

CALENDAR

NOTICE: Because of a predicted ice storm on November 23 only 6 board members and 3 other members plus 2 guests were present---not a quorum so Election of Officers for 1997 and any regular business had to be postponed to December. It is imperative that club members attend meetings so that necessary business can be maintained. **A very short business meeting promptly at 5:45, PLEASE BE THERE.**

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, December 15, 1996-Antelope Park Shelter, 31st/Sumner-

This will also be our **Annual Christmas Buffet**. Club will purchase turkey and ham which will be prepared by Hostess Shirley Rockel and VeraLyman. Each family may bring a main dish, a salad or dessert and their own table service. LGMC will provide coffee and cups.

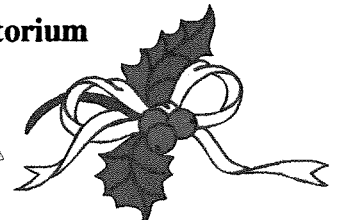
PROGRAM: Guest Speaker Dr. David Loope of UNL, and his family will join us for the buffet and will present a program of Dinosaurs in the Gobi Desert.

Silent Auction will be continued from November so bring your choice donations instead of a gift exchange and see how much fun it can be.

January 25, 1997 1-5 PM-Annual Indoor Swap and Silent Auctions to be followed by our Anniversary Meeting and program. This will be in the Scottsbluff-Minden Rooms at Nebraska Center, 33rd & Holdrege. Swap Flyer on page 6.

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

SEASONS GREETINGS



DUES ARE DUE and payable by January 1st, 1997 and will be accepted at any of our meetings prior to January 31st or you may send your checks to LGMC, PO Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505. Dues are \$10.00 per adult member, \$2.00 per youth or \$22.00 for a family including all youth under 16 years of age. New memberships only require an additional \$5.00 per family as a registration fee. (Any member not paying 1997 dues before January 31st will be assessed the \$5.00 reinstatement fee.)

Phyllis

If you would like your E-Mail and/or Web Page addresses in your 1997 Who's Who please get them to Vera or Phyllis before January 31.

YOUTH NOTES

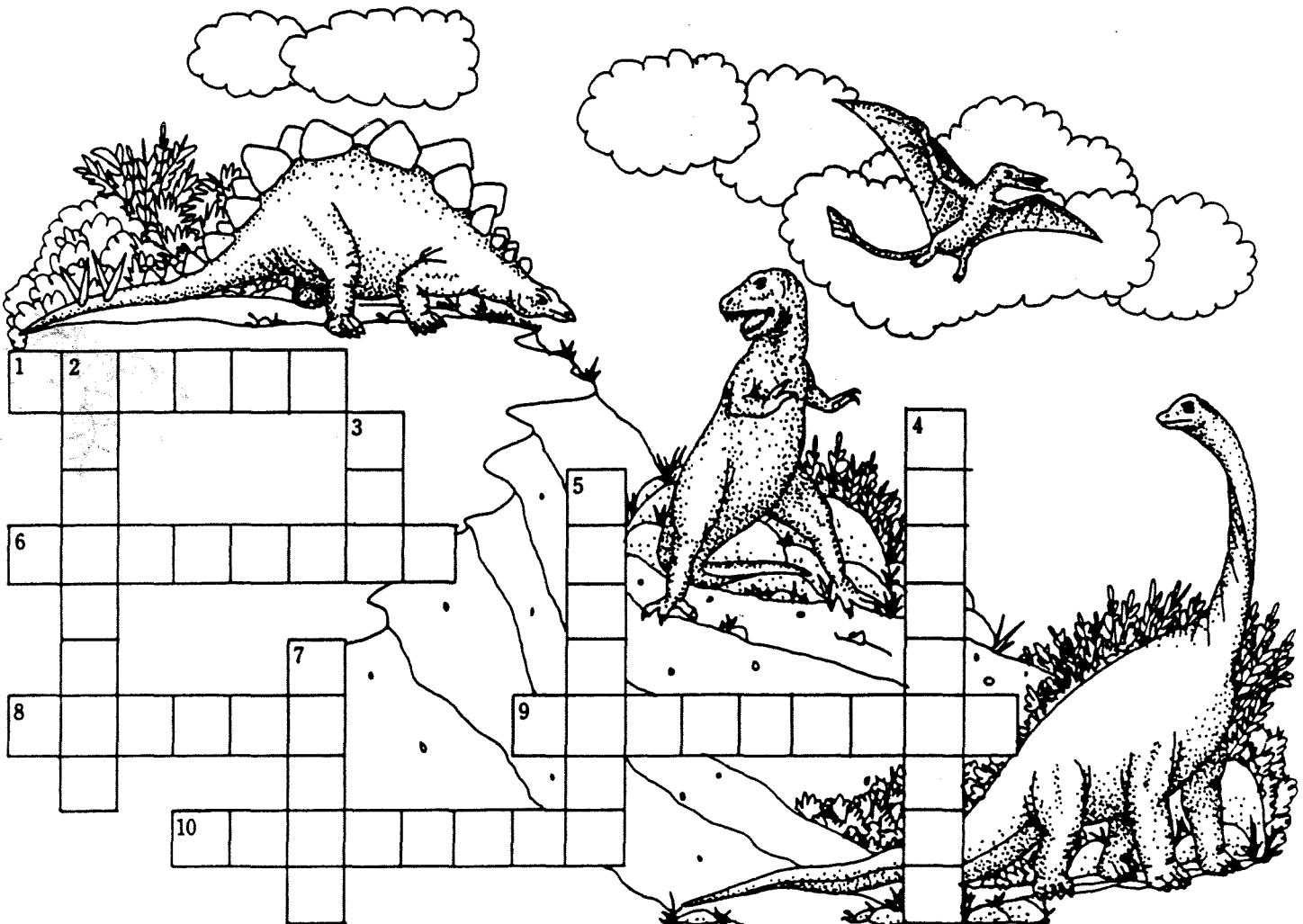
Solve this crossword puzzle by putting the answers to the clues into the numbered boxes in the puzzle.

Across

- 1. Some dinosaurs matured...
- 6. All dinosaurs were...
- 8. To grow older.
- 9. Their names meant "terrible reptiles."
- 10. A reptile living today that has a long life.

Down

- 2. The length of time a creature lives is its...
- 3. The length of time a creature has been alive is its...
- 4. Dinosaurs' lifespans were probably...
- 5. To stay alive.
- 7. Some dinosaurs may have lived for over one hundred...

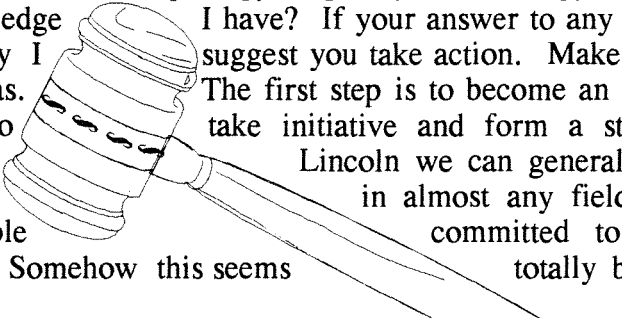


THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Club Members

Each month at the very bottom of the Pick & Shovel's front cover, you will find, in small print, the purpose statement for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. It states: 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 various fields to its members and the general public, particularly youth and student groups.

This is the club's purpose and so too should it be each and every member's purpose in belonging to the club. To study...to promote an interest in ...to disseminate knowledge...as we approach the new year I would encourage you to take time for some retrospection. Look over the last year and consider: Have I taken the time to study the areas I'm interested in? How have I promoted an interest in geology, lapidary, mineralogy, etc.? Have I actively disseminated the knowledge I have? If your answer to any or all of these questions is less than satisfactory I suggest you take action. Make a resolution to improve in any one of these areas. The first step is to become an active member. It only takes a few people to take initiative and form a study group. With the resources available in Lincoln we can generally find an instructor to enhance your knowledge in almost any field. The hardest part is getting several people committed to attending the groups regularly and learning. Somehow this seems totally backwards, but it is the way it is.



It only takes a few people to gather together and commit to going on a field trip. There are an infinite number of potentially very interesting trips to go on. The hard part is getting people to actually reap the benefits of a field trip by going on one. Again this seems backwards, but it is the way it is.

It is easy to plan a meeting, and prepare an educational program. The hardest part is getting members to attend. Once more this seems backwards but it is the way it is.

Lets all take stock of the last year and resolve to make improvements in the coming new year. Think of how rewarding membership in the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club could be if each of us committed to do our best to fulfill the club's purpose...

Last month the dismal weather forecast really put a damper on the overall attendance at the general meeting. There were three members and 6 board members and 2 guests, not enough to hold elections. Elections will be held at the December Christmas meeting. I am very pleased to announce that the few members present did contribute over \$120. to the Special Lapidary Equipment Fund through a silent auction. There are some nice materials remaining and if those who were unable to attend bring some more donations we will do another silent auction or two at the Christmas gathering. Please bring nice donations and fat wallets.

I hope to see you all at the December meeting. The program should be very enlightening.

Wooly

THANKS AND A VERY PLEASANT SEASON from your Pick & Shovel Editor for the past several years. Your patience with me has been phenomenal as I've made one blooper after the other. At first I was using Grandson Pete's word processor and trying to learn the intricacies of any machine except my beloved Smith Corona electric typewriter, that I started using in 1972. By the second year Son Pete had moved me up to a computer/word processor that I really had to work hard to learn even the simplest typing, then he would come in and clean up the copy and take the disk home for final processing on his machine. In June of 1995 Son Daniel gave me a new Hewlett Packard Ink Jet Printer with color capability and I started doing most of my own masters. At the end of 1995 Son Michael upgraded my system to full capabilities for anything I wished to do. I now am set up to do all of the labels, both club member and exchange and am learning to move blocks of text. My biggest problem at this time is my poor vision, so Jim is saddled with all of the proof reading and making sure the corrections go in the proper places. He also reads any copy that I need to type and assists in many ways. Jim serves as circulation department by getting me to the copier, stapling, putting on the labels and stamps, and making sure they get to the Post Office on time. Jim has had a lot of experience as we both have been involved in one capacity or another with the Pick & Shovel since 1963. For several years Linda was also involved with assisting on the publication. My personal Thanks to my family for their support and help in turning me into a *desk top publisher*. This is one of my favorite parts of our hobby.

Thanks also to the Board of Directors and various Chairpersons and all other contributors of articles, reports, copy, and ideas for our publication. It means so much to have member participation and the more there is the better the bulletin. SPECIAL THANKS to Vera, Roger, and Wooly who always have copy ready for me. Thanks to those club members who let me know they read their bulletins.

Most sincerely! Phyllis

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It was so nice to hear from Florence Lueninghoener when sending her dues before leaving for California and her family there. She has been a member for over 30 years and now lives in Fremont but keeps up with us by notes and visits.

A nice note and Christmas Greeting was received from Diane Dare, MWF Historian thanking us for her Pick & Shovel and commenting favorably on it and on some of our special activities including the excellent Educational Contest prepared by Roger for the October meeting. Thanks, Diane.

We have recently been made aware that our 1997 Show will fall on Easter weekend. When the space contracts with Pershing Auditorium were signed several years ago none of us thought to check this out and when the management at Pershing asked us to accept the current date all other dates in March 1997 were to be used for high school basketball play offs. At this point there are no show sites that fill our needs as well as Pershing so lets make it a **REAL EASTER TREAT!**

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Nov. 12, 1996
7:00 P.M. @ Lyman home

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved with motion by Roger P., 2nd by Jerry M. Carried. Treasurer's report also approved with motion by Roger P., 2nd by Ed R. Carried.

BILLS: Were presented for payment and approval. Motion for same by Roger, 2nd by Vera L. Carried.

Treasurer reported that Certificate of Deposit will mature. Instructed to check on better rates or roll over.

Subscriptions to Gem Palette were raised by the State Assoc. to \$ 3.25 per member. A motion by Jerry M. and 2nd by Phyllis P. that the Club continue to pay for subscriptions to LGMC member families. Motion carried.

Roger has agreed to chair the Jan. 25, 1997 SWAP. Geology Day, Sun. Feb, 16, 1997 will be chaired by Ed Ridge.

New additions to the Club Library are: "Comprehensive Faceting Instructions"; "Comprehensive Gem Diagrams" and "The Techniques of Master Faceting". These were placed in memory of Ralph Ulrich, past President & member & master faceter of LGMC.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: "Pot Luck" with ham & turkey furnished by Club, Program presented by David Loope on "Dinosaurs in the Mongolian Desert".

Jan SWAP will also be in celebration of Club's 43rd Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman
Vera Lyman, secretary

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - GENERAL MEETING - Nov. 23, 1996
NCCE - Norfolk Rm 7:30 P.M.

Due to inclement weather, attendance was poor. Only 9 members and 2 visitors present. No official business conducted due to lack of a quorum. Election of Officers for 1997 was postponed to Christmas Party.

Minutes and Treasurer's report were approved.

Announcements: Geology Day on Feb. 16, 1997
Jan. SWAP on Jan. 25, 1997 (1-6 P.M.)

Excellent program at our Christmas Party on Dec. 15.

SHOW: Jerry Moore reported that 10 dealers have returned contracts. There will be a total of 14.

BOARD Meeting on Tues. Dec. 3 @ 7:00 P.M. at Lyman home.
Meeting adjourned, followed by Silent Auction. In spite of poor attendance, Auction netted approx. \$ 118.85.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman
Vera Lyman, Secretary

L.G.M.C. Treas. Report NOVEMBER 1996

	NBC Checking Balance 10/31/96	\$410.57
Receipts:		
	1997 Membership Dues 52.00	
	Silent Auction Proceeds 120.85	
	(Sp.Lap.Class Equip)	
	'97 Show Dealer Fees 3000.00	
	'98 Show Sales Pins.&Patches <u>56.00</u>	3245.85
Payments:		
	Faceting Books-Library 60.70	
	P & S Nov.Prnt. 25.75	
	Postage 3 months PS <u>96.00</u>	182.45
	NBC Checking Balance 11/30/96	\$3473.97

EDITORIAL--Are you a fair-weather member? Why do you belong to Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club? How many meetings have you attended in 1996? I became really conscious of my obligation as a club member when I was so amazed that the very slight ice storm of November 23rd kept so many people away from our Annual Meeting. There were some persons with family obligations or medical reasons for missing but where were the rest of you? We list our membership at 74 paid adults and 14 youth for 1996. Our by-laws require 20% of adult members including at least 3 from the board of directors for us to conduct any business, (15 persons). I always say 'It's only a hobby' **BUT** as a club member I realize certain obligations to the rest of the clubmembers. Election of the next year's officers and board is important-as important as belonging to the club. Participation should be the name of the game. I hope each of you will think of that as you pay your dues.

Phyllis

December Displays

Because I missed the November meeting, I was unable to get a list of exhibitors. Thanks to those who participated. December's theme will be an open night. Bring whatever you wish. Cases will be provided.

Roger K. Pabian

Nebraska Gemstone Photo Gallery

Conservation and Survey Division's website at

<http://nesen.unl.edu/csd/index.html>

had a lot of visitors after notice was posted in Pick & Shovel and posted on the rocks-and-fossils users group. Because this seems to have worked out so well, we are considering a page on minerals and a page on world agates. We plan on a lot of information that has not really been available in the past. Thanks for your visits.

RKP

Silent Auction

Many thanks to those of you who donated material for and bid on items for the silent auction to build funds for the Lincoln Park and Recreation Department Lapidary Shop. Over \$120.00 were raised. We have now added some diamond abrasive belts and this alleviates a great deal of the dust problem brought about by carbide tools. We are now looking to obtaining a water cooled trim saw, which we hope to have in operation for the session beginning January 20, 1997.

RKP

Jewelry Making Classes

I have been greatly enjoying the jewelry making and metal smithing classes offered by Judith Bay and Jayne Beer of the Jewelry Connection, who demonstrated their art at our Spring Show. After several mandatory exercises (twist bracelet, band ring, and beveled stone), one has the opportunity to let the creative juices flow as well as to learn a great deal about design and technique from many of the fine artists who work at the Jewelry Connection shop. The cost is very reasonable---\$75.00 for ten sessions of three hours each, with only the cost of materials used being added. I would highly recommend these classes to anyone having aspiration to make some of their own designer jewelry.

RKP

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Donation: Material for Silent Auction (Proceeds to Lincoln Park & Recreation Lapidary Shop)

Swapping Free. (Cash transactions must be carried out with "Swapper's Bucks," available from Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Treasurer at a 10% ten percent surcharge).

Swap will be followed by regular meeting of Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club at 7:30 P.M. Guests and visitors are welcome.

For further details, contact: Roger Pabian, (402) 472-7564, e-mail, rpabian@unlinfo.unl.edu

1996 ELECTED OFFICERS

President:	Charles Wooldridge, 836 S. 31st St.	Lincoln NE 68510	475-9034
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Board Member:	Shirley Rockel, 1134 West Avon Lane	Lincoln NE 68505	464-9059

Nominating Committee

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

Long Range Planning & By-Laws Committee

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

Standing Committees


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

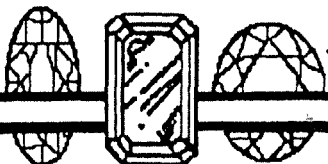
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Family Membership	(Husband, wife, resident children under age 16)	\$22.00/year

New memberships must be approved by the Board, after the applicant attends at least one meeting of the club and pays the above dues plus a \$5.00 registration fee.

