

# CALENDAR

**Regular Meeting** April 27, 1996-Nebraska Center, 33rd & Holdrege, 7:30 PM  
Norfolk Room. A good program will be selected and we'll discuss the show and related business.

**April Displays** The theme for the April displays is **picture stones**. If you have an agate, a piece of jasper, a cabochon, or other items that have pictures of scenes in them, please bring them along to show. Cases will be furnished.

RKP

**Youth Meeting** 7:00 PM

**May 18, '96** This has been set ahead to eliminate conflict with **Observed Memorial Weekend**. We'll have a dessert supper after the meeting with coffee provided by the club. Members bring your favorite dessert to share.

Summer Plans will be presented in the May Pick & Shovel. Watch for news.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO START PLANNING FOR OUR 1997 SHOW--**

**NEXT LGMC SHOW - MARCH 29-30, 1997, Pershing Auditorium**

## Nearby Shows to Visit

April 26-28, 1996	42nd ANNUAL SHOW	Cessna Activity Center, Wichita, Kansas
May 18-19, 1996	ROCK SWAP	Ellenwood City Park Ellenwood, Kansas
May 18-19, 1996	SHOW	Wisconsin Geological Society Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
May 18-19, 1996	ART EXHIBI/FESTIVAL	Hill City, So.Dak. Museum and Hill City School Gym
June 8-9 1996	SWAP	So.Locust Skagway Pkng. Lot, Grand Island, Nebraska
July 13-14, 1996	SHOW	Western Dak. G & M Society Rushmore Plaza, Rapid City, S.D.
Oct. 5-6, 1996	SHOW	Radial Social Hall, Nebr. Min. & Gem Omaha, NE

Please look on Page 4 for interesting news about Rock Auctions and other activities .

### 1996 REGIONAL SHOW SCHEDULE

#### EASTERN FEDERATION

April 26-28

Johnson City, New York

#### CALIFORNIA FEDERATION

/AFMS Combined

August 9-11

Riverside, California

#### SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION

June 1-2

Lubbock, Texas

#### NORTHWEST FEDERATION

July 12-14

Bremerton, Washington

#### SOUTHEAST FEDERATION

NOT POSTED YET

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION

June 7-9

Roswell, New Mexico

#### MIDWEST FEDERATION

July 26-28

Macomb, Illinois

# YOUTH NOTES

by Kay Jurgens

Hats off to all the juniors who worked so well together to run the junior booth at the show. We could not have done it without YOU! I'm very proud of everyone's commitment to work. With two spin wheels, raffle sales, and the rock race, it takes a lot of willing people. We took in a little over \$500, and our expenses were less than \$200, so we have added over \$300 to our junior fund.

Thank you to adults who donated materials and time to our booth. We would be unable to carry out this project without your help. A variety of specimens is always needed for the spin wheels.

We also had some nice junior displays. I would like to see more next year, and can guarantee they will have a lovely place to be exhibited, thanks to Ed Whyrick and sons Adam and Aaron. Ed has donated two lovely floor cases with lighting to the juniors. These are the cases we have used in the past. They show off displays very nicely. Thanks to Aaron and Adam for their efforts to get the cases to the show. We know they're heavy!

We had a lot of enthusiastic youth visit our area. I hope they will bring their friends to the show next year. Our free activities such as the fossil dig were popular. This year we also had a quartz dig, showing youth that quartz is found in red clay. Thanks to Ken Kramer for making this activity possible. Many others made wonderful donations, but not everyone left their name, so I won't attempt to name individuals.

This year I also attended the Kansas City show. The show was wonderful, but we only saw one junior working in the club booth, which is where they have the dinosaur spin wheel Bill and Betty White bring up to us each year. I've decided that having kids run our booth generates a lot of enthusiasm. One person asked, "How do you get to work in the booth?" I believe his family may join our club, and they would be a great addition.

I saw one display in Kansas City which would be a great project for juniors to start collecting for. A woman had set a table with at least eight place settings, using china and crystal. At each place setting was a different menu and food on the plate. But all the food was rocks! There were rocks that really looked like steak, ham, meatloaf, peas, a baked potato, french fries, and many other foods. For beverages, she had tumbled stones in water. Amethyst in water looks like grape juice! She said she started with one place setting, and since then, people have brought her rocks that looked like food. So, if you see a rock that looks like a potato or chicken leg, hang onto it! Maybe someday you'll have a complete meal.

Thank you to all the family members who have faithfully brought the youth to the meetings, to work at the show, and have brought supplies and displays. It's a family effort to make this all work.

We're already thinking about next year's show. Items I know we will need are fossils for the fossil dig and a variety of specimens for the spin wheel. If you have anything to donate, please let me know. We have tried to identify as many things as possible, and provide a label with the name and location when possible to use as a teaching tool.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Club Members

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Pabian and the LGMC Show Committee for the hard work and planning that culminated in a wonderful 38th Annual Show. It was a great success and something we can all be proud of! There are several persons I would like to single out to commend for their efforts and those are the persons who remained late on Sunday evening to break down equipment and transport it back to storage. Phyllis Parks' son Pete Crawford helped with set up, transferred the remaining paraphernalia left in the stash to the new rental and came back in time to help Sunday night. Phyllis' grandson Pete Crawford and his wife Michelle, Ed R i d g e , B e n Darling and Kevin Schwartman saw the job of teardown to it's completion in the midst of a severe ice storm. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and were very much appreciated by us all.

The May edition of "Rock and Gem Magazine" printed a couple of particularly interesting articles. Bob Jones in his editorial, announced the forthcoming publication of a book by Brad Cross on the Colorful Agates of Northern Mexico. Mr. Cross presented a program to our club last fall that was very well received. Further in the magazine there is an articles about the formation of Lake Superior Agates by Wayne W. Sukow, Ph. D. which I know will be of interest to many club members.

June 30th, the club has been invited to host a "grinding party," at Chet Ager Prairie Interpretive Center in Pioneer's Park. There will be more information regarding this event in the next issue of the Pick & Shovel.

*Woolly*

## Club Notes

### Membership Report:

New Member-Michael Thompson, 531 North 86th St., Lincoln, NE 68505 488-0958  
Please welcome Michael at our next meeting and add his name to your 1996 Who's Who.

Renewing at the Show were: Bob Fixter, 1805 Sumner, 68502, Phone - 486-1885  
Randy Fry, 2121 West C St, North Platte, NE 69101  
Aaron Hames, 2765 Rathbone Road, 68502,, 474-6298

Be sure to add these names to our 1996 Who's Who as our adult membership count goes to 73 adult members, 3 Life Members and 13 Youth Members.

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### AUCTION OF PERSONAL ROCK COLLECTIONS:

on April 27 and 28 Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bower of Monroe will auction tons of material and equipment in the Monroe City Auditorium. (Sale bill in The Gem Palette and copy to be at April meeting.

Club Member of many years Mrs. Orma Paulson informs us that her and her late husband 's personal collection will be auctioned on May 11th, 1996 beginning at 11 A. M.

At the show we were told that Mrs. Louise Baugher is recuperating nicely after her 1995 stroke. She is at the home of her Daughter and Son-in-law Joanna & Larry Pope in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Louise and Lloyd's rock collection will be sold by their church on Sunday, June 2, 1996 at 6420 Meeker Circle starting at 12:30. Lloyd and Louise were very active in LGMC in the late 1960's before Lloyd died. Larry and Joanna were students in Lincoln and active with the Pleezy Diggers. If you wish further information you may contact Mr. Jim Rogers at 488-9167. we'll have a copy of flyer at the April meeting.

The club received a letter from James Galvin of Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society of Rapid City, South Dakota with several show flyers and a notice that one of the attractions for their July Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show will be June Culp Zeitner doing a 'book signing' of her new edition about "Gemstones".

**Special 'Thanks'** to all my contributors this month. Kay, Vera, Wooly, Kevin and Roger. You all came through beautifully. Keep up the good work. Any other contributions will be welcome. May will have to go out very early since the meeting will be early so copy is needed by Club Meeting or May 1st at the very latest. Again **THANK YOU!** phyll

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - March 13, 1996  
7:30 P.M. Lyman home

(Followed by Show Committee Meeting)

Meeting called to order.

Minutes approved as printed with motion by Roger, 2nd by Ed. Carried.

Treasurer's report approved as read with motion by Roger, 2nd by Vera. Carried.

BILLS - Presented for payment & approval with motion by Shirley, 2nd by Ed. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roger has not located any books yet on faceting for Library.

40th Anniversary Show Pins - Prices given were 200 @ \$ 3.65; 300 @ \$ 3.15. Motion was made by Roger that we order 300 pins. 2nd by Phyllis. Carried. Woolly will check further on price of patches.

Re: State Case - Missing items, etc.

Paintings were located. Donations are needed for the case. These should be "State" materials only. Request donations/not loan materials.

NEW BUSINESS:

Re: Bonding insurance - no quote back from Hartford.

May General Meeting - Scheduled for May 18th at Bethany Park Shelter with "Dessert Supper".

SHOW - 1998 is 40th Anniversary Show. Motion made by Phyllis, 2nd by Ben Darling that we request State Show in conjunction with our own Show that year.. Motion carried. Secretary to send request to NAOESCI President.

Pershing Auditorium requested Show dates desired through year 2005. An approved motion by Roger P. and 2nd by Ed R. of the following dates was submitted.

1997 - March 28-29	2001 - March 23-25
1998 - " 20-22	2002 - " 22-24
1999 - " 26-28	2003 - " 28-30
2000 - " 24-26	2004 - " 26-28
	2005 - " 25-27

Kay Jurgens reported that the large cases used by the Juniors at the Show were being donated permanently. Question of storage. Motion by Ben D., 2nd by Ed R. to seek additional space at Security Storage. Motion carried.

Board Meeting adjourned. Roger proceeded with Show Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vera Lyman*  
Vera Lyman, Secretary

No General Meeting this month. 38th Annual Show held on 4th weekend.

### Study Group Project: The Cretaceous Fish

I would like to thank those who participated in the study group project last year. We made a lot of progress on the Cretaceous fish fossil and I suspect that we all learned a little about fossil preparation. I hope that we have the opportunity to work with the Nebraska State Museum on other projects involving fossil preparation.

Unfortunately, two of our participants passed away and others (such as myself and Kathy) had to attend to other matters of importance and could no longer find the time to work on the fish. We need to either reorganize a new work crew (if there is enough interest) or close this project so the museum can find someone else to finish cleaning the fish fossil. I will bring this up at the club meeting in April (and possibly in May) to see if there is enough interest to continue this study group project. If you are interested please let me know at the meeting or call me at home at 438-8807.

Thank you

Kevin Schwartman

L G M C Treas. Report March 1996		
NBC Checking Balance 2/29/96		\$ 233.25
March Receipts-		
'96 Membership Dues	60.00	
Pick & Shovel Ads 1995	85.00	
Interest/CD reinvestment	.55	
Show set-up kitty	17.28	
Youth Related Show Income	507.85	
Suspense-Members Buffet Supper	329.75	
Cash 3 mo. CD purch. Dec. 95	3000.00	
'96 Show Income	<u>4940.72</u>	8941.15
Payments-		
Print March P & S	21.73	
300 3 cent stamps P & S	9.00	
Club Liability Ins. year	150.00	
February Meeting Room	95.00	
Reserve Bethany Shelter May Meet.	50.00	
'96 Who's Who Printing	21.84	
Storage Rent 1996	200.00	
Lapidary Project Materials	24.00	
Suspense-Members Supper Paid	329.75	
'96 Show Expenses paid March	<u>1652.78</u>	<u>2554.10</u>
NBC Checking Balance 3/31/96		\$ 6620.30

Withdrawals of \$700.00 were made for use as change then redeposited at once.

## Preliminary Show Report

Many thanks are due to the members and guests who participated in the recent show in many different ways. Charles Wooldridge arranged for a very fine line up of dealers. This was no simple task as we had about twice as many applications for spaces as we had spaces available. Some very fine dealers had to be excluded and rotation in and out of shows leaves both dealers and customers wanting. Unfortunately, the auditorium only holds so many spaces and occasional rotation of dealers is a necessity to ensure varied stock for the many customers' different tastes. It is of interest to note that two show visitors sent letters commenting on the show---one commented that we had too much jewelry and the other commented that there wasn't enough jewelry. It is nice that our clientele takes time to write---their comments need to be taken seriously.

Wooly also arranged for the working demonstrators. The silver smiths, Judith Bay and Jayne Beers were real crowd pleasers. They offer classes in metal smithing and they have some outstanding pieces of work. Connie McCartney demonstrated scrimshaw and Mary showed silver casting and she was accompanied in this work area by Jerry Moore and Francis Belohlavy.

Vera Lyman did an outstanding job with publicity and promotion. She arranged for show promotion to be placed on a number of marquees and bulletin boards throughout the city. Vera contacted about 40 local businesses who gave us a great deal of support. Vera also skillfully handled the ticket sales, which were up from last year by about 3 percent. There was a corresponding increase in the gate. Vera also arranged for security which was handled ably by Harry Stewart.

The committee was very disappointed by the lack of publicity given to the show by our local newspaper. Copy as well as some excellent transparencies of featured display materials were hand carried to the Journal-Star offices. They used none of it and did not even acknowledge it. As if to add insult to injury and rub salt in the wound, the new improved Journal-Star did run, on the weekend of the show, the article (complete with color picture) about the new mineral from Morocco that was discovered by a British geologist. From what I gather on the internet newsgroups, this is not a new mineral and the story was a lot of media hype.

Club and individual displays were very nicely handled by Eddie Ridge, whose efforts culminated in almost every bit of available table space being filled. The Rock Race, Eddie's usual milieu was operated as part of the junior's booth.

Jim Woita's first adventure on the show committee was very profitable for the club and I hope Jim enjoyed the work as much as the show visitors enjoyed the features that he lined up. Dave Nixon's flint napping demonstrations always drew large galleries of spectators and the Cretaceous fossils from Jefferson and Thayer counties that were furnished by Donovan Harriss and Bill Graham drew many nice comments.

Surfing the Internet had mixed reviews. Special thanks are due to Brett Jurgens and Craig Boline for their efforts. Jim Atkins also provided a great deal of input in this effort. It seemed that the public who was into computers and cyber-space enjoyed finding out about all of the gemological and geological materials that are available on the net, but those who were not high-tech oriented expressed much less interest. Thanks are also due to Lincoln Telephone Company who provided the hook-ups free of charge and provided considerable technical assistance. Francis Belohlavy made all of the contacts with the telephone company people and arranged for the purchase of an outside modem that was necessary for the display. Les Howard and Margaret Warner took care of setting up the display and installing the software.

Phyllis and Jim Parks were especially helpful. The show would have a tough time going without Phyllis' secretarial and financial contributions. Pete and Re-Pete, as we have come to know Pete Crawford and Son, provided so much labor on set-up day and on tear-down day. We would not be nearly as well organized without these family efforts.

Bill White's years of show experience made for a very efficient floor set-up and floor management. We had minimal difficulties setting up dealers and displays and tear down proceeded smoothly. Bill also displayed some of his superb lapidary work and Betty White provided some nice minerals for our enjoyment.

The "Youth Booth" was very skillfully managed by Kay Jurgens. Ben Darling also took a very active hand in this project this year, and let's not forget the kids who spent so much time operating the booth. This has become a high-point for many show visitors who have families as they can pursue the rock hobby in an inexpensive and active manner. The youngsters who visit the show are overjoyed to have one-on-one contact with our young club members of their age group.

Brett Jurgens helped with the programs and introduced the speakers to the audience. Brett's coat and tie really added an air of professionalism to the show. All of the programs were well received and the audiences went away with much new knowledge.

Bill and Shirley Rockel did a great job arranging for the Saturday Evening supper. The lighter menu proved to be equally appetizing and enjoyable. They also arranged for the refreshments during set up and the bagels were especially appreciated by those of us who have to stay away from sweets and donuts.

Kevin and Kathy Schwartzmann arranged for all of the ribbons and recognitions. They have most of the information on computer now and the ribbons and name tags were an attractive package.

John Martin from the Kansas City area demonstrated silver channeling and his novelties were well enjoyed, and everyone was happy to view some of Stan Shurtleff's work, so generously provided by his son-in-law.

Lapidary demonstrations were carried on by Dave Heffelbower who finished opals; Tom Gates who faceted; and Bill White and yours truly who did some agate carving. Randy Fry demonstrated cabochon cutting.

The "Thru the Ages" theme and display proved to be very functional and attractive. We are indebted to Linda Plock for arranging for the display of jewelry replicas from the Byzantine Empire and each of the major historic eras up through the Elizabethan Era. This display proved to be very popular with the audience and it showed that there is a very interested group of people who are engaged in the lapidary and jewelry arts who are pursuing their interests in different fields than the rock hobby as we know it. We should lend them all of our support and knowledge that will help these craftspeople attain their goals.

A financial statement will follow but all of the outstanding bills have not yet come in. It can be safely stated that the club turned a healthy profit.

Many thanks to all of the people who worked with the shows production. I know I've missed some names of people who made contributions to the success of the event, but their efforts are equally appreciated.

Finally, I beg that all of you will give to the 1997 Show Chairman, John Harrison, and his committee the same loyal support you gave to this year's committee.

Thanks again to all of you.

Roger K. Pabian  
1996 Show Chairman

## 1996 ELECTED OFFICERS

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## Nominating Committee

<b>3 year</b>	Vera Lyman Susan Taylor
<b>2 year</b>	Ben Darling Jim Parks
<b>1 Year:</b>	Francis Belohlavy Ralph Ulrich Deceased
<b>Chairman:</b>	Immediate Past President

## Long Range Planning & By-Laws Committee

<b>3 Year:</b>	David Heffelbower Jim Parks
<b>2 Year:</b>	Vera Lyman Roger Pabian
<b>1 Year:</b>	Kevin Schwartzman Jim Marburger
<b>Chairman:</b>	Immediate Past President

## Standing Committees


<b>Membership:</b>	Shirley Rockel	<b>Programs:</b>	Open
<b>Education:</b>	Roger Pabian	<b>MWF Liaison:</b>	Vera Lyman
<b>Field Trips:</b>	Charles Wooldridge	<b>Scholarship:</b>	Dwight Miller
<b>Historian:</b>	John & Lillie Lewis	<b>Christmas Party:</b>	Shirley Rockel
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Eddie "Lightning" Ridge	<b>1996 Show</b>	Roger Pabian
<b>Study Coordinator:?</b>	Kevin Schwartzman	<b>1997 Show</b>	John Harrison
<b>Housing/Property:</b>	Jim Parks	<b>1998 Show ( OUR 40<sup>TH</sup> )</b>	Roger K. Pabian
<b>Youth Activities:</b>	Kay Jurgens	<b>1996 Swap:</b>	Jerry Moore
<b>Librarian:</b>	Roger Pabian	<b>1997 Swap:</b>	Jerry Moore
<b>Auditing Committee:?</b>	Jerry Moore, Francis Belohlavy, Mike Jurgens		
<b>Gem Palette Correspondent:</b>	Vera M. Lyman		
<b>Geology Day Coordinator:</b>	2nd Vice President		

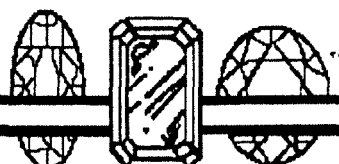
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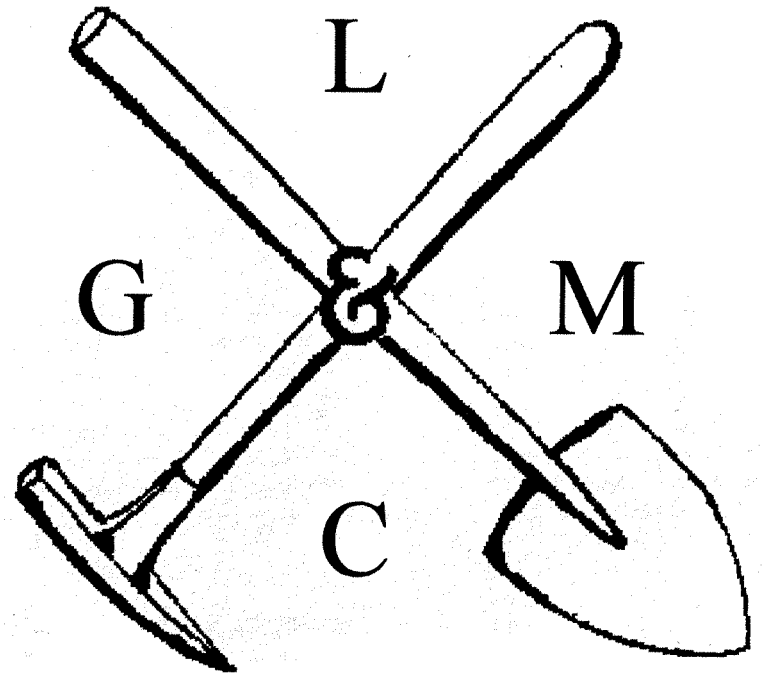
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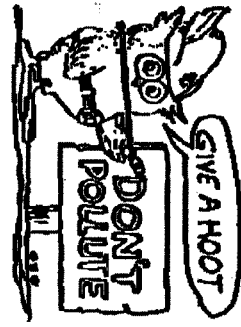
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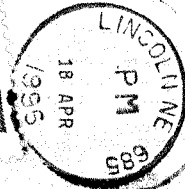
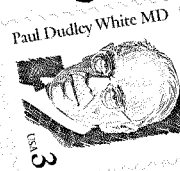
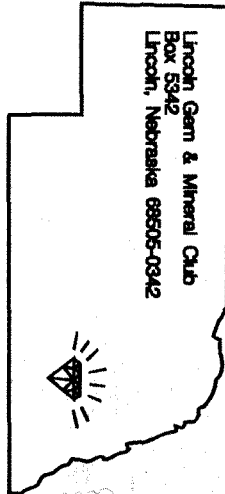


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