

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.



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.

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 4: Aug 11 - Sep 29

Session 5: Oct 6 - Nov 24

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span some 400 days, with most gold and silver captured in the first 120 days, Walish said.

“It’s a very traditional way to operate. Our goal is to operate safely and profitably,” he said.

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Submitted by Martin and Linda Dougherty



BEER FAMILY FIELD TRIP - CONT'D



Is that a Fairburn?
In Southeast Nebraska?



MAY BOARD MEETING

May 6, 2015 Board Meeting

Jewelry Connection

Submitted by Secretary, Pat Dvorak

- ◆ Meeting called to order by President Ed Dvorak, at 6:35 p.m.
- ◆ 8 members present

OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ Pat Dvorak passed out March & April Board Minutes. Wooly moved and Carolyn seconded to approve the minutes after spelling corrections. Motion carried.
- ◆ Vera passed out April Treasurer’s report. Jayne moved and Sharon seconded that report be approved. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Jim Marburger reported that there was hail damage on the club trailer vents. He will get new vents and Ed Dvorak said he would help replace them.
- ◆ Carolyn announced that she would like to have some field trips so that the Juniors with their parents or adult supervision could earn their badge.
- ◆ Tait (Junior) and David Weickert put in an application for membership. Wooly moved and Jayne seconded that the Board approve their application upon payment from David. Motion carried.
- ◆ Wooly will have Rock Party on May 16.
- ◆ Wooly moved and Carolyn seconded to pay membership dues to NAOESCI. Carried.

SHOW BUSINESS

- ◆ Vera reported a profit of \$384.28 for the Show.
- ◆ Wooly moved and Carolyn seconded to adjourn at 7:45. Carried.

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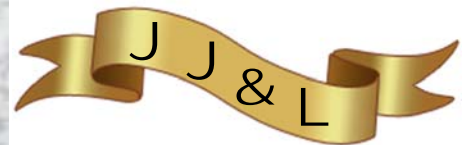
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