

**2010 MID-WINTER ROCK SWAP  
BETHANY PARK SHELTER HOUSE**

**RICHARD "PETE" PETERSON  
2010 MID-WINTER  
SWAP CHAIRMAN**



**TREASURER VERA LYMAN  
CONVERTS CASH TO  
SWAPPER BUCKS FOR  
VENDOR ED RIDGE**

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## VENDORS



**LGMC MEMBERS  
ROBERT & JUDY CROPP**



**LGMC MEMBER  
ED DVORAK**



**ERIC FRITSCH  
NEBRASKA MINERAL & GEM  
CLUB, INC. MEMBER**



**LGMC MEMBER  
JAYNE BEER**

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ROGER PABIAN**



**LGMC MEMBERS  
ROGER PITTARD, JOHN HARRISON,  
& JIM MARBURGER**



**LGMC  
MEMBER  
CYNTHIA  
CASSELMAN**



**ALAN JEANERETTE  
NEBRASKA MINERAL & GEM  
CLUB, INC. MEMBER**



**DONNA & DICK FARLOW  
NEBRASKA MINERAL & GEM  
CLUB, INC. MEMBER**

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NEBRASKA MINERAL & GEM CLUB, INC. MEMBER ??? CHATS WITH LGMC  
PEBBLE PUP MACKENZIE THIESSEN (LEFT) AND BRAD NIELSEN (RIGHT)



BETTY SYSLO  
NEBRASKA MINERAL & GEM CLUB,  
INC. MEMBER



ROGER  
PABIAN  
SHARES  
A  
STORY  
WITH  
DICK  
FARLOW

# 2010 MID-WINTER ROCK SWAP BETHANY PARK SHELTER HOUSE

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**PEBBLE PUP COREY  
BEER FASHIONS A  
CABOCHON WHILE DAD  
(BRIAN BEER) AND DAN  
CROMER LOOK ON**



**PEBBLE PUP  
MACKENZIE THIESSEN  
IN DEEP  
CONVERSATION WITH  
SUSY MCMAHAN**



**LGMC  
SECRETARY,  
SHARON  
MARBURGER  
ASSISTS WITH  
SELLING SWAPPER  
BUCKS**

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**LGMC MEMBERS  
MARY & CONNIE  
MCCARTNEY MADE THE  
LONG DRIVE, THROUGH  
THE SNOW, FROM  
GRAND ISLAND**

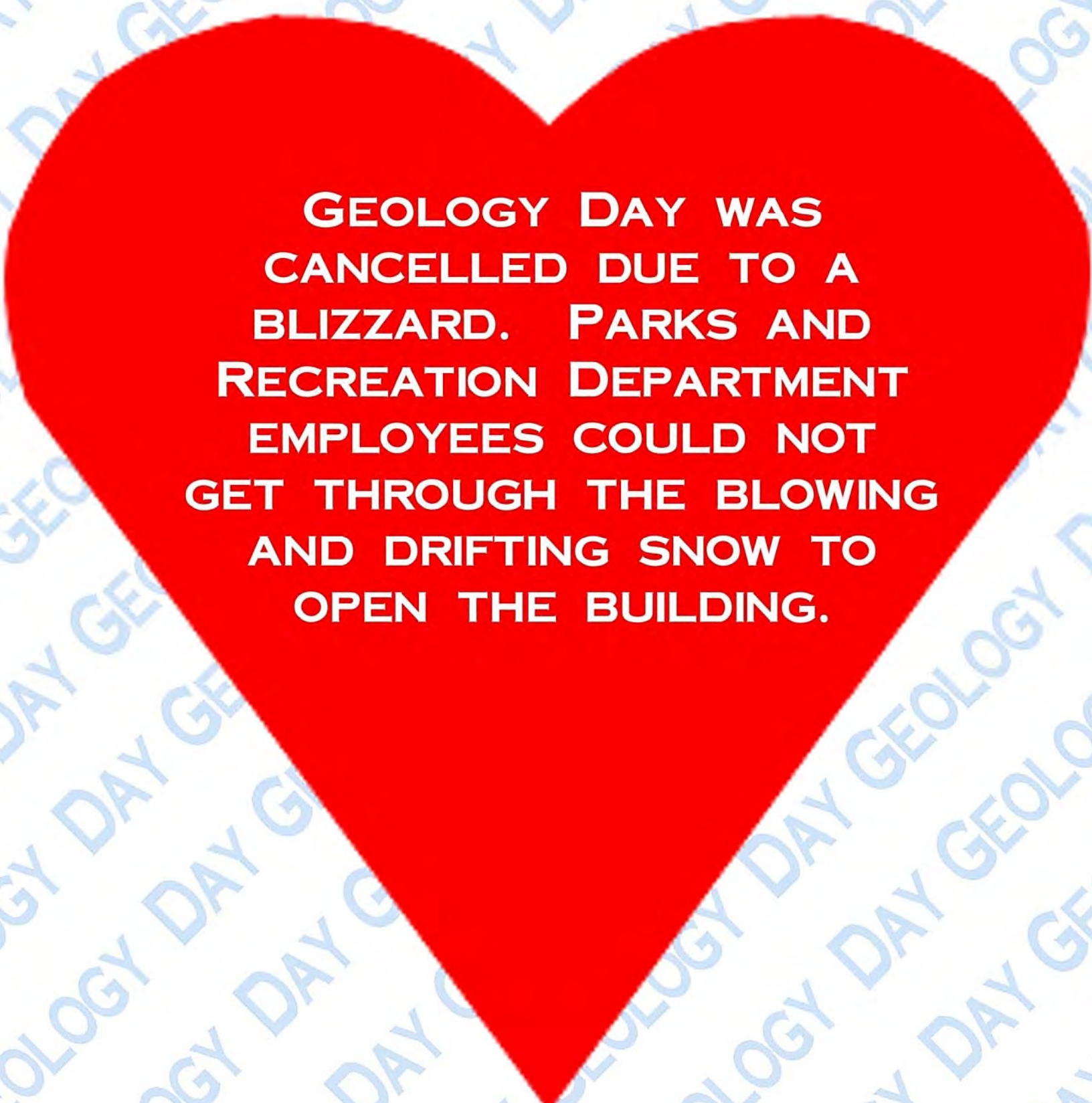


**PEBBLE PUP GRACE  
CASSEL SHOWS HER NEW  
SPECIMEN TO YOUTH CO-  
LEADER, DAN CROMER**

**YOUTH CO-LEADER  
AND  
CLASS LEADER,  
STELLA THIESSEN,  
PREPARES THE  
PEBBLE PUP  
LESSON FOR THE  
MEETING FOLLOWING  
THE SWAP**



**2010 GEOLOGY DAY  
FEBRUARY 14, 2010  
CHET AGER NATURE CENTER, PIONEERS PARK**



**GEOLOGY DAY WAS  
CANCELLED DUE TO A  
BLIZZARD. PARKS AND  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYEES COULD NOT  
GET THROUGH THE BLOWING  
AND DRIFTING SNOW TO  
OPEN THE BUILDING.**

**52ND ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW**  
**NEW VENUE**  
**LANCASTER EVENT CENTER**



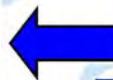
# 52ND ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW LANCASTER EVENT CENTER



SETUP DAY  
ED RIDGE  
UNLOADING THE  
CLUB TRAILER



HALFWAY DONE



ELLIE LYMAN  
TAKING A BREAK  
FROM HELPING WITH  
SETUP



NEARLY READY



READY!



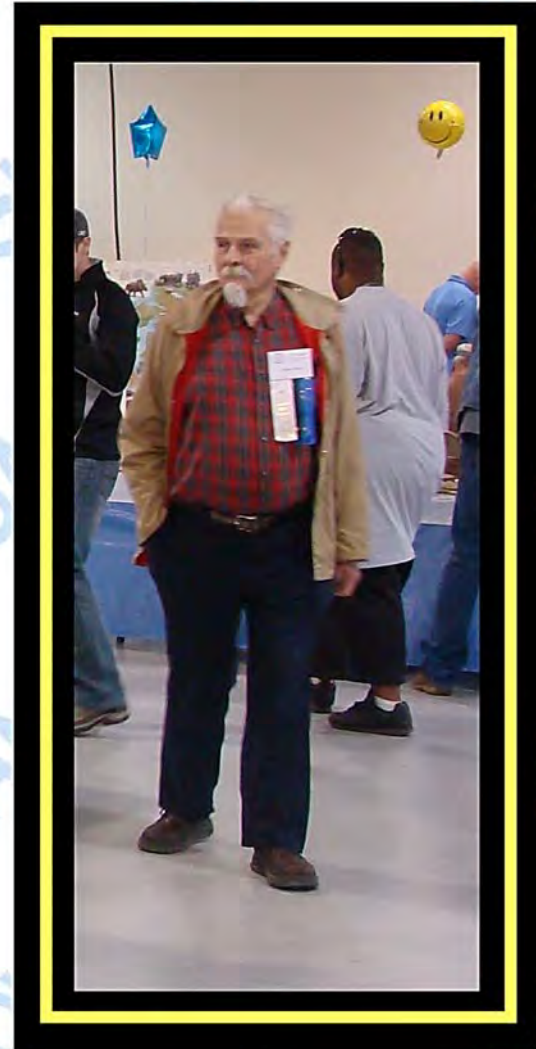
THE FIRST VISITORS

# 52ND ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW LANCASTER EVENT CENTER



ROGER PABIAN  
ENJOYING WHAT  
WOULD BE HIS FINAL  
LGMC SHOW

SILENT  
AUCTION



FOLKS  
HAVING  
FUN



# 52ND ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW LANCASTER EVENT CENTER



**TREASURER VERA LYMAN AND  
HER ASSISTANT, MARY PITTARD,  
TAKE IN GATE RECEIPTS**

**ED RIDGE DEMONSTRATES  
CABOCHON CUTTING**



**JUNIORS CO-LEADER, KAY  
JURGANS, OVERSEES SOME  
HANDS-ON CRAFTS AT THE  
JUNIORS BOOTH**

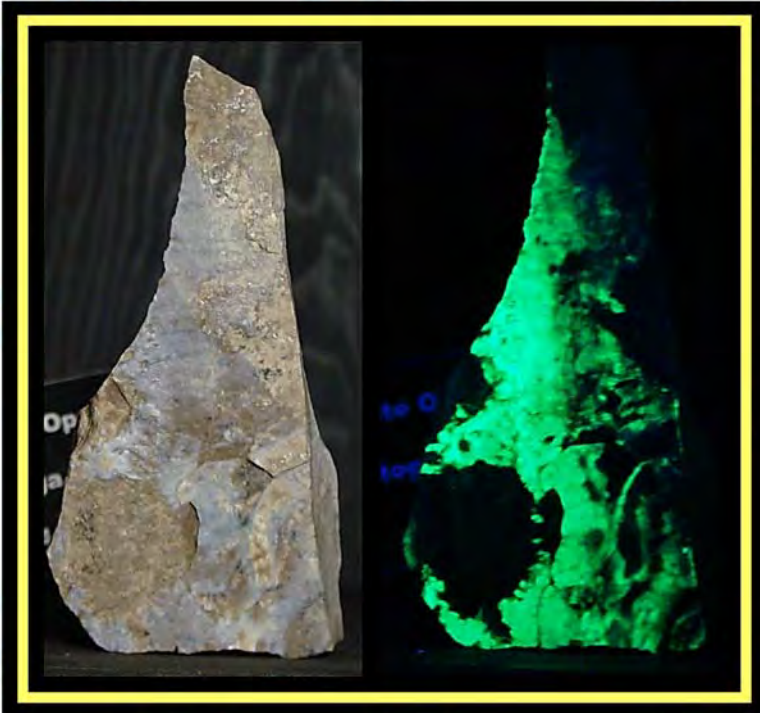


**JUNIOR MEMBER MAKENZIE  
THIESSEN ASSISTS ONE OF  
THE CRAFTERS**



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## A FEW NICE DISPLAYS



**THE FLUORESCENT WITCH**



# 52ND ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW LANCASTER EVENT CENTER



**TRADITIONAL  
SUNDAY  
DEALERS'  
BREAKFAST**

**DEALERS AND CLUB  
MEMBERS ENJOYING A  
HEARTY BREAKFAST  
BEFORE ATTACKING  
THE BUSY DAY**



**THE BREAKFAST  
BUFFET AT THE  
NEW VENUE WAS  
SCRUMPTIOUS!**



# GRINDING PARTY, JULY 11, 2010 THE NATURE CENTER @ PIONEERS PARK

LGMC PROVIDES DISPLAYS, ...



**FACETED "STONES"  
FROM DIFFERENT  
COLORED BOTTLES  
AND GLASS.**

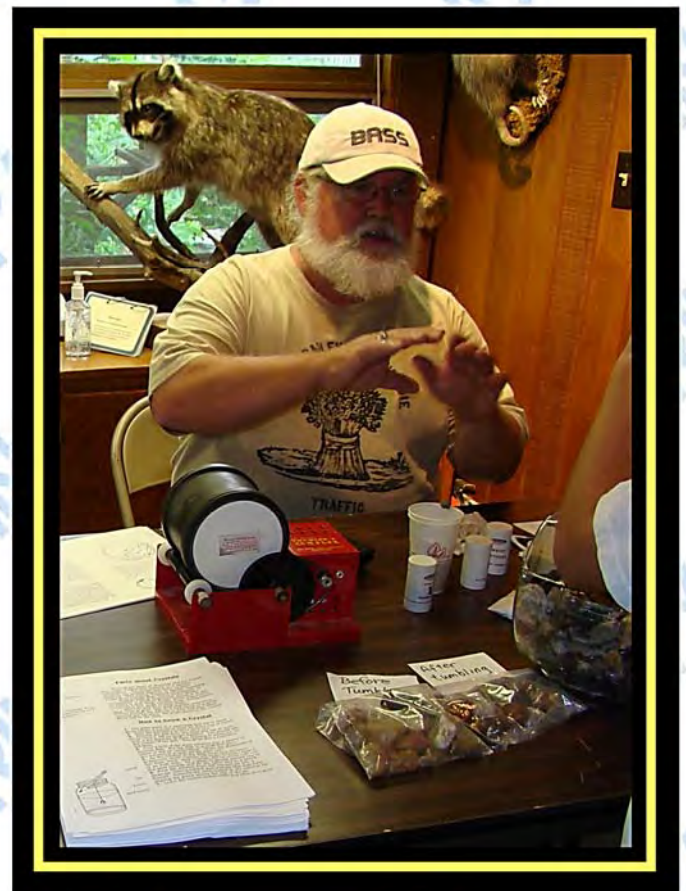
**ON DISPLAY BY A  
NON-MEMBER  
VISITOR.**



# GRINDING PARTY, JULY 11, 2010 THE NATURE CENTER @ PIONEERS PARK

## DEMONSTRATIONS ...

**AL STEWART  
DEMONSTRATES  
CABOCHON CUTTING  
AND POLISHING (RIGHT);  
ROGER PABIAN  
DEMONSTRATES  
FACETING (BOTTOM  
LEFT); AND CHARLES  
"WOOLY" WOOLDRIDGE  
EXPLAINS HOW TO  
TUMBLE-POLISH STONES  
(BOTTOM RIGHT).**





**GRINDING PARTY, JULY 11, 2010  
THE NATURE CENTER @ PIONEERS PARK**



**VISITORS CAME FROM  
ACROSS THE COUNTRY  
AND AROUND THE WORLD  
TO ATTEND LGMC'S  
GRINDING PARTY. A  
FAMILY FROM CALIFORNIA  
AND A LARGE GROUP  
FROM JAPAN DROPPED IN  
TO SEE WHAT WAS  
HAPPENING.**



**JULY SOCIAL @ PIONEERS PARK  
FOLLOWING THE GRINDING PARTY ON JULY 11, 2010**

**SECRETARY SHARON  
MARBURGER "MANNED" THE  
GRILL ...**



**WHILE THE MEN  
(DR. ROGER PABIAN AND  
PRESIDENT WOOLY)  
RELAXED**



**HOOOO DOGGIES!!  
SOUP'S ON!!**



**JULY SOCIAL @ PIONEERS PARK  
FOLLOWING THE GRINDING PARTY ON JULY 11, 2010**



**AS WITH ALL  
OF OUR  
FUNCTIONS,  
GOOD FOOD  
ABOUNDED  
AND FUN WAS  
HAD**



**CLUB MEMBERS AND  
GRINDING PARTY CO-  
HOSTS**

**CHARLIE & KAREN  
MESSENGER ENJOY A  
JOKE. GOOD THING  
THEY WEREN'T  
DRINKING THEIR  
PEPSI OR IT WOULD  
HAVE SPRAYED OUT  
THEIR NOSES!**



**PRESIDENT WOOLY,  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN ED RIDGE,  
AND TREASURER VERA LYMAN  
SWAPPING "THE ONE THAT GOT  
AWAY" STORIES.  
(DARN THOSE ROLLING STONES!)**



# CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 12, 2010 @ BETHANY PARK



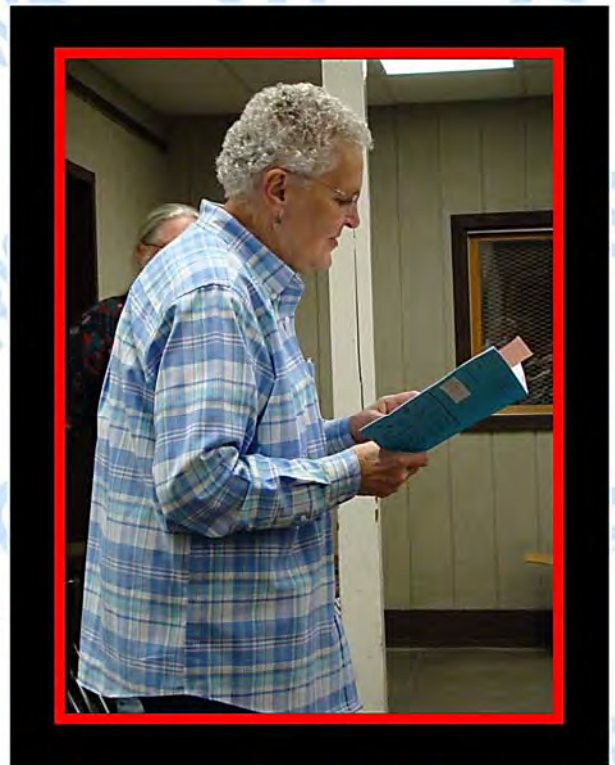
**YES, THE  
EVER-PRESENT  
FOOD!**



**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 12, 2010 @ BETHANY PARK**



**PETE HAS THE PLEASURE  
OF PRESENTING  
WOOLY WITH THE  
PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE**



**TREASURER VERA LYMAN  
ENTERTAINED THE GROUP WITH AN  
ORATION OF SANDY LYNN'S  
"MERRY...ROCKHOUNDS...CHRISTMAS**

**OUTBOUND PRESIDENT  
CHARLES "WOOLY"  
WOOLDRIDGE AND  
INCOMING PRESIDENT  
RICHARD "PETE"  
PETERSON SHARE A  
FIST-BUMP INSTEAD OF  
THE TRADITIONAL  
PASSING OF THE GAVEL  
(PREZ WOOLY FORGOT  
THE GAVEL - OOPS!)**



**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 12, 2010 @ BETHANY PARK**



**THERE WERE LOTS OF PRIZES FOR ROCK BINGO -  
EVERYONE WENT HOME WITH AT LEAST ONE PRIZE**

# 2010 ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR



## JIM MARBURGER

**DURING HIS 40 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF LGMC, JIM HAS HELD NEARLY EVERY OFFICER AND CHAIRMAN POSITION IN THE CLUB. HE CURRENTLY HOLDS A SEAT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IS A MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, FEARLESS LEADER OF FIELD TRIPS, IS CLUB PROPERTY CHAIRMAN, AND IS SHOW ADVERTISING CHAIRMAN. ADDITIONALLY, IN 2010, AS IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, HE WAS LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. JIM HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY OVER THE YEARS AND NO ONE IN THE CLUB DESERVES THIS HONOR MORE THAN HE.**

# MONTHLY ROCK PARTIES

**January 16, 2010**  
**Home of Charles Wooldridge**

Pick & Shovel  
 Volume 52, Issue 5: January 2010

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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 I have hosted "grinding parties" the past couple of months. I will host another one January 16th. A dozen or so members and guests have gathered at my house to eat, talk, and play with the lapidary arts. I have really enjoyed the camaraderie and have learned a lot. We will have a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm and go from there. Please bring portable projects or equipment if you have them, or you may use what is available. Roger Pabian has agreed to host the February party (specifics to be announced at a later date).  
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No photos or report  
 available for this event.

**February 21, 2010**  
**Home of Roger Pabian**

Pick & Shovel  
 Volume 52, Issue 6: February 2010

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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 February 21<sup>st</sup> - Roger Pabian will host the monthly Grinding Party at his house at 5301 X Street. The evening will start with a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. Roger will furnish sloppy joes and everyone should bring a dish to pass. Roger's basement has lots of equipment and space to play in. Bring portable equipment if you have it.  
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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FEBRUARY GRINDING PARTY**

The February grinding party will be hosted by Roger Pabian on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a food item and join in the potluck supper prior to hobby fun. Roger's address is 5301 X Street.

Judy Cropp, Charles and Karen Messenger go over time impacts of faceting



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**FEBRUARY ROCK/GRINDING PARTY**

By Roger K. Pabian

The fourth of a newly inaugurated series of grinding parties was held at Roger Pabian's residence on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Eleven members and guests participated and quite a few nice stones were turned out.

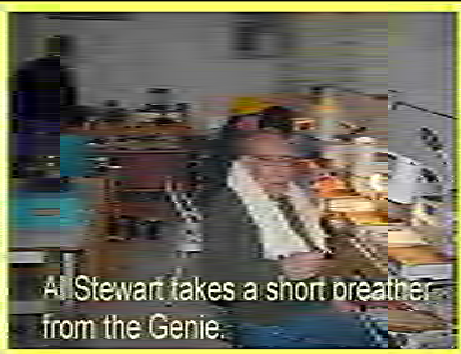
The party started with a pot luck supper that featured many excellent entrees and desserts. The entrees included a onion-eggplant casserole, hot wings, and sloppy joes. There were ample salads and several kinds of pies, cakes, and cookies for desserts.

Following the meal, the group went into the work shop and the grinding began. Several attendees - Roger Pabian, Charles and Karen Messenger, and Judy Cropp - are teaching themselves faceting. One of the interesting discoveries for the night was that there are right-handed and left-handed faceting machines, at least in the Ultra-Too line. Charles' and Roger's machines are mirror images of each other. Most of the time was spent learning the parts of the machines and what they do.

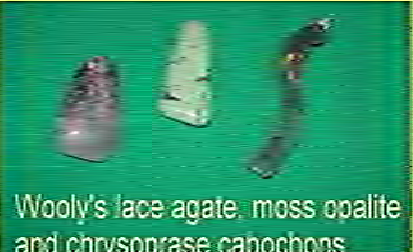
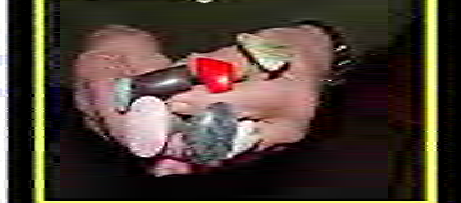
Judith Bay, Charles Wooldridge, Rowley Cropp, and Lynne Beer and son Corey spent much of the time grinding and finishing cabochons. Rowley also spent some time drilling dinosaur bone for a future jewelry project.

The evening ended with quite a few finished stones, quite a few new techniques under the belt, and more enthusiasts for taking up new challenges.

The only rule for the grinding party is that participants must bring some work project along such that they can teach other participants different techniques, and share their interests in gems, minerals, and other related areas.



Al Stewart's production for the evening



Wooly's lace agate, moss opalite and chrysoprase cabochons.

Photos courtesy of Roger K. Pabian



Judith Bay's lace agate free form.



# MONTHLY ROCK PARTIES

March 21, 2010

Hosted by Judith Bay and Jayne Beer at The Jewelry Connection

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The next Rock Party will be Sunday, March 21st at The Jewelry Connection in the Indian Village Shopping Center located at 13th and Arapaho Streets in southwest Lincoln. It will be hosted by club member and professional silversmith, Jayne Beer. The shop is located at the southwest corner of the shopping center, across the stairs. It is the only grey door with a window in it. The Party will start at 5:00 pm with the usual potluck supper. Silversmithing will be the focus of the evening. Members will be able to develop or expand their knowledge of silversmith techniques through hands-on activities. The fun and experience will be free, but individuals must purchase whatever supplies they use. Bring your own or try one of Jayne's interesting projects. I recommend you bring some of your calls to set. Jayne says to dress warmly as it is sometimes cold down there.

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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MARCH GRINDING PARTY

**Host:** Jayne Beer  
**When:** Sunday, March 21, 2010  
**Where:** The Jewelry Connection, Indian Village Shopping Center at 13th and Arapaho  
**Why:** Come learn silversmithing techniques while enjoying the company of fellow hobbyists. Bring your own project or try one of Jayne's.

Regardless, fun and knowledge will abound!  
**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CAMERA AND SNAP SOME PICTURES FOR THE P&S AND THE ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD APPLICATION.**



Top row, left to right:  
 Chrysocholla pendant by Charles Wooldridge,  
 Venetian pendant by Judy Crogo,  
 Ruby in Emerald pendant by Judith Beer/Bay,  
 Ring by Roger Pabian

Bottom Row, left to right:  
 Faceted Laser Gem by Roger Pabian,  
 Pearls in Kappa pendant by Andrew Tiedje,  
 Maltese Shell pendant by Kathleen Messinger,  
 Pearls in Agate pendant by Karen Messenger.

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### MARCH ROCK/GRINDING PARTY

By Roger K. Pabian

The monthly rock/grinding party was hosted by Jayne Beer and Judy Bay at the Jewelry Connection studio on March 21. Both Jayne and Judy are accomplished metal workers and they instructed several club members in silversmith basics. A couple of participants who had never done metal work of any kind, walked away with finished pendants. In addition to the metal working activities, Corey Beer polished quite a few small agates and petrified wood pieces he found on field trips last summer. Some faceting instruction was provided by Roger Pabian who has put in about 60 hours on the faceting machine in the past month. Rowdy and Judy Crogo finished a couple of pendants that evening. Wooly made a very nice chrysocholla pendant, and Karen Messenger completed a flame agate pendant. New members, Kathleen Wedekind and Andrew Tiedje, each finished a pendant for their evening's work. It is nice to see new members jump in feet first--they really got involved.

Photos courtesy of Roger K. Pabian

April 25, 2010

Home of Charles Wooldridge

## Pick & Shovel

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Sunday, March 21st was the monthly Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection. Judith and Jayne were excellent hosts as club members focused on silversmithing. After a wonderfully delicious potluck supper, club members were able to start and complete a silversmithing project. For some, this was a first time working with metal. The next Rock Party will be held on April 25th at my home. We will start with the usual potluck at 5:30, since it is a Sunday. I hope to spend some time processing the Gem Show and doing some preliminary planning for next year's show.

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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### APRIL ROCK/GRINDING PARTY

**When:** April 25, 5:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Wooly's residence, 6115 Huntington  
**Bring:** Food for potluck supper and a project or two to work on following the meal.

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### APRIL ROCK / GRINDING PARTY

The report from Wooly is that everyone at the gathering on April 25 had a great time. There were people working at faceting, others working on cabochons. Even the library got a little attention as some members worked on further organization.

Due to some technological difficulties, the picture below is the only one available from the April gathering. It looks like a happy crew!



Photo courtesy of Charles Wooldridge

# MONTHLY ROCK PARTIES

## May 23, 2010 Home of Roger Pabian

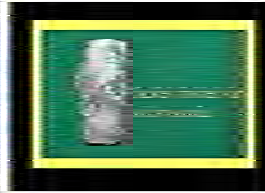
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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MAY ROCK GRINDING PARTY

The May rock grinding party will be held at Roger Pabian's residence on Sunday, May 23. It will begin, as usual, with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m., then progress into an evening filled with fun, companionship, and hobby related activities. Join in and share in a fabulous experience!

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CAMERA AND SNAP SOME PICTURES FOR THE P&S AND THE ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD APPLICATION.



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### MAY ROCK GRINDING PARTY

By Roger K. Pabian

The May 23rd Rock Grinding Party was held at Roger Pabian's residence, with Charles Woodbridge, Jackie Barnhardt, Jayna, Brian and Corey Boer, Al Stewart, Richard Peterson, Ed and Patricia Drenick, and Slowly and Judy Cross in attendance. The grinding was preceded by the usual potluck supper where everybody left the dining area well satisfied. Tex-Mex was the theme, with tacos, a southwestern style chicken, rice, and numerous other delicious entrees and desserts.

Most of the work was on refinements, but some silver snuffing issues were addressed as well as some primers on using the faceting machine, and how to interpret faceting diagrams. The parties have been quite successful in showing members the various lapidary and metal techniques.

Photos courtesy of Roger Pabian



## June 19, 2010 Home of Roger & Mary Pittard

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### JUNE ROCK GRINDING PARTY

By Roger Pittard

We'll be having our "Rock-grinding Party" for June at the Pittard's on Saturday, June 19, starting around 1:30. There will be one change from the norm, though, as this will be a "Display Case Painting Party" instead!! As usual, please bring a covered dish, and the Pittard's will provide the winners and beers for a winner roast, and coffee and hot tea (and/or water) to drink. We are also hoping to have a little "Jam-Sang-a-long" following. So far, a banjo and two guitars plan to attend, so if you have an instrument, please bring it along and help us out!!

Some things to bring: a paint brush (the Club is providing the paint), some sawhorses and boards to make tables for the cases while painting, one screw (we'll be working outdoors, if the weather permits), bug spray, lawn chairs, and, above all, plenty of enthusiasm, and a big appetite!!

Photos courtesy of Roger Pittard



THE "BOSSSES"  
DISCUSSING  
HOW TO PROCEED.

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### JUNE ROCK GRINDING PARTY (AKA PAINTING PARTY!)

By Roger Pittard

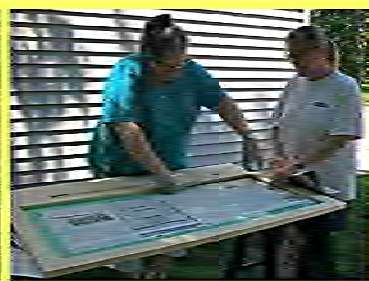
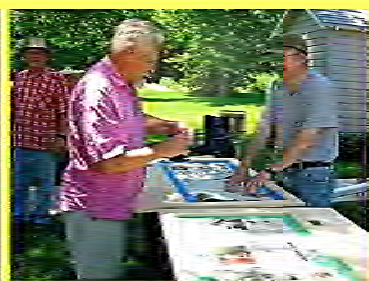
On June 19th, eleven adventurous club members, headed west from the Lincoln and Deere areas to join in the June Rock Grinding Party at the Pittard's farm near Geneva. The weather proved nearly perfect for the job of the day, which was to apply a coat of varnish on the soon Club display cases. The line arrivals appeared a little after 1:00 p.m., ready to get to work. Attending members were Christie and Karen Messenger, Richard Peterson, Kowdy and Judy Cross, Kathleen McElduff, Andrew Todd, Edward Ralston, Ed Drenick, Roger Pabian, Linda Gasser, and Roger and Mary Pittard.

The work involved unloading the cases from the trailer and removing them from their boxes. The cases were then placed on sawhorse "tables" to prepare them for painting, which included masking all the glass panes. From there, it was on to the painting table. The cases were then placed in the drying station where there was ample sunshine and a good breeze.

We want to give a big thank-you to all participants for a job well done!! A special thanks to Kowdy Crossman Ed Drenick for being the "Gunsners" of the day - spray painting guns, that is!

By 4:00 it was apparent the painting was done done, so a winner roast and marshmallow (flaming) roasting bonfire was held and the many covered dishes were brought to the table. About this time, two of the Pittard's friends from Geneva arrived, J.R. Stewart and Pat McDaniel, and they "just happened" to have their banjo and guitar with them. Following the scrumptious evening meal, Roger Pittard and his guitar joined J.R. and Pat for a group sing-along, and what great participation they had!

A couple rumbles of thunder along with a few raindrops caused a mad scramble to get the cases re-boxed and back into the trailer, and the boys' instruments back in their cases. All in all, a very productive day - and a fun one, too!! See you next month!



# MONTHLY ROCK PARTIES

July 11, 2010

Pioneers Park (picnic in the park following the annual Grinding Party)

## Pick & Shovel

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The next grinding party will be July 11 at the Chet Ager Nature Center in Pioneers Park. We will gather at noon in the old center down in the woods. Bring something to demonstrate to children and their families. Faceting, cabbing, sawing, tumbling, collecting, whatever you would like to show and talk about are all acceptable. It is a lot of fun for all. We generally have quite a few come through in an afternoon. Remember to bring a covered dish or two as we plan to have a picnic in the park following the Grinding Party. Please make sure your cold dishes stay cold - we don't want anyone to get sick!

## GRINDING PARTY PICTURES IN SEPARATE SECTION.



## Pick & Shovel

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### ANNUAL GRINDING PARTY

Following the Grinding Party, club members met in the park for a picnic. There were grilled hot dogs, two kinds of potato salad, baked beans, macaroni salad, cole slaw, fresh fruit and vegetables, chips, lemonade, soda-pop, and even a pecan pie for dessert. It was a beautiful afternoon with a cool breeze blowing. The predicted rain showers held off, allowing those in attendance to share in relaxed fellowship.



Photos courtesy of Jim Marburger

August 21, 2010

Home of Jim & Sharon Marburger

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### AUGUST ROCK PARTY

#### GRILLED WATERMELON...

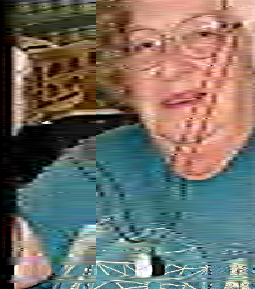
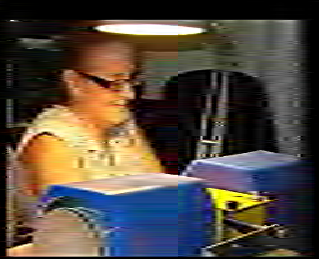
Or, if you prefer your watermelon chilled, we'll have that, too. Your choice - grilled or chilled.

Join the Marburgers at their Hickman home for this month's Rock Party on Saturday, August 21. The fun begins at 5:00 p.m. and continues until the last person leaves.

Pulled pork (regular and bar-b-que) and sandwich fixin's, along with the aforementioned watermelon, will be provided by the hosts. Bring along a complementary dish and your appetite for good eating before the hobby fun begins.

Remember to bring your portable equipment and projects. Included this month will be a brainstorming session on upcoming junior activities, so bring your great ideas, too!

See you at 334 Locust. Telephone, e-mail or Google maps for directions.



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### AUGUST ROCK PARTY

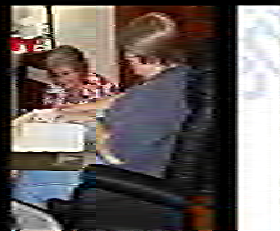
By Jim & Sharon Marburger, Rock Party Hosts

The monthly Rock Party was held at the Marburgers' home in Hickman on August 21. The fun started with a yummy potluck of Pepsi Pulled Pork sandwiches and a wide assortment of side dishes and desserts.

There was a grand turnout of 17 people. Those present were Stella Thiesen, Vera Lyman, and Sharon Marburger working on lesson plans for youth activities, Ed Dvornik taught wire wrap to Al Stewart and Roger and Mary Pinard; Roger Pahan worked on a faceting project, and he and Charles Woodbridge assisted with mineral identification; Brian, Jayne, and Corey Beer; brought lapidary equipment that Corey shared with Linda Guenter, and John Harrison, Eric Hamilton, and Shari Nelson joined in the potluck and good company. John Harrison also offered some cabochon cutting tips to Corey Beer.

Jim Marburger took the group on a tour of J&L's rock cutting shop. He explained his method of cutting, and even stabbed a stone for Woody. After the tour, the group settled down to working on projects and talking on a variety of subjects. Youth projects, show plans, mineral identification, field trips, and other hobby related items were discussed.

Everyone seemed to have a good time. The hosts appreciate the fabulous turnout and thank everyone who participated.



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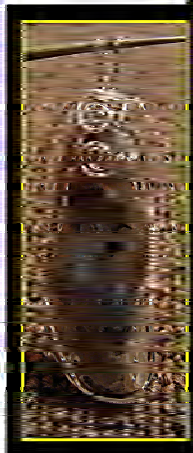
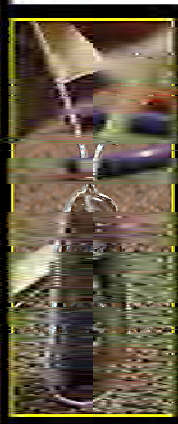
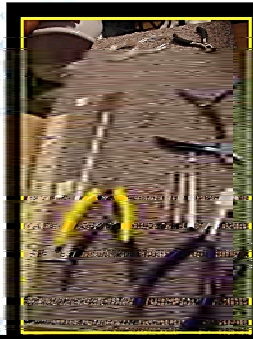
JEWELRY CONNECTION  
13TH & ARAPAHOE, LINCOLN  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
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CHARLES WOOLDRIDGE RESIDENCE  
6115 HUNTINGTON, LINCOLN  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>  
5:00 PM  
WOOLY WILL PROVIDE A MEAT, AND IF THE WEATHER IS NICE, THERE WILL BE GRILLING! BRING YOUR FAVORITE COVERED DISH AND A PROJECT TO WORK ON. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR PORTABLE EQUIPMENT, TOO!



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## SEPTEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

President Wooly reported there was great fun at the September Rock Party, hosted by Jayne Beer and Judith Bay at The Jewelry Connection.

The evening started off with the usual potluck supper. As always, the good cooks in the club didn't let anyone down!

In addition to the co-hosts, Roger Pabian, Charles Wooldridge, Brian Beer, Corey Beer, Susy McMahan, Jackie Barnhardt, and Jackie's friend, Gigi, attended. Roger brought his drill and Corey had his lapidary equipment. Several silversmith pieces were begun and/or worked on. Wooly did not think any of the pieces were completed that evening.

Wooly was not aware of any pictures being taken.

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## OCTOBER ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

October 23<sup>rd</sup> was another one of those absolutely gorgeous fall days in Lincoln, Nebraska. The weather was perfect! A nice group of LGMC members arrived at Wooly's house at about halftime of the Cornhusker football game. Snacks were gathered and everyone huddled around the television to watch the second half of the game.

Now, our Bulletin Exchange partners may ask what this has to do with the monthly rock party. Any Nebraskan—native or adopted—can tell you there is nothing more important than Nebraska football! GO BIG RED! So, the lapidary projects were set aside until the victorious game was finished at around 7 p.m.

At that time, everyone filled their plates with a wonderful assortment of foods—chicken, chili, many different salads, rolls, pies, crisps, bellies, slumps (whatever you may call them), and other tasty treats.

We then rolled our stuffed selves down the stairs to the workshop and table areas. Cabochons, wire wrap and other lapidary projects were worked on, while others visited or worked on the club library. The Nebraska women's volleyball game on TV held the interest of some. Overall, it was a nice, relaxed gathering of friends and co-hobbyists.

Attendees were Charles Wooldridge; Richard Peterson; Jim & Sharon Marburger; Ed Ridge; Ed Dvorak; Brian, Jayne & Corey Beer; Roger Pabian; Robert & Judy Cropp; and Jackie Barnhardt.



Photos courtesy of Roger Pabian

## 2010 CFMS / AFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION

by Sharon Marburger

Jim and I left Hickman after work on June 15 to drive to Kansas City for a restful night before embarking on the flight that would take us to the wilds of Southern California. We arrived at Los Angeles International Airport around 9:30 a.m. on June 16. We spent three days visiting the kids and grandkids; took a tour of the Covington lapidary equipment manufacturing facility; attended the gem and mineral show; enjoyed a Mexican themed awards banquet; swapped stories with fellow editors at the Editors' Breakfast; sat in on a portion of the ALAA meeting; and managed to find time to participate in one of the planned field trips. We met lots of people whose names we have heard and with whom we have exchanged correspondence.

The show was quite nice. There were approximately 25 dealers with a nice array of goods and an estimated 60 or so display cases - most of which were competition cases.

The Awards Banquet was held at the La Habra Community Center on Saturday evening. It was a festive activity with delicious food: chips & salsa; tacos; enchiladas; chile rellenos; rice; beans; and a stew of some sort. The only drawback to this meal was that it was apparently over-sold, so those of us from the last three tables to go through the buffet line did not get any tacos or enchiladas. Awards were handed out for the various competitions. LGMC was once again awarded a silver medal, at the AFMS level, for its All American Club yearbook.

The Editors' Breakfast was held at the host hotel. The hotel provided a scrumptious meal of the usual fare - scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, etc. LGMC's editor (yours truly) was honored with a 7th place award in the category of "New Editors".

Jim and I hit the road early Monday morning to take the two-hour drive to the Oceanview Mine, where we were to meet up with other collectors. We were required to be on location between 10:30 - 10:45, as the area is open only by invitation. At the site, the group received instruction on how to hunt for specimens, then each person was assigned a workstation, complete with a bucket for filling with the mine tailings, two sizes of screens for sieving, and a tub of water for rinsing the finds. Material found at this location include morganite, kunzite, goshenite, tourmaline, beryl, aquamarine, terminated quartz, feldspar, mica books, apatite, lepidolite, and albite.



Our notable finds included several pieces of different colored tourmaline. Jim found a kunzite and a morganite, and we both found some nice quartz crystals. We collected about 15 pounds of a variety of material. I would have gladly brought more home, but our suitcase was getting pretty heavy!



# FIELD TRIP TO HUTCHINSON, KANSAS & JET, OKLAHOMA

By Sharon Marburger

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 29 - 31, 2010.

Jim and I headed out around 4:15 p.m. on Friday, May 28. The trip from Lincoln, Nebraska to Hutchinson, Kansas is about 250 miles. Since no other LGMC club members were able to make the trip, we chose to take our time and not keep to a schedule. We decided to stop and spend the night in the City Park in Minneapolis, Kansas. It was a beautiful spot and the bad weather did not find us.

Early Saturday morning found us moseying down a county road to Rock City, Kansas.



Here, we found huge concretions that looked totally out of place. Who would have suspected one could find rocks like this out on the open prairie?



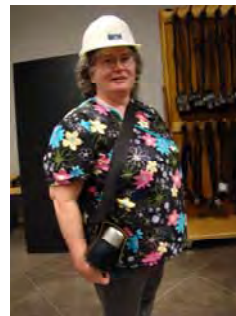
I selected this rock, but Jim didn't think it would fit in the back of the van.



We drove the remaining distance to Hutchinson, arriving at the Kansas Underground Salt Museum at 8:55 a.m., just in time for the first tour of the day.



The Museum itself is 650 feet beneath the visitors' center. Visitors are required to follow the same safety procedures as the miners, although the working mine is two miles away. A short safety video was presented after which we were outfitted with our personal rescue devices and hard hats. The personal rescue device is a mini oxygen canister that is supposed to provide enough breathable air to allow one to escape the mine should the unthinkable happen.



I was somewhat hesitant to do this tour, especially when they crammed us like sardines into the elevator to make the descent to the museum. There were two elevator cars, stacked. The first group of 15 people entered the car, then it lifted enough to load the bottom car with 15 more people. Then began the descent. I am somewhat claustrophobic, so it was an internal challenge for me - being jammed in a small space packed with people, which space then proceeded to go pitch black, with not a speck of light!! They tell me the descent took only 90 seconds ... .

## FIELD TRIP TO HUTCHINSON, KANSAS & JET, OKLAHOMA - CONT.



Tour guides tell the history of the underground museum, which includes mining, transportation, equipment, and geology exhibits.

All equipment and machinery must be dismantled before it is lowered into the mine. Once there, it is reconstructed, but it never looks the same as it did above ground. And, nothing is ever taken back up for disposal.



We took the Dark Ride which is a guided tour on a tram into an undeveloped portion of the mine. Several geologic formations and anomalies were highlighted and we also had the opportunity to collect a souvenir piece of salt. The whole tour took about 1½ hours.

The museum also includes an exhibit about Underground Vaults & Storage. The mine is a constant 69 degrees and the humidity never changes, making it the perfect environment for storing valuable items. The movie industry is the largest single “client” of the underground vaults, and several authentic movie costumes were on loan from Sony and Warner Bros.



Since no one else was with us, we decided to leave the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center tour for another trip. Instead, we took the scenic route to Cherokee, Oklahoma. After driving all the way around Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge, we ended up at the Cherokee RV Park. We were later grateful

for this decision, when the severe thunderstorms came through Sunday evening and hammered the state park. We never even saw a drop of rain!

We were up before dawn on Sunday, as the selenite dig area is open from sunrise to sunset. We arrived about 20 minutes after sunrise to a totally deserted dig area. It was an awesome sight. You drive through typical Kansas prairie and farmland, then go around a corner into a barren wasteland.



We had the place to ourselves until about 9:00 a.m. It was easy digging and using the garden sprayer to uncover crystals worked very nicely.



## FIELD TRIP TO HUTCHINSON, KANSAS & JET, OKLAHOMA - CONT.

Shortly after 9:00 a.m., our friends from the Denver Gem & Mineral Guild joined up with us. There were eight Denver members at the dig site while we were there.



The temperature was quite comfortable, with a nice breeze blowing, until about 11:00 a.m. The breeze died down and it was HOT!! With thunderstorms expected that afternoon, the humidity was also quite high. Jim and I decided shortly thereafter to pack it up and return to camp.

As we were leaving, we marveled at the number of people who had arrived while we were busy with our noses in holes in the ground. We counted 45 vehicles, most of which contained families. It was amazing how the desolateness was transformed into a “mini city”. This picture of an unknown family is representative of those who spent the day on the salt flats.

The return trip home was uneventful. We had a great time and were sorry it couldn't have been shared with some of our LGMC friends.

