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By Brett Jurgens

I was glad to see several of you at the swap meet. It is a great opportunity to not only add to your collection, but also your knowledge about rocks and minerals. I am always amazed at how many different fields of interest there are within the rockhounding community. And, it was on display at the swap meet. I always look forward to visiting with some of the long-time vendors and their collections. Eric Fritsch has had a life-long interest in minerals, which is evident with the great minerals he brings to sell. Brad Nielsen has spent multiple summers mining for fossil fish in Wyoming. Dick Farlow has collected agates from around the world. With so many different interests, it can be hard to figure out what your own interests are.

For the next meeting, we will be discussing what currently interests you and what you would like to learn more about. We have curriculum through the Future Rockhounds program, but can also come up with our own as well. Please bring an example from your collection to show others what interests you. We will also have a specimen for you to take home to add to your collection.

April 4th and 5th is our club's annual rock show at the Lancaster Event Center. As usual, we will have the Junior booth set up with different activities for the public to participate in. This is a great opportunity to spread awareness of the club and junior program to the public, as well as raise funds for the junior program. We are always in need of volunteers to help run the booth. We will talk about this more at the meeting.

Thursday, March 5th is the LPS Science Fair. Once again, we will have a booth set up promoting the club. I believe we are covered with volunteers, but why not come out and check out the fair? Make sure to come by and say hi!

As Wooly reported in his president's message, we are in need of a new space for the lapidary class. Lincoln Parks and Recreation currently does not have any locations available, and they have committed to reaching out to other organizations to look for space.



LGMC member Arvid Olson makes use of the club provided equipment at the Lapidary class. - Brett Jurgens

We would like members to brainstorm for ideas as well. Jayne, Corey, and I visited a Saturday class to assess the amount of equipment for the upcoming move; there is quite a bit. The last day of class has been pushed back due to a snow day. We are not sure when everything will need to be out, but we will keep you posted.

REPORT ON MID-WINTER SWAP

By Sharon Marburger, Swap Chair

Another Mid-Winter Swap is in the history books. January 25, 2020 was a cold winter day, with lots of ice on the ground. Even so, between 150 and 200 people braved the conditions to come to the swap.

There were 11 swapping vendors; family obligations reduced the number of swappers this year. A great silent auction area also contributed to the fun. Overall, it was a successful event.

I offer my personal thank you to Brett Jurgens who spent a significant amount of time breaking ice on the sidewalk so that the public could safely attend the event. Other thanks to those who brought snacks, helped with setup and teardown, and just lent a hand where needed.

I do not have any pictures because I was busy with overseeing the Swap, helping Vera at the door, and documenting silent auction sales.

Silversmithing classes

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

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

Tuition: \$150 plus \$30 supply deposit

Session 1: Jan 8 - Feb 26

Session 2: Mar 5 - Apr 23

Session 3: Apr 30 - Jun 18

Session 4: Aug 13 - Oct 1

Session 5: Oct 8 - Nov 26

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