

2015  
All American Club Yearbook



Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 5342  
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# In Memory of Mark Awakuni-Swetland



Mark loved nature. He was always out and about, searching for the next thing that Mother Earth would give him. He liked to collect small animal bones and would create art with them. He would polish shells and work with rocks that sparked his fancy. Mark loved to share his knowledge with whoever would listen. Even during the times he was undergoing chemotherapy, Mark would find the strength to attend club events and share his love of the earth. Mark was an educator, and he is missed by those whose lives were enriched by knowing him.





## GOOD-BYE TO A FRIEND - MARK AWAKUNI-SWETLAND

by Carrie Burkhart

On February 26, 2015, friends and family came together to say good-bye to a father, friend, and teacher. The amount of people that came was a testament to the profound way Mark touched so many lives. He was born April 7, 1956 here in Lincoln, Nebraska. From a young age he had a voracious appetite for learning about the world around him. His interests were based on his Native American upbringing. He taught at the University of Nebraska and was involved in many clubs, including the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. He enjoyed flint knapping at the show.

There were many faces from LGMC in the crowd. Judy Anson, Carolyn Ashmore, Jackie Barnhardt, Charles Wooldridge, Judith Bay, Jayne Beer, Carrie Burkhart, and Richard Peterson were there. They performed a Native ceremony at the Indian Center. Donna and their sons gave gifts, according to tradition, to friends and family. There were not many dry eyes in the crowd. A meal was shared by all.

Mark will be missed. Fond memories of milkweed soup and his fedora will remain with us all. He may have been of the Omaha tribe, but more than that, he was a member of the human tribe. A man with a heart and soul bigger than all of us. Now he can fly free from the shackles of pain that consumed him in the end. But is it the end? His legacy will live on. Good-bye my friend . . . .



*"When you die, it does not mean that you lose to cancer. You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and in the manner in which you live."*

Quote by Stuart Scott

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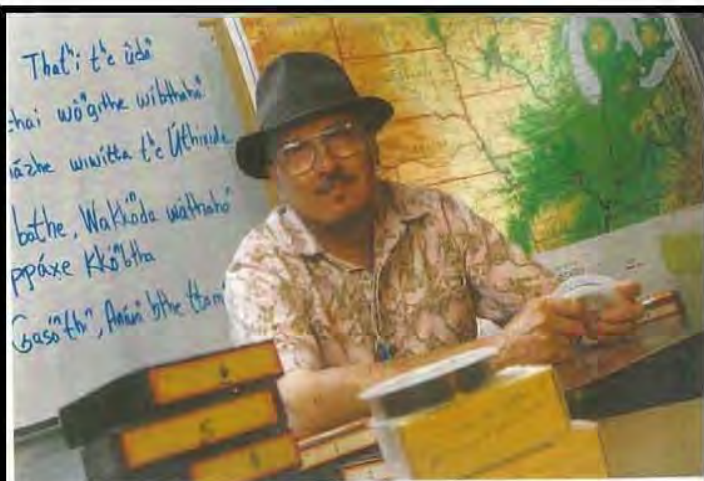
### In loving Memory of Mark Awakuni-Swetland U'thixide

April 7, 1956 - February 23, 2015

**Memorial Celebration**  
Thursday, February 26, 2015  
Indian Center  
Lincoln, NE  
11:00AM to 2:00PM

**Officiating**  
Malcolm and Dorothy Tyndall

Family interment at a later date.  
Ashland Cemetery  
Ashland, NE



Mark Joseph Awakuni-Swetland

Mark was born on April 7, 1956 in Lincoln, NE to Lee and Margaret Swetland. He was one of eight children.

Education was important to Mark throughout his life. His formal education would earn him a Bachelors, Masters, and Ph.D which would culminate in becoming an Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. From a young age he always looked at the world around him, both current and past, with equal interest.

Mark traveled from Nebraska to Mexico, California to Alaska, Washington D.C. to Hawaii and many places in-between. He had many interests that revolved around his Native American upbringing. He was active with the Lincoln Indian Club, the Macy Taipeh Society, the Hethushka Society, and the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Group.

Mark spent his life sharing the stories and teachings that he learned from his elders and through his own education with others.

Family was very important to Mark. He was a loving husband to his wife Donna, and a great father to his sons Micah and Keali'i. A wonderful brother, uncle, nephew, teacher, friend etc... to all that knew him.



# Omaha language champion dies

## UNL professor spent career preserving tribal language.

By KEVIN ABOUREZK  
Lincoln Journal Star

Mark Awakuni-Swetland dedicated much of his life and almost all of his career to preserving a language and a culture not his by birth.

By most accounts, he did so with humility and grace, always asking for permission from the people

he worked to help before taking any significant action on behalf of the Omaha Tribe. So it came as no surprise that his family spent nearly all of a three-hour memorial service Thursday thanking the people whom Awakuni-Swetland served rather than lauding his accomplishments.

The 58-year-old University of Nebraska-Lincoln associate professor of anthropology and ethnic studies died Monday after a nearly 15-year fight with leukemia.

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Courtesy Alan Jackson Photography

Mark Awakuni-Swetland, University of Nebraska-Lincoln anthropology and ethnic studies professor, died Monday of leukemia.

## Professor

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"This is what my nephew wanted," his adopted uncle Malcolm Tyndall said during a prayer ceremony shortly before a meal at the Lincoln Indian Center. "He wanted to eat with all of you."

Awakuni-Swetland's accomplishments were many and likely will have long-standing impact on the Omaha Tribe.

He was hired by UNL in 2000 after earning bachelor's and master's degrees in anthropology, history and Great Plains Studies from UNL and a doctorate in anthropology from the University of Oklahoma.

At UNL, he created a Native language program and assembled a team to design instructional materials for the Omaha language. He partnered with Omaha tribal leaders and researchers at Wayne State College and UNL to develop an Omaha-Ponca digital dictionary and other reference materials for the Omaha language.

At the time of his death, he and his team were completing an Omaha language textbook to be published by the University of Nebraska Press.

"It'll be done soon," his wife, Donna, promised

those gathered Thursday. "Something that was dear to his heart was the Omaha language."

Awakuni-Swetland wasn't born Omaha but came to know an Omaha couple, Charles and Elizabeth Stabler, who adopted him as their grandson.

Not all Omaha tribal members supported his efforts, however.

In June 2010, two Omaha tribal members urged the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to fire Awakuni-Swetland for claiming to be an Omaha tribal member in order to gain employment at UNL and win lucrative federal grants.

Three other Omaha tribal members told regents at the same meeting that Awakuni-Swetland had never claimed membership in the tribe but had served a vital role in preserving the Omaha language.

Barbara Salvatore was among those who benefited from Awakuni-Swetland's instruction.

In 2011, she packed her bags and flew 1,100 miles from her New York home to Lincoln after being urged by Awakuni-Swetland to come learn the Omaha and Ponca languages from him.

Salvatore now works as a Ponca language educator for the Ponca Tribe. Recently, she wrote a poem about her former professor:

"And I hope the words / the seeds / that went with his soul / come back to us / come through us / to the children / words remembered / forward for generations / to come."

In addition to his wife, Awakuni-Swetland is survived by sons Micah and Keali'i Swetland, and six brothers and sisters.

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### AWAKUNI-SWETLAND



**Mark Joseph U'thixide Awakuni-Swetland**, 58, of Lincoln, passed away Feb. 23, 2015. Memorial celebration: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Indian Center, 1100 Military Road, Lincoln. 402-438-5231. Memorial donations to family, in lieu of flowers. Please visit Lincoln Family Funeral Care at [www.lincolnfcc.com](http://www.lincolnfcc.com).







ALL-AMERICAN CLUB "Yearbook" AWARD – For Year 2015

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: 74 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  
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Mission or purpose of the club: The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an  
interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily  
limited to Geology, Paleontology and Mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to  
provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, especially to youth and student  
groups.



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

General Meetings:

Number of meetings 8 Average Attendance 24 Guests 3 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: 8 Guests: 2

**(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 10 Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday dinner 44

Other (Describe): Pizza Supper (following Rock Swap) - 28

**(2f)** Show Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) April 4-5, 2015

Dealers: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ # 13 Demonstrators: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ # 11

Members working at show: # 24 Members attending: # 56

Member Displays: # 33 Junior Displays: # 4

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

**(2g)** Swap Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): January 24, 2015

Dealers: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Swappers: 12

Number of members attending: 37 Number of members working: 14

**(2h)** Special Features: Club library: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Number of books: ~150

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

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

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  No  N/A

Meeting notices posted in public places: Yes  No  Where? \_\_\_\_\_

(3c) Meeting notices published in local media: Yes  No  Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Where? Ken's Kegs; Barberettes; Russ' Markets lunch rooms; Grafton & Assoc.; Peoples Choice Credit Union; Cotner Barber Shop; City Parks & Recreation; Lancaster Event Center; Hair Biz; Wild Bird Habitat; Westlake Hardware; Lincoln Industries; GTE Industries; Michael Tish Jewelers; Print Works; Comfort Suites; Capital Cigar Shop; Arby's; Ben Franklin; Farmers Insurance Agency; Eyes of the World; Bodhe Imports; Euforia; Meadowlark Coffee; Haymarket; 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

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Show information published in local media: Yes  No  Where?

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

Magazine; Kids' Life; American Classifieds

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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  No  (\*Include a separate list of members serving.)

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

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

Regional Federation: Yes  No  #: 4 AFMS: Yes  No  #: 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

Members displayed/demonstrated at other club shows: Yes  No

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

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

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



**SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)**

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

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

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)





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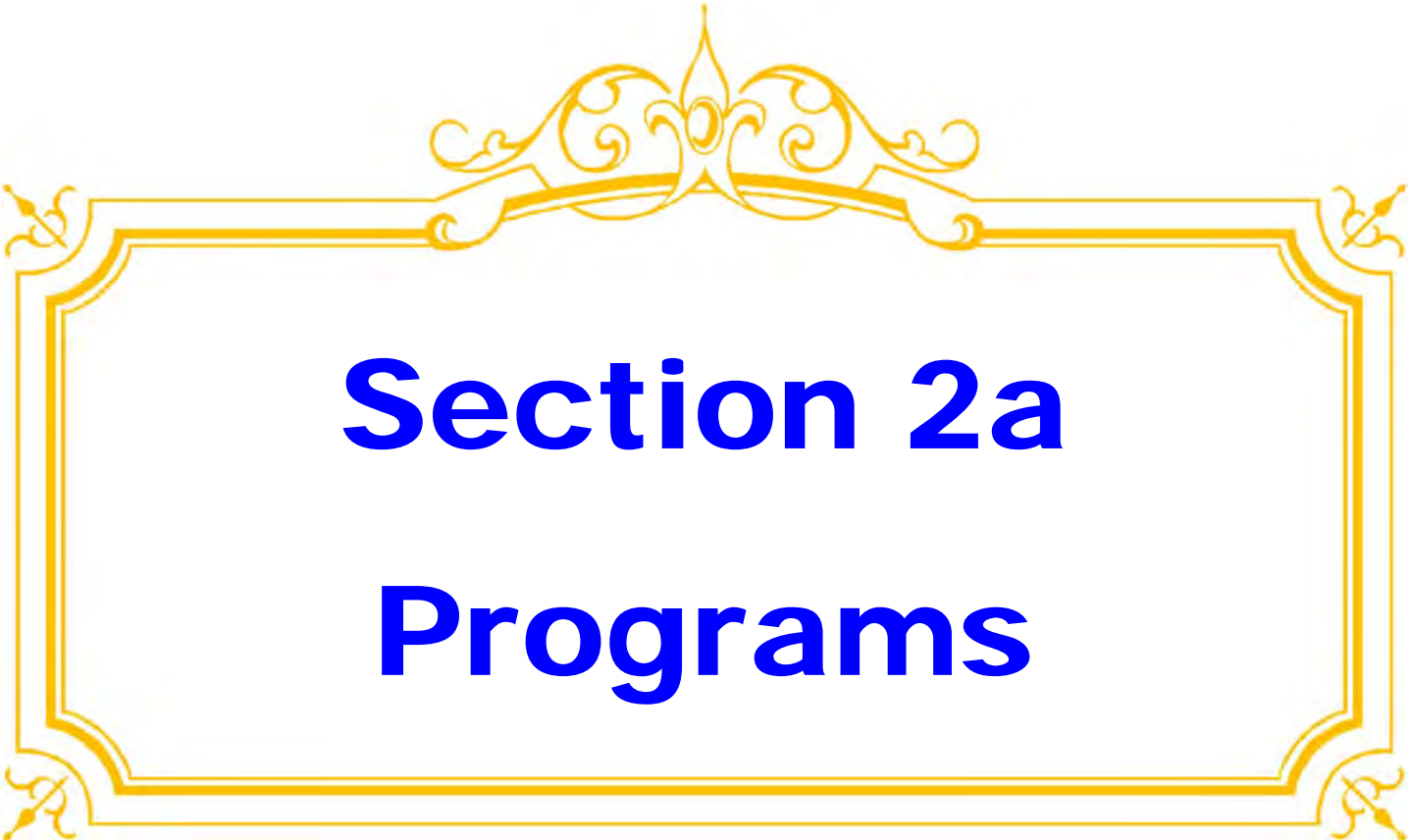
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† = Life Membership



# Section 2a Programs



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

January	Annual Swap	No program due to a full afternoon of swapping and Silent Auction
February	What's Under That Rock?	Dennis Ferraro, UNL Herpetologist Professor
March	Ancient Peoples of Nebraska	Kevin Hammond, Nebraska Archeological Society
April		Video
May	Knapping	Scott Reichart
September	Rhodochrosite: Red Treasure of the Rockies	Video
October	Rockhounding in Idaho	Video
November	Annual Elections	
December	Christmas Party	Rock Bingo, where everyone wins at least one hobby-related prize

# Programs

Red Outline - Section 2a

Blue Outline - Section 2c



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## 2015 Meetings and Activities

### Board

Wed., Feb. 4 (Lymans)

Wed., Mar. 4 (Gere)

Wed., Apr. 1 (Gere)

Wed., May 6 (Gere)

### General

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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**

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Mid-winter Swap - No program

### **MINERAL MONKEYS**

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Lesson: Earth in Space



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## 2015 Meetings and Activities

### Board

Wed., Mar. 4 (Gere)

Wed., Apr. 1 (Gere)

Wed., May 6 (Gere)

### General

Thurs., Feb. 19

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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, February 19, 2015

Program: "What's Under That Rock?"  
by UNL Herpetologist/Professor,  
Dennis Ferraro

### **MINERAL MONKEYS**

Thursday, February 19, 2015

Lesson: Stone Age Tools  
and Art



# Programs

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## 2015 Meetings and Activities

### Board

Wed., Apr. 1 (Lyman home)

Wed., May 6  
(The Jewelry Connection)

### General

Thurs., Mar. 19

Thurs. Apr. 16

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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, March 19, 2015

Program: "Ancient Peoples of Nebraska"  
by Kevin Hammond

### **MINERAL MONKEYS**

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Lesson: Stone Age Tools  
and Art - Finish sand art  
project



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## 2015 Meetings and Activities

### Board

Wed., May 6  
(The Jewelry Connection)

Wed., Sep 2  
(Gere Library)

Wed., Sep 30 (October)  
(Gere Library)

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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, April 16, 2015

Program: Video

### **MINERAL MONKEYS**

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Lesson: Finishing Stone Age  
Tools & Art



# Programs

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Blue Outline - Section 2c



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## 2015 Meetings and Activities

### Board

Wed., Sep 2 (Gere Library)

Wed., Sep 30 (Oct) (Gere)

Wed., Nov 4

Wed., Dec 2

### General

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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, May 21, 2015

Program: Knapping  
Scott Reichart

### MINERAL MONKEYS

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Lesson: Stone Age Tools &  
Art - Final Lesson



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# PICK & SHOVEL

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### Board

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Wed., Dec 2 (Gere)

### General

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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, September 17, 2015

Program: *Rhodochrosite: Red Treasure of the Rockies*

### MINERAL MONKEYS

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Summer Show & Tell



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(Halloween Party)

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### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 2015  
Program: Rockhounding in Idaho

### MINERAL MONKEYS

Thursday, October 15, 2015  
Mentor Program Planning



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# PICK & SHOVEL

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Thurs., Nov 19  
Annual Business Meeting  
Election of Officers

Sun. Dec 6

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### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2015  
Program: Surprise!

### MINERAL MONKEYS

Thursday, November 19, 2015  
Fluorescents

# Programs

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.

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



# Section 2b

Officers, Directors,  
Committees



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2 years:	Edward Ridge Robert Cropp
3 years:	Charles Wooldridge





Section 2c  
Youth Group

# Youth Group

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## MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

Happy New Year, Juniors!

Our January 24th meeting will be about the solar system, meteorites, and we'll also look at some pictures of impact sights around the world.

With the Rock Swap the same day, it will be busy and we have a lot to cover before we start the sand art project next month. Please don't forget your Famous Craters Page and your Planet Labeling Page as we'll be talking about them.

As we talked about in December, I will have copies of the Midwest Federation 2015 Youth Poster Contest rules to hand out. This would be a great opportunity for all you rockhounds to make a cool poster and write about our state gemstone, rock or fossil. Prizes are given out to the best entries in each age group.

See You At The Swap!!!!!!

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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Hello Again Juniors:

WOW! Two snow days in one week! That's awesome! I hope you all had a chance to enjoy your extra time out of school and have fun in the fluffy white stuff.

Our February meeting will be on unit #14, Stone Age Tools and Art. We will be starting our Navajo Sand Art project this month, so bring your cardboard drawings back, and remember the colors we will be using are red, blue, green, and yellow, with the white background. We will finish, seal, and frame them at our March meeting, so we can have them ready to display at our booth at the show.

For those of you who just forgot, or I just gave you the papers at the last meeting, bring your reports back on the Famous Craters, and the paper on identifying our Solar System so we can finish up this unit.

### JUST A REMINDER

Thursday, March 5th is Science Fair. We need to be there at 4:00 to set up. I will take everything we need to do our gem dig. We're usually there only 4 hours. I want to say thank you to the juniors and their parents and grandparents for volunteering again this year. What a great way to reach out in our community, and share our hobby with others.

Susy will be having shoulder surgery this month, so she won't be with us at this month's meeting, or the Science Fair. We all will miss her, and we want to wish her a speedy recovery!!!!

ROCK ON MY SNOWY FRIENDS!

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**Donations for LGMC Juniors!  
Tumble your lapidary scraps and  
other small stones, and donate  
them to the Juniors for the 1,000  
grab bags currently in production  
by our volunteers. Other needed  
items include small fossils and  
minerals, and small, inexpensive  
trinkets.**

**Carolyn Ashmore and Susy  
McMahan send their heartfelt  
thanks, as do the Juniors!**





# Youth Group

## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Hello Again Rockhounds,

What a wonderful time we had at the Science Fair this year. There were over 800 in attendance and we got busy fast. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. At this year's Science Fair, I had the opportunity to observe and listen to all of you, working and educating the public together, and having fun doing it. It felt great watching this well-oiled machine at work. I was sitting at the sideline a lot this year due to nursing a couple broken toes, but I want to express my gratitude to all of you. We all had a blast!!! I have said this many, many times; YOU ALL ARE AWESOME!!

This month's lesson will be to finish up our sand art projects, and getting them sealed and framed for the show. With the Show coming up fast, and after talking to others about this, we decided we need a JUNIOR SHOW VOLUNTEERS sign-up sheet for that weekend. That way, no one person has to feel like they have to be there the entire time, and everyone can pick and choose which days and times work best for them that Easter weekend. The sign-up sheet will be that this month's meeting, so you all will have a chance to sign up then.

We also will be talking more about the Midwest Federation Poster Contest. For those of you that are interested in doing this project, I will provide some paper cut 12x18 for your posters. I will need them back by the April 16th meeting in order to get them sent in on time. I hope all of you will have an entry for this contest. The prizes are cool. ROCK ON!!!

Photo courtesy of Paul Ashmore



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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Hello again, Juniors.

This last meeting before summer break will be on Unit 14.1, Stone Age Tools. This last lesson completes our Stone Age Tools and Art unit. We'll take a closer look at certain rocks and how they were used by stone age cultures for survival. Scott Reichart will be our guest speaker; he's a known knapper and has demonstrated knapping at our local shows. Several of you have shown interest in knapping, and Scott will be able to answer any questions you might have about this hobby.

With field trip season coming up, and with a lot more new junior members this year, I want to talk about field safety and, of course, the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Code of Ethics. Both are important to remember when you're in the field. For those of you that don't have rock folders yet, I will be bringing folders and handouts to give to you about these topics.

Don't forget to bring your completed clay necklace to this class; the beads you all made were awesome, and I can't wait to see them put together!!!!

I'll be seeing you all on field trips this summer, as well as monthly Rock Parties. Don't forget the Grinding Party in July at the Pioneers Park Nature Center. Have a wonderful summer and be safe out there.



# Youth Group

## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK EVERYONE for volunteering at our booth at this year's annual show. We had a lot of fun back there. We had 8 juniors and 6 adults that helped this year, and the booth "looked awesome," as I was told many times. The grab bags sold pretty well for the first year having them, and the Easter rock basket raffle sold more tickets this year than last year. You're all doing such a great job!!!! And I'm so proud of you all!!!!

I also want to thank Carrie Burkhart for the wonderful Easter Bunny Cars she made the juniors for Easter; we all loved them and they didn't last long.

At the April meeting, we will be finishing up unit No. 14, "Stoneage Tools and Art." We will be making clay beads at this month's meeting to take home, let dry, string onto a cord (which I will provide), and bring back completed to show everyone at the May 21st meeting.

REMINDER: This meeting is our deadline to enter the Midwest Federation Poster Contest. I want to send your posters in immediately following the meeting, to make sure they're in by the May 1st deadline. We have a lot of artistic and talented juniors, and this would be a wonderful time to show it. Who knows? You might even win!!!!

## Silversmithing classes

Tuesday Evenings

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

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

**Tuition: \$120 plus \$30 supply deposit**

Session 2: Mar 3 - Apr 21

Session 3: Apr 28 - Jun 16

**\*\* Summer Break \*\***

Session 4: Aug 11 - Sep 29

Session 5: Oct 6 - Nov 24

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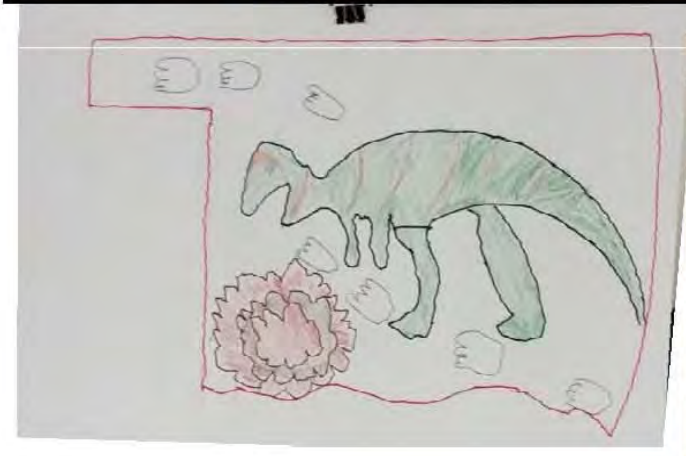
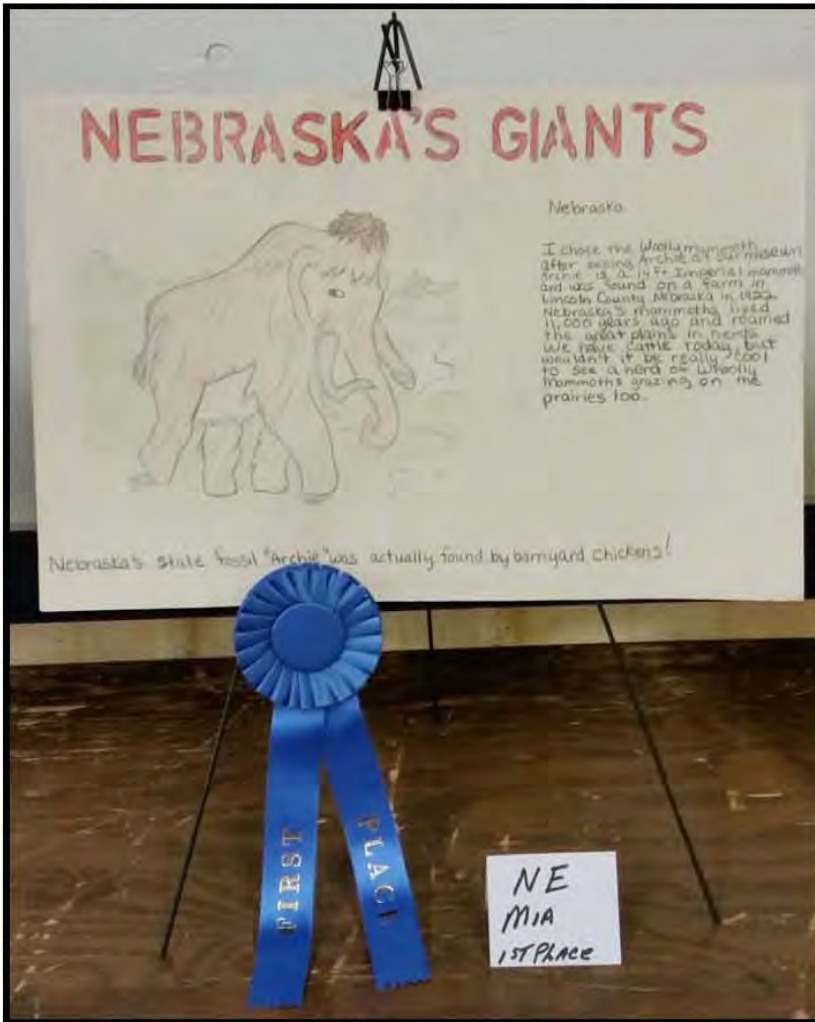
# Youth Group

## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Sharon Marburger

Hi Monkeys! Jim and I drove to Chicago to attend the Midwest Federation Convention over Memorial Day weekend. I was tickled pink to see the winning entries of the Youth Poster Contest. I was so proud, I nearly burst when I saw the first and second place winners in the junior high division.

Congratulations to Mia and Brooklyn! Great job, girls!



Photos by Sharon Marburger

My other favorite was by second grader, Noah, from Oklahoma. I love his dinosaur and dino tracks, and the Oklahoma desert rose. Congratulations to him, too, for a first place win in his division.



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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Hello There, Junior Rockhounds. I hope you all had a wonderful and safe summer and that you all had time to go out and enjoy the great rockhounding weather we have had this summer.

Our first meeting back is always fun; so many things to talk about and lots of rocks and minerals and fossils to show one another. So bring your newly found additions to our class in September.

This year is going to be full of new and exciting things. One thing near and dear to my heart that we will be doing is called Reaching Across Generations. This badge will take all nine months to complete. I am very excited about the junior and senior members getting together for this. All the knowledge our senior members have, and sharing it one-on-one with their junior member is going to be awesome! You will learn so much from your senior member. Don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions and take lots of notes. We, the senior members, are here to help you.

Some of the other fun stuff we will be doing include painting sea shells and making colored sand bottles with your senior members. We are also going to learn about fluorescent minerals, why some minerals fluoresce, and safety when using a fluorescent lamp. Jim Marburger kindly agreed to be our guest speaker for this lesson.

We will also be doing some individual articles and presentations this year. We haven't done much of this in the past, so this is a chance for everyone to write and share with all the members in our club, both junior and senior. Your articles will be published in the Pick & Shovel.

Finally, with help from your parents and grandparents, we will look at Rocking on the Computer, the safe and secure way to research the internet to your favorite rock, mineral or fossil sites.

Now you have somewhat of an idea of the planned lessons chosen for you this next season. We promise to have lots and lots of fun-filled, hands-on learning.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our September 17th meeting.



## COMMENTARY ON "HAVING FUN"

by Sharon Marburger

Thank goodness Jim Brace-Thompson's article does not apply to LGMC! We now have a wonderful group of 15 kids!

Although club members have tried for many years to build a youth group, success finally came to us for several reasons.

- ◆ Our dedicated co-leaders, Carolyn Ashmore and Susy McMahan. These two ladies work their tails off in planning and presenting interesting and fun topics for our kids.
- ◆ The membership of Corey Beer, who has now graduated to adult membership status. Corey's enthusiasm is contagious, not only to other kids, but to adult members, too. He has spoken at many school and youth-oriented programs.
- ◆ Word of mouth. The kids tell their friends about their cool specimens and awesome activities at the club functions.

## COMMENTARY - CONT'D

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- ◆ Annual Show. Our Juniors have an entertaining booth at the Show. There are games, gem dig, coloring hobby related sheets, and other fun things. This year we will add grab bags to the booth.
- ◆ The generosity of the adult members of LGMC. Specimens and assistance from the adult members have encouraged the growth of the juniors. Who wouldn't like a new specimen for their collection?
- ◆ Jim Brace-Thompson. The glue that has made the LGMC youth group a prospering entity is this man. He provided the Future Rockhounds of America (FRA) program to anyone interested in promoting the growth of our young members.
- ◆ FRA. The program itself has provided structure and guidance, giving our leaders a tool to capture the interest and imagination of our kids.

There are other reasons for our growth, but these are the main ones (in my opinion). All of these intertwine to make a solid program.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make our Juniors' program a success. The kids are the future of our hobby.

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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Greetings Juniors!

This month is our Halloween Party, so don't forget to dress up as your favorite rock, mineral or fossil. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume. We'll have loads of treats to hand out to everyone as well.



This month is also the beginning of our mentor program for all of you. I hope you all had a chance to think about which senior member you want to ask to be your partner (if you haven't already asked them). If you can't decide who you want to ask, or if you're a bit shy and don't know quite how to ask the senior, come talk to me or one of the other helpers and we'll go and ask them together.

I would like you all to bring your club notebook and a pencil to this month's meeting. It's always good to take notes when you ask questions of your senior partner, that way when it's time to write your senior article, you have the answers right there. I will need to know who you have chosen as your senior member, so it can be recorded properly in your club folder.

We have three new junior members who started late in the summer. They need to learn about the three rock types and Nebraska's state gemstone and rock. I will be working with these members for a while at this meeting.

We are also starting a new program this month. It is an attendance and participation bonus; any meeting, rock party, highway clean-up, field trip, or other club activity that you attend will earn you what we call "monkey bucks". The more club functions you attend,

the more you can earn. Now here's the cool part; these monkey bucks can be used to purchase anything you want at the swap or the show, including the silent auctions. All you have to do is participate in club stuff to earn the monkey bucks! Is that cool, or what?

Happy Halloween, Juniors. (As an added bonus, the winning costume earns an extra monkey buck!) Let's see those awesome costumes!!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Sharon's all time favorite costume was in 2013. Such a cute little "bubble gum agate"!



Wow!!! Was I excited when I discovered this on a Nemaha River gravel bar!!! What do you think it is??? The answer will be published in the November Pick & Shovel. Wooly





# Youth Group

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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Hello again, Juniors! I hope you all had a wonderful Halloween!!!

Our November meeting is going to be awesome!!!! I want to thank Jim Marburger for volunteering to be our guest speaker for this lesson. This month's unit is about fluorescent materials. Jim is going to bring the portable fluorescent light with him and talk to you about fluorescents. I think you all will be amazed at the variety of beautiful colors you'll see at this meeting. Don't forget to bring some of your collection with you; we all would love to see what they will look like under the light.



I saw a few of you at the Rock Party at Wooly's house last month. It was great seeing you play basketball and having such a good time together. Remember, any club activity you attend earns you one Monkey Buck to spend anywhere you want at the swap or show. And it's always fun eating and hanging out, or working on projects with your friends in the club.

I also want to tell you about the Midwest Federation Youth Poster Contest for 2016. The theme is "Amazing Agates." I think we all have seen some amazing agates, so doing this kind of poster project should be a cinch for everyone to do. I will be passing out the information needed for the contest and, just like this past year, I will be sending all the entries at once before the April 15th deadline.

Susy and I would like to wish you all a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!



## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Greetings Juniors!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with plenty to eat and lots of family and friends all around you.

This past Sunday we had the Club Christmas party. We began the evening at 5:00, with the juniors and their senior partner making sand bottles together. Everyone seemed to have fun. Most of those attending got to make two sand bottles each. There was a lot of excitement and sharing of sand. At the end of the project, both juniors and seniors got to take home their sand bottles.

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At this time, I would like to add a personal note:

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LGMC

The kids, Susy, and I would like to say "Thank You," again, for your support over the past year for our junior group!!!!!!

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!

photo by Jim Marburger



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# Youth Group

February/March lesson: Stone-Age Tools and Art (Sand Art)





# Youth Group

April/May lesson: Stone-Age Tools and Art (Clay Beads)





# Youth Group

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## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

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## 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The club Christmas Party was held the evening of December 6. It was a night full of activities.

We began at 5:00 with the Mineral Monkeys' Future Rockhounds of America badge project of "Reaching Across Generations." The junior members and their partnered senior member met to make sand bottles that they exchanged with one another. There was a lot of talking and laughing with this project. Each team selected different colored sands to use, but as the evening wore on, we learned another lesson: Sharing. Those sitting at the same table were soon exchanging their cups of sand for colors not previously selected. Not only was it fun, it contained a life lesson.

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photos by Jim & Sharon Marburger



# Youth Group

## 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY - CONT'D



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Even some of the “old-timers” thought the project looked like fun.

After the sand/bottle project was done, the juniors received Christmas stockings full of goodies, and their names were drawn from a bowl, at which time they got to visit the gift table where they selected items of their choice.



Then it was on to our Christmas banquet. The club provided fried chicken and beverages and the members provided all the other

fixins. There was a glorious assortment of foods: salads, potatoes, casseroles, desserts. Everything was yummy! Rocks and food - that is LGMC!

There were a couple of families that had other obligations that evening, so while we ate, we also handed out some awards. We began with the three graduates of the FRA Program: Ellie, Mia, and Brooklyn. These girls graduated to Rockhound after earning badges in the required projects. Badges were then handed out to the other Mineral Monkeys: Sarah, Tait, Abby, Logan,



and Taylor. Leaders Carolyn and Susy are extremely proud of the kids and their achievements. And because “it takes a village” to be successful, Carolyn handed out recognition certificates to select adults who went above and beyond to help with the youth program: Philip Paul, Jayne, Sharon S., Linda, Corey, and Vera.

After supper, the prestigious Rockhound of the Year was bestowed upon Jayne Beer. Her nomination stated:

Served as 1st Vice-President, worked her tail off during show setup, donated a pickup load of material to the Nebraska Gem Dig, donated to silent auction, attended most meetings and club functions, maintains program equipment and speaker system, demonstrated at



various club functions, hosted Rock Parties, provided material to newsletter. If the club did it, Jayne was there!

Regarding the AFMS Code of Ethics, I have seen Jayne pick up litter, and she is always respectful of people and nature. Jayne quietly attends club functions, usually unobtrusively. Any time there is an event, Jayne is there. She demonstrates lapidary and shares her

knowledge with club members and the general public. She is always willing to help out when and where needed. I believe Jayne is a valuable asset to LGMC, and she should be recognized and honored for her dedication to the hobby.

Anniversary pins were given to those members having an anniversary divided by 5 (5, 10, 15, etc.), with Vera receiving a 40-year pin and Richard Peterson receiving a 10-year plaque.

I handed out the Editors' Contest certificates and plaques from the Midwest Federation. Note how many of the top ten winners were from LGMC!!

**Original Articles:** “How to Deconstruct and Rehabilitate an Opal Triplet” by James Marburger (1st Place)

**Written Features:** “The Amazing Dino Adventure” by Ed Dvorak (2nd Place); “My Search for Amber” by Bill Ray (4th Place); “Field Trip to Ashfall and Gravel Pit” by Sharon Marburger (6th Place); “Outreach” by Nancy Akins (7th Place); “Our Christmas Travels” by Carolyn Ashmore (10th Place)

**Adult Poetry:** “The River” by Charles Wooldridge (1st Place)

Our All American Club Yearbook won Gold Medals in both the Midwest Federation and the American Federation. Keep up the good work, LGMC!





# Section 2d

Special Group Meetings

## **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!

# Monthly Rock Parties

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## No Rock Party in January!

If you are interested in hosting a Rock Party, please notify a Board member.

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## February Rock Party

Hosted by

The Jewelry Connection

13th & Arapahoe

5:00 p.m.

February 21, 2015



Bring your favorite potluck food and plan to have a fun and educational time!

Bring your portable equipment and projects. Some equipment will be available to use.

No Rock Party in March due to Science Fair and Geology Day



# Monthly Rock Parties

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## **Roadside Cleanup and Rock Party April 18**

**1:00 Meet at Hickman Rest Area  
for Roadside Cleanup**

**Approximately 4:00 Rock Party at the Marburgers**

### **ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP**

by Jim Marburger

The Roadside Clean-up was delayed a couple of weeks because of forecasted bad weather that canceled the April Rock Party and postponed the clean-up.

The group of 16 club members, including 5 Mineral Monkeys, met at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. There was a little rain the night before and some sprinkles that morning, but the sun came out, bringing some wind which helped to keep the bugs away.

Vests were handed out and sign-in sheets were completed, and a lesson on how to put on the vest in a 25 mile per hour wind was learned by all. I gave a pep talk and went over safety items before handing out assignments.

Our two mile stretch of Highway 77 was pretty clean, but still there were 23 large orange trash bags, 4 tires, a large sheet of plate steel, chunks of wood, car parts, a few deer, and other small items collected and assembled for Department of Roads maintenance crews to pick up for disposal.

This Spring clean-up took about 1½ hours, from putting up the signs to taking them down again. Please plan to attend our Fall clean-up (not yet scheduled); Sharon and I will plan to have a Rock Party afterwards.

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## May Rock Party

Picnic at the Woolys

6115 Huntington

Saturday, May 16

5:00 p.m.



Bring your projects.  
Bring your picnic food items.  
Wooly is firing up the grill!

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## June Rock Party



**FRIDAY**, June 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Ed and Pat Dvorak's Residence, 1013 Fulton Ave., Dorchester

From Washington Ave., 2 blocks East on 11th St., House is on the SW corner

Pat is planning sandwiches and dessert; Bring your complementary potluck items

**If you are planning to attend, please let Pat know, so she prepares enough food for everyone!**

Call 402-946-3041 or e-mail [ed20649@windstream.net](mailto:ed20649@windstream.net)

Bring your projects or just plan to swap tall rock tales.

Whatever you decide, it will be a fun time!





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## Rock Party August 22



The Jewelry Connection  
5:00 p.m.

Bring your projects.  
Bring your potluck item.

Be prepared  
to have FUN!

Judith Bay &  
Jayne Beer.  
Hostesses



Where you, too, can learn  
to make beautiful items  
like these!



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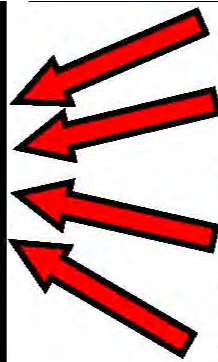
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General Meeting,  
Christmas Party,  
Awards Ceremony

### Activities

**Roadside Clean-up  
and Rock Party  
September 26, 2015**

October Rock Party



**Meet at Hickman Rest Area at 1:00 p.m.**

**Rock Party to follow Roadside Clean-up!**

**Eat and have rock fun at the Marburgers'.**

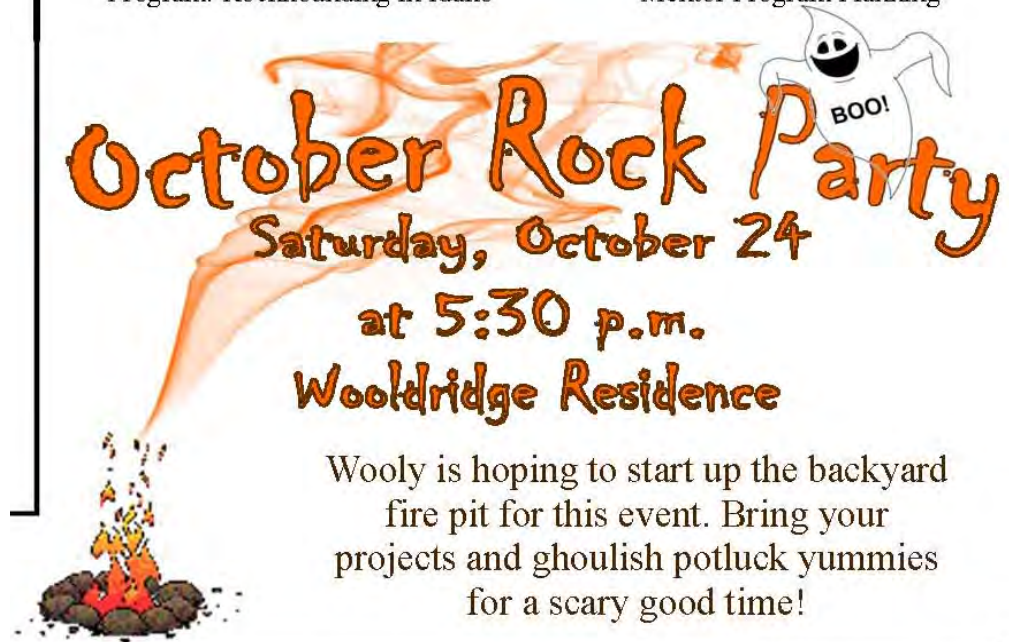


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**October Rock Party**  
Saturday, October 24  
at 5:30 p.m.  
Wooldridge Residence

Wooly is hoping to start up the backyard fire pit for this event. Bring your projects and ghoulish potluck yummys for a scary good time!

## November Rock Party

Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

**The Jewelry Connection**

13th and Arapahoe (downstairs)

Judith and Jayne say to bring your **soup** and accompanying food items.

(If it is cold outside, wear your warm clothing to ensure you remain comfortable, especially while working with water!)



Bring your favorite soup!

Don't forget your projects!

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## December Rock Party

Saturday

December 12

5:00 p.m. at

**The Marburgers**

Bring your favorite potluck food and your projects, and be prepared to have a bunch of fun!

Maybe we can twist Ed's arm to show us how

We can grind away at Jim to teach us how to make

We can polish up our skills at various other activities.



# Monthly Rock Parties

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## FEBRUARY ROCK PARTY

by Jayne Beer

I would like to thank all those who joined us for the rock party at The Jewelry Connection on February 21st. We had a good number of members there: Judy Anson; Paul & Carolyn Ashmore; Jim & Sharon Marburger; Susy McMahan; Ed Ridge; and, of course, Brian, Jayne, & Corey Beer, with Kelly and Jazz making an appearance.

As we have experienced every single time, this group puts out a great spread of food. We started it with sloppy joes, lemon bars, Asian flavored quinoa rice, and a salad. Add to that fried chicken, mashed potatoes, potato salad, chips & salsa, and cupcakes, and I think everyone there was happy and full.

As usual, there was much discussion among friends about rocks! Carolyn brought a beautiful Condor Agate. I cut a slab off of it and Corey polished a stone out of it. I cut a piece of youngite with druzi on top. I think both of the stones turned out beautiful. Eddie did some work on stones and Sharon polished some "windows" in stones she picked up on one of last year's field trips.

For as long as I have been cutting and polishing stones, I am still amazed at what is found when slicing and grinding into some "interesting" rock that was picked up off the ground!

After a while, most people headed for home, leaving just Judy and me. We started a wire wrap project. I'm not sure what time we finished up, but I left The Jewelry Connection hoping that everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

If you have never been to a Rock Party, I think you

are missing out on one of the most enjoyable activities the club does, maybe right below some of the rock collecting trips we have had. There are a few months open where you could host a party at your house. All you need is a table for food and a couple of outlets for the machines we show up with, and a place to sit around and talk. We have held picnic Rock Parties where we just set up in someone's yard.

I think the most amazing and extensively planned out Rock Party was last year around Easter. Ed Ridge hosted that one. He hid plastic Easter eggs that had numbers inside, which corresponded with numbered specimens from his personal collection. It was quite a sight to see all of us well-grown folks with cute little Easter baskets, looking for eggs, then acting like elated kids with the great rocks we received. There was one egg that was not found that day, and it was several months later that Eddie let me know that he had found it. What a good thing that it was a plastic egg!

Please consider attending these gatherings. We would love for you to host a Rock Party. What a great way to show off your collection.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks for the great article, Jayne! These parties are a ton of fun. As Jayne says, a table, some outlets, and a piece of ground to sit on is all you need. Several members have card tables and folding chairs, and I am sure they would be willing to bring them along if they are needed. Jim & Sharon will be hosting the April party, Wooly & Jackie the May party. June, August, September, October, November, and December are still available! Pick a month and plan to have a blast!





# Monthly Rock Parties

## FEBRUARY ROCK PARTY - CONT'D



Jayne, Eddie, Jim, Paul, Carolyn, Susy, Corey, & Brian



Brian, Corey, Susy, & Judy



Carolyn shows Judy her cool purchase



Sharon grinds a "window" into her stone



Jayne begins work on her piece of youngite (below)



Corey likes to kid that Sharon steals his specimens, but he is always quick to bring them out for inspection!



Photos by Jayne Beer, or Jim or Sharon Marburger



# Monthly Rock Parties

## MAY ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger & Jayne Beer

The May Rock Party was hosted by Wooly and Jackie on May 16th. The plan was to have a cook-out and picnic in the back yard, but Mother Nature had other plans. So, a quick change of plans was implemented and we picnicked inside the house.

One group of people stayed upstairs while a second group went to the basement. Those who partied upstairs had a nice, relaxed time of visiting and swapping stories. It was interesting to Sharon to listen to the Nebraska natives reminisce about their childhood, and all the things they did that a city child (like her) would never do. She found it fascinating that, even as children, our focus on the world could be so different.

The downstairs group also had a good time visiting, checking out maps, and remembering Roger Pabian via his lapidary work that was in Wooly's possession.

The day of the Rock Party, Jayne came across some of Roger's maps that Howell Pabian had given to her. Those maps had been misplaced and found again many times. Jayne took those maps to the party and the boys enjoyed looking at them, trying to figure out what the keter codes meant. They did not figure out most of them. Much discussion was had about the different rock collecting places.

Although Ed was the only one to work on a project, we all had a good time. The food was great, as always, and friendships grew stronger.

Wooly and Jackie discussed their impending move to Central America, and all the work it will take to achieve that move. Watch for future information on a rock auction that is currently in the planning stage. It will be an auction you won't want to miss!

### Field Trip

**Watch your e-mail, the club's Facebook page, and the website for a June field trip. Chairman Jim Marburger is making arrangements for a local trip.**

Photos by Jayne Beer



Wooly, Brian, and Corey checking out Roger's maps (above)



Ed is hand polishing a stump of wood (left)

## Silversmithing classes

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

**The Jewelry Connection Ltd.  
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13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln**

Tuition: \$120 plus \$30 supply deposit

**Session 3: Apr 28 - Jun 16**

**\*\* Summer Break \*\***

**Session 4: Aug 11 - Sep 29**

**Session 5: Oct 6 - Nov 24**

**Contact:**

**Jayne Beer 402-890-3307**

**Judith Bay 402-423-7058**

**or e-mail**

**jbeer60070@aol.com**



# Monthly Rock Parties

## JUNE ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger, Editor

Ed and Pat Dvorak hosted the Rock Party on Friday, June 19, which turned out to be a lovely evening weather-wise. The group of members making their way to Dorchester included Jim & Sharon Marburger, Ed Ridge, Bruce Sturges, Judy Anson, Jayne Beer, and Corey Beer.

Pat prepared Sloppy Joe's for the main course and also provided pie. Others brought chips, baked beans, muffins, fruit, and lots of dessert!

We were all amused by Ed's sign advertising "Ed's Used Rocks." We had a good time checking out all the goodies in his yard landscaping.

After eating, we took up residence in Ed's shop. Judy brought a bunch of specimens to identify, Ed Ridge, Jayne and Corey did some lapidary, and the rest of us visited, identified specimens, and ooh'd and aaah'd over the lapidary projects. As always, Corey brought a bunch of specimens to share, and we drooled over his finds.

It was a pleasant evening of camaraderie and shared interests.

You can host a Rock Party, too! We are looking for a host for August. Let me, President Ed Dvorak, or any Board member know. All you need is a date, time, and location.





# Monthly Rock Parties

## AUGUST ROCK PARTY

by Jayne Beer

We had a good evening at the Jewelry Connection for the August 22 rock party. Even without a theme announced, it turned out to be comfort food night. We made what we call hamburger casserole (others call it Shepherds pie), there were beanie weenies, goulash, kolaches, chips and dip (that yummy cheese dip that I can't buy because I will eat the whole thing), jalapeño & cream cheese dip, salad, lemon bars, peach cobbler, brownie muffins and the list goes on and on.



learn what all these random finds are. We also looked at some cordless microphones that Susy acquired in her neverending quest to make us microphone users! Ja-zeil thought they were cool! (Sharon heard a little karaoke from Jaz. ☺ .)

We had a great group there. Of course I (Jayne), Brian, Corey, Ja-zeil, and Judith Bay hosted the event; others present included Jim and Sharon Marburger, Linda Guenther, Eddie Ridge, Carolyn and Paul Ashmore, Susy McMahan, and Gene Mulinex. I've said it before and I'll say it again: I think these rock parties are the heart of the group. It is so nice to get together and share our hobby interests.

Also - BY THE WAY - the grinding parties are fun and easy to host. We are needing a host for the month of October. Please think about it and let us know.



Once we were in comfort food heaven, we all went to work on our projects. We had three cutting machines ablaze with everyone's summer rock finds. There were

some real beauties brought to life. Gene asked me to demonstrate a little jewelry-making so I put together a pendant made out of Ocean Breaker Jasper (as identified by Jim). Jim did much stone identifying - I hope he doesn't mind. Jim has much knowledge in the rock department and I very much appreciate him helping us



Left:  
Ring by  
Jayne,  
stone by  
Corey.  
Right:  
Tampa  
Bay  
Coral by  
Corey



Stones cut by Jayne.

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# Monthly Rock Parties

## ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP AND ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The Roadside Clean-up was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and a very slight breeze was blowing. Usually the wind makes it difficult to keep the garbage bags from turning into balloons that carry us off into the atmosphere! But this day was lovely.

Although it was Nebraska Football Homecoming, a group of 17 people assembled to tackle the shoulders and ditches of U.S. Highway 77. We met at the Hickman Rest Area at 1:00 to receive our road segment assignments and safety gear. We broke into eight groups, each tackling a half-mile stretch of roadway. The shoulders had been mowed the week before, so it was easy to spot litter. However, the mower ran over everything in its path, so there was lots of shredded trash to pick up.

The clean-up went quickly; it took a little over an hour to complete. The group then met up at the Marburgers' residence to watch the recorded football game, visit, and work on projects.

Around 4:00, Jim fired up the grill to cook the dogs and jalapeno poppers. The assorted foods were set out and soon we were all filling our plates and eating. There was a lot of laughter, stories of past events and field trips, and just good ol' camaraderie.

It was wonderful to have this dedicated group turn out for the twice-yearly roadside clean-up, especially on game day. I personally thank each and every one for your service to the club, our community, and the earth.

GO BIG RED!!

It was very nice to see some of the Mineral Monkeys working on projects. I did not get a picture of Logan's cabochon, but it was very nice. Below is a picture of Brooklyn's agate. Corey is a very good teacher!



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## OCTOBER ROCK PARTY

by Jayne Beer, First Vice President

On Saturday, October 24, we enjoyed a beautiful night at the Rock Party in Wooly's back yard. We (the Beers) arrived late as usual, but the fire was still hot enough for us to cook our hot dogs. There was a delicious feast of side dishes and desserts to go along with our dogs. There were two different types of apple crisp. I, and everyone that I heard, tried them both and they were tied for first place.

This might be the first Rock Party that I've seen no rock projects happening. Wooly said the equipment was all in the basement, waiting to be used, and we had our machines in the van, but we never did get them out. We sat down around the fire and started telling grand stories of our summer rock collecting trips, and dreamed of and planned future rock trips and

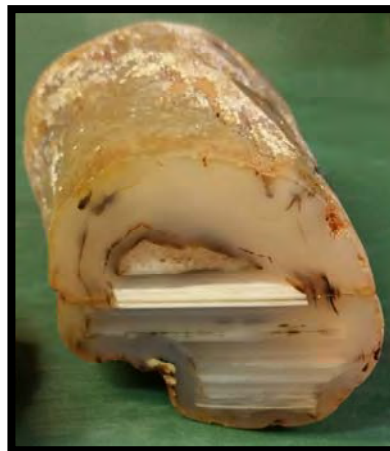
camping trips. And there was much discussion of how the logs should be situated in the fire.

I'm not going to try to give a list of the fine friends that were there, for fear of leaving someone off. There were many kids at this event. They played on the basketball court for a long time and it sounded like they had a great time.

It was an absolutely beautiful night under the stars and the giant moon. As hectic as my life gets, I can tell you that this evening was a welcome, very peaceful night spent with our wonderful rockhound friends. And just like in the 1970s, there are no pictures, except those in our minds.

Thank you to Wooly and Jackie for hosting the October Rock Party!

## Specimens shared at Rock Parties





# Monthly Rock Parties

## NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Jayne Beer

The evening of November 14, 2015 was the Rock Party at the Jewelry Connection. We were happy to host the gathering. One of the nice things about hosting a rock party is that it encourages us to clean up the shop and spiff up some of the equipment. In this case, I was inspired to hang several display cases with Roger Pabian's lapidary work. I have been wanting to get this done for quite a while, and it just worked out that Brian's brother, Al, was willing and able to get it done.



photos by Jayne Beer

Our food theme was soup. There were many types of soup and sides that made for a delicious evening of food. We had a great turnout of rock friends; I will try to list as many as I can remember (I hope I don't forget anyone). There was me, Brian, Corey, and Jazeil, and Judith hosting our little get together. The folks we had stop by were Jim and Sharon Marburger; Carolyn and Paul Ashmore; Sharon Schleiger and Brooklyn; Eddie Ridge; Wooly and Jackie; Susy McMahan, Ian, and Elayna; Judy Anson; and special guest appearances from Howell Pabian and Linda Plock.



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## NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY - CONT'D

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We, of course, sat down and ate as our first order of business. After that there were several people who brought items to show and tell, and do minor repairs and cleaning. With several kiddos there, it was difficult to get into the rock polishing room since that is where they chose to get away from us boring adults. As far as I know, Eddie was the only one to brave the rock grinding equipment. My grandson is apparently not quite ready to sit and be interested in anything down there yet. He was rather ..... ummmm .... loud.

It seemed as though everyone enjoyed themselves and got a good fill of all the wonderful homemade food.

We got a lot of compliments on our new wall of rocks. I think it really brightens up the room and I just love to look at it and appreciate the labor of love that went into all those cabochons.

Thank you to all of the rock friends that showed up and chilled with us for the evening.



Co-hostess,  
Judith Bay,  
never gets  
in

**Rock Parties are fun, fun, fun!**



# Monthly Rock Parties



Left: Jayne working a cabochon.

Above: Jayne shows Gene how to make a bezel with sheet silver.



Linda working a cabochon.



Corey always shows off his finds and his projects. Sharon always admires them.





Section 2e  
Social Events

# Pizza Supper

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## POST ROCK SWAP

Following the Mid-Winter Swap, LGMC members and invitees shared in fun and a meal of pizza, lasagna, breadsticks, and salad. Cinnamon breadsticks, along with Anniversary Cake, compliments of Vera Lyman, rounded out the meal. In addition, there were some goodies left over from the swap, and they topped off the evening and the stomachs.

After the meal, the Mineral Monkeys jumped into their lesson for the evening while the old-timers sat and visited. Promptly at 7:00, the January General Meeting began.

This year, two Mineral Monkeys who did not receive their awards at the Christmas Party, were recognized during a special segment of the meeting. Ivy and Ellie received the Future Rockhounds of America patches earned during the past year. Congratulations, girls!



**Yummy!**





# Picnic in the Park



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## PICNIC IN THE PARK

by Sharon Marburger

As mentioned in the Grinding Party article on page 3, it was a very hot and humid day - miserable, really. Those at the Grinding Party discussed whether we should have the picnic since it was so hot. The general consensus was that we brought food, so why not have the picnic?

At 4:00, Brian Beer cruised the park in search of a cool place to picnic. He found a lovely, shaded spot that wasn't too far to walk from the parking area. The breeze was nice, making it bearable to be outside.

The bar-b-que grill was filled with charcoal and lit, food was spread out on the tables, and we munched on chips while we waited for the grill to reach optimum grilling potential. Steak, beans, spaghetti, Kentucky fried (and grilled) chicken, an assortment of chips, salads, and other yummy foods were available for eating. LGMC members know how to put out a spread of food!

We enjoyed visiting with one another, sharing stories of field trips and plans for the rest of the summer. It isn't a picnic without ants, so when they discovered us after 1½ hours, we decided it was time to pack up and leave.

Despite the weather, it was another fun time spent with fellow rockhounds.



President Ed Dvorak reaches for some chips



Karen Messenger and Ed Ridge



Above: Jayne Beer



Right: Charlie Messenger, Brian Beer, and Corey Beer (and food!)



**Pioneers  
Park!**



# Christmas Party

See the Christmas Party article in the Youth Group section, 2c.



Ed Ridge does a nice job with the decorations



Gene, Pat, and Jayne make sure the food is laid out correctly



SOUP'S ON!! Corey leads the charge!

Two things LGMC members know:

1. Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils!
2. How to put out a spectacular and delicious potluck spread!



Wooly and his junior guest



# Christmas Party



Jim and junior partner, Ellie, checking out a Christmas stocking. Others in picture: Jackie with her junior partner; Ian; and Brooklyn



President Ed Dvorak presents our beloved Treasurer, Vera Lyman, with her **40 year** membership pin.



LET'S  
PLAY  
SOME  
BINGO!!





Section 2f  
Annual Show



# 2015

# 57th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

## "Discover the Beauty of Rocks"



### Show Committee



- Chairman: ----- Ed Dvorak
- Breakfast: ----- Vera Lyman
- Dealers: ----- Charles Wooldridge
- Demonstrators: ----- Carrie Burkhardt
- Displays: ----- Jayne Beer, Ed Ridge
- Event Center Liaison: ----- Vera Lyman
- Finance & Ticket Sales:----- Jim Atkins, Vera Lyman
- Floor Chairman:----- Ed Dvorak/Charles Wooldridge
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- Nebraska Gem Dig ----- Charles Wooldridge
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- Ribbons & Recognitions: ----- Sharon Marburger
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- Youth Activities: -----Carolyn Ashmore, Susy McMahan

# Annual Show



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**PRESIDENT'S & SHOW CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**  
by Ed Dvorak, President & Show Chairman

Welcome to the 2015 Lincoln Gem & Mineral Show. Whether this is your first time or you are a regular, we welcome you, and hope you have a wonderful time. We have some very fine dealers and demonstrators that will surely pique your interest. If you would like to further your interest in this hobby, visit our club booth where you can pick up an application to join our club. If you want to get down and dirty, we have a FREE gem and mineral dig (for the young and old) at the entrance of the show. I would ask anyone who reads this to do me and our Club a big favor! Show off your gems, minerals, and pretty rocks that you find in the Gem Dig or have purchased at the Show to your friends and anyone else who will give you their time. In this way we will be able to increase the interest in our Gem & Mineral Show, Club, and hobby. Without a continuing interest in this hobby, it will slowly begin to be forgotten. THANK YOU!

I wish to thank the Show Committee and club members for all their hard work, without which this Show would not be possible. Thank you to all vendors, demonstrators, exhibitors, presenters, and those who donated items, again, without which this Show would not be possible.

Please have a pleasant experience at the show. If you do not, please let someone know at the club booth, so we can change it. Enjoy the show and we hope to see you next year, same place, same time. Turn all your clouds to sunshine and be happy.

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# The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.'s 57th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

## Discover the Beauty of Rocks

# Show Program



## 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

- 10 Lapidary Techniques ..... Ed Ridge
- 19-20 Metalsmithing ..... The Jewelry Connection
- Knapping ..... Nebraska Archaeologists
- 11 Carving ..... Connie McCartney

## Selling Demonstrators

- 1-2 Glass Artistry ..... Julie Whitlatch
- 3-4 Lapidary ..... Tom Whitlatch
- 5-6 Rock Painting ..... Tammy Jeanneret of Aerie Artwork
- 7-8 Lapidary ..... Fred McVay
- 14-15 Wire Wrap and Lapidary ..... Betty Selby-Syslo of Rock n Wrap
- 15-16 Cabochon Cutting ..... Greg Syslo
- 17-18 Roger Pabian Stones ..... Jayne Beer

## Dealers

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

See next page for demonstrator locations



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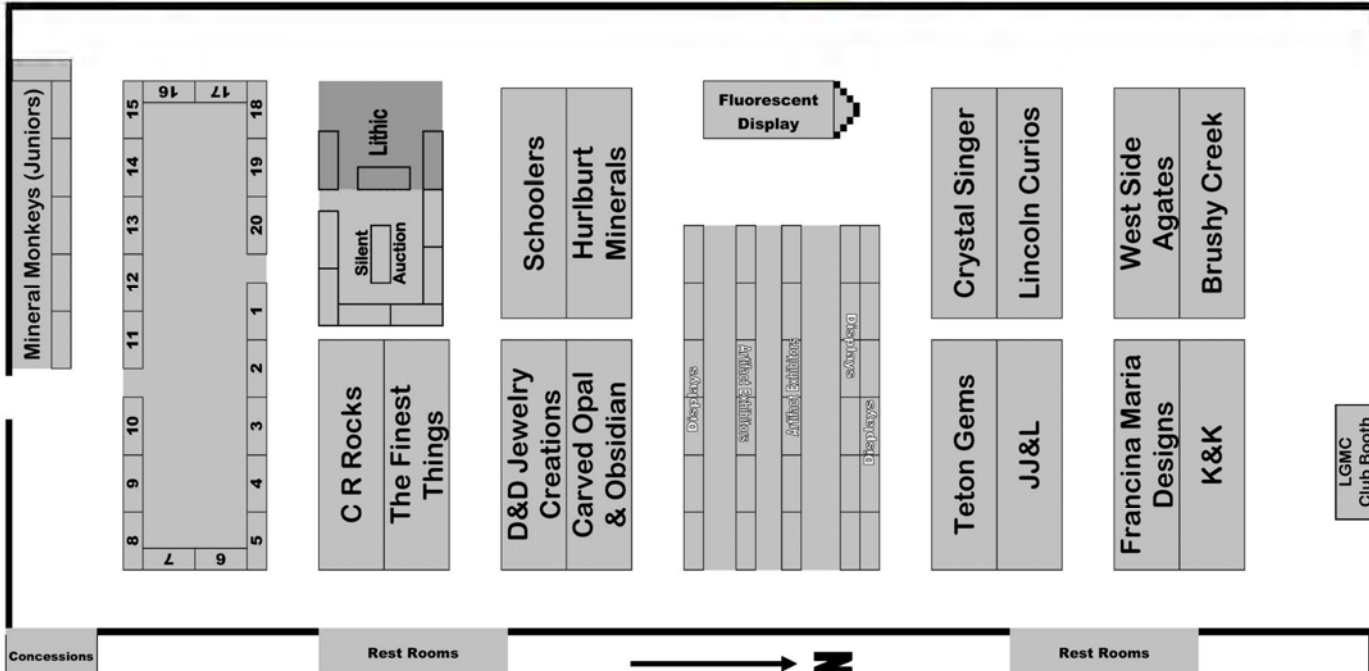
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# Annual Show

## 2015 SHOW



Corey & Jayne salt the Nebraska Gem Dig as General Excavating dumps river rock outside of the Show entrance



Judith, Jayne, Carrie, and several others cover tables during Show setup



Corey's case of Lakers



Nebraska Archaeology Society



Corey & Jim figure out how to put the Rock Race together



**Success!**



# Annual Show

## 2015 SHOW - CONTINUED



Knapping Lessons



Youth Booth



Roger & Ed man the fluorescent display



Mia's First Arrowhead



There wasn't as much food donated to the Food Bank as in past years, but every little bit helps. Total: 133 pounds



Brooklyn's First Arrowhead



Just a specimen I thought was cool  
Manganooan Calcite after Barite



# Annual Show



Bob, Allan, and Eddie discuss how and where to set up the first display case.



It was Roger Pittard's birthday. Happy birthday, Roger!!



Demonstrators Fred McVay, Ed Ridge, Jayne Beer and Tammy Jeannerett



# Section 2g

Mid-Winter Swap





LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S

# 36th Annual Rock Swap

Saturday, JANUARY 24, 2015; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Family  
Friendly**

**Free  
Admission**

**Silent  
Auction**

**Buy  
Sell  
Trade**



**Rocks**

**Minerals**

**Fossils**

**Jewelry**

**Supplies**

**Equipment**

## Bethany Park Enclosed Shelter

64th and Vine Streets

Swapper Tables: ½ Table - \$10; Full Table - \$20 - Set up at 12:00 Noon.

Swappers are responsible for collecting Nebraska State Sales Tax and remitting it to the State.

**Cash Sales must be completed using SWAPPER DOLLARS.  
SWAPPER DOLLARS are available from the Club Treasurer at a 10%  
surcharge, payable by the buyer.**

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB  
Box 5342  
Lincoln, NE 68505-0342  
Contact: Jayne Beer, 402.890.3307

# Mid-Winter Swap

## MID-WINTER ROCK SWAP

by Sharon Marburger

The Mid-Winter Rock Swap took place the afternoon of January 24, 2015 at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Approximately 13 swappers spent the afternoon sharing their love of the hobby with the lower-than-usual number of attendees. The smaller crowd was attributed to the very nice January weather. People were apparently spending the nice day in preparation for the big snow storm that was predicted to come - and it did come! However, the public who chose to visit the swap purchased many swapper-bucks and spent those same bucks with our swappers. It appeared to be a successful event.

Several rounds of Silent Auction were run in conjunction with the Swap. Many donations were received from club members and some of the swappers. One friend of the club, Nate, provided many cabochons to be auctioned off. As always, we thank him for his generosity. Carolyn Ashmore did a fantastic job of running the Silent Auction table, with help from Jim Marburger and Sharon Schleiger, throughout the event.

As usual, Vera Lyman greeted visitors at the door, asking them to sign our guest book and selling them swapper bucks. I helped with these duties, and also handled the Silent Auction sales. Several Mineral Monkeys made sure the snack table stayed stocked with the abundance of treats brought in by club members. Thanks to Jayden for heading this group. The swappers and club members did a swell job of setting up and taking down tables and chairs; many thanks to those folks. Everyone worked well together to contribute to a successful day.

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Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge talks with a customer



Swappers Brad Nielsen and Rowdy Cropp exchanging "fish" stories.



Oooooo! Look at that!



Charlie & Karen Messenger "Decisions, decisions."




Connie McCartney takes a break from whittling.





# Mid-Winter Swap

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## Don't forget the Mid-Winter Swap

### Saturday, January 24

Set-up tables: 11:00 a.m.  
Booth set-up: Noon  
Open to Public: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Pizza Supper for club members follows at 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## ROCK SWAP - CONT'D



Swapper Dick Farlow takes a break from swapping and places some bids at the Silent Auction. Wife Donna looks on with anticipation. Paul Ashmore watches to ensure there are no "bid hoggers."



Sharon Schleiger assists Silent Auction chairman Carolyn Ashmore by setting out new items for auction.



photo by Judy Anson

Many thanks to Swap Chairman, Jayne Beer, and Treasurer, Vera Lyman, without whom there would have been no swap!



Happy Birthday  
LGMC

# Mid-Winter Swap

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's 36th Annual Swap  
Saturday, January 24, 2015

## Club Members Participating

Jim Marburger  
Sharon Marburger  
Ed Dvorak  
Pat Dvorak  
Brad Nielsen  
Ed Ridge  
Charles Wooldridge  
Nancy Akins  
Vera Lyman  
Rowdy Cropp  
Carolyn Ashmore  
Paul Ashmore  
Jayne Beer  
Corey Beer  
Judith Bay  
Sharon Jensen  
Kenneth Jensen  
Bill Ray  
Richard Peterson  
Barb Anderson  
Charles Bachle  
Dewey Worsley  
Linda Guenter  
Karen Messenger  
Charlie Messenger  
Susy McMahan  
Connie McCartney  
Ian Williams  
Bobby Williams  
Ellie Lyman  
Judy Anson  
Jim Null  
Aulden Stewart  
Sharon Schleiger  
Brooklyn Blazek  
Jayden Eno  
Mia Eno

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's 36th Annual Swap  
Saturday, January 24, 2015

## Guest List

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>
Diana Poore	Bedford, IA
Richard Moore	Hopkins, MO
Mac McKenzie	Cook, NE
Roseanne	
Lynette Fast	Lincoln, NE
Shannon Ibarre	Lincoln, NE
John Tridle	
Kathy Tridle	
Molly Khan	Lincoln, NE
Wanda Worsley	Lincoln, NE
Fred McGarry	Omaha, NE
Donna Farlow	Gretna, NE
Dick Farlow	Gretna, NE
Roger Glenn	Dorchester, NE
Sandy Glenn	Dorchester, NE
Sara Kovarda	Lincoln, NE
George Sisson	Lincoln, NE
Adella Sisson	Lincoln, NE
Matt Nienaber	Nebraska City, NE
Emery Brandt	Crete, NE
Donovan Harris	Fairbury, NE
David Denbring	Lincoln, NE
Spencer Hakenewerth	Lincoln, NE
Robert Hakenewerth	Lincoln, NE

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**SWAPPER BUCKS**

Value \$20.00





Section 2h  
Library

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

Because the library has not been utilized for the past several years, it is slowly being retired by putting books on Silent Auction during the various club events. The video library is growing with member donations. The library still contains the following:

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 175 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 2i  
Field Trips

# Field Trips

## CRESCENT, IOWA FIELD TRIP



This is what happens when you go collecting at a quarry, following a significant rain event! We all were several inches taller by the time we finished.



Due to the muddy conditions, the field trip was not very "profitable". Not much was found.





# Field Trips

## POST ROCK PARTY FIELD TRIP

by Jayne Beer, 1st Vice President

After sitting around at the Marburgers' at the grinding party on Saturday night, talking and laughing with great rock friends, we decided to head out on another rock collecting trip on Sunday, September 27. There were a few others that considered going with us, but most decided that they weren't spur-of-the-moment kind of people. It ended up with Jim and Sharon Marburger; Carolyn Ashmore; Brian, Jayne, and Corey Beer, and Ja-zeil going.

We decided to meet at McDonald's in Fairbury at 8:00 a.m. Well, of course, our van was a little late, but we grabbed some breakfast to go and headed out.

First we went to our favorite river spot. We climbed down to the river and looked around the first sand bar a little, then the Beers took off through the water to head down the river. We had some good finds here. Nothing amazing, but quite a bit of petrified wood and a small handful of translucent gold to red agates. I found a nice big fuzzy wooly caterpillar that Ja-zeil thought was just amazing.



We got a little way down the river and looked back and realized that the rest of our party was not interested in crossing the water. So we headed back to that first sand bar and looked around a bit more, then decided to head out to see what other places we could find out there. We spent some time driving around looking for locations that we could get down to. In my humble opinion, this was not wasted time. I thoroughly enjoyed driving around in the country and seeing the area and Ja-zeil got a nap while holding his caterpillar.

We did find a great gravel bar with an easy walk down to it. This was a very good stop! We found nice petrified wood and agates. There was a lot of adventure to be had at this stop. Ja-zeil lost his caterpillar so we spent quite a bit of time looking for that. Then we were all sitting in the shade of the bridge and Corey



and Brian started digging a hole. It went a little more than a foot deep and maybe 2 feet under ground and connected. Jazz thought this was very cool.

After this stop, Jim and Sharon decided they needed to go to visit Sharon's mom, so they headed out.

The remaining group talked a bit and decided to go to a hillside that we have found selenite crystals at. We climbed up the hill, but Carolyn decided that the Indian paint pots were cool, so she picked up several of those. She's always picking up things in large quantities so that she can share them with the Mineral Monkeys.



The first couple times I had been there, we were able to find the selenite crystals laying right on top of the hillside. I didn't find anything right away, but there was an area where there were several small pieces shimmering on top. I had a rock hammer with me, so I swung it at the dirt a few times and some very nice crystals popped out. Corey and Brian then came over to help dig. We did that quite a while and ended up with several beautiful crystals. Carolyn came up the hill and she and Corey found a big plate of selenite. Those two dug on that for a long time, then Brian got involved in that dig. After much work they had chipped off a large slab of selenite.



Photos by Jayne Beer & Jim Marburger





# Field Trips

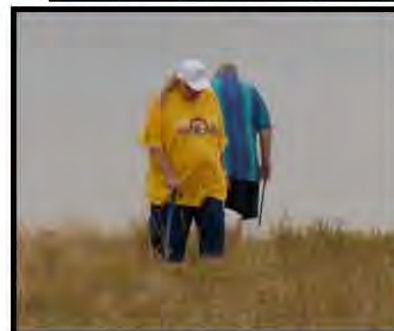
## 2015 CRAWFORD FIELD TRIP

by Carolyn Ashmore

As I sit here in my motel room on the last night of yet another wonderful trip to Northwest Nebraska, I think about just how much fun it was to have so many friends from Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club attend this year's rock swap in Crawford, Nebraska. We all stayed at the same place in Chadron this year and drove to Crawford daily for the field trips, or we just walked around visiting the many vendors, or just sat in their beautiful park, socializing and having lunch. Our evenings were spent outside in lawn chairs, laughing and talking about everyone's special find of the day or the occasional deal someone got from one of our favorite fellow rockhound vendors. Or it was me naming our club's first futuristic bowling team "The Rolling Rockhounds." This name can also be used for the occasional tumble some of us have experienced walking up or going down a hill, embankment, or valley while looking for specimens to add to our collections. The name Rolling Rockhounds was kinda catchy, I thought at the time, and everyone had a good laugh. We've all done it at some point or another.

But seriously, a lot of great material was collected this time around. Corey brought out the portable handheld fluorescent light to show everyone the very cool colors the minerals made. The junior members that came with us were fascinated, as well as all the adults. We had eight adults and three junior members with us this year. It was a very fun and educational trip for all of us. We had beautiful weather and three days of wonderful field trips in the mornings. And yes, Fairburn Agates were found by a couple of people in our group. I found a fossil sea sponge on one of our field trip outings, as well as a good place to get some much needed Nebraska Blue Chalcedony for our junior rockhound program. We all appreciate the friendship and hospitality shown us from our Northwestern Nebraska extended rockhound family.

I would once again like to thank the Northwest Nebraska Rock Club for yet another year of amazing Labor Day weekend festivities filled with memories I'll not soon forget.





# Field Trips

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## BEER FAMILY FIELD TRIP

by Jayne Beer

On August 23, 2015, after a fun rock party the night before, we decided to go out collecting rocks. We had Ja-zeil (our 3 year old grandson) with us, so it had to be someplace that he'd enjoy. We decided to head down to a river that Wooly and his friend, Donovan, had taken Corey and Brian to a different time. We had a great day of exploring the river and we actually had a very productive day of finding stuff on the river. There were quite a bit of bones and teeth, several little lakers and honey agates (nothing amazing), quite a bit of petrified wood, and some neat old bottles and lots of "pretty rocks."

About halfway through the day, Corey said, "Hey Mom, come over here with your camera." When I got there, he showed me a large Indian point on the ground. I snapped a picture of it, he washed it off, and we were all in awe of our luck. It was about 10 minutes later that Brian summoned me over to look at what he had found. He pointed down and there laid another large point. We let Ja-zeil pick this one up and inspect it first. These points were so large that we imagine they must have been used for spear heads, as they seemed too big and heavy for arrows.

I spent the rest of the day hoping that it was my turn to find something great like the boys did. Apparently the boys used up all of our luck for the day, but we had a fabulous time taking Ja-zeil out for his first rock collecting trip on the river. I am sure there will be many more.



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## SURPRISE MEETING ON A ROCK HUNTING TRIP

by Corey Beer

Brian and Corey woke up at around 5:30 a.m. to start getting ready for the rock hunting trip they had planned for the day. They started by looking at Roger Pabian's maps to decide where they were going to go and, after looking for a little while, decided on Fairbury as their choice location for the day. By the time they got to Fairbury, they both were hungry for breakfast and stopped at the McDonald's for food. As they walked in the door, they heard an unexpected greeting from Wooly who was there waiting for his friend, Donovan. Coincidentally, both Wooly and the Beers thought about calling each other the night before to invite the other along, but decided it was too late. They all sat down to talk about what the other was doing for the day and decided it would be best if they all went together. They finished their food and hopped into their cars to head off to the first location, which was a rock quarry not too far from Fairbury.

Corey mentioned that one of the most notable things about this stop was how large the oversized pile was. They found a fair amount of material there, including a lot of petrified wood and some possible Fairburns. The most interesting find at this location, though, was a piece of petrified wood that had ridges all the way down the length of the stone. After a couple of hours of looking, they decided to hit the road and go to the next location.

Photo by Jayne Beer

The next stop of the day was on the Big Sandy River which is often hunted for artifacts, but does

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## BEER FAMILY FIELD TRIP - CONT'D



Is that a Fairburn?  
In Southeast Nebraska?





# Field Trips

## SURPRISE MEETING - CONTINUED

Photos by Jayne Beer

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contain other materials. Donovan opted to not climb down the hillside, however, the other three headed down to the river to start looking. Brian said that this was an easy location to walk because of the large, flat sandbars and the shallow crossings to get from one sandbar to another. Wooly found part of a projectile point that was most likely used for hunting birds or very small animals. On that same sandbar, Corey found a rather nice red botryoidal agate that was hollow all the way through the center of the stone.



Corey said it was obvious how high the water had been because of the corn stalks and debris on top of the bridge, and the fields being washed out. Donovan also mentioned this when he said that he could tell the river's landscape had changed dramatically. He said this because where there used to be a sandbar underneath the bridge, it now had been replaced by a catfish pool.

After this stop, they headed to Alexandria State Park to get lunch at a small diner located near the edge of the park. There, they pulled out Roger's maps to have Donovan take a look at them and see if he knew anything about them. After eating lunch, they headed off to the next quarry. Unfortunately, the owner of the quarry happened to be working that day, so no access was allowed. Luckily, Donovan knew of another quarry nearby that he had access to, so we headed there to finish off the day.

The oversize piles here were a little larger than at the last quarry, but had obviously been much larger not too long before. The best guess to where the rock had been going was that it was being used for repairing the roads where they had been washed out.

This quarry was very good for finding horses teeth and petrified wood. On rare occasions, there is a possibility to find Cretaceous redwood that used to line the shores of the inland Appalachian Sea.



Cretaceous redwood

At about 5:30, the group decided to call it a day. They sat in front of that quarry for about fifteen minutes, talking about what they found and how much of a coincidence it was that they ran into each

other like they did. Once they were done talking, they all headed back

to the McDonald's in Fairbury to drop Donovan back off at his car. Brian and Corey were very appreciative that Wooly and Donovan allowed them to accompany them on this trip. It was about this time when Corey realized, at the end of the day, that he forgot to put sunscreen on AGAIN! Brian and Corey both said they would enjoy going to these places again because it was such an enjoyable and productive day.

## MINI FIELD TRIP

The Beers accidentally met up with Richard Peterson when they all decided March 10 was a good day to go rock hunting. I haven't heard if Pete found anything good, but see what the Beers found!



Do you think they were happy with their find?







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At bottom of each page, logos with links to:

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**Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.'s 58th Annual Show**  
 April 2 & 3, 2016  
 Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln Room  
 84th & Havelock  
 Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Nature's Glorious Wonders**

Booths  
 Demonstrators  
 Exhibits  
 Youth Booth  
 Nebraska Gem Dig  
 Fluorescent Display  
 Learn how to make your own!

**SCIENCE FAIR**  
 Thursday, March 3, 2016, 4-8 p.m.  
 Lancaster Event Center

**Geology Day**  
 Fossils, minerals, and gemstones! Learn about geology through displays and demonstrations set-up by the members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. Club members will also be on hand to help you identify your own specimen during the drop-in program.  
 Mar 13 SUN 1-4pm  
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 Event held in the Prairie Building  
 Sunday, March 13, 2016, 1-4 p.m.  
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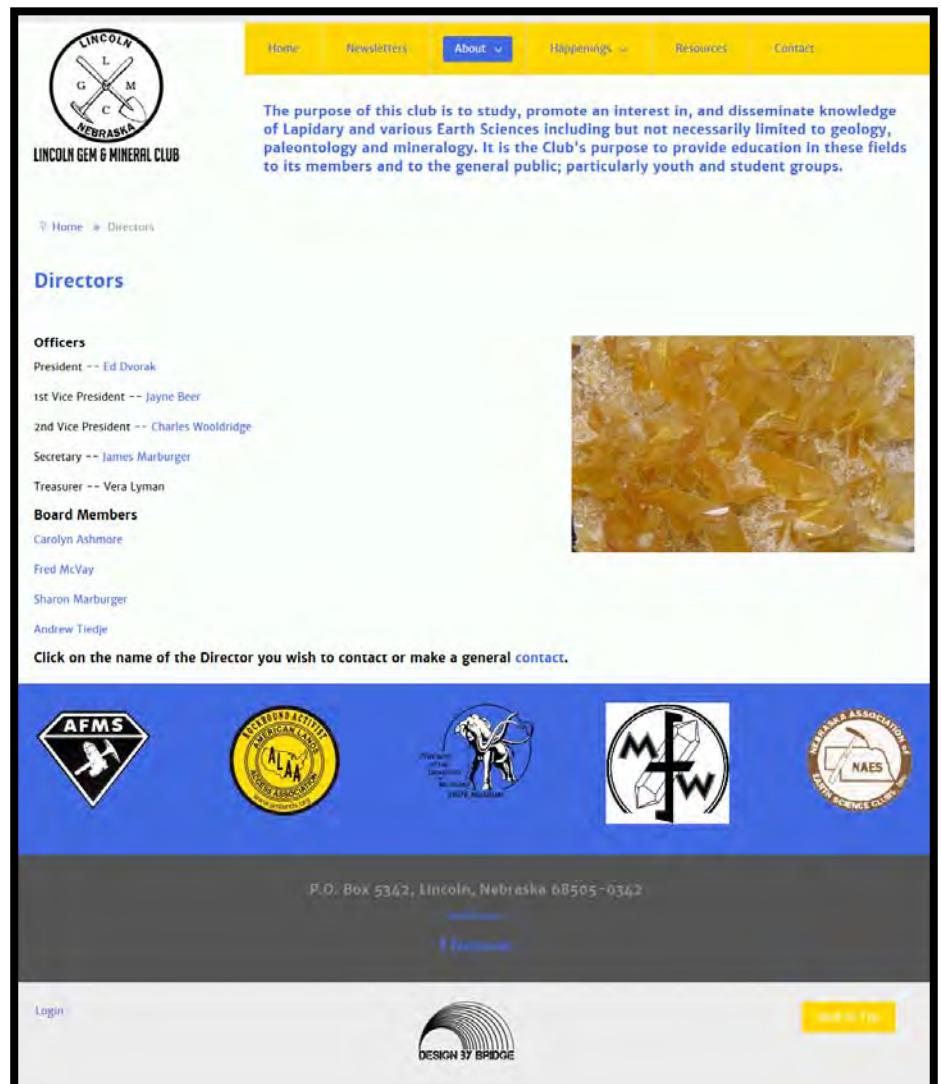
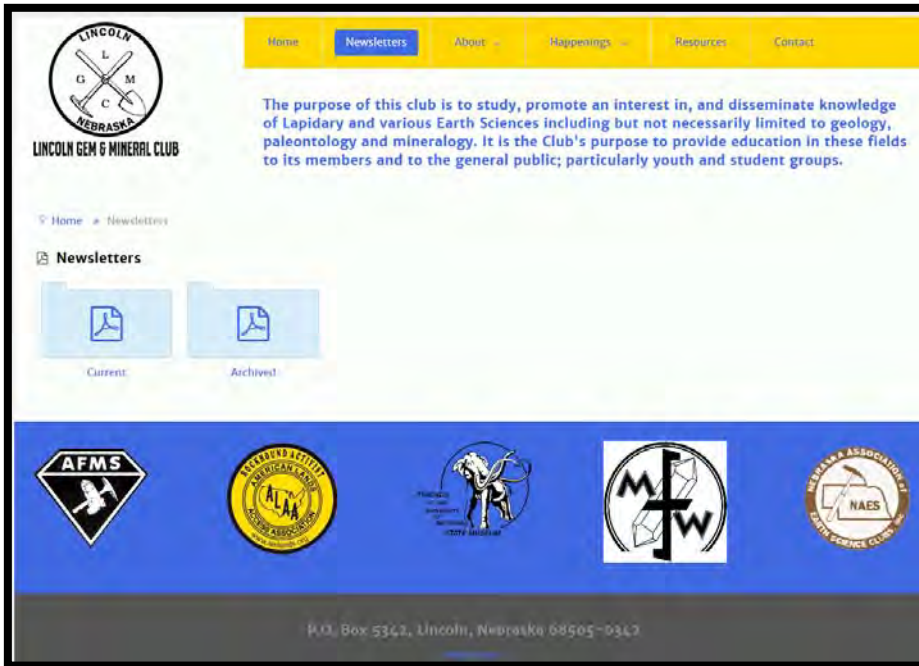
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### Application for New Membership

\$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, Just rocks, 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)


\* Do not pay until notified of approval.



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The screenshot shows the website for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. At the top left is the club's logo, a circular emblem with 'LINCOLN' at the top, 'NEBRASKA' at the bottom, and 'L', 'M', 'G', 'C' in the quadrants. Below it is the text 'LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'. To the right is a yellow navigation bar with links for Home, Newsletters, About (selected), Happenings, Resources, and Contact. The main content area features a paragraph: 'The purpose of this club is 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 is the Club's purpose to provide education in these fields to its members and to the general public; particularly youth and student groups.' Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Home » General Information. A section titled 'General Information' contains three links: 'General Information Sheet', 'Awards Nomination Form', and 'Articles of Incorporation & By-Laws'. A blue banner below contains five logos: AFMS (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies), ALAA (American Lapidary Association), a logo with a horse and rider, MFW (Mineralogical and Fossil Wafers), and NAES (Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs). The footer is dark grey and contains the address 'P.O. Box 5342, Lincoln, Nebraska 68505-0342', social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, a 'Login' link, the 'DESIGN BY BRIDGE' logo, and a yellow 'Sign Up' button.

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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 five juniors graduate to 'Rockhound.'

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; second Thursday of May (2010); third Thursday of September, October, November; and the first Sunday of December.



December 2015 Juniors



2015 Future Rockhounds of America Graduates



Senior "Helpers" recognized by Mineral Monkeys



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Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Home » Meetings. The main heading is "Meetings". A paragraph follows: "All general meetings will be held at the Bethany Park Shelter on the third Thursday of the month. January and December are the exceptions every year; May 2016 is another exception. Youth meet at 6:00 p.m.; Adults meet at 7:00 p.m."

The "General Meetings" section lists the following dates and events:

- January 23, 2016 - Mid-Winter Rock Swap, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Meeting to follow supper.
- February 18, 2016
- March 17, 2016
- April 23, 2016
- May 12, 2016 (this is the second Thursday)
- September 15, 2016
- October 20, 2016
- November 17, 2016 - Annual Business Meeting / Election of Officers
- December 4, 2016 - Christmas Party

The "Board Meetings - Meet at 6:30 p.m." section lists the following dates:

- January 6, 2016 (Lyman Residence)
- February 3, 2016 (The Jewelry Connection)
- March 2, 2016 (McVay Residence)
- April 6, 2016 (TBD)
- May 4, 2016 (TBD)
- August 31, 2016 (TBD) (September meeting)
- October 5, 2016 (TBD)
- November 2, 2016 (TBD)
- December 7, 2016 (TBD)


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[Home](#) » [Other Events](#)

### Other Events

#### MONTHLY ROCK PARTIES

2015 February	2014 January
2015 May	2014 February
2015 June	2014 April
	2014 May
	2014 August
	2014 September
	2014 November

#### MID-WINTER SWAP

Saturday, January 23, 2016, Bethany Park Shelter House, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Heated Building)

2015 Mid-Winter Rock Swap

#### GEOLOGY DAY

Sunday, March 13, 2016, Pioneers Park Nature Center, Chet Ager or Prairie Building, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Heated Building)

2015 Geology Day

2014 Geology Day

#### SCIENCE FAIR

Information will be posted when it becomes available.

2015 Science Fair

#### ANNUAL GRINDING PARTY

Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, Prairie Building, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Air Conditioned Building)


2014 Grinding Party





#### ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

The next Roadside Clean-up is scheduled for the Spring of 2016. Date to be determined. Meet at the Hickman Rest Area at Hwy. 77 and Hickman Road at 1:00 p.m. Rock Party to follow at the Marburgers'.

Fall 2015 Roadside Clean-up

Spring 2015 Roadside Clean-up






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# Section 2k

Rockhound of the Year

# Rockhound of the Year

## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Jayne Beer

I would like to say thank you to whoever nominated me for ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR and to those who voted for me. What an unexpected honor! There are so many people more deserving than me.

I am enjoying everything about the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. We are so fortunate to have so many years of experience in the club. I hear stories of issues in the past, but I don't see any of that now. Whenever I talk to someone who has quit the club because of issues, I tell them to come back, because we have a fantastic group of enthusiastic, rock loving people, young and old. It's true, I am among the "old" group, although I have only been a member for a short 6 or 7 years.

Even though the length of my membership is short, I have been "around" for many years. The first gem and mineral show I attended was in the early 1980s. There was a terrible snow storm. I drove to the show as a new driver, getting stuck many times. I thought I'd be there for maybe an hour, but I spent the entire day. I was HOOKED! and I haven't missed a show since. Thanks to Roger Pabian and Judy Anson for talking me into joining the club. I joined because of my interest and because my son, Corey, was quickly becoming addicted to ROCKS. I stayed because of the people and all the rock activities that happen.

Again, I thank you for the honor. I look forward to the many rock addicted years to come.



photos by Jim & Sharon Marburger

## LGMC, Inc. AWARDS NOMINATION FORM (in part)

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)*

Jayne served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, worked her tail off during show setup, donated a pickup load of material to the Nebraska Gem Dig, donated to silent auction, attended most meetings and club functions, maintains program equipment and speaker system, demonstrated at various club functions, hosted Rock Parties, provided material to newsletter. If the club did it, Jayne was there!

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

Jayne demonstrates lapidary and metal smithing.

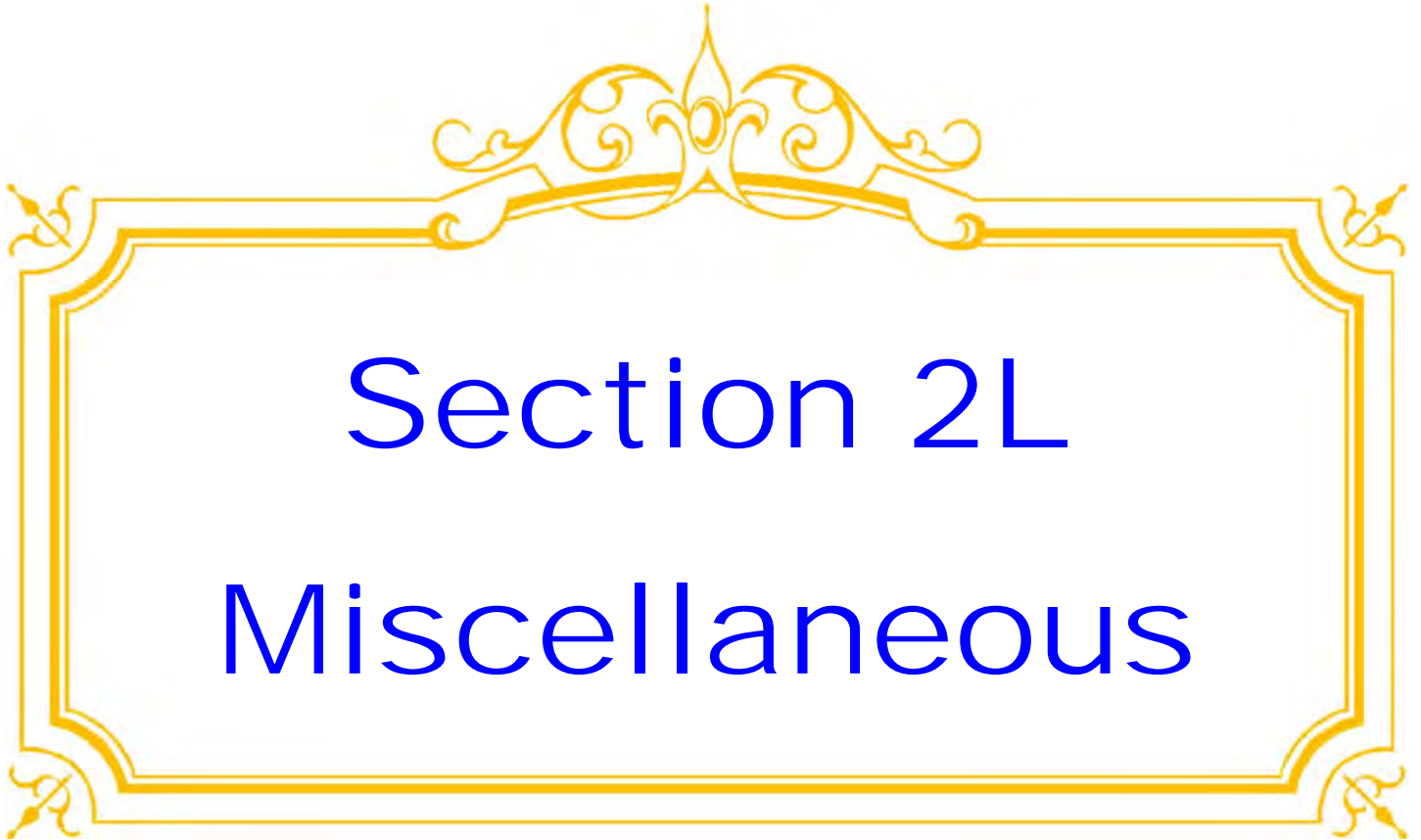
5. State examples that this individual observes & promotes the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies "Code of Ethics":

I have seen Jayne pick up litter, and she is always respectful of people and nature.

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

Jayne quietly attends club functions, usually unobtrusively. Any time there is an event, Jayne is there. She demonstrates lapidary and shares her knowledge with club members and the general public. She is always willing to help out when and where needed. I believe Jayne is a valuable asset to LGMC, and she should be recognized and honored for her dedication to the hobby.





Section 2L

Miscellaneous

## Sharon Marburger (lgmc editor)

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**From:** Jim Atkins <jna@inebraska.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015 9:10 PM  
**To:** Sharon Marburger  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club - Thank you for the great Geology help

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Sharon,

Did you get a copy of this?

Jim A

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club - Thank you for the great Geology help  
**Date:** 11/18/2015 18:02  
**From:** "Cindy Powell" <cindy@thecaliforniahikingpage.com>  
**To:** jna@inetnebr.com

Hello there,

My Girl Scouts and I just wanted to take the time write you a little thank you note about your wonderful page, <http://lincolngemmineralclub.org/index.php/resources> because it's been such a major help. My Junior Scouts are participating in a STEM experiment program for Geology. Your page taught them a lot!

As another small token of our appreciation, we thought it would be nice send along a helpful resource that we came across. It's <http://www.casorjewelrysafes.com/guide-to-diamonds-rocks-and-minerals/> and it has some great information on rocks and minerals.

If you decided to add it to your resources, I'd love to show my troopers that their suggestion was up and running to help other aspiring students achieve their goals. It would also serve as an amazing motivator for the girls to keep reaching out to help others. We do our absolute best to follow the ever popular slogan of "Do a good turn daily." :)

Please let us know what you think and thank you again!

Warmest Regards,

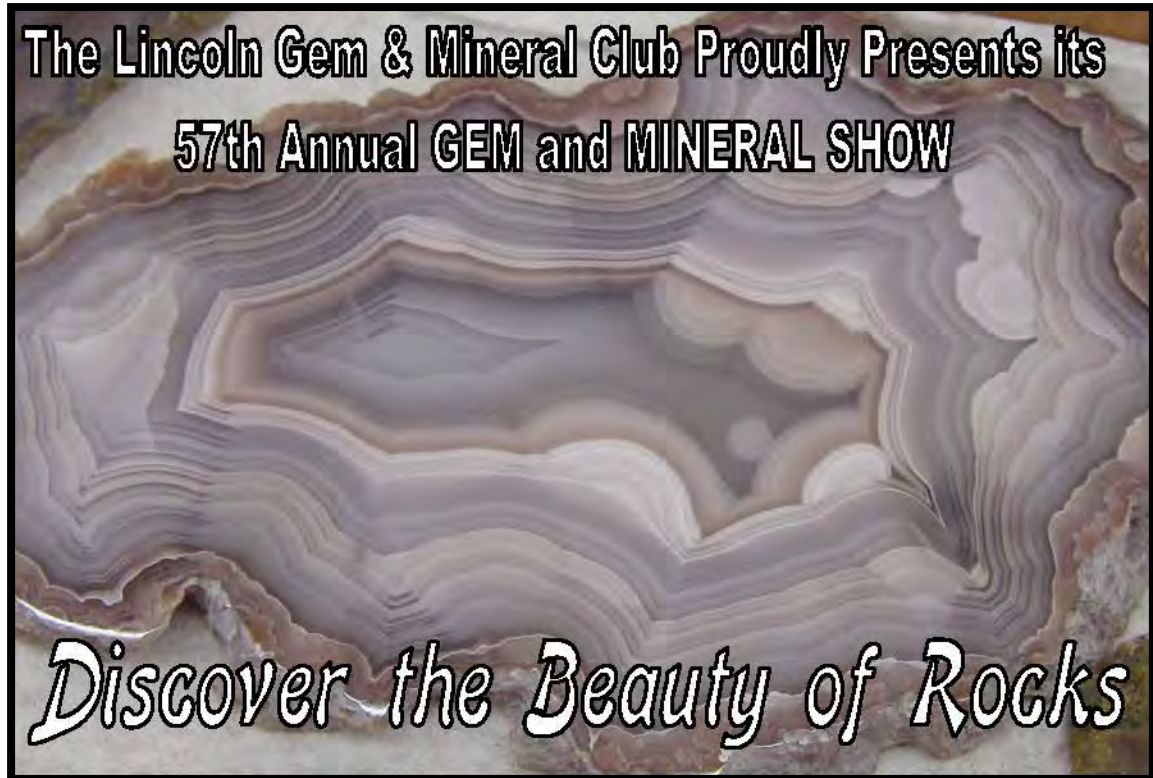
Cindy and her Junior Scouts





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Show Postcard



The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Proudly Presents its  
**57th Annual GEM and MINERAL SHOW**

*Discover the Beauty of Rocks*



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

**Over 4000 FREE**  
**Parking Spaces**

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

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Bring this coupon, newspaper ad, or canned good for the Food Bank and receive

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**Rough & Uncut Gems**  
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**Fossils, Petrified Wood**  
**Equipment, Supplies, Tools**  
**Gifts and FUN!!**

**Adults: \$5**  
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Show Flyer - Portrait orientation ad



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**Children's Activities** Adult 2-day pass: \$9

**Educational Programs** Children 11 and under  
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**Rough & Uncut Gems**

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# Advertising

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Quarterly Family Newspaper

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Spring 2015

Lincoln Kids!

## Bee ready KidsPark is coming!

Open days, evenings and weekends.

- Hourly drop-in childcare
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Art, games,  
stories, play,  
friends... fun!

Run errands, doctor  
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# Advertising

Fifteen second ads on Lincoln's ABC television station, played at various times during the day and evening, aimed at hitting all marketing target groups. The following text was spoken as the slides played.

**Discover the Beauty of Rocks, April 4th and 5th, at the Lancaster Event Center, for the 57th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Over 4,000 free parking spaces. Visit [lincolngemmineralclub.org](http://lincolngemmineralclub.org) for more information.**





LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S

# 36th Annual Rock Swap

Saturday, JANUARY 24, 2015; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Family  
Friendly**

**Free  
Admission**

**Silent  
Auction**

**Buy  
Sell  
Trade**



**Rocks**

**Minerals**

**Fossils**

**Jewelry**

**Supplies**

**Equipment**

## Bethany Park Enclosed Shelter

64th and Vine Streets

Swapper Tables: ½ Table - \$10; Full Table - \$20 - Set up at 12:00 Noon.

Swappers are responsible for collecting Nebraska State Sales Tax and remitting it to the State.

**Cash Sales must be completed using SWAPPER DOLLARS.  
SWAPPER DOLLARS are available from the Club Treasurer at a 10%  
surcharge, payable by the buyer.**

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB  
Box 5342  
Lincoln, NE 68505-0342  
Contact: Jayne Beer, 402.890.3307





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

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

1. President – James Marburger
2. Membership Chairman - James Marburger
3. Newsletter Editor - Sharon Marburger
4. Nebraska State Director - Charles Wooldridge (resigned mid-year) / Carolyn Ashmore

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, Ed Dvorak, Pat Dvorak

4c. Members supporting Federation scholarships or endowment funds:

1. \$60 to the Endowment Fund.

4d. Advertising in Pick & Shovel

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

1. Sioux City, Iowa club; field trip to Crescent, Iowa (see Section 2i for information)
2. Crawford, Nebraska club; field trip to various locations in Northwest Nebraska (see Section 2i for information)



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

4f – Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs:

### **AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES**

#### **CALIFORNIA**

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, “Rockhound Ramblings”

#### **ILLINOIS**

Chicago Rocks & Mineral Society, “Pick & Dop Stick”

Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society, “The LOESS Bulletin”

West Suburban Lapidary Club

#### **INDIANA**

Michiana Gem & Mineral Society, “Rockfinder”

#### **IOWA**

Cedar Valley Gems & Minerals Society, “Cedar Valley Gems”

Des Moines Lapidary Club

#### **KANSAS**

Topeka Gem & Mineral Society, “Glacial Drifter”

Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, “Quarry Quips”

#### **MICHIGAN**

Michigan Mineralogical Society, “Conglomerate”

#### **MINNESOTA**

Carleton County Gem & Mineral Club, “Agate Picker”

#### **MISSOURI**

Show Me Rockhounds

Independence Gem & Mineral Society, “The Gemrock”

#### **NEBRASKA**

Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club, “Rear Trunk”

Loup Valleys Gem & Mineral Society, “The Loup Scoop”

#### **OHIO**

Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society, “Lithnics”

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club, “Rocky Reader”

Parma Lapidary Club

**SECTION 4 – SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS - continued**

4f – Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs:

**OKLAHOMA**

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, “T-Town Rockhound”

**TEXAS**

Houston Gem & Mineral Society, “Back Benders Gazette”

Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society, “Stoney Statements”

**WISCONSIN**

Badger Lapidary and Geological Society, “Badger Diggin’s”

Wisconsin Geological Society, Inc., “The Trilobite”



# MWF Convention

## MWF CONVENTION AND SHOW

by Jim Marburger, MWF President

The 75th Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies' convention was held in conjunction with the 39th Annual Chicagoland Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, hosted by the Chicagoland Gem and Mineral Association ("CGMA"). The show was fantastic! There was so much going on, I do believe it could have gone on a couple more days. The crowds were energetic and seemed to stay.

The convention meetings were held on Saturday, May 23. I was able to fill a few Permanent Committee positions, but we still need people who want to get involved in the Federation. A big thank you to Carolyn Ashmore; she has volunteered to be the Nebraska State Director, replacing Wooly.

The pre-show field trip tours arranged by CGMA were outstanding. Wheaton College and the Lizzadro Museum are both top shelf locations, and I could have spent more time just soaking in what was on display.

The college had excess minerals from the Smith collection for sale, with the proceeds going to support the museum. They are in need of new lighting for the displays. Many items, like the carved frogs, were just amazing.

The Lizzadro Museum has a world class collection of Jade carvings, carved snuff bottles, cameos, and numerous lapidary arts items that just make you stop in your tracks.

Sharon and I were able to attend the show on Sunday and take in the fun. The Federation had the Sunday Silent auction and we were able to win bids on some videos from the Programs Library.

Photos by Jim & Sharon Marburger



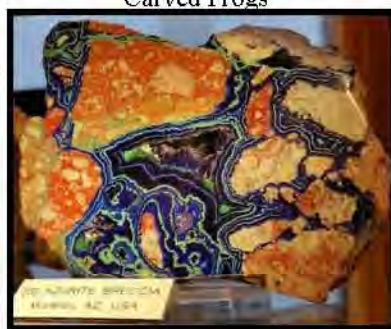
Carved Frogs



Carved Frogs



azurite crystal



Wheaton College (above)  
Lizzadro Museum (below)





# MWF Convention

## MWF CONVENTION AND SHOW - CONTINUED



Photos by Jim & Sharon Marburger





# MWF Convention



**Meet & Greet in the Marburgers' hotel room**



**2015 Board**

**President James Marburger, Secretary Donna Moore, Treasurer Sandy Fuller  
2nd Vice President Thomas Whitlatch, 1st Vice President David Rich**

# MWF Convention





# AFMS Convention Support

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Pick & Shovel

## AFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION (AKA "NATIONAL SHOW")

DATE & TIME	WHATS HAPPENING	WHERE
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>		
2pm	Uniform Rules Committee Meeting	AGMS Club House
1pm – 6pm	Early Registration Begins	AGMS Club House
6pm – 8pm	Social Hour – Drinks & Nibbles	AGMS Club House
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>		
8am	Move In Begins	Palmer Event Center
9am (1 - 4 hrs.)	AFMS Convention/ AFMS Delegates Meeting	PEC - Upstairs
After Delegates Meeting	AFMS Scholarship Foundation Meeting	PEC - Upstairs
2pm – 6pm	Registration Opens	PEC – Exhibit Hall
<b>Friday, October 23</b>		
9am	Gem Capers Opens	PEC – Exhibit Hall
10am (1 – 2 hrs.)	Judges & Clerks Meeting	PEC – Upstairs
11am (1 – 2 hrs.)	S.C.R.I.B.E. Meeting	PEC – Upstairs
10am – noon	AFMS Officers' Luncheon with Auction	TBD
1pm	SCFMS Judging Begins	PEC – Exhibit Hall
6pm	Show Closes	PEC – Exhibit Hall
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>		
8am – 10am	SCFMS / AFMS Editors Breakfast	PEC – Upstairs
8:30am	Judges & Clerks Meeting	PEC – Upstairs
9am	Gem Capers Opens	PEC – Exhibit Hall
9am	AFMS Judging Begins	PEC – Exhibit Hall
1pm (1 - 3 hrs.)	SCFMS Convention/ SCFMS Delegates Meeting	PEC – Upstairs
After Delegates Meeting	ALAA Annual Meeting	PEC – Upstairs
3pm	Judges & Exhibitors - Arbitration Meeting	PEC – Upstairs
6pm	Show Closes	PEC – Exhibit Hall
6:30pm	Social Hour – Cash Bar	PEC – Upstairs
7pm	SCFMS / AFMS Awards Banquet	PEC – Upstairs
<b>Sunday, October 24</b>		
??	Field Trip to Emerald Ridge	TEXAS
10am	Gem Capers Opens	PEC – Exhibit Hall
5pm	Show Closes	PEC – Exhibit Hall

Austin, Texas  
Austin Gem and Mineral Society's  
Annual Gem and Mineral Show

## GEM CAPERS 2015



This years theme is PEGMATITES

Rocks ~ Gems ~ Minerals ~ Fossils ~ Jewelry ~  
Beads ~ Exhibits ~ Children's Activities ~  
Live Demonstrations  
Over 30 dealers participating!

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- ◆ Touch Table Imagine a table full of rocks and minerals that YOU CAN TOUCH. That's right, a table full of rocks and minerals that can be touched, and a volunteer ready to answer any questions you might have. And this event is free. Stop on by!

# AFMS Convention

2015 AFMS/SCFMS  
Convention and Show  
**Gem Capers 2015**

October 23rd - 25th, 2015

Convention Location

Doubletree Inn  
6505 North Interstate Highway 35  
Austin, TX 78752

Show Location

Palmer Events Center  
900 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, TX 78704-1169

The meet and greet was held at the  
Austin Gem & Mineral Society's Clubhouse



Charming table decorations

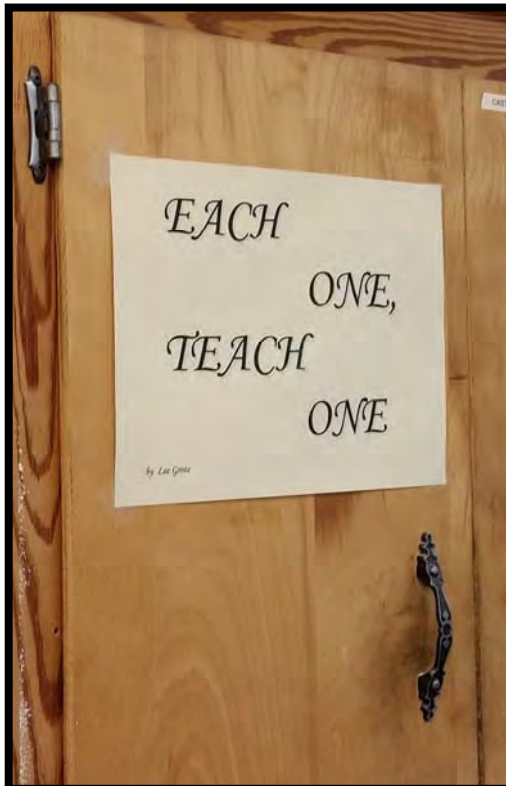


Above:  
Donna Moore, Barbara  
Sky, and Anne Cook  
enjoy some snacks at the  
meet & greet.

Right:  
Sound advice posted in  
the club's library



Visitors from the Midwest Federation toured  
the Clubhouse, admiring the equipment room,  
library, and social area





# AFMS Convention



MWF President-Elect David Rich and MWF President James Marburger



# AFMS Convention



Downtown Austin skyline



The Awards Banquet tables had creative centerpieces of stacked local granite of varying sizes, and topped with non-flammable tea lights



The walls of the Palmer Event Center were decorated with replica fossils.





# AFMS Convention



A rockhound's feast

All of the "food" on these tables were made from rocks and minerals.







## SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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

3/25/2015 James & Sharon Marburger Cub Scouts, Cavett Elementary

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

3/5/2015	Susy McMahan, Paul & Carolyn Ashmore, Brian & Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Jayden Eno, Linda Guenter, Ed Ridge, Sharon Schleiger Juniors: Brooklyn, Ellie, Ivy, Ian, Mia, Ruby	<i>Zoetis, LPS, Novartis Science Fair</i> Lancaster Event Center Lincoln
3/8/2015	Charles & Karen Messenger, Jayne Beer Corey Beer, Brian Beer, Ed & Pat Dvorak, James & Sharon Marburger, Carolyn & Philip Paul Ashmore, Jayden Eno, Sharon Schleiger, Bruce Collamore, Vera Lyman, Charles Wooldridge, Ed Ridge, and Andrew Tiedje Juniors: Ja-ziel, Brooklyn, Ruby, Mia	<i>Geology Day</i> Pioneers Park Nature Center Lincoln
4/25/2015	Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Linda Guenther, Sharon Schleiger Junior: Brooklyn	<i>Wild Adventure Day</i> Pioneers Park Nature Center Lincoln
7/12/2015	Ed & Pat Dvorak, James & Sharon Marburger, Brian & Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Charles Wooldridge, Ed Ridge, Vera Lyman, Andrew Tiedje, Charles & Karen Messenger Juniors: Ruby, Ja-ziel	<i>Grinding Party</i> Pioneers Park Nature Center Lincoln

# Outreach - Cub Scouts

## OUTREACH

by Sharon Marburger

On March 12, I received a personal message from Jennifer Pribil, through the club's Facebook page, requesting that someone speak to her den of cub scouts about geology. The boys were working on their geology pin that month.

Jim and I met with the group on Wednesday, March 25 at Cavett Elementary in Lincoln. Jim presented while I took pictures. We took a bunch of specimens for the boys to look at and touch, including agates, petrified wood, a bison skull, a mammoth tooth, and some fluorescent material. Jim provided specimens of uncut and cut garnets, rose quartz, calcite, apache tears, quartz, petrified wood, fluorite, agate, halite, and some others, for the boys' personal collections.

Many of the boys brought specimens from home for show and tell. There were calcite roses, Mexican crazy lace, conglomerates, muscovite/tourmaline, and some others I can't recall. The boys were very excited about specimen identification and they were all very eager to share what they had.

We gave handouts on geology, rocks, and minerals. We tested the various specimens to see if they would fluoresce, and under which wavelength of light. It was deemed "cool" that some of the specimens fluoresced different colors under different wavelengths. It was also "cool" that the specimens fluoresced with beauty and they looked plain under daylight and incandescent lighting.


Mrs. Pribil later contacted me to say how pleased they were with the event. I believe some of them made it to the Show!







# Outreach - Cub Scouts

Conversation started March 12, 2015


 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/12, 12:48pm  
Sharon, I got your name through Lincoln Gem & Mineral club here on FB. I have a cub scout group of 9 4th graders who are working on their geology pin this month. We have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday the 25th and wondered if anyone would be available to speak about this topic. Can you please get back to me and if you don't know of anyone, can you give me ideas on who/where to contact further in Lincoln? Thank you greatly! Jennifer Pribil


 **Sharon Marburger** 3/12, 1:35pm  
I can ask at our meeting on the 19th. I can also send out some email inquiries before then.


 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/12, 1:37pm  
Thank you that sounds terrific.


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March 20, 2015


 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/20, 10:46am  
Was there any response at the meeting about our Cub Scout group?

 **Sharon Marburger** 3/20, 10:48am  
I am so sorry. I forgot to ask. I will send an email tonight. Bad Sharon!

 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/20, 11:15am  
That's okay. Thanks or sending an email tonight then I will wait to hear from you thank you.


 **Sharon Marburger** 3/20, 11:16am  
What is your email address so I can cc you?

 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/20, 11:16am  
Pribilmomma@gmail.com

 **Sharon Marburger** 3/20, 11:16am  
Thanks.


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March 20, 2015

 **Sharon Marburger** 3/20, 6:46pm  
My husband has done these presentations for other dens. He will do it. I have offered to go with him. Please send me the time on the 25th and the location. And anything else we need to know. 😊

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March 21, 2015


 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/21, 9:14am  
Well thank you greatly for coming to talk to the boys. They are all about 10 yrs old in 4th grade. We meet at Cavett elementary. Come and park on the south side and I'll look for you. We start at 7:30 on Wednesday.  
7701 S 36th St  
Lincoln, NE 68516-5716  
Some things to cover:  
What are the types of rocks?  
What are fossils?  
What does the Lincoln Gem and Mineral group do?  
How can kids be involved in this hobby?  
And of course anything else you can think of. 😊


 **Sharon Marburger** 3/21, 9:16am  
Ok. See you then!


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March 25, 2015


 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/25, 4:23pm  
Sharon is there anything you need from me for tonight?


 **Sharon Marburger** 3/25, 4:39pm  
No. I will send you a message when we get there. We are usually early. What time do you get there? We will need a little setup time.

 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/25, 4:40pm  
We can be there just after 7. Everyone should show by 7:30. Does that work for you?

 **Sharon Marburger** 3/25, 4:41pm  
Yes. I will message you.


 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/25, 4:43pm  
ok. My cell phone is also 402-770-4790 just so you have it.


 **Sharon Marburger** 3/25, 4:43pm  
Thanks. 😊


 **Sharon Marburger** 3/25, 6:48pm  
When you get here (no rush), we are in white Subaru in handicap space outside of door 4.

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March 27, 2015

 **Sharon Marburger** 3/27, 9:43am  
Jennifer, thank you for having us assist the boys in earning their Geology badges. We didn't fully cover some things I thought should be covered, but if you are happy, so am I. A favor? Could you have the boys send thank you notes? Nothing fancy; maybe say what their favorite part was? You may already be planning to send thank yous. I put together a yearbook each year that gets submitted into competition nationwide. One of the requirements is to include thank you notes from organizations we present to. I'd appreciate your participation. Thanks.

 **Jennifer Hoas-Pribil** 3/27, 9:51am  
We will be finishing up the badge in 2 weeks and that was already planned. Your visit was just a fantastic highlight of what geology could be. It made it much more delightful for them rather than Greg and I discussing from the book. The thank you's are already in the works and we will be finishing up those at our next meeting also. If you can send along your address that would be terrific. I will send them at the end of the 2nd week of April. Thank you greatly for coming to our meeting. My son talked to all the kids at his lunch table the next day all about it. 😊

 **Sharon Marburger** 3/27, 9:54am  
LGMC  
PO Box 5342  
Lincoln 68505  
Thank you!

**Thank you notes were not received.**



# Outreach - Science Fair

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## ZOETIS-LPS-NOVARTIS SCIENCE FAIR

by Susy McMahan

Could it be? Yes!! Last year there were 700 students participating in the LPS Science Fair. This year, 800!! And we were part of the entertainment!!

This year we were in a different location, on the main floor! We were able to configure the tables into a rectangle, with the ever-popular gem dig along the two long sides. Ed Ridge brought his great displays, and answered questions on one end, and Corey and Jayne Beer worked on cabochons at the other end. At least Corey tried. He was fielding so many questions and explaining rocks and lapidary so steadily, he declared, "I finally just gave on trying to make a cab." He had some gorgeous face-outs!

Juniors Jayden, Mia, Brooklyn, Ian, Ivy, Ruby, and Ellie worked the gem-dig in shifts, passing out materials needed and answering questions about specific rocks. They all did a great job! Ruby has a future in not only rockhounding, but customer service. (A wish for next year - fossils to add to the mix.) They, of course, wanted to look at other cool exhibitors, so off they went in buddy fashion.

Adults Carolyn and Paul Ashmore, Linda Guenter, Brian and Jayne Beer, Ed Ridge, Sharon Schleiger, and Susy McMahan ran errands as needed. We all enjoyed the dinner provided, and were glad some families came and stayed, just in case. We also got our free t-shirts and goodies. We missed the juniors that couldn't make it. Most of all, I missed Al Stewart and his cabochons. We hope he gets his spunk back soon!

A big thank you goes out to Paul and our friend Bruce for re-vamping our lights. They were getting a bit wobbly, so we put some experts on the job. And of course, Carolyn, who put so much time into the fine details. She wasn't able to move around much, due to a recent foot vs. stair issue, but she deserves a break... Wait!... Not a break! Some nice sunshine and playing with some rocks time.

I could tell more stories; we all had a great time! Some of you might wonder why I am still here, and what happened to my shoulder surgery? The Flu - that is a guaranteed way for surgery to be cancelled. It will now be on St. Patrick's Day, which is fine with me, as I will have the luck of the Irish with me. 🍀

See more Science Fair on page 5!!



The flyer features a blue and white color scheme. At the top left is the logo for the Zoetis-LPS-Novartis Science Fair, which includes a stylized 'Z' and 'N' with a microscope and a beaker. To the right of the logo, the text 'for 20 YEARS' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below the logo, the date and time are listed: 'Thursday March 5, 2015 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.' followed by a line of asterisks. The location is 'Lancaster County Event Center'. In the center, a blue speech bubble contains the text 'SAVE THE DATE'. On the right, another line of asterisks is followed by the text 'Watch for volunteer registration information coming in January!' and another line of asterisks.





# Outreach - Science Fair

## MORE SCIENCE FAIR



Jayden, Ellie, and Ruby



LGMC Booth

by Jayne Beer

In the short informational speech given while the volunteers were eating, we were told this was the biggest show so far, with over 800 kids. It was a busy afternoon and it was enjoyable to answer these young people's questions. They are always very interested in what we are doing. Many parents are very interested also. This year, several kiddos came up to say hi, mentioning that they have hung around our booth for several years now. It is fun to see how Corey has people, kids and parents, hanging around him the entire time, asking questions. He said, also, how much he enjoyed doing this show.



One of the Science Fair projects





# Outreach - Geology Day



## Contact

2740 "A" Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502

## Location

3201 South Coddington  
Lincoln, NE 68522  
West end of Pioneers Park,  
West Van Dorn & South Coddington  
402-441-7895  
naturecenter@lincoln.ne.gov  
parks.lincoln.ne.gov/naturecenter

## Hours

Monday - Saturday 8:30a - 5p  
Sunday Noon - 5p

## FACILITY RENTALS

Did you know you can rent the auditorium in the prairie building or the Birthday Party House. For more information call or visit us online at parks.lincoln.ne.gov. Check out the Birthday Party ad on page 13!

## FRIENDS OF PPNC

### FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

All are invited to the Friends of Pioneers Park Nature Center's annual meeting. Find out more about the Friends and enjoy refreshments and good conversation.

Date: Saturday, January 24

Time: 9:00-11:00 am

Location: Prairie Building | Fee: Free

## Pioneers Park Nature Center

### Cross Country Ski Workshop

Travel by skis to explore the winter wonderland at the Pioneer Park Nature Center. Outdoor Adventures from U.S. Ski & Snowboard Institute. Ski rental is included. If the weather is not suitable for skiing, the workshop will be held indoors with hot chocolate. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Register by January 8.

Date: Saturday, January 10 | Time: 2:00-4:00 pm  
Location: Prairie Building | Fee: \$175

### Preschool Open House

Learn about the wonderful nature programs at Pioneers Park Nature Center during the open house sessions. Children will engage in daily developing inquiry, motor, and art activities. The 2015-16 school year begins on Tuesday, January 27.

Date: Tuesday, Jan 20 | Time: 10:00-11:00 am  
Location: Prairie Building

### Night Hike

Explore at night by moonlight. Join us for a night hike around the Nature Center. You will see nocturnal wildlife around the Nature Center. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be provided.

Date: Friday, January 30 | Time: 7-8:30 pm  
Location: Prairie Building | Fee: \$7/p

### Pop-up Card Making Class

Learn from local artist Sally Cox how to make cards for fun or for a Valentine. Supplies and materials provided. Creativity and when the class is done, you can take home a unique to share. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Registration is required by February 7.

Date: Saturday, February 7 | Time: 10:00-11:00 am  
Location: Prairie Building | Fee: \$10

### Great Backyard Bird Count

Bundle up for a 9:00 am winter bird count. We will count the visitors at our bird garden. The Wild Bird Habitat Stores will be on hand to discuss how you can attract birds to your backyard. Please call 402-441-7895 by 2/11 if you plan to attend the bird walk.

Date: Saturday, February 14 | Time: 9-11 am

Location: Prairie Building | Fee: \$5 Suggested Donation

### Geology Day

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

Date: Sunday, March 8 | Time: 1-4pm

Location: Chet Ager Building | Fee: \$5 Suggested Donation

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## Don't forget Geology Day Sunday, March 8



Time: 10-11:30am

Location: Prairie Building Goldenrod Classroom

Fee: \$50/child/6 week session

## PROGRAMS FOR SCOUTS

### Scout Hikes

One hour naturalist-led hikes are available.

Fee: \$4/scout/minimum 10. Arrange 2 weeks in advance.

### Badge Work

Upon request, staff will work with leaders on badge programming with the following fee schedule:

2 hours or less: \$8/scout/minimum 10

2.5-3 hours: \$12/scout/minimum 10



# Outreach - Geology Day

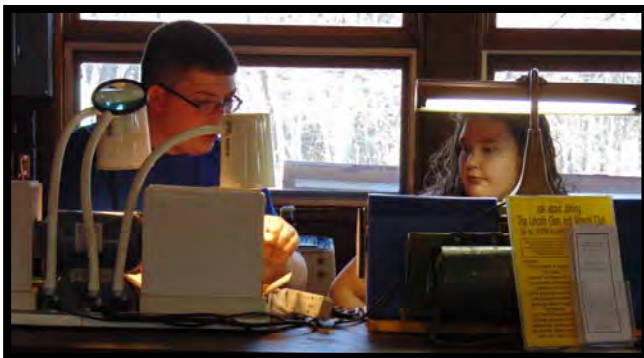
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## GEOLOGY DAY PICTURES



Corey shows Brooklyn how to make a cabochon.  
Ruby's dad and sister look at some books.  
Brooklyn picks out some tumbled stones.  
Wooly explaining how to tumble rocks, and  
sharing his fossils with an interested youngster.

## GEOLOGY DAY

by Karen Messenger & Sharon Marburger

Thanks to all the loyal club members that showed up to help educate the public about exciting rocks and minerals! The day was sunny and warmish with a bit of chilly breeze, but we had a real good turnout to keep everyone busy.

At 4:00 p.m., there had been 217 adults and 141 kids through the event, totaling 358. This event continues to be one of the most attended events held at the Pioneers Park Nature Center.

Members present on this glorious afternoon were: Charlie & Karen Messenger; Jim & Sharon Marburger; Ed Ridge; Ruby (with her father and sister); Jayne, Brian, and Corey Beer (and little Jazz); Charles Wooldridge; Sharon Schleiger & Brooklyn; Bruce Collamore; Andrew Tiedje; Vera Lyman; and Paul & Carolyn Ashmore, with Jayden and Mia. What a fantastic showing of club members!

There were demonstrations of lapidary and two kinds of tumbling; collections on display, website and club information; show fliers; and free give-aways of books and tumbled stones.

Sharon is hoping to have pictures in next month's Pick & Shovel - it's kind of difficult to download pictures from the camera without a cable. It will turn up soon, we hope!



# Outreach - Wild Adventure Day

Join the Nebraska Wildlife Federation & the Friends of Pioneers Park Nature Center for a day of exploring, activities and outdoor fun!

Come Explore: Live Snakes  
Fish Printing, Fairy Gardens, Stream Discoveries, Edible Scat, Skulls & Pelts, Prairie Hikes, Turkey Calls and many more outdoor activities.

**FREE EVENT! EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## WILD ADVENTURE DAY 2015!

Saturday, April 25, 2015  
10:00 am- 2:00 pm  
Pioneers Park Nature Center  
Lincoln, Nebraska



Food will be available for purchase, but feel free to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy during exploring time.

Remember this is a family event so please leave your pets at home for the day.

**See you there!**





# Outreach - Wild Adventure Day

From: djwalters@windstream.net  
To: jbeer60070@aol.com  
Sent: 4/10/2015 7:48:56 P.M. Central Standard Time  
Subj: Fwd: Confirmation from Gem and Mineral Group at Wild Adventure

Jayne,

In case Andrea thought she was sending this to you in instead of me. Here is her confirmation. See you on Tuesday. Thanks for being willing to help! Janet

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Andrea K. Faas" <[AFaas@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:AFaas@lincoln.ne.gov)>  
**Date:** April 10, 2015 9:24:55 AM CDT  
**To:** 'Janet Walters' <[djwalters@windstream.net](mailto:djwalters@windstream.net)>, Bill Smith <[william.h.smith@gsk.com](mailto:william.h.smith@gsk.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation from Gem and Mineral Group at Wild Adventure

I got the registration. It came through a little funny but worked, thankyou!

We will have 3 tables for you and most likely will have you in the grassy area outside the Chet Ager building or up by the Children's Garden. I'll be able to tell you more next week.

Andrea

-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Walters [mailto:[djwalters@windstream.net](mailto:djwalters@windstream.net)]  
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 9:16 AM  
To: Andrea K. Faas; Bill Smith  
Subject: Confirmation from Gem and Mineral Group at Wild Adventure

Andrea,

I talked to Jayne Beer and she said she tried to fill out the form and send it to you electronically. However she is having trouble with her computer so this e-mail confirms what she told me in case her registration did not go through. They are fine with outside, do not need electricity this year as they are planning on only doing the "gem/stone search/identification activity". They will need 2-3 tables...3 would be better.

If you need me to ask her anything else and cannot reach her, just let me know.

Janet

# Outreach - Wild Adventure Day

Lincoln City Parks and Recreation asked LGMC if they could provide a session of rocks, minerals, and fossils for the kids during its week long Nature Camp. On April 25, 2015, Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Linda Guenther, Sharon Schleiger, and Mineral Monkey, Brooklyn, went and set up the Gem Dig. All the kids had a great time.

Photos by Jayne Beer





# Outreach - Grinding Party

**Grinding Party at the  
Pioneers Park Nature Center  
Prairie Building  
July 12, 1-4 p.m.  
Setup at noon  
Picnic in the park to follow.**



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**Grinding Party at the  
Pioneers Park Nature Center  
Prairie Building  
July 12, 1-4 p.m.  
Setup at noon  
Picnic in the park to follow.**

# Outreach - Grinding Party

Don't miss out on the opportunity to enlarge your personal collection of specimens. The auction on August 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in Onawa, Iowa will feature Wayne Gries' huge rock collection. Go to [www.brockauction.com](http://www.brockauction.com) for more information.

## GRINDING PARTY

by Karen Messenger & Sharon Marburger

Greetings to all! Thanks to the hardy group who showed up in spite of the horrible heat. The heat index as 105° to 110° F. with a heat warning from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hot and sticky! That definitely affected attendance. Final numbers were 25 adults and 12 kids, totaling 37 attendees. The whole building attendance was not much better than our event total. Thanks to those who braved the heat! Karen M.

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The 12th was a very hot July day. Pioneers Park was deserted. There were only seven cars at the picnic area that is usually crowded on a Sunday afternoon. It was kind of creepy, seeing the park deserted.

Only a few club members showed up to display and demonstrate. Charlie and Karen Messenger hosted the event on behalf of the Nature Center. Those displaying were Ed and Pat Dvorak, with Ed also demonstrating wire wrapping; Jim Marburger and Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge showed the two different ways to tumble polish stones and had free specimens for the kids; Ed Ridge displayed many different specimens, both rough and polished, and also demonstrated drilling holes in rocks; and Jayne Beer and Corey Beer demonstrated lapidary. Six other club members put in an appearance, but did not display or demonstrate.

It was obvious the high heat and humidity, along with the heat warning, kept the public from attending the event. It was unfortunate because the building was a comfortable cool with the air conditioning. Those who showed up had a good time, and were able to have plenty of one-on-one time with the presenters. Lots of questions were asked and answered. The hit of the event was Wooly's "pet" scorpion, found on a recent field trip.



Left: Ed Ridge demonstrating hole drilling in rocks

Below: Sharing of information (club members Ed R., Ed & Pat D., Corey, Jayne, Vera)



Left: Corey & Jayne demonstrating lapidary  
Below: Corey explains about making a cabochon







## **SECTION 6 – GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS**

### **Club members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations**

American Lands Access Association (ALAA)  
Blue Ribbon Coalition

Susy McMahan - Nebraska State Liaison to ALAA



# Legislative Relations

## ROCKHOUDING ON RIVERS

by Sharon Marburger

On a recent field trip, Wooly learned of an incident involving two gentlemen who were rock collecting on one of Nebraska's rivers. A big thank you to Wooly for doing the preliminary research and bringing this issue to our attention!

A landowner, who had recently encountered some less-than-polite "trespassers" partying on the river bordering his property, called the local constabulary to arrest the two rockhounds. Although the men were polite and non-disruptive, the landowner chose to make an example of them. His claim was that they were trespassing.

According to the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission:

Only the water belongs to the state of Nebraska. The riverbeds and all adjacent lands are the property of the landowner through which the water flows. Appreciate the fact that you have the privilege of using the waterway. Respect the landowner and their property. Nebraska statutes give you the permission to portage around fences and other obstructions; however, you are responsible for any damage to the property. You must have landowner's permission to picnic or camp.

However, the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that "rivers that are navigable in fact are navigable in law." If a river is physically navigable, it is legally navigable. No court or agency has to designate it as such.

According to the National Organization for Rivers:

Even rivers that are physically navigable only by canoe, kayak, and raft are still legally navigable. (The courts have also ruled that commercial recreational river trips qualify as commerce.) Because they are legally navigable, such rivers are held in trust for the public by the states, for navigation, recreation, and fisheries. The land along them is public land up to the ordinary high water mark (which can be quite a distance from the water - it's the land where the vegetation and soil show the effects of water.) The public can use this land for walking, fishing, resting, camping, and other non-destructive visits.

Public ownership of physically navigable rivers, including the land up to the ordinary high water mark, pre-dates property deeds. What the property deed says or doesn't say about the river is irrelevant.

The state does not actually own the river, but holds it in trust for the public for navigation, recreation, and fisheries. The state is obligated to preserve the river for these public benefits.

See more at: <http://www.nationalrivers.org>.

If you want to avoid the risk of any kind of confrontation, obtain permission from the landowner. Otherwise, should you encounter an angry landowner or an officer of the law, remember to keep cool and be polite. Do not argue with either because it will only end up being bad for you. And always remember the AFMS Code of Ethics when you are out and about.

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## ALAA EXCERPT AND NEWS

By Susy McMahan

As American Land Access Association (“ALAA”) representative for Nebraska, I wanted to share this with club members. Although we don’t live in Idaho, it is up to all rockhounds to keep public grounds open to collecting.

### WE MAY LOSE MORE IDAHO COLLECTING SITES—THE PROPOSED BOULDER-WHITE CLOUDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

By Dee Holland, ALAA Director, Salmon, ID

For a number of years, some legislators from Idaho have been trying to create more wildernesses in Idaho, as if we don’t have enough already. They haven’t succeeded, so the latest try is to make the Boulder-White Clouds area of Idaho into a National Monument, which does almost the same thing as making it into a wilderness area. If they write the law the same way they in Washington, DC, usually do, it will not allow “picking up rocks” and especially not “excavating” within the monument. Boulder-White Clouds is currently within the Salmon-Challis National Forest, which allows activities like rockhounding. Why fix what’s not broken?

Here is a list of areas within Boulder-White Clouds that I personally know have collectable rocks:

- East Fork of Salmon River through Herd Creek: agate, jasper, amethyst crystals and petrified wood;
- Trail Creek through Copper Basin: agate, jasper and petrified wood;
- Livingston Mine, which included specimen collecting on old mine dumps;
- Horse Basin: agate, jasper and petrified wood.

P.S.: Thanks to Shirley Metts of the Magic Valley Gem and Mineral Society for forwarding this important information. Shirley is an ALAA Representative for southern Idaho.

—From the ALAA Newsletter (July-Sept, 2014).  
ALAA is the lobbying arm of the American Federation, working on behalf of rockhounds to keep public lands open and accessible to all, including the elderly and handicapped.

I contacted Shirley Metts, who provided me with the names of people to contact and request the closure not happen. She says, “They have just advertised that 45 businesses have come out in support of closing the Boulder-White Clouds. They will not be happy to stop there either. The Governor “Butch” Otter, and two of

our congressional delegates are the ones to write to. I am attaching their names and addresses.” Shirley Metts’ e-mail is: [idahosouth@amlands.org](mailto:idahosouth@amlands.org) if you have any questions.

To contact:

#### **U.S. Senator James E. Risch**

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
tel: 202-224-2752  
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Office is located in room SR-483 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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**Donations for LGMC Juniors!  
Tumble your lapidary scraps and  
other small stones, and donate  
them to the Juniors for the 1,000  
grab bags currently in production  
by our volunteers. Other needed  
items include small fossils and  
minerals, and small, inexpensive  
trinkets.**

**Carolyn Ashmore and Susy  
McMahan send their heartfelt  
thanks, as do the Juniors!**



# ALAA Annual Meeting

## POST ROCK SWAP

Following the Mid-Winter Swap, LGMC members and invitees shared in fun and a meal of pizza, lasagna, breadsticks, and salad. Cinnamon breadsticks, along with Anniversary Cake, complements of Vera Lyman, rounded out the meal. In addition, there were some goodies left over from the swap, and they topped off the evening and the stomachs.

After the meal, the Mineral Monkeys jumped into their lesson for the evening while the old-timers sat and visited. Promptly at 7:00, the January General Meeting began.

This year, two Mineral Monkeys who did not receive their awards at the Christmas Party, were recognized during a special segment of the meeting. Ivy and Ellie received the Future Rockhounds of America patches earned during the past year. Congratulations, girls!



**Yummy!**

## ALAA ANNUAL MEETING

by Martin Dougherty

It was Friday evening, January 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at the Quartzsite Alliance Church. A standing room only group of Rockhounds, Miners, and OHV enthusiasts, counted at 300 plus, assembled. We were there to listen to John McDonald, Field Representative for the Bureau of Land Management in Yuma, Arizona. John came to speak to the concerns of those present and to answer questions that were given in advance, in writing, by rockhounds, concerning road and route closures in the La Posa Travel Management Plan in Arizona.

All of us were ready to hear his explanation of the BLM's plan to close some routes and leave others open, and others with limited access. He commented that the BLM wasn't closing large tracts of Public Lands; access is still available by foot or animal in the wilderness areas. That comment received a lot of groans from the audience. John also said he would not be taking questions, which led to a few people walking out of the building and others openly upset. It was definitely a contentious evening.

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## Silversmithing classes

Tuesday Evenings

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

**The Jewelry Connection Ltd.  
Indian Village Shopping Ctr.  
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**Tuition: \$120 plus \$30 supply deposit**

Session 1: Jan 6 - Feb 24

Session 2: Mar 3 - Apr 21

Session 3: Apr 28 - Jun 16

**\*\* Summer Break \*\***

Session 4: Aug 11 - Sep 29

Session 5: Oct 6 - Nov 24

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## ALAA ANNUAL MEETING

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After Mr. McDonald was done providing the BLM's position, the Mayor of Quartzsite, Ed Foster, stepped up to the microphone and explained to the group the economic effect the closures would have on the city, one of which would cause the annual influx of Snowbirds to look elsewhere for off-road recreation. He stated that several western states have taken, or are in the process of taking, back management of Federal Public Lands, claiming they can do a better job managing the needs of their state lands that were in their trust before the federal government stepped in causing economic hardship.

The Mayor will be going to Phoenix to advocate the state of Arizona to join the group of western states who are petitioning Washington to take back public lands, minus National Parks, monuments, and wilderness, and to maintain them within their own states.

Next up was Harry Baker, President of California Off-Road Vehicle Association ("CORVA"), to speak on the concerns of the off-road group which has had a successful track record fighting the government's proposed land use for military training and getting some concessions in reduction of acreage taken in the Johnson Valley OHV Area. He commented that letters written to the government agency involved has made a huge impact,

and if you don't speak up you can't be heard.

Steve Hunt is a local gold miner in the La Posa Travel Plan area, with a valid commercial mining claim. He has been unable to operate his claim for over three years because of the slow permit renewing processing time of the BLM. The routes to his claim have been closed to all, even though he holds a valid claim with the government.

The issues with the La Posa Management Travel Plan in Arizona is one of many changes to the western deserts the BLM has on the table. In California, Senator Diane Feinstein has proposed to convert public lands to wilderness areas, fundamentally making them inaccessible to our historic collecting sites while giving access to the renewable energy consortium.

You may walk in or learn how to use a pack mule as open access routes will be a mile or more from places we used to drive to. Really, how far can most of us carry 25 pounds of rock?

On Sunday, January 25th, 14 of us rockhounds met at the Tom Wells Road in Arizona off Interstate 10, for the third annual roadside cleanup, with the assistance of the four gentlemen from the BLM.





## ALAA EXCERPT AND NEWS BY TOM NOE

### RECREATIONAL LAND USE VERSUS GOVERNMENT/ACADEMIC EXTREMISM

By Jim Urbaniak, President, Oregon Agate and Mineral Society

(In the complete article, Jim voices his concerns about the dramatic increase in public-lands management in recent years and gives suggestions for private and public sectors working together. One suggestion is to invite professors and land managers to our club meetings.)

Because of my work in the federal services and my networking with professional and academic earth science people (in an effort to secure monthly lecturers for the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society), I have gotten to know many academics, fish and wildlife professionals, BLM and Forestry Service representatives. The old school folks “get” the whole thing about balancing environmental stewardship with recreational land use. What is a disturbing trend, though, is the number of new college graduates entering these services who are being taught that ALL recreational use is bad and ALL public lands should be closed off for any use whatsoever. . . .

I am a conservationist, (but) this new mentality on the part of over-exuberant environmentalists and public servants does not reflect balance at all.

One of the ways our local earth sciences club has approached this has been to bring the geology professors (and their students) and public servants into

our meetings to give presentations. The benefit has been that they have discovered we are not a bunch of dumb hillbillies but knowledgeable and conscientious earth science enthusiasts with a real concern for lands stewardship. Here in Oregon we are really beginning to develop some high-level academic and government support through dialog and a growing mutual respect. I believe that this extremism mentality can be overcome through the amateur and academic communities engaging in building shared interest in each other’s activities. We, the amateurs, learn from the academics, and they in turn realize that we are also stewards of the land and students who can be taught in the field instead of a lecture room.

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## ALAA EXCERPT BY TOM NOE

### NEW WILDERNESS AREAS IN MONTANA AND THE REASON WHY

#### A NEWS REPORT FROM: CITIZENS FOR BALANCED USE (SUMMARIZED)

CBU has always been opposed to new wilderness and "land of no use," and we will continue to fight for multiple-use recreation, active forest management, and responsible resource development on our current federally managed public lands.

The Defense Spending Bill was a must-pass piece of legislation and legislators attached their pork in order to pass some things they wanted. Senator Tester added his Forest Jobs and Recreation Act, setting aside another 650,000 acres of new wilderness in Montana.

CBU worked hard to have this added piece of legislation removed and in the end Congressman Daines succeeded. But in return for removing the FJRA, the Rocky Mountain Front Heritage Act was inserted. It adds approximately 67,000 acres to two wilderness areas and designates roughly 208,000 acres of adjacent federal land as Conservation Management Areas.

Are we happy? No. But it could have been worse.

CBU is very disappointed in how Congress jammed bills into a must-pass Defense Spending Bill. We are saddened for the people close to the Rocky Mountain Front because of the further restrictions and closures they received. The Rocky Mountain Front wilderness bill was opposed by local government, recreation, agriculture and resource groups. If we had more control over these lands, rather than the D.C. bureaucrats, these actions would not occur.

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## ALAA EXCERPT BY TOM NOE

This is April's ALAA excerpt, but it's not from the ALAA Newsletter. It comes from the newsletter of the Eastern Federation. Still, it's news that people in the MWF need to hear about, so I'm sending it around. I think the lessons are clear enough. Sometimes we're our own worst enemies.

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### TWO PENNSYLVANIA COLLECTING SITES CLOSED

Excerpted from: Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies Newsletter (March, 2015)  
By Scott Peters

First, Rossville malachite/azurite location in northern York County, Pennsylvania, well-known to collectors and well-advertised in books and articles, has become dangerous due to overcollecting. IF ANYONE IS SEEN AT THE SITE, THE OWNERS WILL NOTIFY PROPER AUTHORITIES.

Second, the St. Clair, Pennsylvania fern fossil location is now closed to collecting. A representative for the owners said "overzealous collectors began bringing in power tools to collect, posting their trips and selling the fossils via the internet." The owners will prosecute any individuals they find collecting on their property.

Please do not attempt to collect at these locations unless you receive express (current written) permission from the owners of these properties. You will risk prosecution and may cause the loss of any possibility of reopening these sites.

If you know of any other collecting sites that have been closed, or are in danger of closing, or any laws that may restrict our collecting activities, please email me at: [slipgapdms@aol.com](mailto:slipgapdms@aol.com). I will pass the information on in future EFMLS Newsletters and also via ALAA website, [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org), and Facebook, [www.facebook.com/American-Lands-Access-Association](http://www.facebook.com/American-Lands-Access-Association).

(Scott Peters is the new ALAA Representative for Pennsylvania.)

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## ALAA EXCERPT BY TOM NOE

**Let ALAA Know If You Encounter Access Problems**  
By Shirley Leeson, ALAA President

American Lands Access Association (“ALAA”) has been blessed with members and FRIENDS who have rallied to our side . . . it doesn’t get any better than that.

There are still numerous problems involving rockhound access cropping up all over the country and we need your help to identify them, so please notify ALAA and get involved. Together we can try to do something to preserve our access to rockhound hunting sites. Nothing is better than having people in the local area take the lead on publicizing road closures, sites closures, etc. These are the people close to the problems, and sometimes that person is YOU.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE, so let ALAA know how we can help and support you. We are all volunteers, some with lots of time to work to solve problems and others with limited time, but you all are a part of this vast puzzle and we need you.

—Excerpted from *ALAA Newsletter* (Jan.-Mar., 2015). ALAA is the lobbying arm of the American Federation, working on behalf of rockhounds to keep public lands open and accessible to all, including the elderly and handicapped.



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## ALAA NEWS

submitted by Tom Noe

### NEW REGULATIONS DEFINED FOR FOSSIL COLLECTING IN NATIONAL FORESTS

Below is a web address to the ALAA Newsletter for April-June, 2015. The rules and regulations for collecting fossils on U.S. National Forest-managed lands have had significant changes, effective May 18, 2015. John Martin (of ALAA’s Conservation and Legislation Committee) has done a really spectacular job of summarizing the new regulations in readable form. An excerpt would not do justice to the information he summarizes for us, so it’s better to point you to the complete article and let you read it yourself. It’s several pages of very important information for those who want to do casual collecting of fossils in our national forests. The article starts on page 5 and you can copy and paste the address below to find the issue at:

[http://www.amlands.org/media//DIR\\_24612/DIR\\_402734/58269c7954016a5ffff81c3ffffe904.pdf](http://www.amlands.org/media//DIR_24612/DIR_402734/58269c7954016a5ffff81c3ffffe904.pdf)

Alternatively, you can go to [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org), click on “Newsletters” on the left, then click on “April-June, 2015.”



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## ALAA NEWS

### NEW DESIGNATION FOR MIDDLE ROGUE RIVER?

(Originally posted on DefendRuralAmerica.com, August 19, 2015)  
Subject: Josephine County [Oregon] Commissioner provides what has been lacking: LEADERSHIP

#### **Commissioners Oppose New Designation For Middle Rogue River**

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners ruled in favor of private property rights as well as sustained timber harvests and mineral extraction during its weekly business session this morning. The commissioners unanimously approved a resolution of opposition to the proposed inclusion of an additional section of the Rogue River into the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to ask Congress to include a 63-mile section of the Rogue from Lost Creek Dam downstream to the mouth of the Applegate River in the designation. The section from the mouth of the Applegate down to the Lobster Creek Bridge is already Wild and Scenic. In the resolution opposing the move, the commissioners pointed out that nearly 86% of the Rogue River corridor, including the Grants Pass section, is privately owned, plus the county operates several parks along the river. Any new Wild and Scenic River designation would adversely affect both private and public property rights affecting usage and development. The board also unanimously approved responses to the BLM's Resource Management Plan. Commissioner Simon Hare stated that the plan falls short when it comes to proper management of timber and mineral resources. He also said the federal agency has failed to coordinate with Josephine County.

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## ALAA NEWS

Excerpted by Tom Noe

### **Sierra Club Wants Roads To Rockhound Areas Closed**

Below is an e-mail sent out by Jim McGarvey of the Riverton Mineral and Gem Society. He is also the Wyoming State Representative for Public Lands Advisory in the Rocky Mountain Federation.

I'm sorry to inform you that the Sierra Club is forcing the Forest Service to close roads to motorized travel in some of rockhounds' favorite collecting areas. Would you be happy if they closed the roads into the Wiggins Fork area so you can't go in and collect Wiggins Fork wood anymore? That's one of the areas that will be closed. It seems that the Sierra Club got something like 23,000 letters to be sent to the Shoshone National Forest planners to close down those roads and many other roads in Wyoming. At a recent meeting, a representative of the Sierra Club pointed to a map and told the Forest Service representative that these are the roads he wanted closed.

Rockhounds have got to start participating in these government decisions if they want to continue to collect rocks. This is not just in Wyoming, its happening all over our United States! What do YOU want to do about this? Rock clubs can't do much. It's up to the individuals in the clubs to act. We need a national response to this control of our hobby. I hope you can muster up the courage to fight this obstacle to our "pursuit of happiness"!

—*from the July-Sept. 2015 ALAA Newsletter.*

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To all Rockhounds Everywhere,

ALAA received this request to help save the Dugway Geode beds from extinction! If you have ever collected any of the Dugway Geodes and would like to collect them again, or would like to collect these one-of-a-kind Geodes in the future, now is the time to get involved in a Grass Roots action. Contact the Utah BLM to let them know that this resource needs to remain open and accessible for future generations of Rockhounds to enjoy. In your writings to the BLM, let them know that whether the mining claim is renewed or not, you are asking the BLM for assurance that the Dugway Geode Beds and their access roads will remain open for public recreational collecting. Below are e-mail addresses to contact all of the parties involved in the Dugway Geode Beds issue. Please help "Save the Geodes!"

### **DUGWAY GEODE CLAIM**

Save the Geodes! The BLM is threatening to close the only commercial claim on the Dugway Geode beds, in operation for the last 50 years, because the renewal paperwork was late this year. The claim is run by the Crapo family under the business name "The Bug House," and new mining claims will not be issued by the BLM for any commercial geode mining because the geode bed is a restricted area.

Public response to urge renewal of the claim is critical. The Crapo family has always supported the rockhound community and made sure that anyone who collected on their claim came away with lots of good geodes. Now it's our turn to support them, so please get the word out to anyone interested in preserving this important collection area.

Please send your e-mails in support of renewing this important claim to the following e-mail addresses at the BLM, and bcc The Bughouse at their address below, so they can see who is supporting their efforts.

Deputy State Director Lands & Minerals  
Kent Hoffman  
E-mail: [khoffman@blm.gov](mailto:khoffman@blm.gov)

Minerals Support Supervisor  
Robert L Bankert  
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Bureau of Land Management Fillmore Field Office  
E-mail: [utfmmmail@blm.gov](mailto:utfmmmail@blm.gov)

The Bug House  
E-mail: [bughouse@xmission.com](mailto:bughouse@xmission.com)