December	Christmas Party	Rock Bingo!! Nearly everyone wins a prize!

# PROGRAMS

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.'s



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2014 Meetings and Activities

##### Board

##### **Wed., Feb 5 (Lyman's home)**

Wed., Mar 5 (GereLibrary)

Wed., Apr 2 (Lyman's home)

Wed., Apr 30 (GereLibrary)

Wed., Sep 3 (GereLibrary)

Wed., Oct 1 (GereLibrary)

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

Saturday,

January 25, 2014

Following Mid-Winter Swap and

Pizza Supper

7:00 p.m.

**Program: None (due to Swap)**

##### Mineral Monkeys

Saturday,

January 25, 2014

Following Mid-Winter Swap

and Pizza Supper

**Lesson: Attend the Swap for credit towards earning badges!! Work on Poster.**

January 2014, Volume 56, Issue 5

Editor: Sharon Marburger

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2014 Meetings and Activities

##### Board

##### **Wed., Mar 5 (Gere Library)**

Wed., Apr 2 (Lyman's home)

Wed., Apr 30 (Gere Library)

Wed., Sep 3 (Gere Library)

Wed., Oct 1 (Gere Library)

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

February 20, 2014

7:00 p.m.

**Program: Video on mining and cutting precious stones**

##### Mineral Monkeys

February 20, 2014

6:30 p.m.

**Lesson: Work on Science Fair Poster**

February 2014, Volume 56, Issue 6

Editor: Sharon Marburger

# PROGRAMS

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2014 Meetings and Activities

##### Board

**Wed., Apr 2 (Lyman's home)**

Wed., Apr 30 (Gere Library)

Wed., Sep 3 (Gere Library)

Wed., Oct 1 (Gere Library)

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

March 20, 2014

7:00 p.m.

**Program: No program. We will discuss last minute Show plans.**

#### Mineral Monkeys

March 20, 2014

6:30 p.m.

**Lesson: No Lesson.**

**You will be attending the Science Fair.**

**March 2014, Volume 56, Issue 7**

**Editor: Sharon Marburger**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2014 Meetings and Activities

##### Board

**Wed., Apr 30 (Gere Library)**

Wed., Sep 3 (Gere Library)

Wed., Oct 1 (Gere Library)

Wed., Nov 5 (Gere Library)

Wed., Dec 3 (Gere Library)

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

April 17, 2014

7:00 p.m.

**Program: Video  
"The Secret Canyon"**

#### Mineral Monkeys

April 17, 2014

6:00 p.m.

**Lesson: Fossils  
(as a follow-up to the show theme)**

**April 2014, Volume 56, Issue 8**

**Editor: Sharon Marburger**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2014 Meetings and Activities

##### Board

- Wed., Sep 3 (Gere Library)
- Wed., Oct 1 (Gere Library)
- Wed., Nov 5 (Gere Library)
- Wed., Dec. 3 (Gere Library)

##### General

**Thurs., May 15**

Thurs. Sep 18

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

May 15, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

**Program: Video**  
**"How to Find Agates"**  
by  
**Karen Brzys**  
**Gitche Gume Museum**

#### Mineral Monkeys

May 15, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

**Lessons:**  
**"Safety"**  
**"How to Start a Collection"**  
**"AFMS Code of Ethics"**

May 2014, Volume 56, Issue 9

Editor: Sharon Marburger



Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

## PICK & SHOVEL

September 2014, Volume 57, Issue 1

Editor: Sharon Marburger

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#### 2014 Meetings and Activities

##### Board

- Wed., Oct. 1 (Gere Library)
- Wed., Nov. 5 (Gere Library)
- Wed., Dec. 3 (Gere Library)

##### General

Thurs. Sep 18

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, Sep. 18

Bring your summer finds to share  
and have identified!

#### **MINERAL MONKEYS**

Bring your summer finds!  
Carolyn & Susy have a fun  
activity prepared for you!

# PROGRAMS



Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

# PICK & SHOVEL

October 2014, Volume 57, Issue 2

Editor: Sharon Marburger

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## 2014 Meetings and Activities

### Board

Wed., Nov. 5 (Gere Library)

Wed., Dec. 3 (Gere Library)

### General

Thurs., Oct 16

Thurs., Nov 20

Sun., Dec 7

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Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 16

Halloween Costume Contest



### MINERAL MONKEYS

Thursday, Oct. 16

Come dressed as your favorite hobby-related item!



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# PICK & SHOVEL

November 2014, Volume 57, Issue 3

Editor: Sharon Marburger

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## 2014 Meetings and Activities

### Board

Wed., Dec. 3 (Gere Library)

### General

Thurs., Nov 20

Sun., Dec 7

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Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 20

Program: Video - Gemstone Journey

### MINERAL MONKEYS

Thursday, November 20

	<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>O</b>
9	calcite	jasper	moonstone	crinoid	shovel
13	diamond	halite	rhodonite	tourmaline	pick
5	aquamarine	limestone	FREE	dinosaur	shell
7	beryl	gold	silica	geode	sanding
11	citrine	laker	nickel	mammoth	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**

**2b**

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

President	Edward Dvorak
First Vice-President	Richard Peterson
Second Vice-President	Jayne Beer
Treasurer	Vera Lyman
Secretary	Sharon Marburger
Board Member	James Atkins
Board Member	Carolyn Ashmore
Board Member	Susy McMahan
Board Member	Charles Wooldridge
Audit	Roger Pittard, James Marburger, Ed Dvorak
Christmas Party	Edward Ridge
Education / Librarian	Charles Wooldridge, Judy Cropp
Facebook	Andrew Tiedje
Field Trips	James Marburger
Geology Day Coordinator	Jayne Beer
Grinding Party Coordinator	Jayne Beer
Historian	Sharon Marburger
Legislative Liaison	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, Vera Lyman, Edward Ridge, Robert Gruit, Sharon Marburger
Programs	Jayne Beer
Property	James Marburger
Refreshments / Door Prizes	Vera Lyman
Scholarship	Vera Lyman
Show 2014	Charles Wooldridge
Swap 2014	Richard Peterson
Show—2015	Edward Dvorak
Swap—2014	Jayne Beer
Website	James Atkins / Sharon & Jim Marburger
Youth Activities	Susy McMahan Carolyn Ashmore

**Section**

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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore, Grand-Monkey

Happy New Year, All! In this new year 2014, comes a lot of exciting plans for our Mineral Monkeys. For the next couple of meetings we will be combining both groups of juniors to work on their sportsmanship, communication, and leadership badges, as well as the mentoring badge for the senior Monkeys. The idea of the poster board display came from the FRA manual, and we thought, what a great idea that we could use it for the Science Fair in March and, again, at the show in April at our youth booth. We always have a lot of questions from kids and parents about what we do in club at these two events, and with the poster board, the families that stop by our booth can get an idea of what our youth group is all about. Additionally, our juniors can show and tell their personal experiences with this poster.

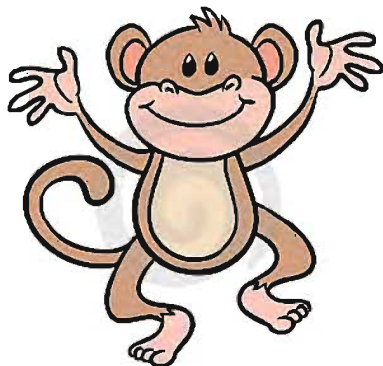
After designing the poster, all juniors will submit three pictures with a small article explaining what the pictures are about, where the picture was taken, and why it's their favorite. With that said, we are asking club members for help. Please check to see if you have pictures of any of the following:

- ◆ the youth group as a whole
- ◆ individual kids
- ◆ field trips
- ◆ rock parties
- ◆ any other club activity

Please print out pictures no larger than 4x6". The kids will place their selected photos and corresponding article on the board for the visual affect we're looking for. It will be a little harder for the new youth members to come up with pictures to submit for this project, so any help will be appreciated.

We thank you for your help, your photos, and your support!

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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore, Junior Co-Leader

Wow! What a great time we all had at the rock swap. My duty that day was the silent auction. I had so much fun, I want to do it again! I had loads of help from Jim Marburger, and time just flew by.

Our juniors group members were enjoying themselves as well, renewing friendships, walking around, bidding on the silent auction, watching demonstrations, or, as in Corey's case, answering many rock-related questions that our newer juniors had for him.



It was good to see Jayden and Leahh taking charge of the younger kids by keeping them busy and safe at the park.

A wonderful time was had by all of us. I want to say a big thank you to the kids for helping out after the swap; you all were awesome and I'm so very proud of you all.

At the February meeting, we will continue to work on our project poster for the Science Fair on March 20. There more pictures to go through, choose from, and write about since the Rock Swap. With that said, if there are any other members out there with pictures of our juniors, please bring them to the February meeting. I would like to give the juniors a nice selection to look through, then choose the three pictures they want to write about.

Thanks to everyone who has provided pictures.



photos by Paul & Carolyn Ashmore

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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore, Junior Co-Leader

With February now behind us, our poster project is ready for display. First, it will go to the Science Fair this month and 16 days later it will appear again at our show. It has been fun looking at all the pictures the juniors picked out and reading the articles they wrote; they brought back a lot of wonderful memories for me as well. You all did a beautiful job and should be very proud. I am, because it was team effort at it's very best. A very special thank you goes out to Linda Guenter for her help putting it all together and making it look so nice.

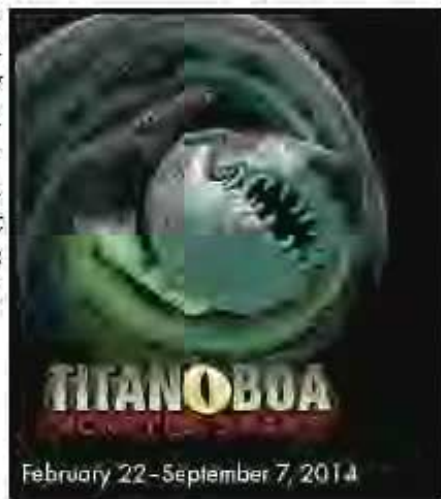
We had a nice surprise at the General Meeting when each of our juniors received a magnifier, or loup. The kids were over the moon with them. We want to say a BIG! BIG! thank you to Greg and Betty Syslo for this wonderful donation, and a BIG! BIG! thank you to Terry Anderson for presenting them to the kids on behalf of the Syslos. They are awesome and the kids will get years of enjoyment out of them.

A few reminders to the juniors of upcoming events:

- Science Fair - Thursday March 20th (4:00 p.m.), Lancaster Event Center, 84th @ Hevelock
- Lincoln Gem and Mineral Show, April 5 and 6, (please remember to wear your T-shirts and display your badges)

And finally, with our show having the theme of "Stones and Bones," we thought it would be cool to study about fossils. For the Senior Monkeys who have already studied this and got their fossil badges, never fear!! We are going to get a little more in depth about a few minerals, and then introduce everyone to TITANOBOA, seen in the traveling exhibit at Morrill Hall that runs until September 7, 2014.

ITS GOING TO BE  
A BUSY COUPLE  
OF MONTHS  
FOR US ALL



## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Susy McMahan

The 56th Annual LGMC show, "Stones & Bones," was another great show! The Kids Activities booth had a tremendous year!! This year our juniors worked accepting money, giving change, replenishing supplies on the gem dig and having a lot of fun. This is the first year they were required to work, and boy, did they!! Many of the kids were there most of the day, both days! They are learning skills toward badges in the Lifetime Rockhound project.

Another new attraction was the raffle which included a prize for each day - a basket full of rocks, minerals, and goodies for the winners. The kids did a good job mentioning the raffle while selling spots at the gem dig, rolling rock race, and spin the wheel. They also had a chance to shop for themselves and look at other booths at the show.

Thanks to everyone who donated items to the Youth Activity Booth to help it become a great success this year. And a special thanks to juniors Leahh, Brooklyn, Jayden, Mia, Ivy, Sarah, Taylor, Ian, and his cousin Elayna, who is soon to be a member! Thanks to adults Carolyn and Paul Ashmore, Sharon Schleiger, Linda Guenter, Marcia Eddy-Hamilton, Susy McMahan, Braama Suhr, and friends, family, and other club members who helped with planning, set-up, and tear-down.

We are proud to announce that Corey Beer has graduated from the juniors. He won't be far away, as he has agreed to help us as an official "mentor" to the younger members, something he has already proven to excel at. We are glad he will continue to be a part of the group! Congratulations Corey!!



photo by Jayne Beer

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by Carolyn Ashmore

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photo by Carolyn Ashmore

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Remind your parents about the May 24 field trip to Jesup, Iowa; and watch the P&S for information about the field trip to Ashfalls State Park this summer.

See you at the meeting!

## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Hello Again Juniors,

With summer vacation almost over, and school right around the corner, I hope you all had a safe, exciting, and wonderful time hunting and perhaps finding that special rock, mineral or even fossil you always wanted for your collections. I've been taking some time this summer to do some catching up on tumbling for next year's Science Fair and for our Show. You can never have enough polished stones to give away.

I am looking forward to the September meeting to catch up with all of you, and see what you found over the summer.

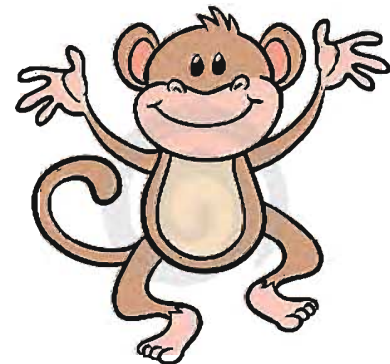
## A PERSONAL NOTE TO MEMBERS

Submitted by Carolyn Ashmore

I would like to mention what a great bunch of juniors we have here in the club, and what a pleasure it has been for me to be a part of it all.

This may be a repeat for many of you, but once again I would like to take this time and say thank you to all of the members of LGMC for all the help and continuing support you all give to Susy and me, in our efforts to teach our juniors, not to mention the wonderful specimens you've donated. Some of the donations were out of your own collections, which is very special! Your donations help us in the teaching of our youth and adds to our program, and ultimately the club and the hobby. With so much knowledge and personal experience in this club, it's satisfying to know our kids' interests are being encouraged, as well as their many questions being answered correctly for them. THANK YOU!!

From Carolyn, Susy, and all the Mineral Monkeys



# MINERAL MONKEYS

by Martin Dougherty

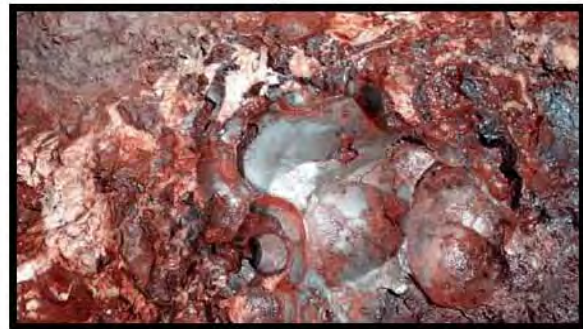
Hey Mineral Monkeys and leaders. You may recall Linda and I gave you hematite specimens at the show. The pictures here were taken at the location we collected the specimens, Yavapai Ranch in Arizona. The hematite is found in an exposed seam off the side of the Williamson Valley Road and is part of an extensive underground mining operation, from the 1940s, for the [World War II] war effort.



photos by Martin Dougherty



Linda looking for specimens



Julienne and Vienne at the top of the pile, while Corey searches about halfway up.

## MINERAL MONKEYS

## MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

By Susy McMahan

Hello again, Juniors. WOW! What an end to the summer vacation! I hope you all had a safe and wonderful time this field trip season. Now that summer break over and school is back in session, I thought for our September meeting we'd do what we did last year; everyone bring a special rock, mineral, or fossil from your collection, or something you found on a field trip this summer that you would like to share with the rest of the group. We all had a great time with this last year. There were a lot of neat specimens brought that evening, and the wonderful stories of how the specimens were found were very exciting for all of us. This gives everyone a chance to show and tell about that special something in their collection. Be prepared for the many questions you'll get when presenting your specimens.

We also will be talking a little bit about the Future Rockhounds of America program, which determines how your badges are earned, as well as future activities at our meetings. I have arranged for a very exciting and educational nine months of activities for you, my young friends.

Don't forget to be thinking about your costume for next month's Halloween Club meeting. Come dressed as your favorite rock, mineral, or fossil, and you may even win a prize!!! ROCK ON!

Our October juniors meeting was full of sugar!! Since many club members had traveled to Iowa for the 2014 Midwest Federation Show, sponsored by the Des Moines Lapidary Society and the Central Iowa Mineral Society, we expected less than usual attendance. My lucky co-teacher, Carolyn, and her husband Paul, went also, and we missed them.

We had a total of 7 juniors. We were happy to see Bianca back, and she talked about some of the neat things she saw on her vacation. We have a new member, Abby Sterns. She attends Mickle Middle School, and is Ian Williams' cousin. Abby brought a geodes to show us, and I told them the secret to picking out the geodes with the most crystals.

The younger juniors learned about the State Gemstone (blue agate) and State Rock (prairie agate). With a smaller group, the older juniors joined in with discussing what we were learning. Since we had such a good collection of each that we brought back from the Crawford Labor Day Swap, everybody got a sample. We talked about crystals and everybody got one from Carolyn's collection. She had a little bag of polished rocks for an inedible treat. The red and blue tiger's eye was a big hit. We talked more about the rock cycle; you can never learn enough on that subject. Rowdy Cropp donated some selenite, so everybody got nice samples and we talked about how the pioneers sometimes used it for windows.

Since it was Halloween, we had treats!! Thanks to Carolyn's daughter Cristina, who is also Mia's mom, for a lot of cool cupcakes ... mmmm. Vera also brought cupcakes just for the juniors! Of course, we all partook in the treats. There were cookies also, but I am never quick enough. See you in November!



### Sunday With The Scientists

"Agate Fossil Beds in Western Nebraska"

November 16, 2014

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Morrill Hall

19 & over - \$6.00

5-18 - \$3.00

4 and under free

\$13.00 family - 2 adults and 2 kids

(under the age of 18)

## MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

Merry Christmas Juniors!!!

Susy and I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2014 was a wonderful year for making new friends, finding that special rock you wanted for your collection, or just having a blast being all together and showing and talking about rocks. You all have worked really hard this past year, and Susy and I couldn't ask for a better group of kids to teach. We are so proud of all of you, and the constant dedication that each of you put into our club's junior program. We want all of you to know if you ever have a question, don't hesitate to ask us. We like your questions and if Susy or I can't answer them for you, we'll find someone who can.

It was nice to see a lot of you made it to the Christmas party Sunday. I hope you all had a wonderful time, plenty of good food and good friends, lots of rock talk, awesome silent auction (I won a great book) and my personal favorite, ROCK BINGO!! It was nice to see all LGMC members, both new and old, having such a good time together.

We have some very exciting things planned for you in 2015, from exploring our solar system to making Navajo sand art. We also will have a class making clay beads and decorating them for necklaces, and one monthly meeting talking and learning about knapping. I think you will enjoy both activities.

In January, our lesson will be about Earth in Space. We will be looking closely at our solar system

(of which I am sure a lot of you have already learned in school) and meteorites and impact craters from around the world. Don't forget to bring back your FAMOUS CRATERS report and your PLANET LABELING paper; these will come in handy for our January meeting.

Another thing we will be covering in a little more detail is the Midwest Federation 2015 Youth Poster Contest. We have until May 1, 2015 to submit our entries. I would like to see all of you participate in this contest. You may even win ribbons and prizes!

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to all LGMC club members for your continued support of our Future Rockhounds of America Youth Program.



photo by Jim Marburger

Our Youth Co-Leaders are looking for donations from the adult members to put in the kids' Christmas Socks. The Socks will be handed out at the Christmas Party on December 7. This is a good way to thin out some of your growing collection! To ensure all youth get similar socks, please offer 20 pieces of the specimen you are willing to donate, if possible.

Please give your offerings to Carolyn Ashmore or Susy McMahan. You will be helping to keep a young one interested in the hobby. Thank you!!

December 2014



**Section**

**2d**

## **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!

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Activities

**[CORRECTION]**

Sun, Mar 9 - Geology Day

Thurs., Mar 20 - Science Fair

Apr 4-6 - Setup and Show

Sun., Jul 13 - Grinding Party

See pages 2 & 4 for details.

# January crock-pot Rock Party

If it cooks in a  
crock-pot, bring  
it for supper!



Sunday, January 19  
3.00 p.m.

Marburgers' Home  
334 Locust, Hickman

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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# February Rock Party

Birthday boy, Wooly (and Jackie), will host  
February 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

6115 Huntington

wild boar chili



Potluck Supper. Bring your projects and equipment.  
Join us for a fun and educational evening!

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Wed., Dec. 3 (Gere Library)

General

Thurs., Mar 20

Thurs., Apr 17

No Rock Party this month.  
Finalizing Show plans.

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Editor: Sharon Marburger

# JANUARY ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

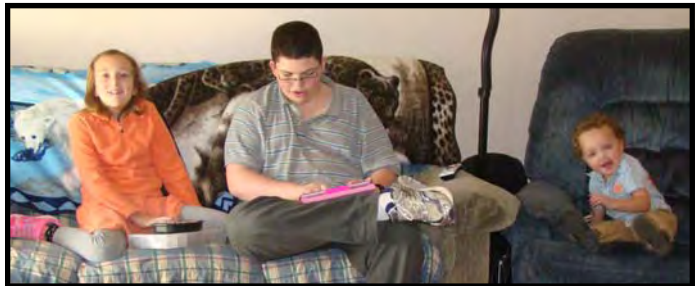
The Rock Party was held on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the home of Jim & Sharon Marburger. Eleven club members arrived to good food and fun lapidary activities - Charles Bachle, Jackie Barnhardt, Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Ja'zeil Jayvian, Tori Lee, Vera Lyman, Ellie Lyman, Ed Ridge, Andrew Tiedje, and Charles Wooldridge.

The meal was a crock pot festival with chili, meatballs, and two kinds of crocked apples. Bread and dessert abounded. Very yummy, as usual.

Prior to and following the meal, several members availed themselves of the two Genie lapidary machines, and the Beers' grinding unit. Eddie brought his horizontal lap and Jackie brought a gifted dremel tool to learned how to buff and polish silver jewelry.



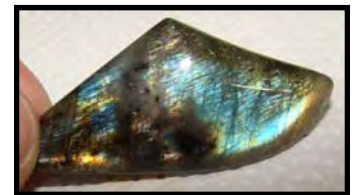
Charles demonstrates to Tori how quickly and easily it is to cut a cabochon with a Genie.



Even Mineral Monkeys have a good time at Rock Parties



Safety-conscious Jayne sports her protective eyewear



Wooly and Corey share the use of one of the Genies

A sampling of what came out of the Rock Party. Unfortunately, not all of the photos turned out, so not everything is shown here.



photos by Jim & Sharon Marburger

# FEBRUARY ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The Rock Party was hosted by Wooly and Jackie at their home in Lincoln on February 22. The group included Vera Lyman and Ellie; Brian, Jayne, and Corey Beer; Nancy Akins; Carrie Burkhardt; Mark Awakuni-Swetland; Ed Ridge; Richard Peterson; Susy McMahan, Carolyn Ashmore, and Jim and Sharon Marburger.

There was a lively discussion of Show plans; good food to eat; Pete, Mark, and Brian checked out the club library; and Jackie worked on a project. Wooly had a “mystery rock” he had everyone take a stab at identifying. About half of those present correctly identified the specimen as halite. It was fun to watch the faces of those trying to figure out what it was.

As always, we had a great time talking rocks, and sharing in our love of the hobby.

Due to the upcoming show and Geology Day, there will not be a March Rock Party. So sad.



Susy M. and Pete discuss some specimens.



Pete watches Jackie work on her project.



Ellie shows Nancy her electronic gadget and a few of the things she can do with it.



Mark checks out the show ad in a local publication.



photos by Jim Marburger

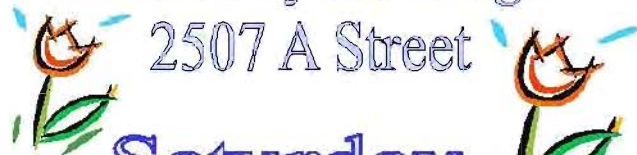
Carrie B. and Ed R. share in “show” talk.



Pete and Brian check out some reading material from the club library.

# April Rock Party

Hosted by Ed Ridge



2507 A Street

Saturday

April 19

5:00 p.m.



## Sandwiches!

Bring your picnic food to this month's Rock Party!

Remember to bring your equipment, supplies, and projects. Now is the time to start working on your cases for the 2015 Gem & Mineral Show. Show Chairman, Ed Dvorak, has determined the show theme to be "**Discover the Beauty of Rocks.**" Let's have some beautiful rock displays!

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## APRIL ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The Rock Party was hosted by Ed Ridge on April 19th. Eddie planned a fantastic party, complete with food and a geological Easter egg hunt! It was a glorious Saturday evening; perfect temperature and no bugs!! We gathered in Eddie's back yard where we had a lovely sandwich picnic with all the trimmings.



photo by Jayne Beer

Because it was Easter weekend, the party had a slow start. Soon enough, though, members began trickling in. Those in attendance - Sharon Marburger, Ed Dvorak, Brian Beer, Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Jayne's nephew Jake, Charles Wooldridge, Jackie Barnhardt, and, of course, Ed Ridge - had a fun time eating and hunting for Easter eggs.



photo by Sharon Marburger

Eddie went all-out with the Easter eggs. He "planted" 60+ eggs filled with small stones and minerals, and many with slips of numbered paper. The numbers corresponded with a larger specimen, rough, or slabs. The numbered items were found in Eddie's basement, living room, or garage. It seemed like quite a labor-intensive effort on Eddie's part, but I think he enjoyed it as much as we who hunted. All of the treasures were donated by Eddie, from his personal collection.

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# APRIL ROCK PARTY - CONT'D

(Continued from page 7)

The hunters combed Eddie's front, back, and side yards, and the garage, for eggs. I always find great pleasure in teasing Corey when he misses a specimen, and I was not to be disappointed during this endeavor. Corey did not realize that two eggs were hidden in the same spot; he got one, I the other.

At the end of it all, Eddie said he located a few of the eggs that we missed, and one is still missing. At least the specimens won't decompose and make a big stench like real eggs!!

photos on this page by Jayne Beer and Sharon Marburger



above:  
Sharon's treasures from the Easter Egg Hunt



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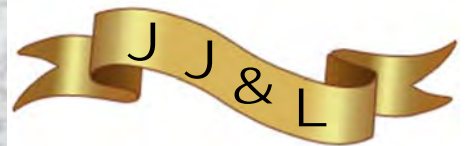
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# Roadside Clean-up



**May 31 @ 1:00 p.m.**  
**Meet at Hickman Rest Area**  
**Hwy 77 & Hickman Rd.**



**Wear hat & gloves,**  
**and appropriate footwear.**  
**Watch safety video**  
**at general meeting.**

and

# May Rock Party

**May 31 immediately**  
**following clean-up**  
**Estimating 4:00 p.m.**  
**Marburgers**  
**334 Locust, Hickman**

**Bring your projects and equipment.**  
**Marburgers will have 2 Genies set up.**



**Turkey,**  
**dressing, and**  
**pineapple upside down cake**  
**provided by Ed & Pat Dvorak**



Wed., Dec. 3 (Gere Library)

### General

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### Activities

**Rock Party - June 21**

**Field Trip to Ashfall Fossil**  
**Beds & Verdigre, NE - June**  
**21**

Sun., Jul 13 - Grinding Party

Rock Party July 26

Rock Party August 16

### June Birthdays:

- Carolyn Ashmore
- Jayne Beer
- Ed Ridge
- Breanna Suhr
- Sarah Suhr



*Happy Birthday, American Flag!*

# June Rock Party

**Host: Rowdy Cropp**

**Saturday, June 21, 4:00 p.m.**

**Auld Recreation Center**

**3140 Sumner**



Rowdy will provide sandwich makings. Bring your salads, chips, desserts, etc. The party will take place at the Lapidary Class, in the park, or both. Regardless, be prepared to have fun as our parties are always the best in town! Bring your projects and/or plan to teach someone something new!

The Ashfall field trip is scheduled for this same day. If you cannot attend the field trip, please support the Rock Party. You will have fun no matter which event you attend. Let's Rock, People!!

## MAY ROCK PARTY AND ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

by Jim and Sharon Marburger

Saturday, May 31 started out as a beautiful, sunny day in Hickman. As the day progressed, big, puffy clouds started moving in. Oh dear, was it going to rain on us while doing the roadside clean-up?

Ed and Pat Dvorak arrived at the house with food for the potluck. Once the vittles were safe and secure from the cats, we drove to the Hickman Rest Area to meet up with the rest of the roadside clean-up crew.

At approximately 1:00, Jim Marburger handed out safety equipment and road section assignments. There was a "hold your breath" couple of minutes while the clouds chose to sprinkle on us, then the nice breeze chased them off to reveal warm sunshine. Thankfully, the clouds intermittently covered the sun, so we stayed quite comfortable.

Fourteen adults and four children went forth to collect trash from the shoulders and ditches of our assigned portion of Highway 77. Those present were Carolyn Ashmore and grandchildren Jayden and Mia; Ed and Pat Dvorak; Linda Guenter; Sharon Schleiger and her kids Matt and Brooklyn; Bruce Collamore; Steve May; Ed Ridge; Brian and Jayne Beer with son, Corey; Sharon Marburger; and future members Rikki Goldsby and Ruby Nesta. Jim Marburger drove up and down the highway, providing drinking water and more trash bags to those in need. Paul Ashmore received special dispensation to stay with the cars, due to recent back surgery.

The clean-up took about 2½ hours, due to one team getting a very late start. (Ed R. and Sharon M. were helping to set up the safety signs, so they didn't get started on their section of road until about 20 minutes after everyone else.) As the teams completed their sections, they headed to the Marburgers' house to wait for the potluck to begin. Everyone, that is, except for the Beers. They went agate hunting for a while, but soon their tummies won out over the potential finding of agates.

Thanks to Pat Dvorak for preparing roast turkey, dressing, and pineapple upside down cake. I heard the cake was out of this world! I believe it because there was not a crumb left at the end of the evening! Thanks, also, to everyone else who contributed to the meal. There was cheese and crackers, chips, smoked meats, berry muffins, pasta salad, cole slaw, summer salad, assorted melons, and chili.

After eating, Ed Ridge cut a couple of cabochons while Sharon M. and Corey cut open some of the Jesup, Iowa geodes.

were solid. Hopefully, the ones that were too big to cut with the Genie saw will be hollow and filled with crystals.

After all the fresh air and exercise, followed with eating turkey, everyone was pretty tired. Most of the evening was spent sharing hobby stories and tales of field trips past.

All told, it was a very successful and fun day. Let's do it again in the fall!!!

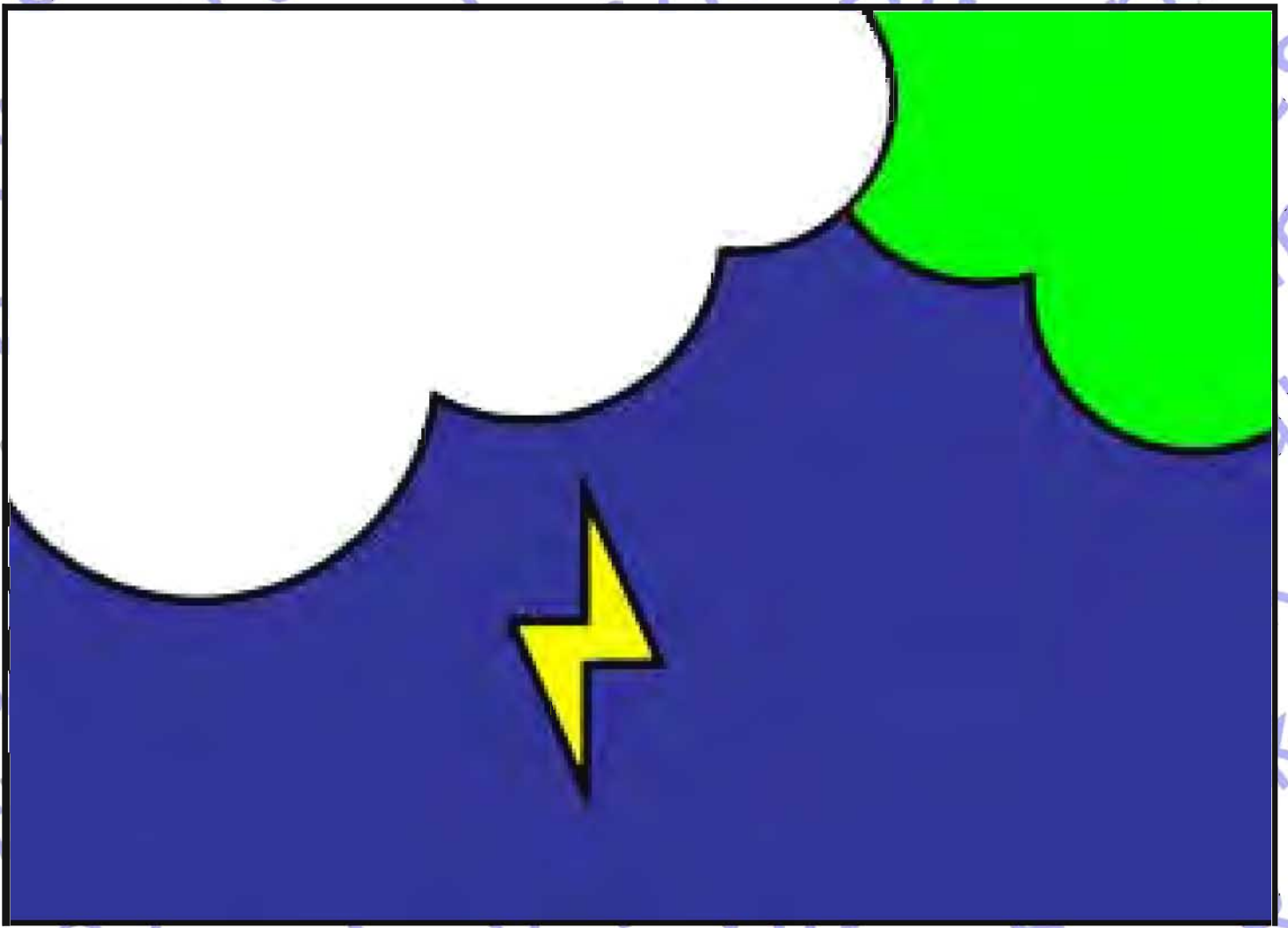


Tired and hungry volunteers enjoy the scrumptious meal.



Jesup Geodes





**The June  
Rock Party  
was cancelled.**

**BYOG PARTIES IN JULY & AUGUST!**

by Bruce Sturges

“Bring your Own Grinder” parties will be held at Bruce Sturges’ house in Omaha. They will be all day events, including a potluck lunch each day (bring a favorite food and, if you bring meat, we can barbeque). There will be folks from the Lincoln and Omaha clubs, plus maybe some non-members. We just need to know what type/size of machine you are bringing and which date (or both!) you would like to attend.

If you have a few pieces of rough you want ground but have no machine, you have an interest in what cutting is all about, or you just want to talk about rocks/minerals/gemstones, this is the place to be!

We will have parties on two different days - you are welcome to attend either or both.

**July 26  
and  
August 23**

Please e-mail Bruce at [bruce@tftgeo.com](mailto:bruce@tftgeo.com) or call 402.680.4051 to make a reservation and get directions to his house. Reservations are required and are limited to 20 people each day. Stake your claim now!





# July Rock Party

**Bring Your Own Grinder**  
**July 26**  
**All Day Event**  
**Bruce Sturges' Home in Omaha**  
**Potluck lunch with BBQ grill available**



Contact Bruce at [bruce@tftgeo.com](mailto:bruce@tftgeo.com) or call 402.680.4051 to let him know you will be attending. He needs to know what type/size of machine you are bringing (if any). If you have a few pieces of rough you want to grind but have no machine, you have an interest in what cutting is all about, or you just want to talk about rocks/minerals/gemstones, this is the place to be!

Bruce has to limit the number to 20, so let him know you will be there. He will give you directions to his place when you contact him. Plan to have a great time visiting with Omaha club members and meeting new people.



# August Rock Party

**Bring Your Own Grinder,  
 project, or plan to teach  
 someone else!**  
**August 23**  
**All Day Event**

**Bruce Sturges' Home in Omaha**  
**Potluck lunch with BBQ grill available**

Contact Bruce at [bruce@tftgeo.com](mailto:bruce@tftgeo.com) or call 402.680.4051 to let him know you will be attending. He needs to know what type/size of machine you are bringing (if any). If you have a few pieces of rough you want to grind but have no machine, you have an interest in what cutting is all about, you want to learn how to do another art form of the hobby, or you just want to talk about rocks/minerals/gemstones, this is the place to be!

Bruce has to limit the number to 20, so let him know you will be there. He will give you directions to his place when you contact him. Plan to have a great time visiting with Omaha club members and meeting new people.

**Last month's Rock Party at Bruce's  
 was a success. Help to make this  
 month's party a success, too!**

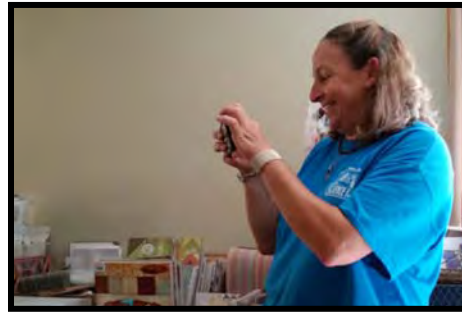
# AUGUST ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger

Photos by Jayne Beer, Jim Marburger, and Sharon Marburger

The August Rock Party was held at the Omaha home of Bruce Sturges on August 23. Fourteen people showed up to share in the rock hobby fun and good food. The assortment of people included Omaha club members, Lincoln club members, and some friends who are contemplating joining one or both clubs.

The Marburgers and the Beers took equipment and projects to work on. Corey worked on some Montana agate collected during the Terry, Montana trip. Sharon ground and polished some windows in agates, jaspers, and petrified wood found on the Verdigre, Nebraska field trip. Ila Kunc was preparing a chunk of soapstone for carving, while other worked on cabochons and various grinding, sanding, and polishing projects.



# Rock Party

**SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY!!!**

**The Jewelry Connection**

**Sunday,**

**September 14**

**at 5:00 p.m.**

**Indian Village Shopping Center  
13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln**



Jayne & Judith do not have a food theme this month. Bring your potluck food item(s) of choice. Remember to bring your projects and equipment.



*Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.*

# PICK & SHOVEL

October 2014, Volume 57, Issue 2

Editor: Sharon Marburger

The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge

**No Rock Party  
in October.**

### SEPTEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

Those of us who managed to make the last minute September Rock Party had a splendid time. As always, lots of good food was there, along with hobby fellowship. Corey showed off more of his Montana agate finds from the summer trip to Terry, Montana. The rest of us did our job of oohing and ahhing all the pretties.

Those present were Brian, Jayne, and Corey Beer;  
*(Continued on page 5)*



### ROCK PARTY - CONT'D

*(Continued from page 3)*

Jim and Sharon Marburger; Ed Ridge; and Allan Gossman.

Mostly we visited about club activities and past field trips and collecting times. It was a nice, quiet party. At one point, we gained a guest who looked interested in what was going on, but he soon determined his original destination of the bar next door was where he really wanted to be. We offered him food, but his hunt was for libations, so he left us. Darn! We let one get away!



Our hosts,  
the Beers

photo  
courtesy of  
Jim  
Marburger



Corey shares some of his finds with Sharon  
photo courtesy of Jim Marburger

## FALL ROADSIDE CLEAN UP 2014 AND NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Jim Marburger, Chairman

It was nearly a perfect day to pick up trash on our section of Highway 77 south of Lincoln. The temperature was a brisk 50 degrees with full sunshine. (I had ordered 60 degrees a month ago, so it was close for this time of the year.) The only drawback was a pesky north wind around 20 miles per hour.

When Sharon and I arrived at the meeting place in the old Rest Area, the crew was waiting. Sign-up sheets were signed, vests were distributed, and a safety talk was presented, then the 24 trash pickers were off like a herd of turtles.

My job was to place the "Litter Pick Up" signs at each end of the area to warn highway traffic that we were out and doing our pick up. A second job was to check on the people as they were collecting trash; providing extra bags and water, doing a safety check, and shuttling people back to their cars.

LGMC's section of the four-lane highway is two miles long. With the great turnout of workers, each team worked a half mile length of road. A few people helped out other teams where the trash was heavy. A half-mile section does not seem like much to walk, but with all the back and forth zigs and zags, from the fenceline to the edge of the road, and the amount of uneven walking, does take its toll. The trash pick up took just over an hour and half to complete.

This fall's cleanup netted over 24 bags of trash, along with various car parts, tires, and trailer parts. The Department of Roads will come along and pick up the bags. They also provide the bags, vests, safety program, and signage. For those who don't know, LGMC has a sign at each end of our section that tells the public this two-mile section is cleaned by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club.

Thanks to those who helped with the cleanup. Most of the people were club members or family and friends. We even had four club members from Omaha make the trip to help. We will have another cleanup in the spring; we will let you know the date and time when it gets closer.

This project is not a collecting area, but it does support the AFMS' "Code of Ethics": I will support the rock hound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found. This is also a great community service.

After the clean-up was done, a few people had to return to Lincoln for other activities. The rest of the attendees continued to Hickman for the monthly Rock Party.

The Rock Party was hosted at Sharon's and my home. There was lots of food brought in: chili, beef soup, tomato and beef soup, Mongolian beef, rice, chips, cheese, crackers, chocolate-banana bread, wheat rolls, cinnamon rolls, apple crisp, cookies, and a whole bunch of pumpkin-based desserts. Jayne's pumpkin bars were made-from-scratch-pumpkin, and they were delicious!

I gave a quick lesson on face polishing of rocks to the Kemper family. They polished fluorite, Coyamito agate, and bubblegum agate. Sharon worked on some "parking lot finds" and Jayne Beer worked on some cabochons for a friend.

A group went outside to the porch to look through some boxes of specimens that were donated to the club. The rocks were sorted into four groups: youth group, silent auction, bingo prizes, and gem dig. Some

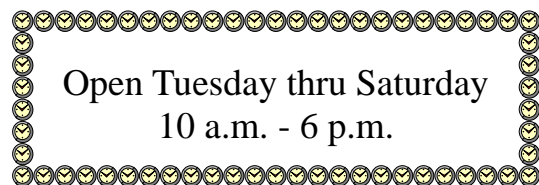
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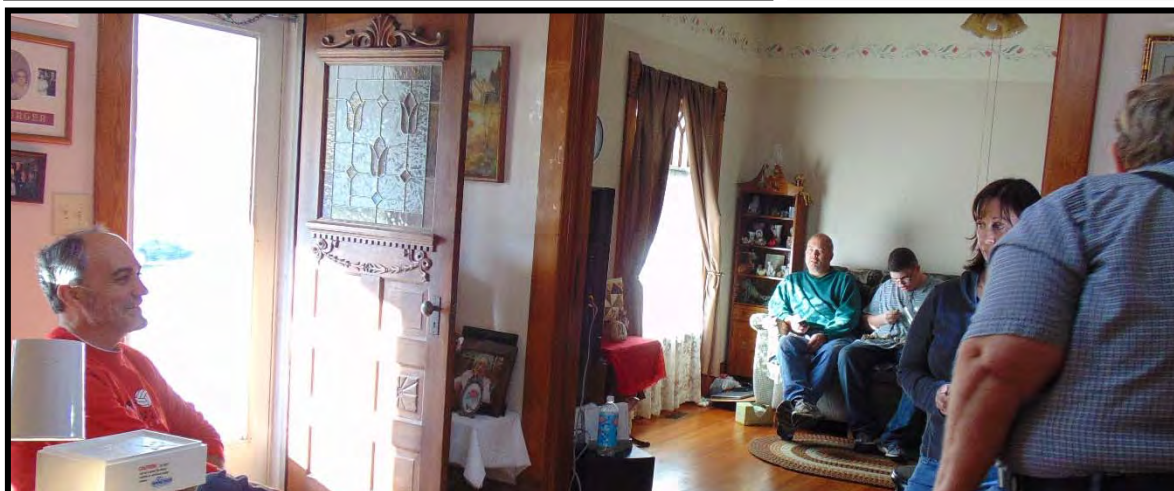
# FALL ROADSIDE CLEAN UP 2014 AND NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY—CONT'D

fantastic specimens were found.

Sharon showed rocks she had found during multiple parking lot field trips. The kids present thought some of the specimens were pretty cool. Sharon also showed her finds from the Des Moines field trip, including a Lake Superior agate.

Although Ed Dvorak brought his wire wrapping supplies, there was not enough energy or interest in pursuing any lessons.

Most people at the Rock Party visited about anything and everything, enjoying the warmth and lack of wind inside the house. It was a very pleasant afternoon and evening, and we look forward to doing it again very soon.



# Section

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# 2014 Pizza Party

Somehow, we didn't get our usual pictures of the pizza supper that show all the pizza, breadsticks, salads, lasagna, dessert, beverages, and anniversary cake. Nor did we get photos of everyone having a great time eating, talking about the success of the swap, discussing all aspects of the hobby, and just plainly having fun.



## Happy 59th Anniversary, LGMC

Incoming president, Ed Dvorak, offers outgoing-President, Jim Marburger, the gavel plaque for a job well done.



# 2014 Picnic in the Park



Jim Marburger flirting with the photographer (Sharon Marburger)  
Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Brian Beer, and Ed Ridge all setting up for the picnic.



(Top left) Brian Beer did the grilling honors this year;  
(top right) Sharon Marburger, Charlie Messenger,  
Karen Messenger, Ed Ridge, and some others not  
visible chat and relax after eating their meals.



Nature sprinkled a few drops on  
us during the picnic, but at least  
there were no ants!



# 2014 Christmas Party



Potluck Supper



Our Faithful Old Tree



Rock Bingo Prizes!

# 2014 Christmas Party



Silent Auction



Youth Group with Co-leaders Carolyn Ashmore and Susy McMahan

# 2014 Christmas Party (Awards Ceremony)



**President Ed Dvorak (right) presents 43-year member, Ed Ridge, with a Life Membership Award**

In 2014, membership recognition pins were given out for the first time in many years. The pins recognize length of membership in 5-year increments. The pins show the number of years each person has been a member of the club. LGMC has three very long time members whose pins reflect the following: James Marburger - 45 years; Ed Ridge - 40 years; Vera Lyman - 35 years. This is a picture of Jim Marburger's pin.



**Youth Group Co-leader, Carolyn Ashmore, was selected as 2014's Rockhound of the Year for her outstanding service to the club.**

**She was in total shock over receiving the honor.**





# 2014 Christmas Party (Awards Ceremony)

## AMERICAN FEDERATION AND MIDWEST FEDERATION EDITORS' AWARDS

The following are LGMC winners in the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Bulletin Editors' Contest. Congratulations to our winning authors!

### Written Features

- 6. **Nemaha River Field Trip (4/5/13)**  
by Carrie Burkhardt, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club  
From: *Pick & Shovel*, 5/13

**Honorable Mention: Youth Outreach**  
by Susy McMahan, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club  
From: *Pick & Shovel*, 11/13

### Adult Poetry

- 11. **The Windmill**  
by Charles Wooldridge, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club  
From: *Pick & Shovel*, 10/13
- 12. **The Stone**  
by Jacqueline Barnhardt, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club  
From: *Pick & Shovel*, 5/13

### Special Publications (7 entries)

- 2. **55<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show Program**  
by Sharon Marburger, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE

The following are LGMC winners in the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Bulletin Editors' Contest. Congratulations to our winning authors!

### Written Features

- 1. "Youth Outreach" by Susy McMahan (*Pick & Shovel*, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE)
- 3. "Nemaha River Field Trip (4/5/13)" by Carrie Burkhardt (*Pick & Shovel*, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE)
- 5. "Rock Hounding Improves Family Communication" by Charles Wooldridge (*Pick & Shovel*, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE)
- 8. "Our Crawford Experience" by Carolyn Ashmore (*Pick & Shovel*, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE)

### Original Adult Poetry

- 2. "The Stone" by Jacqueline Barnhardt (*Pick & Shovel*, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE)
- 3. "The Windmill" by Charles Wooldridge (*Pick & Shovel*, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE)

### Large Bulletins

- 1. *Pick & Shovel*, editor Sharon Marburger, Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc., Lincoln, NE (May & April 2013) [Eligible for the MWF but not for APMS because it won 1st Place last year]

### Special Publications

- 1. "55<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show Program" by Sharon Marburger, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE (April 2013)

photos by Jim Marburger



(clockwise) Jackie, Woolly, Carolyn, Sharon, Susy



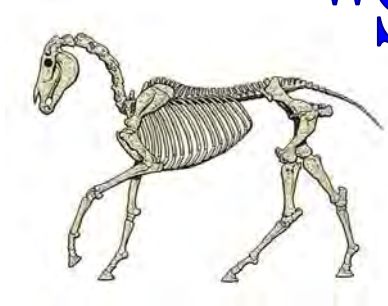
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# 2014

## 56th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

### "Stones & Bones"



#### Show Committee

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## IMPORTANT SHOW STUFF!

- If you plan to attend the Club/Dealer Breakfast on Sunday, April 6, please alert Vera Lyman. We will be eating at the Hy-Vee Buffet at 84th and Holdrege. The buffet will be open to us from 7 - 10 a.m. The cost is \$12 per person. Only those persons with prepaid breakfast tickets will be allowed to participate. Please plan to pay Vera at the General Meeting on March 20, so she can give an accurate count to Hy-Vee. Your cooperation and timeliness are greatly appreciated!
- If you plan to display, please let Jayne Beer and Ed Ridge know your needs.
- We still have postcard flyers if you need more to distribute. See Jim Marburger.
- Show setup is Friday, April 4. The doors will open to club members at 8:00 a.m. for setup purposes. There will be some

slight modifications to last year's floor plan, so we need some extra time to work out the kinks. See Ed Dvorak or Charles Wooldridge to offer your assistance with setup. Dealers and demonstrators will be allowed to set up after 10:00 a.m.

- Take your donations for the Nebraska Gem Dig to the General Meeting on March 20, unless you can be at the Event Center at 8:00 a.m. on setup day. We need to "salt" the pile as General Excavating is delivering river rock.
- Please take your Silent Auction donations to the General Meeting on March 20, or the Event Center on setup day.
- Carolyn Ashmore is planning a Junior Rock Raffle at the Show. She is making two Easter baskets full of rocks. Although she is not asking, she will accept any voluntary contributions for the baskets. Please identify each specimen and provide the location found, if known. Tickets will cost \$1 each, and the proceeds go toward Mineral Monkey activities.
- Volunteers for all aspects of the Show are needed; setup, working various areas to give others a break during the show, and tear-down. See Ed Dvorak and Wooly to offer your services.
- Most important of all, everyone have a good time!!

## Educational Programs

All programs are approximately 50 minutes in length.

### Saturday, April 5

- 11:00 a.m. *Origins of the Pawnee* by Rob Bozell
- 12:00 p.m. *Climate Change* by John Boellstorff
- 1:00 p.m. *Origins of Chalcedony and Agate* by Andrejs (Andy) Zarins
- 2:00 p.m. *Starting and Maintaining a Collection* by Eric Fritzsich
- 3:00 p.m. *Minerals of Canada* by Eric Fritzsich
- 4:00 p.m. *Archaeology of the Great Plains* by Kevin Hammond

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### Sunday, April 6

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- 12:00 p.m. *Climate Change* by John Boellstorff
- 1:00 p.m. *West Texas Agates* by Andrejs (Andy) Zarins
- 2:00 p.m. PBS Show *The Secret Canyon*



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Show Program

## President's Welcome from Ed Dvorak

Welcome to the 56th annual Lincoln Gem & Mineral Show. We are happy to have you as our guests for this fabulous show. We hope you have a fun time wandering through the exhibits and special displays, watching our demonstrators show how they do what they do, and visiting 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 Mineral Monkeys Booth. Take the time to attend the Educational Programs where speakers talk about various aspects of the hobby. And don't forget about the Nebraska Gem Dig outside the entrance! We hope you have an enjoyable experience and find some items you can't live without. Relive your memorable time by coming back next year to our 57th annual show.

## Show Committee

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## Show Chairman's Welcome from Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge

Welcome to the 56th Annual Lincoln Gem and Mineral Show. We have entitled this year's show "STONES AND BONES" in an effort to describe its special displays of Ice Age fossils and Pre-Historic Native American's utilization of rocks and minerals. We do, of course, have our usual gem, mineral and lapidary features, displays, demonstrations and educational programs. One special feature is our "Lithic Area" where volunteers are demonstrating ancient ways of working with stones, flint knapping in particular. There are opportunities for the expert and novice alike. I wish to thank the many members of the Show Committee for all their hard work without which this show would not be possible. Thank you to all the vendors, demonstrators, exhibitors, and presenters who bring the show to life. A special thank you to the Nebraska Archaeology Society for their special displays, demonstrations and presentations. Lastly and most importantly I want to thank you for attending the show and supporting our wonderful hobby. Enjoy the show!

## Special Features

Talk with members of the Nebraska Archaeological Society about their displays. Learn about Native American history and animals that used to roam the area.

### Activities

LGMC Mineral Monkeys booth! – Learn the ABC's of building your own rock collection. Find some of your own invertebrate fossils. Other hands-on activities.

**NEW THIS YEAR!!** Raffle sponsored by the Mineral Monkeys. Buy a chance to win an Easter basket of rocks and minerals for only \$1.00!  
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..... Nebraska Archaeologists  
Carving..... Connie McCartney  
Stone Setting..... Charles Yost of Heart of Gold Jewelers

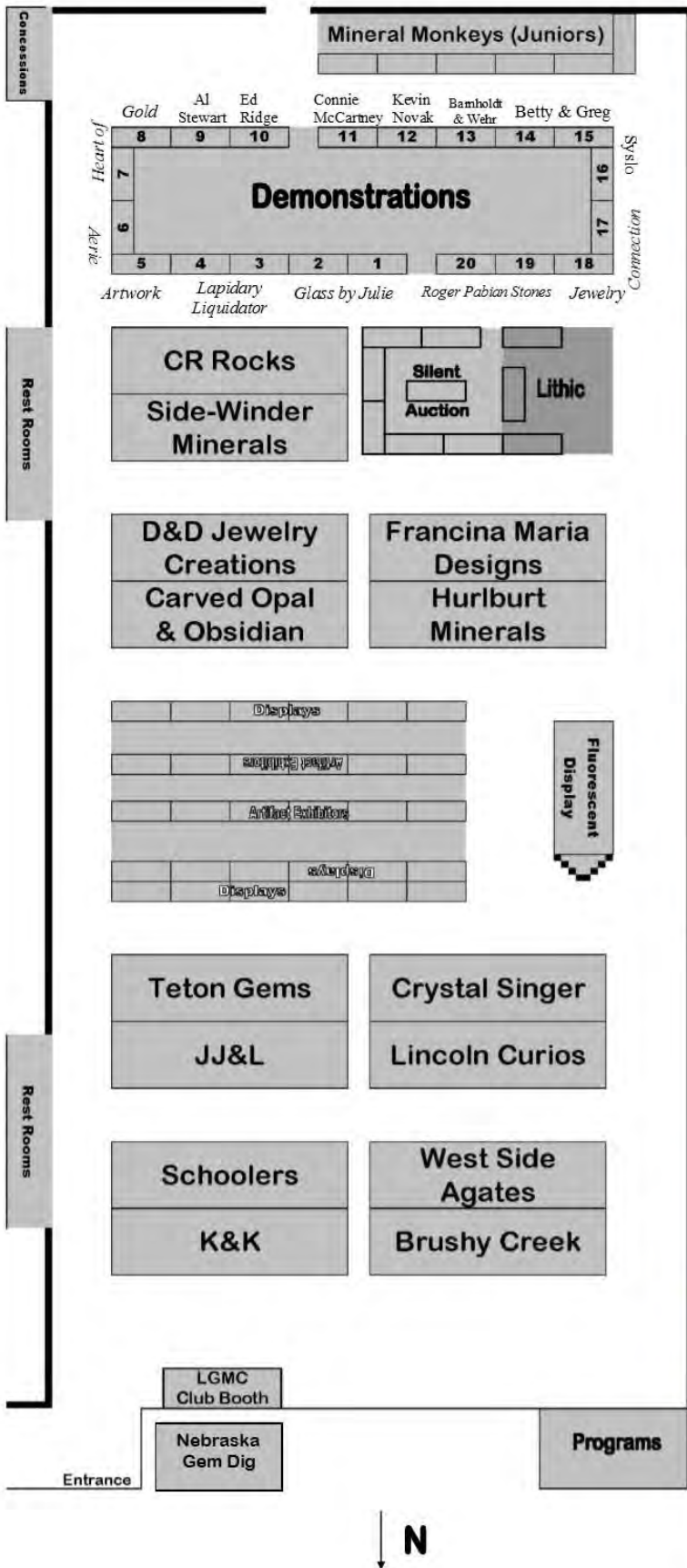
### Selling Demonstrators

Roger Pabian Stones..... Jayne Beer  
Lapidary..... Tom Whitlatch  
Glass Artistry..... Julie Whitlatch  
Rock Painting..... Tammy Jeanneret of Aerie Artwork  
Wire Wrap..... Cheryl Barnholdt, Bill Wehr  
Wire Wrap and Lapidary..... Betty Selby-Syslo of Rock n Wrap  
Cabochon Cutting..... Greg Syslo  
Wire Wrap..... Kevin Novak

### Dealers

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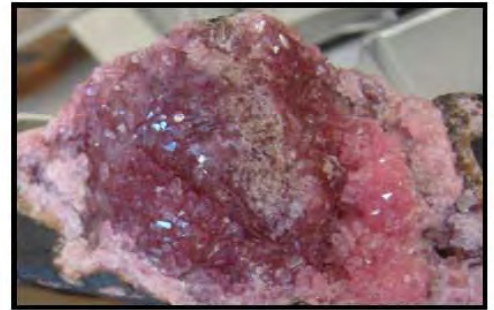
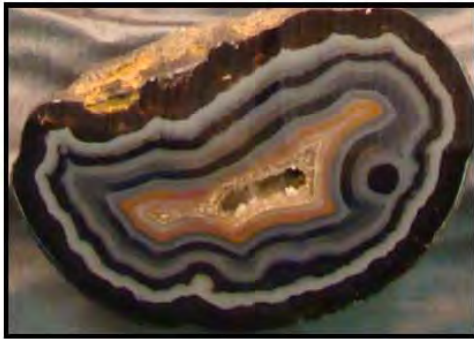
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# PICK & SHOVEL

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## April Birthdays:

Corey Beer  
Judy Anson  
Roger Pittard  
Mark Awakuni-Swetland

**Thanks to everyone who dove in  
and helped with the annual show.**

**Success happens when we work as a team!**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak, President

Our 56th annual Show is over. Time to take a rest, but not for long. We need to think about what improvements or changes we can make to our next show, to make it even better. It will be easier to brainstorm now while everything is still fresh in our minds.

I want to thank all of our club members for a GREAT JOB on our show. We had some problems and a few kinks, but our great club members pulled together to solve them without difficulty! THANK YOU! You made my job easier.

Take a little time during your day to reflect on those who could not make it to our show due to health or any other reasons. We missed their presence at the show.



# 2014 SHOW - STONES & BONES

by Sharon Marburger

What a great show we had! There were over 1,600 paid admissions! The show was dedicated to Karen & Charlie Messenger, in recognition of their years of tireless service to the club and various outreach activities. They were surprised and “tickled pink” over the honor. I spent most of the show in the Programs room, helping out our speakers, so I didn’t get the chance to wander around much. I am hoping to receive some short articles from other members at the show. Each person has his or her own perspective, according to what job they were doing. I look forward to printing those perspectives in next month’s Pick & Shovel. Brett Jurgens was the “official” photographer at the show, and I hope to have pictures of our honored guests, The Nebraska Archaeological Society, for the May newsletter. For now, we will just have pictures from Jayne Beer, Jim Marburger, and me.



The view from the entrance booth  
photo by Sharon Marburger



Jim Atkins, preparing to greet the next visitor  
photo by Sharon Marburger



Saturday morning, just as it was starting to get busy  
photo by Jayne Beer



Sunday morning, as the show opened  
photo by Sharon Marburger



Program given by Andy Zariens  
photo by Sharon Marburger



A couple of specimens for sale by vendors  
photo by Sharon Marburger

**2014 SHOW - STONES & BONES - CONT'D**



A view of the demonstration area  
photo by Jayne Beer



Judith Bay speaking with a vendor  
photo by Jayne Beer



Flintknappers demonstrating their talents in the lithic area  
photo by Jayne Beer



Corey's cabochons completed during the show  
photo by Jayne Beer



← A beautiful piece of variscite that Jayne mounted in silver, as part of her silversmithing demonstration  
photo by Jayne Beer



photo by Jayne Beer

→ The live auction Sunday afternoon where some donated specimens and select library books were sold  
photo by Jayne Beer



2014 SHOW - STONES & BONES - CONT'D



The show breakfast was nicely attended. More people were arriving as we were leaving. The all-you-can-eat buffet contained scrambled eggs, scrambled egg casserole, bacon, sausage, hash browns, fried potatoes, French toast, waffles, biscuits, gravy, mixed fruit, popovers, coffee, and orange juice. The food was delicious!



photo by Jim & Sharon Marburger

President Ed Dvorak and 2nd Vice President Jayne Beer. Jayne shared her bacon with me.

Thank you, Jayne. 😊



Yup. There is one in every crowd.

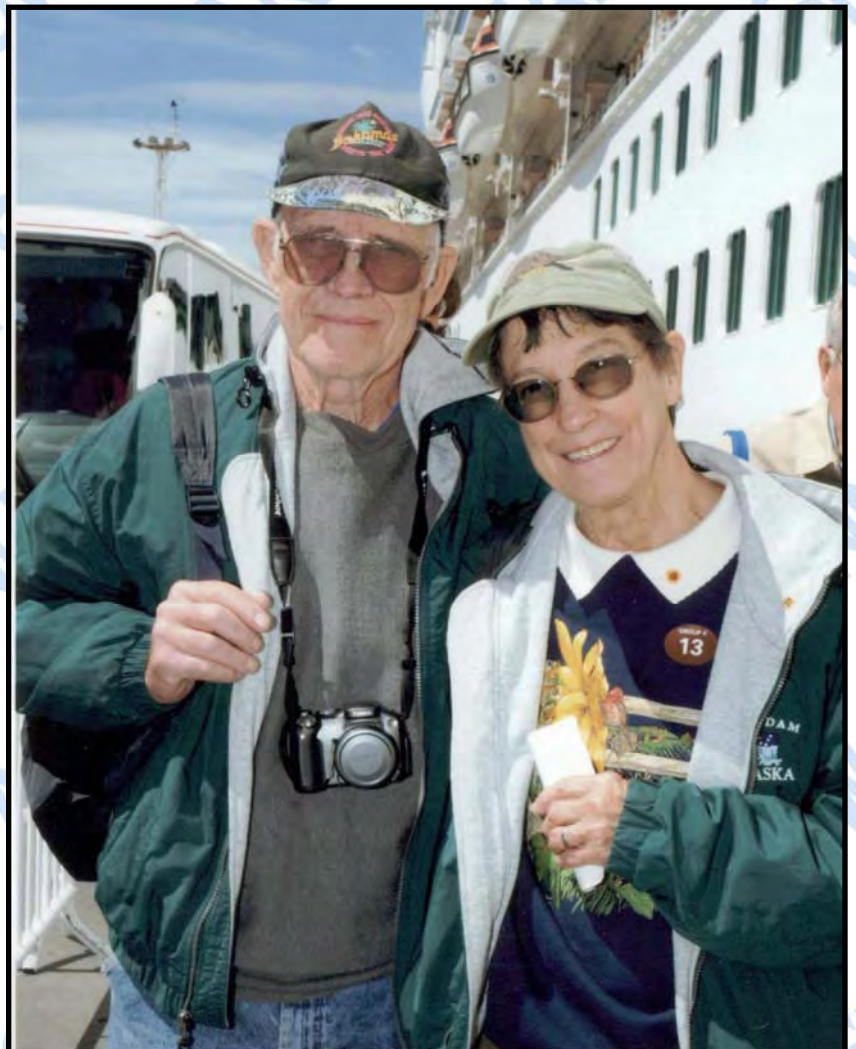


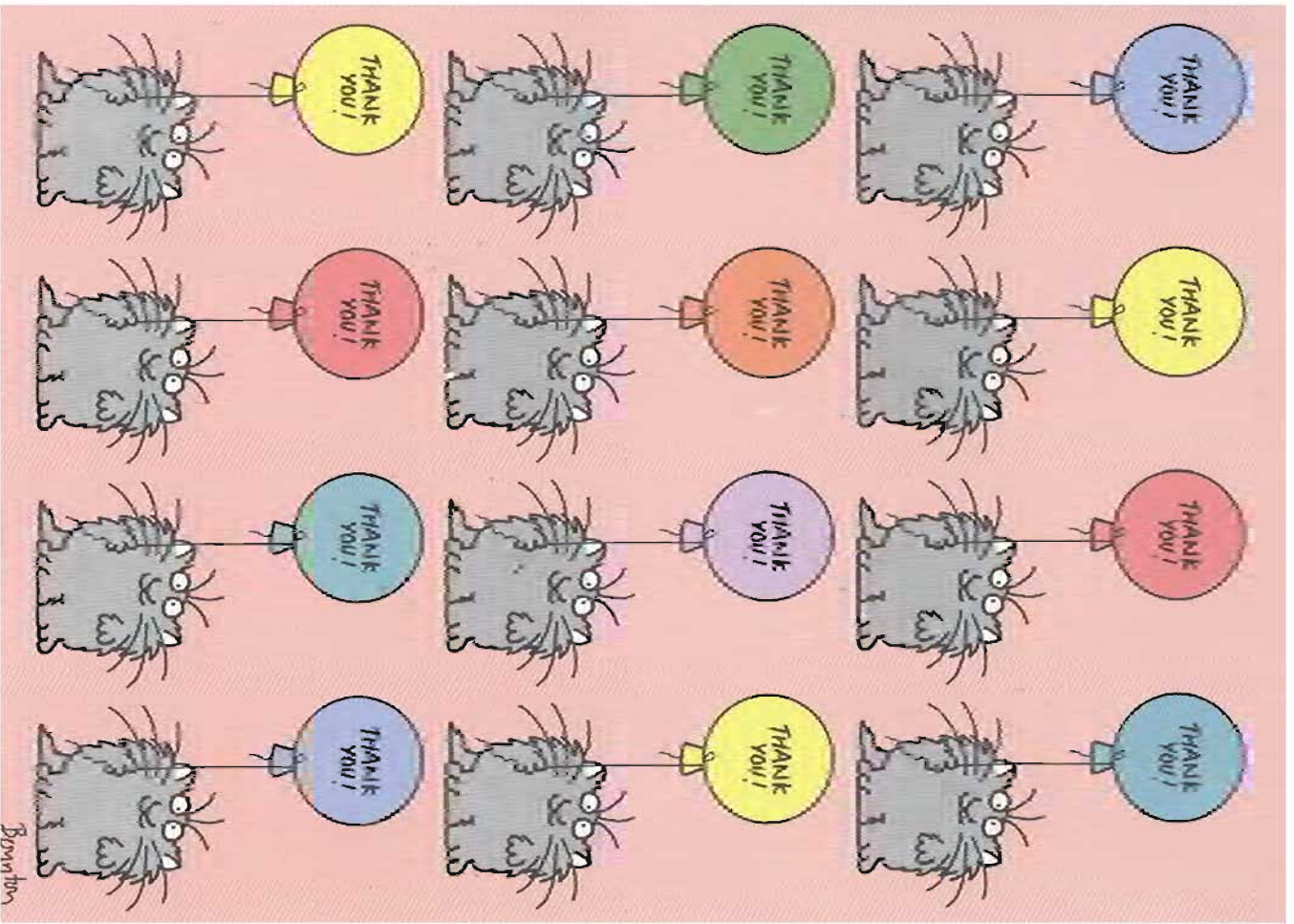
Gene Mulinex waiting for the next load  
photo by Jayne Beer



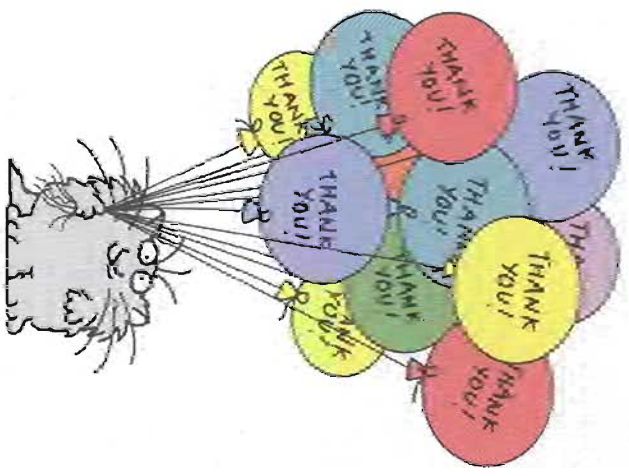
**Preparing for the live auction of some very nice pieces that were donated to the Silent Auction**

**The Show was dedicated to  
Charlie & Karen Messenger  
for their hard work  
throughout the years**





Bowman



A WHOLE BUNCH PPPP

You really made our day!

Thanks so much for the wonderful honor. We definitely weren't expecting anything and are still in shock. The breakfast tickets, were really icing on the cake. You're all wonderful. THANKS (see balloons) Karen  
Charlie



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**Mid-Winter Swap  
location change!**  
**Now to be held at the  
Antelope Park Shelter House**  
**See pages 2 & 4 for details.**

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## January Meeting

January 25, 2014

**Mid-Winter Rock Swap Change of Location**

**Now to be held at Antelope Park Shelter House.**

Members are encouraged to bring cookies  
for snacks during the swap.

Members invited to participate in the Pizza Supper  
following the swap. Plan on \$6 per person.

Meeting to follow the Pizza Supper.

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Silent Auction table. Our tables this year brought in a  
record amount of money.



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**A huge thank you to Richard Peterson for another successful swap! Great job, Pete!!**

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Treasurer Vera Lyman greets visitors, sells Swapper Bucks, and collects monies from the Silent Auction. What would we do without our "Rock"?

## 2014 MID WINTER SWAP: A VIEW FROM THE SILENT AUCTION TABLE

by Jim Marburger, Past President

As I walked into the swap this year, I had plans of helping out somewhere and picking up some great items. Since the swap changed locations at the last minute, many things had to come together. I knew the prep work done by Richard Peterson and the Beers, placing signs at the old and new locations, would bring the die-hard rockhounds to the Swap.

I decided to help Carolyn Ashmore with the silent auction, which had to be downsized to one table since space was a premium. We had a back-up table which, when I arrived, had boxes and buckets of materials stacked up. I do not know where most of it came from. Throughout the Swap hours, I was told that this bucket or box was brought in by someone but I did not keep track of who they were. The one name that stood out was Nathaniel, a local cutter who is not a member of our club but wanted to help with the auction and the Lapidary Class with his extra material. He donated three boxes and a bucket of fabulous material. A big thank you to everyone who donated; each of the items was fantastic. The funds from the silent auction will be used to purchase supplies for the adult education Lapidary Class that Rowdy Cropp teaches for Southeast Community College.

To help Carolyn, I went to work identifying material and setting up the bid sheets. She would then set up the current auction table with the items. This year we ran a rather brisk auction schedule that took some by surprise. Yes, a 5- to 7-minute pace was hard to keep up with. My pen was flying making bid sheets, but when I looked at the bidding table, I think I saw smoke coming off of some of the pens during a bidding flurry. About halfway through the afternoon, Carolyn said that she had to have a break to walk around the rest of the swap, so Jayden came to her rescue, giving her a very short break. I made a mad dash around once on the way to find a specific mineral and was very lucky to find it, and it was a great trade price.

Both Carolyn and I would like to thank everyone who purchased items, helped with the Swap, silent auction, cookies and treats, pizza meal, clean up, set up, donated material, and anything else that went on. It is amazing to watch the interaction, camaraderie, sharing of information, fun, and education of this amazing group of people and wonderful hobby.



Swap Chairman Richard Peterson makes the rounds during the Swap to make sure everything is running smoothly.

Sharon Marburger

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# Mid-Winter Swap



Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap  
Saturday, January 25, 2014

Club Members Participating and any remarks they would like to make

James & Sharon Marburger

Vera Lyman

Roger & Mary Pettard

Richard Pitman

Caralyn Ashmore mit ero Jayden Ewo

Nancy Akins

Charles Bache

Ed Dvorak

Jayne L Beer

Judith Bay

Correy Beer

Susy McMahan

Marion Eddy - Hamilton

GREG + BETTY SYLVO

Sharon Schlieger + Brooklyn Blazek

Connie McCarley

EDWARD RIDGE

Jackie Bankhurst

Wooly Good job!!!

Kenneth & Leann & Sharon Jones

~~Wendy & Tony~~

Randy Cropp

Philip Ashmore

Tenny Wendy & Leahh

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap  
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Club Members Participating and any remarks they would like to make

Dave DeFruiter

Karen Ellefsen

Linda Guenter

Gene Malinix

Breanna Suhr, Taylor Gerlach, Sarah Suhr

Bill Ray

Brett Jurgens

L+M Messengers

**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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## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

by Jim Marburger

A field trip has been set up for May 24, 2014 to collect "Iowa Geodes" near Jesup, Iowa. This will be a joint field trip with the River Valley Rockhounds of Fort Dodge, Iowa. The geodes are similar to the Keokuk geodes but are somewhat nicer with a wider variety of crystals included in the geodes. Most of the geodes are from walnut- to grapefruit-sized. The hunt is in a small abandoned quarry on private land with a \$5.00 per person entrance fee. All that is needed to dig for the geodes is a small shovel, rock hammer, small rake, and a bucket to carry them in. Do not forget the usual items; water, tick repellent, food, first aid kit, gloves, boots, coat (depending on weather), hat, and cell phone. You may have other items you like to include; feel free to bring those, too. Camping spots and motels are in the area.

Jesup, Iowa is east of Waterloo, Iowa. It is about 330 miles or a 5 hour drive from Lincoln.

### Let's Go Geode Collecting with River Valley Rockhounds!

- Saturday, May 24: Meet at the Fort Dodge Fort Museum on Business Highway 20 east of U.S. Highway 169 on the west edge of Fort Dodge.
- **Depart at 9:30 a.m.** Take U.S Highway 20 east to the Grundy Center Plaza at the junction of U.S. Highway 20 and Iowa Highway 14, exit 208.
- 11 a.m. Arrival at the plaza.
- 11:15 p.m. Continue east on Highway 20 to the Jesup exit 245.
- Noon arrival at Jesup, take County Road V-62 (paved) north for 4 miles to County Road D-16 (gravel). (If people need a pit stop the Cutshall Area is about a mile north of the intersection.)
- Go east for one mile to the Jim Smith farm on the north side of the road. Stop at the house and pay \$5 per person. Continue on 0.1 mile north past the house on the lane leading to the small abandoned quarry on the right.
- Lunch on your own.
- Stay as long as you want.

At this time, reserve June 21 for a field trip to Royal, Nebraska to the Ashfall State Park. following with a gravel pit visit to Verdigre, Nebraska, along with possible collecting near the Elkhorn River area. This will be a reciprocal field trip with the River Valley Rockhounds coming to Nebraska. More to come next month.

There will be a field trip at the MWF Show and Convention in Des Moines, Iowa in October. More to come later.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak, President

Time sure goes by fast when you're having fun! Here it is September already!



I was at the Rock Swap in Crawford and had a very good time, like many others did. I was at a coffee shop talking to some local ranchers and found out some people did not have such a great time. They told me there were a few cars, trucks, and a tractor that got stuck out in the pastures. This made it bad day for those folks! When you go rock collecting in a new or unknown area, you need to be careful and take a little extra time to assess the area before going in. Be aware of your surroundings and what has taken place before your outing, and to what might be coming later on. Always pay attention to weather reports. Because of heavy rains, people got stuck in the mud, which may not have happened had they paid attention to the environment.

Be safe and happy!

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**UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS**

by Jim Marburger

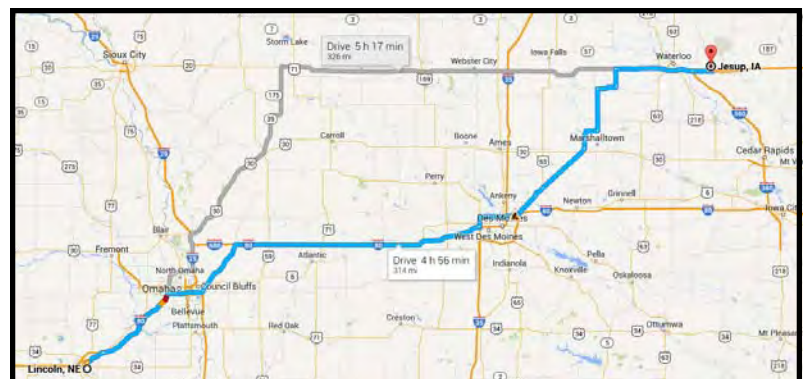
Join us on the "Iowa Geodes" field trip scheduled for May 24, 2014 near Jesup, Iowa (east of Waterloo, and about 330 miles or a 5 hour drive from Lincoln). This joint field trip with the River Valley Rockhounds of Fort Dodge, Iowa will allow us to collect geodes in a small abandoned quarry on private land. The walnut- to grapefruit-sized geodes are similar to the Keokuk variety, but are somewhat nicer and with a wider variety of crystals. There is a \$5.00 per person entrance fee. All that is needed to collect the geodes is a small shovel, rock hammer, small rake, and a bucket to carry them in. Do not forget the usual items; water, tick repellent, food, first aid kit, gloves, boots, coat (depending on weather), hat, and cell phone. You may have other items you like to include; feel free to bring those, too. Camping spots and motels are in the area. Lunch is on your own, so bring food/snacks.

We will meet at the Fort Dodge Fort Museum on Business Highway 20 east of U.S. Highway 169 on the west edge of Fort Dodge. At **9:30 a.m.**, the group will depart, taking U.S Highway 20 east to the Grundy Center Plaza at the junction of U.S. Highway 20 and Iowa Highway 14, exit 208, where a short fuel/restroom/snack

break will occur. Continuing east on Highway 20, take the Jesup Exit 245. Take County Road V-62 (paved) north for 4 miles to County Road D-16 (gravel). (If people need a pit stop, the Cutshall Area is about a mile north of the intersection.) Go east on County Road D-16 for one mile to the Jim Smith farm, which is on the north side of the road. Stop at the house and pay \$5 per person. Continue on 0.1 mile north past the house on the lane leading to the small abandoned quarry on the right.

You may collect as long as you want. Remember to follow the AFMS Code of Ethics. Most of all, have fun!

Map courtesy of Google



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2014, Bethany Park Shelter House  
Respectfully submitted by Sharon Marburger

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Ed Dvorak.
- ◆ 24 Adult members, 9 Mineral Monkeys, 1 guest (Andy Zarins)
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- ◆ The minutes of the April meeting were published in the *Pick & Shovel*. Jim Marburger moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Bob Gritmit, carried.
- ◆ The Treasurer's Report was read by President Dvorak in the absence of Treasurer Lyman. Charlie Messenger moved to accept the report as read, second by Karen Messenger, carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ The Joint Field Trip with the Fort Dodge, Iowa club will be May 24. We will meet in Fort Dodge and travel to Jesup, Iowa for collecting geodes.
- ◆ The Roadside Clean-up will be done on May 31. Chairman Jim Marburger asked members to sign up so he could assign road sections.
- ◆ The April Rock Party was outstanding! Thanks to Ed Ridge for the Easter egg hunt and all the wonderful specimens he provided.

### NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Rowdy Cropp volunteered to host the June Rock Party at the Lapidary Class location, Auld Center, on June 21 at 4:00 p.m. He plans to provide sandwich makings for the potluck.
- ◆ Bruce Sturges plans to have an all day Rock Party event in July. Details to come later.
- ◆ Bruce commented on the Sole's rock sale advertisement. He viewed the collection and says it contains great specimens.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. on a motion by Bob Gritmit and second by Karen Messenger, to the Department of Roads' clean-up video and the video "How to Find Agates" by Karen Brzys, Gitche Gume Museum.

## JESUP, IOWA FIELD TRIP

by Jim Marburger, Field Trip Chairman

On the morning of May 24, 2014, while Sharon was filling the car up with gas in Fort Dodge, Iowa, what did she hear? "Hey SHARON!" Yes, it was the Beers driving by on the way to find rock landscaping for Corey and Brian to hunt near the meeting point for the field trip with the River Valley Rockhounds of Fort Dodge. After fueling, we met up with President and field trip leader, Robert Wolf. As participants assembled for the trip, Robert passed out samples of gypsum and selenite that was found in the area.

It was about a two-hour drive from Fort Dodge to Jesup. At the halfway point, there was a truck stop where we stretched our legs and purchased lunch and snack items. The truck stop was very busy. Oh yeah, there was landscape material there also and the Laker hunters were out in force. The group continued on to Jesup without four cars because the humans were agate licking and talking. When we realized we were left behind, we jumped into the cars and tried to catch up with the group.

We were 15 to 20 minutes behind the leaders, but I had directions to the site with me. I was doing well until we missed a sign to the county road we were to take. A backtrack of a couple of miles put us further behind, but we were close. There was some concern about whether we were on the correct road because the "gravel road" we were supposed to be on was actually paved.

When our group finally arrived at the collection site, there were 10 rock pups, 25 people from Iowa, and 10 members along with two new Mineral Monkeys from the Lincoln club, ready to dig geodes.



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# JESUP, IOWA FIELD TRIP - CONT'D

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The pit where the geodes were found was on private property. It was a barrow pit that was an easy walk into. There were shovels, picks,

hammers, and buckets everywhere, and the soundS of digging filled the air. The limestone had to be peeled back to reveal the geodes as small walnut size bumps to a few that were near 10 inches in size. Calcite crystals having a secondary growth of brown calcite made them look purple when first pulled out of the ground and opened.

The day was beautiful with cool sunshine and no bugs. After about three hours of digging, most people started leaving for the return trip home with a good number of geodes. They left with not only geodes, but stories of the fun had on a great day in Iowa.



This is what made it home with the Marburgers.

I forgot to mention that we were told no Lakers could be found in the Fort Dodge/Jesup area. Of course, our very own Laker-hound, Corey, found several Lakers in the landscape rock, both in Fort Dodge and at the truck stop. To Sharon's frustration and aggravation, Corey picked up a Laker she had just stepped over! Darned "pretty rock syndrome!" When he showed the River Valley Rockhounds members what he had found in the landscaping, he received the exclamation, "WOW! Where DID you find those?!!"

Thank you, LGMC members who attended. A gigantic thank you to the Fort Dodge club for hosting the dig. We are hosting a reciprocal field trip to Royal, Nebraska to visit the Ashfall State Historical Park on June 21, 2014, followed by a hunt at a gravel pit in the area as a thank you to the River Valley Rockhounds. Please see the article on page 5 in this *Pick and Shovel* for more information. I hope to see you there.



By the way, if you have questions about fossils, Robert Wolf is the man to talk to. He has written two field guides on the fossils of Iowa. You can find comprehensive coverage of more than 150 sites in Iowa and the adjacent areas of Minnesota and Nebraska, with the types of fossils found and precise directions, at <http://www.robertcharleswolf.net/works.htm>.



photos by Jim & Sharon Marburger

New members, the Kempers, searched with exuberance!

If you are ever in need of a nametag, take note of President Ed's impromptu nametag.



## FIELD TRIP TO ASHFALL STATE HISTORICAL PARK

by Jim Marburger, Field Trip Chairman

On June 21, 2014, we will meet up with the Fort Dodge, Iowa River Valley Rockhounds at 12:00 p.m. at the Ashfall State Historical Park Visitor Center, 517<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Royal, Nebraska. This location is about four hours from both Fort Dodge and Lincoln, so it will be a long day trip. Consider making it a weekend trip.

The following was copied from the web site <http://ashfall.unl.edu/visit.html>.

Our first stop should be the interpretive displays and the fossil preparation laboratory. You are invited to ask the paleontologists about their work. Educational programs are presented on a regular basis. From the Visitor Center, it is but a short stroll to the Hubbard Rhino Barn, where new discoveries continue to be unearthed.

Ashfall is situated on 360 acres of rugged rangeland in the scenic Verdigre Creek Valley. Nature trails were developed to help interpret the geology as well as the flora and fauna of the area. Picnicking is permitted on the park, and campers can use nearby Grove Lake Wildlife Management Area near Royal.

Collecting fossils or other specimens on the park grounds is strictly prohibited. (If every visitor took a "souvenir," one of Nebraska's natural historic treasures would be gone forever.) Preservation of Ashfall now and for future generations is made possible by the generosity of the Nebraska Game and Parks Foundation, which purchased the land in 1986,

and the Burlington Northern Foundation, which supplied a grant for construction of facilities.

Paleontologists and interpretive staff at the site are provided by the University of Nebraska State Museum.

### Park Information:

#### **May 23-Sept 1:**

Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Admission:** Entrance fee **\*AND\*** valid Nebraska Park Entry Permit required.

**Entrance Fee:** \$5.00 per person age 3 and older

**Park Entry Permit:** \$5.00 Daily Permit **-OR-** \$26.00 Annual Permit

After visiting the park, there will be a short drive to a gravel pit near Verdigre, Nebraska to collect items from the oversize rock pile. Agate, jasper, petrified wood, and, possibly, fossils can be located. The pit owner will have some piles to collect on. The area will be limited to the pile area only. Directions to the pit will be given to attendees at the Ashfall site. I am working on getting permission to collect on a second pit in the area.

Boots, hats, safety vests, tools, collection containers, water, and bug and sunburn sprays are some of the items you will need. Facilities are limited to very small towns of under 500 people.



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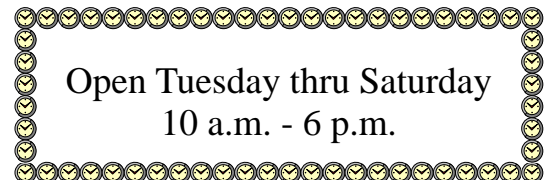
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## FIELD TRIP TO ASHFALL AND GRAVEL PIT

by Sharon Marburger

Jim and I headed out toward Ashfall State Historic Park after work on Friday, June 20. It was a beautiful afternoon, although very humid and partly cloudy with a moderate risk for thunderstorms. We planned to drive as far as Madison, Nebraska, where we would spend the night camping at the county fairgrounds.

When we arrived at Madison to set up our campsite, not another soul was in the campground. We had been told that a very large party was expected, and that campsites would be limited. Hmmmm. Oh well, since no one was there, we had our pick of the choicest sites!

Right around dusk, there was a loud knocking at the door. I turned around and saw a face at the window! I nearly had a heart attack!! Fortunately, it was not a serial killer; only the fairgrounds maintenance man. He asked if I knew about the coming storms, to which I responded, "We have a weather radio." He nodded and said he was closing the fairgrounds gates, but not locking them since we were there. I thanked him and he left. Soon thereafter, all the storms that had been going to the north and south of us, suddenly decided that Madison was where they wanted to be. Thunder, lightning, wind, oh my! I was very nervous and was seriously thinking about cuddling up next to the fairground offices, but I was too chicken to make my way through the wild lightning to get there.

It stormed off and on all night, not giving either Jim or me a very good sleep. However, we survived it all, and were able to continue our trip. On our way out of town, we spotted a location sporting lots of river rock. We spent about 45 minutes looking and collecting, then proceeded on to Ashfall, with a promise to ourselves that we would stop at this location on the return trip.

We drove to Verdigre, Nebraska where we set up camp again. We were surprised once more at the lack of campers, since we were told this campground would be heavily populated with bicyclists. We had the entire campground to ourselves!

We arrived at Ashfall around 11 a.m. and were very impressed with the number of visitors at the center. We soon realized that most of the visitors were part of a classic car touring event that stopped to view the spectacular images of excavated rhinos.

It was a gorgeous day with a nice breeze blowing, perfect for being outside, not to mention collecting specimens. Jim and I relaxed while waiting for everyone else to arrive at the prescribed gathering time of noon. I visited with the "gatekeeper," then settled on the ground by one



of the signs to study the rock landscaping. I found a few interesting pieces, which I photographed, because it is illegal to collect on the State Park grounds. Although it doesn't look like much in the photo, it was a very interesting concretion ball; gray with a bright yellow pattern. The agate supporting the ball was okay, too.

Soon, Ed Dvorak arrived, followed by the Beers and the Kempers. Unfortunately, none of the Fort Dodge, Iowa members were able to make it. As I understood it, there was some illness and some broken bones.

We toured the park, amazed at what the archaeologists had uncovered. There is not much to say except, "Wow!" (See pictures on page 7.)

After a couple of hours roaming through the Rhino Barn and other areas of the park, we regrouped and headed towards Verdigre, where we had obtained permission to collect at one of the many gravel pits in the area.

photos by Jim & Sharon Marburger



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## FIELD TRIP TO ASHFALL AND GRAVEL PIT - CONT'D

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Our collecting was restricted to this one pile, which produced several very nice specimens. Some of the more spritely club members were able to climb to

the top of the pile, while some of us older folks stayed toward the bottom. I have pictorial proof that LGMC does, indeed, have Mineral Monkeys as members!

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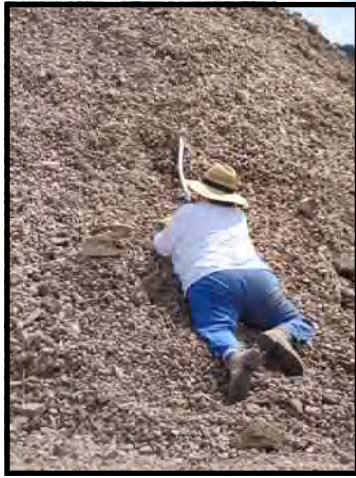
## FIELD TRIP TO ASHFALL AND GRAVEL PIT - CONT'D

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Mineral Monkeys Vienne and Julienne at the top of the pile, while the old timers, including Corey, hunt lower on the pile.

One very nice specimen of petrified wood was discovered by one of the Mineral Monkeys. (Sorry, girls. I still don't know who is who.)



There was a lot of laughter and poking fun at poor me because I found it easier to belly crawl up the pile, and I was a lot closer to the rocks so they couldn't escape my eagle eye!

The afternoon wore on with fun and laughter, and the discovery of more rocks. That brought on a multitude of questions for which we sometimes had answers.

Finally, it was announced that certain club members needed to get down the road in order to get home at a decent hour, and others had more stops on their agendas.

Jim and I headed back to the Verdigre campground where I sorted rocks, washed them off, and packaged them in Ziploc bags with their appropriate labels.

It was a lovely and quiet evening, and after the busy, fun-filled day, Jim and I headed for the land of Nod at an early hour. The lack of sleep the night before also contributed to this.

The next morning brought us a gentle rain while we broke camp. We peacefully headed toward home, with a stop again at Madison, to hunt for more rocks. We spent about an hour collecting, then started for home again. The day ended up being lovely, once we drove out of the rain.

As always, we miss you and are saddened at your absence when you cannot participate in our field trips. You missed another good one, folks.

It was unfortunate that this field trip coincided with the June Rock Party. That party was cancelled at the last minute, but not in time for those planning to attend the party to make other plans to join the field trip. These things happen. Hopefully, we can avoid such conflicts in the future.



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# MULTI-FEDERATION FIELD TRIP TO TERRY, MONTANA

by Jayne Beer (photos by the Beer family)

We arrived in the Terry, Montana area on Wednesday night, July 30th, and signed up for daily trips. Along the way, of course, we hit several landscape rock collecting spots.



Linda Guenter and three of her grandchildren were the only other Lincoln club members we saw here.

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On the first day, we went to the river and hunted for Montana agates. We found a few but not as many as we found in the landscapes. There was lots of nice petrified wood.



It didn't take long for Corey to find some people to talk their ears off and show them what he had found.

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Corey and Logan Guenther on the second day looking for Ammonites. We didn't find much and Logan, Cameron, and Ivy were not too thrilled to be there.



We left the Ammonites area early. I'm not sure what Linda and the kids did, but Brian, Corey, and I went to a little dinosaur museum. Most of these things were found on the ranch that we are headed to today. I hope that we find something there.



The Beer boys were wishing we could get to the other side of the Yellowstone River, where they could see rocks on the shore. We, of course, did find a way down to the river. It was one of the best spots we went to on our trip.



Linda's and the Beers' cars. Yes, we took the LeSabre to new heights by putting a car topper on it.

The weekend seemed very well organized with so many activities planned each day. There were speakers in the evening and there was even a benefit bar-b-que.



We found a little bit of bone, but mostly the best petrified wood we have EVER seen. The car was soooooo over loaded.

At the end of the day, we were given an idea of a place to go, so we did - but we shouldn't have. The roads were not made for our kind of vehicle. It was nice out there but not much worth picking up.



## THE AMAZING DINO ADVENTURE

by Ed Dvorak, President and Dinosaur Hunter Extraordinaire!  
Photos courtesy of Ed Dvorak

On July 31, 2014, I teamed up with Brian Birdsall from Washington state to go on a Dino trip. We went to Baisch's Dinosaur Digs near Glendive, Montana. There we met up with Marge, the ranch owner, and Jerry, the on-site paleontologist. After about two hours of collecting petrified wood, we took a break. Marge told us that over by that tree up on the hill would be a good place to search for great wood.

Crawling up a gully, we spotted something strange sticking out of the bank. It was a different color and shape from the rest of the landscape. A closer look showed small porous holes all over. Did we find some bone? We did a little digging, and yes, it was bone, and it kept going deeper into the bank. We decided then to get an expert's opinion. We went and got Jerry the paleontologist to check out our find. He said it was definitely dinosaur bone, but didn't know what kind without more digging to uncover the back of the bone. He then asked Brian and me how long we would be staying. Why did he want to know?

Jerry went to find Marge, bringing her back to check out our find. We told her that we wished there were a lot of bones in the bank that we could uncover! Marge told us to be very careful of what we wish for. To this point in time, the last dino find has taken three years to uncover - and they are still digging!

Marge and Jerry had a talk, and Marge said we could come back the next day to continue digging. Jerry said this is the first time Marge allowed this to happen, so Brian and I felt very special.

On August 1, we went back to the dig site. After removing about 2 cubic yards of dirt, we had all of the bone exposed. The bone was laying on top of sediment from a stream bed or it was washed ashore.

Underneath the bone was gravel and fine silt. When Jerry came back, he brought with him another paleontologist and they both agreed that we had a tibia bone from a duckbilled dinosaur (*Edmontosaurus*) about 68 million years old.

Jerry showed us how to put on a cast over the bone and, when it was dry, we rolled it over onto an old army stretcher. With the help of friends we carried the bone cast down the hill and put in Jerry's pickup box.

Marge said we could have the bone after all the work we'd done in such a short time. I had no room to take the bone home, but Brian did. The bone is now in the state of Washington.

Check one item off "My Bucket List."

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Ed and Brian



# THE AMAZING DINO ADVENTURE - CONT'D

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Ed showing the length of the bone



Rolling the bone onto a stretcher



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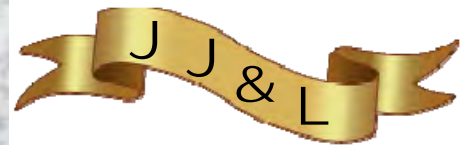
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## NORTHWEST NEBRASKA 28TH ANNUAL ROCK SWAP, 2014

by Susy McMahan

Carolyn and Paul Ashmore, and I arrived in Crawford, Nebraska on Thursday, August 28, so we could be up bright and early Friday morning for the field trip of the day. A guided field trip is always held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.

After a helping of my favorite, home-cooked sausage and biscuits, we set off into the grasslands to hunt for the elusive Fairburn agate, jasper, petrified wood, among others. The rainy weather made for great hunting. While the three of us didn't find that elusive Fairburn, others did. We found plenty of keepers though, and are now able to go out on our own to hunt.

There were many dealers at the outdoor swap near the park in Crawford. There was everything from agates to fossils. The weather was perfect, with a few rainy patches here and there. We saw old friends and we always make new friends!

The 16th Agate Collectors meeting was held Saturday afternoon, with author Roger Clark speaking on Fairburn agates. He offered some new tips for collectors. Another speaker was Pat McMahan (to our knowledge we are not related, but we plan to share genealogy). Pat has traveled world-wide, collecting agates with inclusions. He has co-authored two books, and his website can be found at <http://www.agateswithinclusions.com>. Pat had fabulous pictures of probably every type of plume agate, and the colors were amazing. He even shared tips on his methods of photographing rocks, which many photographers today won't share.

That evening was a bar-b-que and live auction. We ate in Chadron at a favorite Mexican restaurant, rather than at the bar-b-que, then hurried on to the auction. Carolyn got some nice specimens, as did I. I also won a crocheted art piece that says "I am a Rockhound." It will be part of my show and tell at the next meeting. The lady who made it takes orders for anything, family names, etc.

On Monday, we were off on our own collecting, and got caught in a storm. We watched the black clouds closely, and the lightning, too. When it got close enough, we hopped into the car and left. It was both scary and exciting.

If you have never been to the "Crawford Swap," try to go next year over Labor Day weekend. It is beautiful country, and there are many attractions in the area. Fort Robinson State Park is very close to Crawford. You can rent a soldier's barrack, or a room in the main building.

There is horseback riding and many other activities and history located there, much to be found at the Fort Robinson Museum. You can even buy rocks in the gift shop. We stopped by there and also went to the Museum of the Fur Trade at the suggestion of Richard Farlow from the Omaha club. It was amazing. For example, they have the largest collection of guns that were traded to the Native Americans. There were also many, many historical items related to the fur trade.

Other attractions in the area are the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Dawes County Museum, Chadron State Park, Nebraska National Park (mainly for hiking), Toadstool Geological Park, and the Hudson-Meng Bison Bonebed which is much like Ashfall State Park, but the animals died in a different way. Crawford is very near South Dakota and Wyoming; those places boasting their own activities.

Thanks to the members of the Northwest Nebraska Rock Club, their families, and friends who help make this great event happen each year! Did I mention they have homemade breakfast and lunch, plus water, soda, and the coffee is always on, at reasonable prices? And lots of rocks! If you can't find what you want, you can more than likely buy it there.

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### Application for New Membership

\$15 - Individual  
\$25 - Couple  
\$2 - Juniors (15 and under with responsible adult)

Today's Date\*

Your name\*

Your email\*

Address\*

City, State, Zip\*

Phone Number(s)\*

Children

Describe your interests (Making cabochons, Tumbling rocks, Sawing rocks, Cutting material, Faceting, Swapping rocks, Jax racks, Carving, Minerals, Fluorescents, Fossils, Artifacts, Geology, Metal works, Field trips, Other)\*

All members are encouraged to participate in club activities?

Would you be willing to?

Do you have your own equipment?

What kind?

Have you belonged to another club?

Where?

How long have you been interested in the hobby?

Would you like a club name tag? if so include state name(s) (see Treasurer for cost of name tag)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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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

Show is 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 Grinding 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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# About: Awards Nomination Form

## LGMC, Inc. AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Board of Directors encourages all individual members to utilize this Nomination Form to recognize club members who have made outstanding contributions to the club. Let's show our appreciation to that special person who goes out of the way to make the club the best it can be!

### RULES:

- ◆ Nominate as many deserving club members as you like.
- ◆ One nomination per form.
- ◆ Write a brief description of how your nominee has made outstanding contributions to LGMC. Submit the strongest case possible. Form should be organized and easy to evaluate. An additional sheet may be attached if more space is needed.
- ◆ Submit the Nomination Form to the Awards Committee by **October 1**.
- ◆ The Awards Committee will evaluate the nominations, and forward the acceptable Nomination Forms to the Board of Directors, which will select finalists at its November Board meeting.
- ◆ Each finalist will be honored at the annual Christmas Party in December.

### AWARDS DEFINITIONS:

- The LGMC Rockhound of the Year Award is to honor an individual (or a couple) who has shown outstanding service during the past year (October through September).
- The LGMC Service Award is to honor an individual who has made outstanding contributions during his/her entire membership.

Check **one** of the following nomination categories:

- \_\_\_\_\_ "RockHound" of the YEAR
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 YEAR SERVICE AWARD
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20 YEAR SERVICE AWARD
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30 YEAR SERVICE AWARD
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40 YEAR SERVICE AWARD
- \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL AWARD (to be named) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of Nominated Person: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address of Nominated Person: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Individual's Contributions to LGMC: *(See the criteria list on page 2 of this form for service categories to be considered for this award)*

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4. State examples of how this individual educates others about the Earth Sciences associated with Rockhounding: \_\_\_\_\_

5. State examples that this individual observes & promotes the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies "Code of Ethics": \_\_\_\_\_

6. Summarize why this individual is being nominated as recipient of an award

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Person Nominating the above individual:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attend a club sanctioned field trip  
Attend meetings of another rock club  
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Present a program at a monthly meeting  
Demonstrate at a monthly meeting

Donate to the silent auction  
Present a program at an annual show  
Participate at Geology Day  
Participate at School event  
Participate at Science Fair  
Participate at Scouting Events  
Participate at the Grinding Party  
Participate in Adopt-a-Highway  
Present a talk to an outside group  
Host a monthly rock party  
Publish article or feature in the newsletter  
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Plan a club field trip  
Any Other Activities to promote our hobby and club

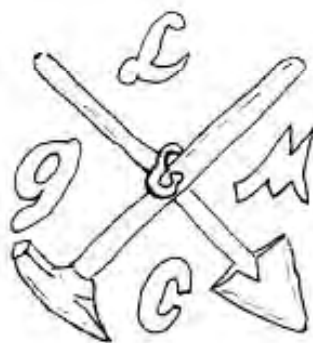
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# About: Articles of Incorporation & By-Laws

**ARTICLES  
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**Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.**

**Lincoln, Nebraska**



**As filed February 16, 1959  
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# About: Juniors



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## Juniors

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club youth group is the self-named "Mineral Monkeys." They participate in the Future Rockhounds of America (FRA) program, sponsored by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Since following the curriculum of this program, we have had two juniors graduate to "Rockhound," and will soon have three more graduating.

The group is led by co-leaders Carolyn Ashmore and Susy McMahan. Currently, there are 15 paid memberships in the group. Each month, a new lesson from the FRA curriculum is taught. Badges are earned as each lesson is completed, and handed out at an Awards Ceremony during the Christmas Party or Mid-Winter Swap.

Open to age 15 and under.

\$2 per year membership (with responsible adult)

Meetings: Bethany Park Shelter House at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of January; third Thursday of February; March, April, May, September, October, November; and the first Sunday of December.



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## Meetings






All general meetings will be held at the Bethany Park Shelter on the third Thursday of the month. December and January are the only exceptions. Youth meet at 6:00 p.m.; Adults meet at 7:00 p.m.

### General Meetings

- December 7, 2014 - Christmas Party and meeting
- January 24, 2015 - Mid-Winter Rock Swap (1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.), pizza supper and meeting to follow


### Board Meetings - Meet at 6:30pm

- December 3, 2014 (Cora Library)




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# Happenings: Annual Show



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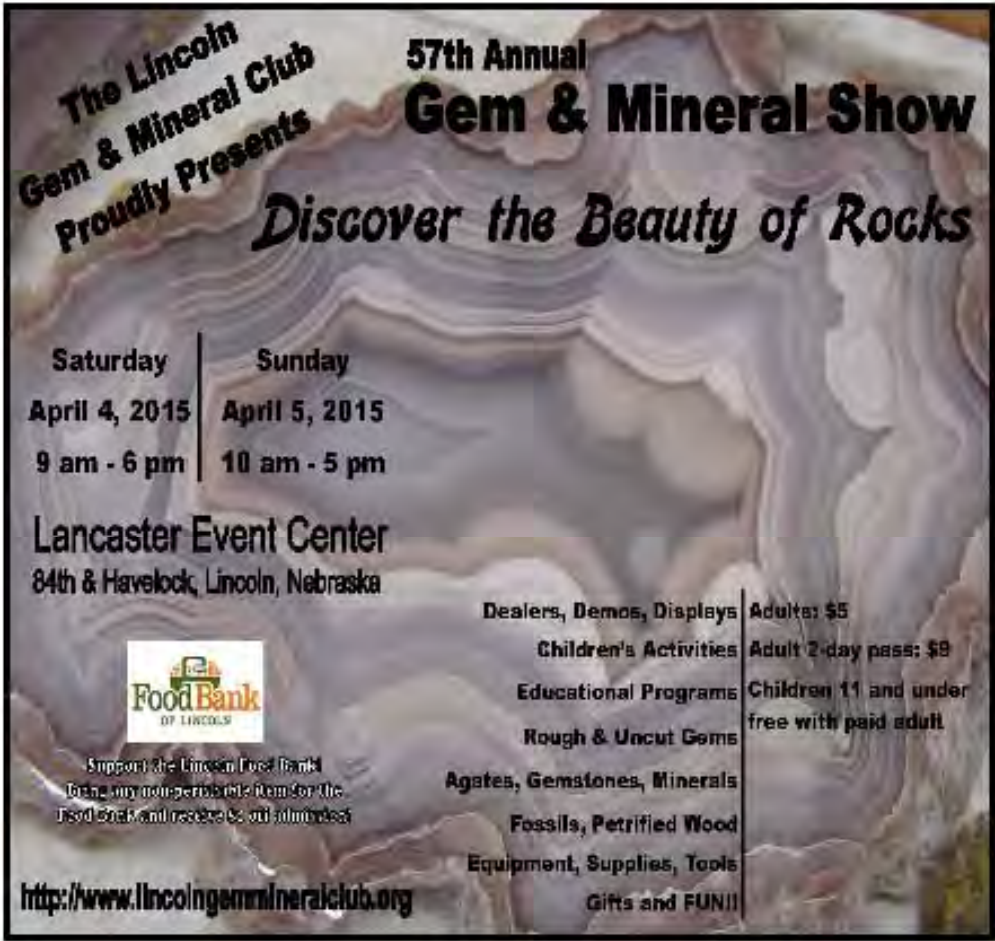
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## Annual Show

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### 57th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

*Discover the Beauty of Rocks*






Saturday	Sunday
April 4, 2015	April 5, 2015
9 am - 6 pm	10 am - 5 pm

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Support the Lincoln Food Bank  
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Dealers, Demos, Displays	Adults: \$5
Children's Activities	Adult 2-day pass: \$9
Educational Programs	Children 11 and under free with paid adult
Rough & Uncut Gems	
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Fossils, Petrified Wood	
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## Other Events

Monthly Rock Parties - Upcoming Rock Party is November 8, 2014, at the Marburgers, following the Roadside Clean-up.

[January 2014](#)      [August 2014](#)  
[February 2014](#)  
[April 2014](#)  
[May 2014](#)

Mid-Winter Swap - Saturday, January 24, 2015, Bethany Park Shelter House, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Heated Building)

Geology Day - Sunday, March 8, 2015 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, Chet Ager Building, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Heated Building)

[Geology Day 2014](#)

Science Fair - Information will be posted when it becomes available.

Grinding Party - Sunday, July 12, 2015 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, Chet Ager Building, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Air Conditioned Building)

[Grinding Party 2014](#)

The next Roadside Clean-up will be in the Spring of 2015. Check back later for date and time.





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## Resources

### Links to useful websites

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[Free Gemology Course](#)

[Ogallala National Grasslands Road Use Map](#)

[Rock Collecting Locations on Buffalo Gap National Grasslands](#)

[Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands](#)

[Mineralogy Database](#)

[Rock & Gem Magazine](#)

### Supplies for the hobby

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# Lifetime Membership Award

- Long-time member, Ed Ridge, was honored by the club for his 40+ years of membership. In recognition of his tireless attendance at functions, and contributions for the good of the club, he received a Lifetime Membership in the club. Eddie has rarely missed an event or meeting, and his willing participation and generosity have been greatly appreciated. We wish you many more years in the club, Eddie.

photos by Jim and Sharon Marburger



# Rockhound of the Year Award

- LGMC's Rockhound of the Year was nominated because of her faithful service to the club since joining three years ago. She has taken on the job of co-teaching our youth group, fills a position on the Board of Directors, attends nearly all club-sanctioned field trips and activities, shares ideas of how to make the club better, and is just an all around nice person. Carolyn Ashmore has been a delight to know, and her leadership qualities will help to steer the club to a bright future. Here's to you, Carolyn! (Note: Carolyn was stunned to be named Rockhound of the Year. She was nearly in tears over the honor. It is difficult to get a good picture of her under normal circumstance, but this night proved to be exceptionally difficult. My apologies for the less-than-flattering picture.



Page 8 - VOICE NEWS, Thursday, June 5, 2014

## *Denton Historical Society learns Indian culture*

On May 27, the Denton Community Historical Society was treated to a fun evening watching a tipi being erected on the Denton Community Center lawn. Mark Awakuni-Swetland conducted the narration as his sons, Micah and Kea, built the tipi.

It takes a total of 15 poles, and most poles are made of Lodge Pole Pine. A canvas cover is stretched and tied to the poles; the poles are reset to stretch the canvas and staked down. The opening is laced up with lacing pins made out of choke cherry or bitter cherry. The flap at the top is used to open or close to let the smoke out as well as keeping rain out or fresh air in. When the tipi is complete with the inner lining and rugs in place, it is virtually a very cozy, warm home. As Swetland says, the Indians did not only survive, they thrived!

This particular tipi has withstood tornadic winds at the Indian Center in Lincoln and was the only one standing because it was constructed to the specifics of the Indian Culture. Swetland has used this tipi throughout his life when camping as well as at Indian ceremonies and gatherings.

Along with the tipi history and information, Swetland told about tipi etiquette. When one first enters a tipi, they sit down. It is impolite to stand and look down on people. Also, if you stand, you are inhaling the smoke and when they made the song, "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," they must have been thinking tipis! Your nose runs, your eyes water and you look a



**Mark Awakuni-Swetland gives his talk to the group.**



**Mark Awakuni-Swetland's sons, Micah Swetland left, and Kea Swetland right set up the tent as Dad narrates.**

**Photos submitted**

mess, so it is always the proper thing to sit down as fast as you can.

The belts and apron and all things beaded were hand done by Swetland following the Indian culture of beading as well as the Indian designs. He touched on the ceremony dress and custom dress of the Indians. The moccasin is one item that is the most important, it is the first thing you get when you are born and the last thing you're given when buried. The white man's blue jeans and shirt were adopted readily by the Indian culture.

Swetland is a faculty member at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He holds a joint appointment in the Department of Anthropology and the Institute for Ethnic Studies/ Native American Studies program. He teaches various courses with Native American content, Great Plains

content, and primitive technology content as a cultural anthropologist. In the past years, he has taught a three-week ethnographic field school study at the Reller Natural History Study Area just southwest of Sprague.

It was a very informative and fun program and made better with refreshments of cookies and ice cream!

Our next DCHS function will be a silent auction to be held at the VFW in Denton on Saturday, June 14, to raise money for our museum and will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at which time karaoke singing will begin. Everyone is welcome to come and bid on some really nice items.

There will be no regular meeting in June, but on July 22, Theresa Sullivan will be interviewing Mavis Reller, who is of the Reller's from the Reller Natural History Study Area by Sprague. Swetland talked about. Everyone is welcome.



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Lancaster Event Center

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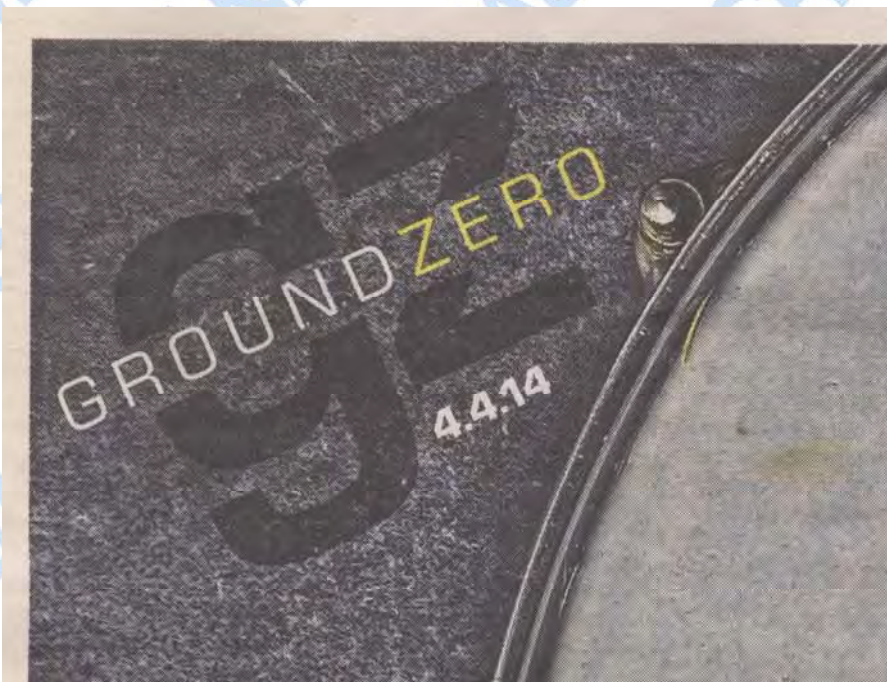
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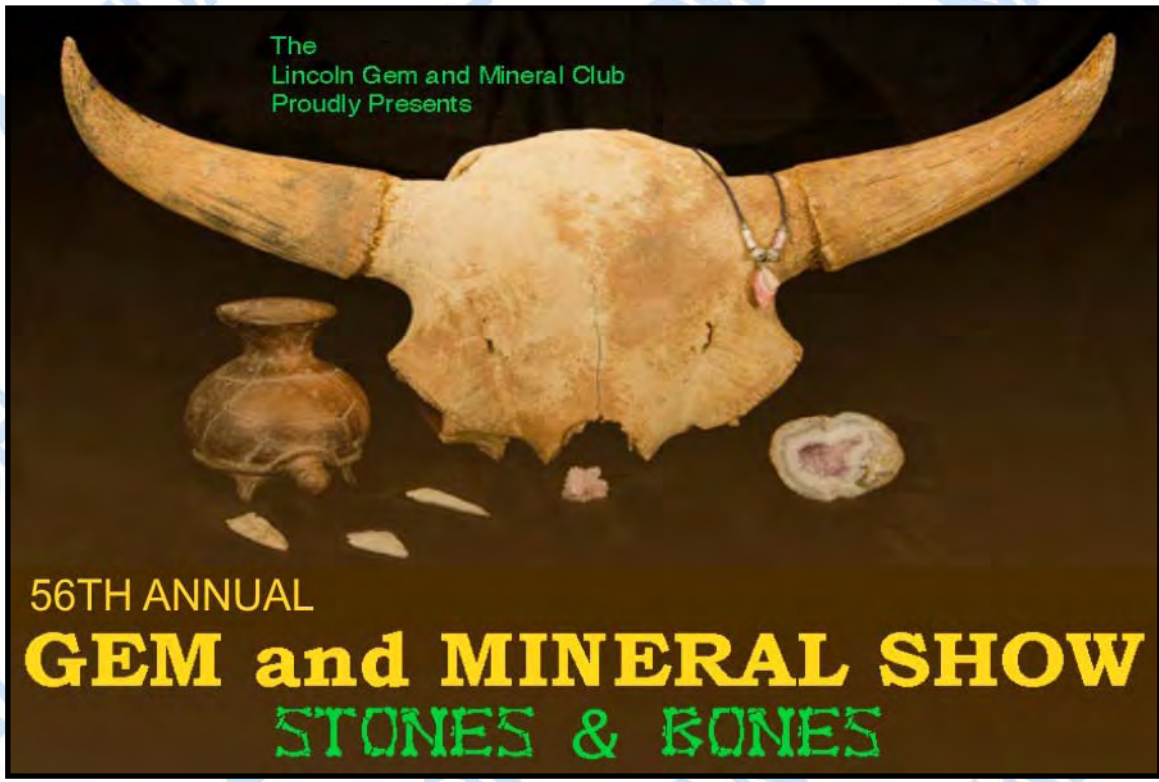
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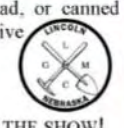
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## SECTION 4 – SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS

### 4a. Members serving as Midwest Federation Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:

1. First Vice President – James Marburger
2. Membership Chairman - James Marburger
3. Newsletter Editor - Sharon Marburger
4. Nebraska State Director - Charles Wooldridge

### 4a. Supplemental - Members serving other clubs:

1. Brad Nielsen served as a Board Member for the Nebraska Mineral and Gem Club (Omaha).

### 4b. Members attended a Federation convention or show:

1. AFMS: James Marburger, Sharon Marburger
2. MWF: James Marburger, Sharon Marburger, Charles Wooldridge, Jackie Barnhardt, Philip Paul Ashmore, Carolyn Ashmore, Ed Dvorak, Richard Peterson

### 4c. Members supporting Federation scholarships or endowment funds:

1. \$80 to the Endowment Fund.

### 4d. Advertising in Pick & Shovel

### 4e. Members held joint field trips with other clubs:

1. Fort Dodge, Iowa in Iowa (see Section 2i for information)
2. Fort Dodge, Iowa in Nebraska (see Section 2i for information)

#### **4f - CLUB EXCHANGED BULLETINS WITH OTHER CLUBS:**

##### **ILLINOIS**

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

##### **INDIANA**

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

##### **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"

##### **MISSOURI**

Independence: Show Me Rockhounds

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

##### **NEBRASKA**

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

##### **OHIO**

Mansfield: Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society, "Lithnics"

Toledo: Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club, "Rocky Reader"

##### **OKLAHOMA**

Tulsa: Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, "T-Town Rockhound"

##### **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"

# Convention Support

## EONS EXPOSED!!! MIDWEST FEDERATION SHOW AND CONVENTION

by Karen Leibold

Fall is fast approaching! The 2014 MWF Convention is in the fall this year – you did not miss it. So.... Come to Des Moines and discover what eons of glacial activity brought to Iowa!

Our vendors bring fossils, gems, specimens, rough, slabs & cabs from all over the world; and the tools to expose and manipulate your finds into unique forms. Come view exhibits, displays, children's activities, and presentations focused on both the sciences and the arts involved in this ancient endeavor of exploring earth's treasures.



Special exhibits include the Mahaska County Mammoth and a Giant Sloth provided by the University of Iowa; a fluorescent mineral display tent; panels showing the origins of Iowa terra firma; and, many interesting & colorful smaller displays.

Presenters so far include the two MWF Scholarship winners: Deserae Wojick, Iowa State University (ISU), Marine Foraminifera (essentially marine amoeba with shells); and Joshua O'Brien, ISU; Gahnite (zinc spinel) as an Exploration Guide. Additional presenters include: John Hill, Iowa Keswick Agate; Chuck Saffris, Animal Tracks – Ichnology; Jim Kraai, Rock Storyteller; John Franklin, Anticlastic Rising of Metal; Mike Whitney, Cabbing.

A pre-show Friday, October 17 field trip to a Des Moines area gravel pit will provide participants with the opportunity to collect and see ALL the “eons exposed” – granted, they are in a mixed-up jumble – but that's what glaciers do! Can you sort it out? Our local experts welcome your knowledge to the challenge. Lakers and mammoth teeth are to be found; along with anything else that originated north of what is now Iowa. Indicate your interest on the 2014 MWF Convention registration form.

All information and registration materials are on the MWF website. E-mail Karen Leibold, [kcleibold@aol.com](mailto:kcleibold@aol.com) if you have questions. Hope to see you at the show.

As published in the *MWF News*, September 2014

# MWF Convention - Des Moines, Iowa



Beautiful display



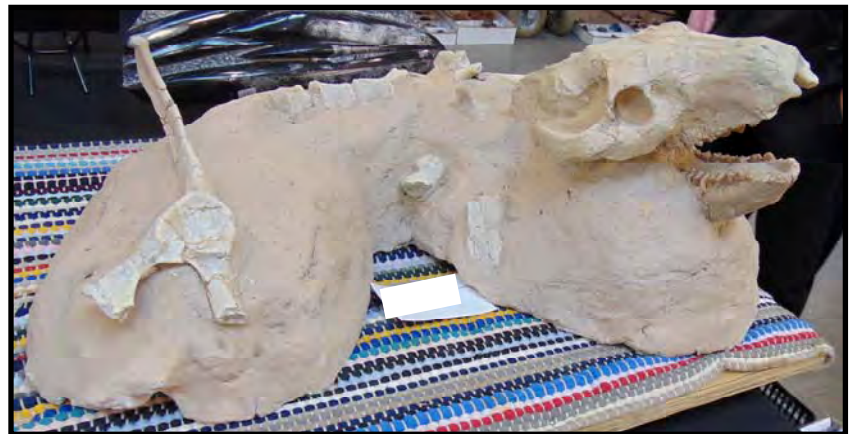
New Silent Auction chairman, Susan Stanforth, with Donna and J.C. Moore



Golden Selenite



Oreodont Foot & Leg found in Nebraska



Oreodont found in South Dakota

# MWF Convention Field Trip Des Moines, Iowa



Photo by Lynn Maxedon

**LGMC members in attendance: James Marburger, Sharon Marburger, Philip Paul Ashmore, Carolyn Ashmore, Ed Dvorak, Charles Wooldridge, Jackie Barnhardt**



photo courtesy of Sharon Marburger

**The only Laker found (at least I didn't hear of any others). Yes, I am happy and proud of it. So what if it is only as big as the tip of my pinky finger!**

**It is perfect and beautiful!**



## SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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

1/2014 Susy McMahan, Carolyn Ashmore, Briana Suhr  
Huntington Elementary School  
Lincoln

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

1/2014 James & Sharon Marburger, Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Mark Awakuni-Swetland, Charles Wooldridge  
University of Nebraska – Lincoln, East Campus, Geology talk open to the public.

1/11/2014 Nancy Akins (at Lincoln Curios)  
Webelos Pack 8  
Lincoln

4/19/2014 Nancy Akins (at Lincoln Curios)  
Faith Lutheran School (1<sup>st</sup> Graders)  
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7/14/2014 Nancy Akins (at Lincoln Curios)  
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7/17/2014 Nancy Akins (at Lincoln Curios)  
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10/2014 Nancy Akins (at Lincoln Curios)  
Student from Ashland-Greenwood High School

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

3/9/2014 Charles & Karen Messenger, Jayne Beer, Susy McMahan, Ed Dvorak, James & Sharon Marburger, Aulden Stewart, Carolyn & Philip Paul Ashmore, Vera Lyman, Charles Wooldridge, Ed Ridge, Mark Awakuni-Swetland, Carrie Burkhart, and juniors Corey, Jayden, and Mia  
*Geology Day*  
Pioneers Park Nature Center  
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3/2014 Susy McMahan, Paul & Carolyn Ashmore, Brian & Jayne Beer, Linda Guenter, Ed Ridge, Sharon Schleiger, Briana Suhr, Aulden Stewart  
Juniors: Ivy, Corey, Jayden, Ian, Mia, Sarah, Taylor  
*Zoetis, LPS, Novartis Science Fair*  
Lancaster Event Center  
Lincoln

7/13/2014 Ed & Pat Dvorak, James & Sharon Marburger, Brian & Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Vera Lyman, Andrew Tiedje, Charles & Karen Messenger, and junior Ruby  
*Grinding Party*  
Pioneers Park Nature Center  
Lincoln

## OUTREACH ACTIVITY

by Mark Awakuni-Swetland & Sharon Marburger

Recently, LGMC members manned a demonstration and specimen identification table on East Campus, prior to a presentation by Matt Joeckel. A couple stopped by the table, requesting identification of pieces of a beautiful, turquoise-blue, soft, powdery material. In addition to wanting to identify their specimens, they wondered if they were radioactive. I (Mark) took a handful of pieces to Professor Ronald Goble in UNL's Geosciences division. Testing revealed the specimens were not radioactive. He suggested they might be a copper-bearing material. I relayed this information to President Jim Marburger, who thought the specimens were a copper sulfate. Whatever the material, it sure was pretty!

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## OUTREACH ACTIVITY

by Susy McMahan, Junior Co-Leader

Once again, our fossil duffle bag went on the road! This time Carolyn and I went to Huntington School to teach over 100 third graders about fossils, in preparation for their field trip to Morrill Hall. One of our juniors, Sara Suhr, is a third grader at Huntington. Her mom, Brianna, also came along to help. Sara did a great job, telling kids what it is like to be a junior, about field trips, and making new friends.

Once again, the shallow ocean history and all the sea fossils we find in Nebraska was an amazing new fact for the kids. After touching and feeling dozens of fossils, listening to stories about them from Carolyn and me, each child left with a timerable, a crinoid stem, and instructions of how to begin a collection.

Because of the whiteout snowstorm, we still have one more class to teach! If you have any amazing fossils or bones you want to donate to our traveling kit, let us know. Stories of how they were found make them even more exciting!

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## WEBELOS FIELD TRIP

by Nancy Akins, Lincoln Curios & LGMC Member

On Saturday, January 11, 2014, Mr. Jody Johnson, Den leader of Webelos Pack 8, brought several boys on a field trip to Lincoln Curios Rock Shop, in order for the boys to earn their Geology badge. Pat & Nancy Akins showed them examples of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks and they discussed how each was formed. They looked at many examples of minerals and rocks and learned the definition of a rock and a mineral.

There was a lively discussion of the different uses of rocks and minerals in everyday life.

Just for fun, we looked at different fluorescing rocks, different types of coal as a fossil fuel, naturally magnetic rocks, a number of fossils, including some from Nebraska and even had a taste of a rock (salt). There were lots of great questions from the boys. Mr. Johnson is hoping to bring the rest of the boys on another trip.

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Photo courtesy of Nancy Akins.

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by Susy McMahan

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## FAITH LUTHERAN FIELD TRIP

by Nancy Akins

Faith Lutheran 1st graders enjoyed a field trip to Lincoln Curios Rock Shop on April 19. There were 18 students; teacher, Mrs. Judy Ripke; and several parents. We all enjoyed trying nature's magnet (lodestone), discussing different fossils, fun with the age-old baking soda & vinegar volcano, followed by hands-on study of different igneous rocks. They found the pockets of sparkling green peridot in basalt; considered obsidian for arrowheads; had a general discussion on igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks; and discussed the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in the U.S. followed by examination of the ash and hearing evacuation stories.

It was a busy afternoon looking through agate slices, identifying fossils, writing with graphite, scratching talc, and finding their favorite rock. The kids had a great time.



photo provided by Judy Ripke

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# GEOLOGY DAY

by Sharon Marburger

Geology Day was an absolutely gorgeous day with sunshine and record high temperatures. The nice weather brought out everyone who was suffering from Spring Fever. This was reflected by the record number of visitors attending the event. The last I heard, we had over 500 visitors. Karen Messenger exclaimed that she didn't think any of their events at the Nature Center had drawn that many people!

Club members demonstrating and presenting were Charles Wooldridge, Carrie Burkhardt, Ed Dvorak, Jim Marburger, Mark Awakuni-Swetland, Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Al Stewart, and Ed Ridge. Others in attendance were Sharon Marburger, Carolyn Ashmore, Paul Ashmore, Vera Lyman, Susy McMahan, Charlie Messenger, Karen Messenger, and Mineral Monkeys Jayden and Mia.

There was a lot of interest in the specimens and other freebies being handed out. One person asked for an application to join the club; she was very interested.

After the event closed, a group of members met up at Lee's Chicken for supper. The fun and hobby talk continued for a couple more hours before we parted ways and headed for home. It was a very successful day!



Carrie Burkhardt displayed specimens and had coloring sheets, puzzles and fun information for the kids.



Al Stewart demonstrates cabochon cutting on a flat lap.



Ed Ridge shows a specimen to a visitor.

photos by Jim Marburger



Jim Marburger displayed a vibrasonic rock tumbler and handed out colorful tumbled stones.



Jayne and Corey demonstrated cabochon cutting.



Corey's cabs



# Geology Day



President Ed Dvorak set up for demonstrating wire wrapping. Waiting for the public to come in



Charles Wooldridge set up to share a variety of things: tumbled stones, faceted stones, agates, and Nebraska fossils and minerals



Mark Awakuni-Swetland shares information on Plains Native Americans, and the tools they used



Co-host Charlie Messenger takes a moment to look at the 2012 All American Club notebook.



Some visitors to the Pioneers Park Nature Center, and Geology Day!

# Geology Day

## Geology Day Presenters

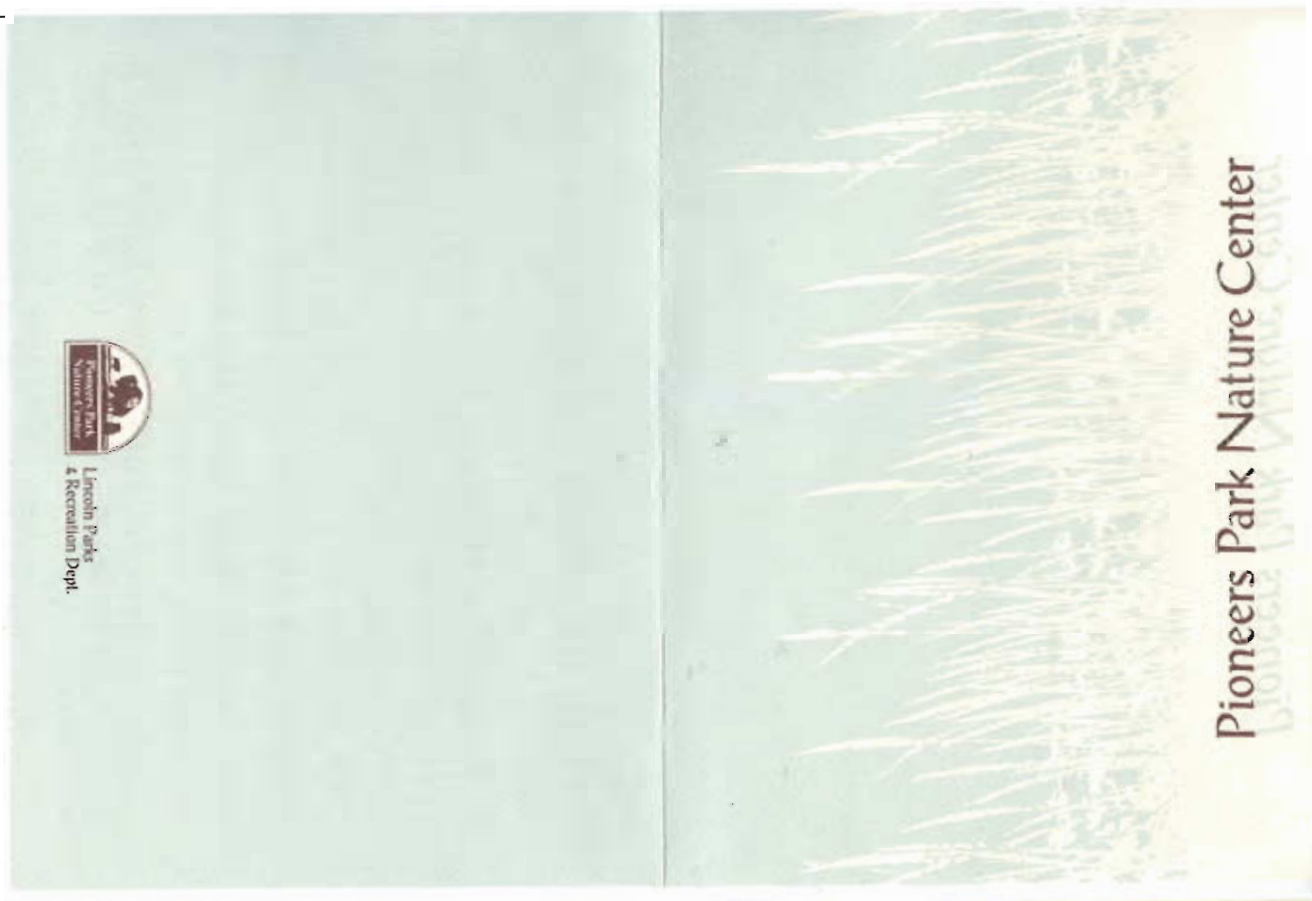
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293 Adults  
246 Kids  
539 Total

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who	what Presented
1 Woolly	tumbling, faceted stones, TR fire-aways
2 Carme Burdas	fossils, give-aways - handouts & rocks
3 Ed Dvorak	Wire wrapping stones
4 Sharon Marburg	doing club work, give-aways (tumbled rocks <sup>TR</sup> ), Volunteer
5 James Marburg	vibro tumbler & How to Find Lake Superior Agate Give-aways TR
6 Corey Beer	Lapidary
7 Chulda J. Stuebel	Lapidary
8 Edmore Pine	MIT Give-aways (Rt Fossils)
9 Jayne Beer	Lapidary
10 Caralyn Ashman	club work, Volunteer
11 Vera Lyman	" " "
12 Mark Awckum - Sweetman	L GME Club Member, Arrowheads, axes, give-aways <sup>TR</sup>
13 Susy McMillan Jan Williams Elaina McMillan	L GME Club members, Volunteer " future member
14 Karen & Charlie Messenger	sponsor/volunteer facilitator club members

# Geology Day



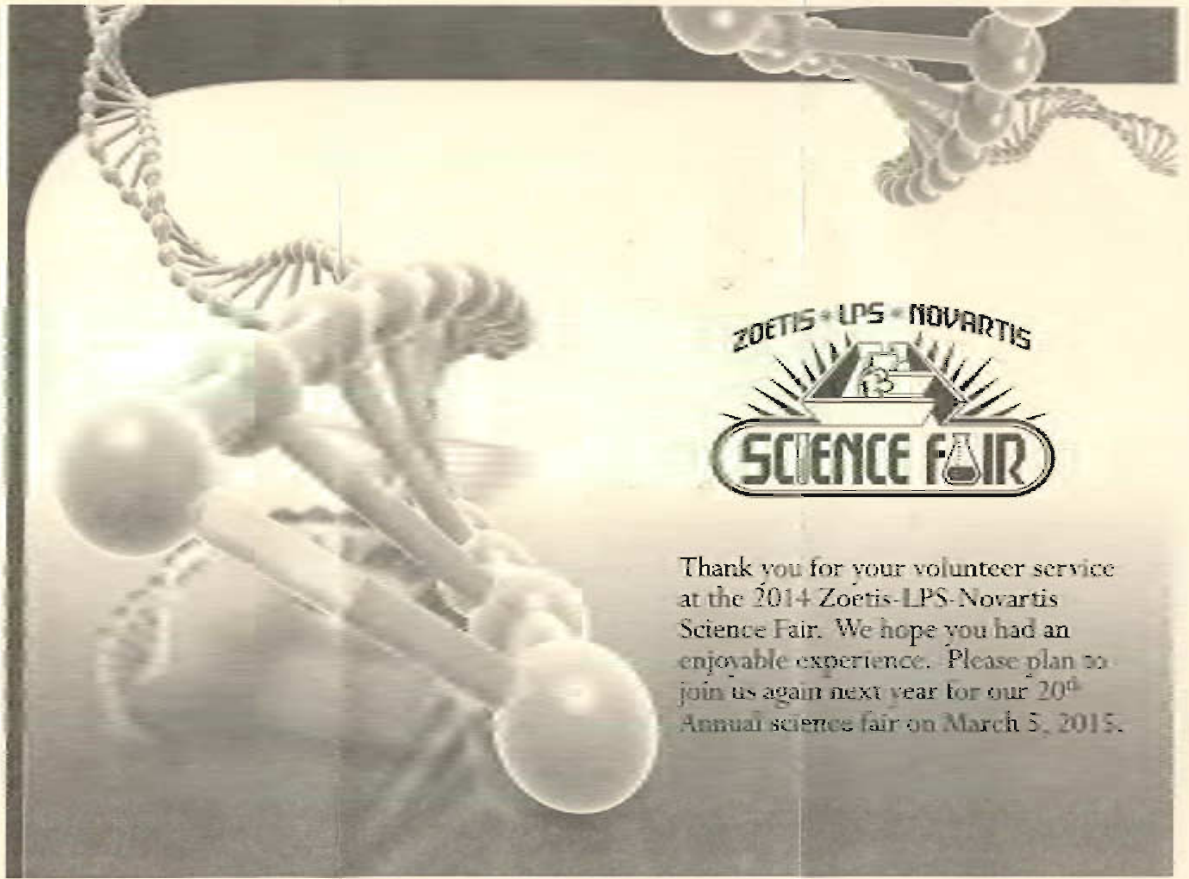
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Thanks again to all club members who took the time to demonstrate and educate the public at Pioneers Park Nature Center Geology Day! Fifteen club members and two prospective junior members spent the afternoon interacting with visitors: 293 adults and 246 kids for a total of 539 ppl. Best ever and will be a hard total to beat. The weather was beautiful and we stayed busy the whole time.

Tentative dates for 2015. March 8 Geology Day 1-4, July 12 Grinding Party 1-4. A list of participants is included.

Karen Messinger

# SCIENCE FAIR



**19th Annual Zoetis-LPS-Novartis Science Fair  
March 20, 2014**



# PICK & SHOVEL

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2014 Meetings and Activities

#### Board

Wed., Apr 2 (Lyman's home)

Wed., Apr 30 (Gere Library)

Wed., Sep 3 (Gere Library)

Wed., Oct 1 (Gere Library)

Wed., Nov 5 (Gere Library)

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

March 20, 2014

7:00 p.m.

**Program: No program. We will discuss last minute Show plans.**

### Mineral Monkeys

March 20, 2014

6:30 p.m.

**Lesson: No Lesson.**

**You will be attending the Science Fair.**

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### SCHEDULE

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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore, Junior Co-Leader

With February now behind us, our poster project is ready for display. First, it will go to the Science Fair this month and 16 days later it will appear again at our show. It has been fun looking at all the pictures the juniors picked out and reading the articles they wrote; they brought back a lot of wonderful memories for me as well. You all did a beautiful job and should be very proud. I am, because it was team effort at it's very best. A very special thank you goes out to Linda Guenter for her help putting it all together and making it look so nice.

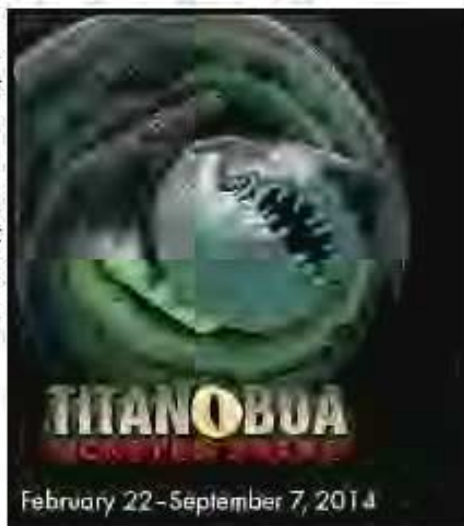
We had a nice surprise at the General Meeting when each of our juniors received a magnifier, or loup. The kids were over the moon with them. We want to say a BIG! BIG! thank you to Greg and Betty Syslo for this wonderful donation, and a BIG! BIG! thank you to Terry Anderson for presenting them to the kids on behalf of the Syslos. They are awesome and the kids will get years of enjoyment out of them.

A few reminders to the juniors of upcoming events:

- Science Fair - Thursday March 20th (4:00 p.m.), Lancaster Event Center, 84th @ Havelock
- Lincoln Gem and Mineral Show, April 5 and 6, (please remember to wear your T-shirts and display your badges)

And finally, with our show having the theme of "Stones and Bones," we thought it would be cool to study about fossils. For the Senior Monkeys who have already studied this and got their fossil badges, never fear!! We are going to get a little more in depth about a few minerals, and then introduce everyone to TITANOBOA, seen in the traveling exhibit at Morrill Hall that runs until September 7, 2014.

ITS GOING TO BE  
A BUSY COUPLE  
OF MONTHS  
FOR US ALL



# SCIENCE FAIR

**Grinding Party**  
**Sunday, July 13, 1 - 4 p.m.**  
**Pioneers Park Nature Center**  
**Chet Ager Building**  
**Setup at noon.**  
**Please come early to help move**  
**tables from another building.**  
**Picnic in the Park to follow at 4:30 p.m.**  
**Potluck.**



A couple of Ed Dvorak's wire-wrapped pieces, created during the event.



Look at all the pretty stones!

# Grinding Party

Pick & Shovel

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## GRINDING PARTY AT PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER

by Karen Messenger

Another Grinding Party has ground to a halt! It was not as busy as Geology Day was. As of 4:05 p.m., the count was 58 adults and 55 kids, for a total of 113. At least we broke 100!

There were 11 displayers and a mostly steady but slow attendance. Maybe the heat and humidity had something to do with it - - or not.

Thanks to all the "Old Faithfuls," and the two new contributors, for all their work and educational interactions.

Mark your calendars now for 2015! Geology Day will be March 8 and the Grinding Party will be July 12.

Thanks, again, to all.



Corey organizing his specimens before starting his demonstration

photos by the Marburgers

BELOW:  
Thanks to Charlie & Karen Messenger for organizing and setting up for the Grinding Party every year!



photos by Jayne Beer



New Mineral Monkey, Ruby, explaining items in her display



Ruby and mom showing off Ruby's collection



## SECTION 6 – GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS

Club members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations

American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

Blue Ribbon Coalition

Susy McMahan named the Nebraska State Liaison to ALAA