

CALENDAR

- Regular Meeting Saturday, April 25, 7:30 PM, Nebraska Center, Beatrice Room
Program not announced yet.
We will try to have a detailed show report to share with you.
- Board Members Meet before general meeting at 7 PM per request of President.
- Youth: Meet at 7 PM
- Rock Display Bring your '97 Show Acquisitions to talk about.
- May 1997 Meeting Saturday, the 17th, 7:30 PM, Bethany Park Shelter. Our usual coffee and
Dessert of your choice. Program & Displays announced May P & S
- Summer events to be announced May Pick & Shovel or by **PHONE**.

NEXT LGMC SHOW - MARCH 21-22, 1998, Pershing Auditorium (Our 40th Annual Show)

Nearby Shows to Visit

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| April 25-27, 1997 | SHOW | Wichita G & M, 44th Annual, Wichita Kansas |
| April 25-27, 1997 | SHOW | Spring Show in the Rockies, Holiday Inn, Denver, Colorado |
| May 10-11, 1997 | SHOW | Northeast Nebraska Rock & Mineral Soc., Norfolk, NE. |
| May 15-17, 1997 | SHOW | West Coast G & M Show, Costa Mesa, California |
| June 14-15, 1997 | SWAP | S. Skagway Lot, G.I. Earth Science Club, G.I., Nebraska |
| June 28-29, 1997 | SHOW | 'Diamonds & Dinosaurs'
Wyoming State Show, Powell, Wyoming |
| Aug 2-3, 1997 | SHOW | Corn Palace Rock Club, 26th, Mitchell S.D. |
| September 19-21, '97 | SHOW | Golden Anniversary Show, Houston G & M Society,
George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX |
| Sept. 27-28, 1997 | SHOW | Siouxland G & M Soc., Sioux City, Iowa |
| October 4-5, 1997 | SHOW | Nebraska G & M Show, Radial Hall, Omaha, Nebraska |
| October 18-19, 1997 | SHOW | GI Earth Science Soc. 23rd, Grand Island, Nebraska |

1997 REGIONAL SHOW SCHEDULE

EASTERN FEDERATION /AFMS Combined

October 17 - 19

Jackson, Mississippi

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION

June 20 - 22

Ventura, California

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION

April, 5 - 6

Glen Rose, Texas

NORTHWEST FEDERATION

August 1 - 3

Idaho Falls, Idaho

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION

NOT POSTED YET

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION

June 6 - 8

Durango, Colorado

MIDWEST FEDERATION

October 24 - 26

Davenport Iowa

YOUTH NOTES

by Kay Jurgens

First of all, here are the answers to the trivia quiz we did last month. Thanks to the juniors for their ideas for this project.

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| <p>1. ↓ coal
diamond
pipe stone
iron ore
quartzite
mica
obsidian
conglomerate
opal</p> | <p>2. topaz
ruby
malachite
agate
azurite
geode
thunder egg
petrified wood
amethyst</p> | <p>3. pyrite
peacock ore
optical calcite
fluorite
emerald
leopardskin jasper
Lake Superior agate
moss agate
soap stone</p> |
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Also, a HUGE thanks to the juniors and their parents who went beyond the call of duty working at our junior booth at the rock show at Pershing Auditorium on Easter weekend. You all know who you are. Remember, we could not do this without YOU!! Those who worked Saturday were VERY busy. Those who worked Sunday gave up doing other things on Easter. We couldn't have made it through the show without any of your help. If you have an idea of something we could do with some of the profits, be sure to let me know! Also, brainstorm for next year. It is our 40th show. The gemstone for a 40th anniversary is the ruby. This is an anniversary show, so we'll want to make it special.

Once again, I was looking on the web for some trivia. I searched for rock trivia. That was a big mistake! I got thousands of sites for trivia on rock and roll! That's not exactly the rock trivia we're interested in! If you wish you could be at another rock show, visit:

Mineral City- Home of the WWW Gem and Mineral Show. The address is:
<http://www.mineralgem.com/minicity.htm>

The fun thing about this site is that it takes you to Mineral City. Looking at a photo of the city, you decide which resort you want to go to. They have mineral names. To visit a dealer located at your resort, you are given the room number they are in, and then you go to the floor plan of the resort and click onto the room number. These are real dealers. You can learn about mining and other things, but don't order anything- that is real!

A good geology hotlist is Geosciences40:WWW List. There are many WWW sites listed. The address is: <http://www.essc.psu.edu/~arthur/WWWlist.html>

A great site for kids, which has some geology sites under "Cool Places", is :

Internet Alaska's K-12 & Homeschool Home Page. The address is:
<http://www.alaska.net/~steel/index.html> There are lots of activities for kids and many great kid's links. Remember, in Lincoln, computers are available at the libraries.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Its Spring at last!! or is it?

I look out my window the second week in April and see snow everywhere! The recent late season snowstorm causes me to recall how lucky we have been with our show and the weather the past few years. Last year we had a terrible ice/snow storm that struck late on the last day of the show. I thought that having the show later this year would put us safely in the clear, but two weeks later **WHAM!** 10 inches. Weather is so fickle....and so is show attendance. We all felt unsure as to how Easter would effect the show. Some thought it would severely effect attendance, either negatively or positively. In the end it seemed to not make much difference on Saturday but did on Sunday making the total attendance lower than the last few years, but not drastically. There are a number of perspectives we can use to evaluate the success of the show. One is to strictly look at the number of attendees. As I stated earlier this is down somewhat. Another perspective is financially, ie. did the show turn a profit. Preliminary estimates indicate the show probably broke even or thereabouts. Some look at how the dealers fared, did they make sufficient sales. From my experience and according to the other dealers I spoke to, we all did very well, the crowd was there to buy. These are all important aspects of a good show but I think the most important is did the participants find the show educational and enjoyable. In this area in particular this was an exceptional show. It was a very good time! I heard no criticisms and many compliments. We had plenty of help, things came together well, the show operated smoothly and there were many interesting displays, demonstrations and programs. We all owe our thanks to John Harrison and his show committee for a job well done. I would like to specifically thank the many non-club members who helped with set up and tear down, including : Pete Crawford, Peter W. Crawford, Bob & Lisa Coruzzi, Michael Crawford, St. Mark's Church, U.N.L. Geology Club, and Steve Hartung. I'm sure I missed others, there were many. We had a good turn out of members to make this a wonderful show. Thank you to all of us-good job.

The Juniors operated the Gem Dig with help from several members of the UNL Geology Club. Because it was spring break and most of the Geology Club Members were out of town the youth from LGMC ran the dig for them and donated the proceeds to the Geology Club. Congratulations kids, I hear you made a substantial profit due to your hard work. I hope to have a representative from the Geology Club at the next meeting so the youth can present the check to them.

See you at the next meeting.

Wooly

-'Easter Fantasies' **Recap**

Our 39th Annual Show is over and **Thanks** are due to each of you who helped to make it successful. No one can ever plan the exact time and effort needed- somehow it all gets done and we are ready to open at the announced time. Some club members expended more than their planned time to make sure everything was in order. You know who you are and can be very pleased with yourselves--but know this--I know who you are and I am extremely proud to have been in the same committee with you. Please give yourselves extra satisfaction for having worked well into the night to repair and activate our special Club Displays for all of us to be especially proud of. Thanks Show Chairman, Floor Chairman and Publicity Chairman!!!

We'd like to **THANK** each of our Dealers, Special Demonstrators and our Special Feature for contributing their skills to enhance our show.

Extra 'PLAUDITS to each of you who exhibited one or more displays, sharing your expertise with us and the general public. The more exhibitors we have the better the show as we share our wonderful hobby with the world. It's so gratifying to see the variety and the expertise seen at our shows. Thank you one and all!!.

Thank you to the planners, the workers at set up, the crowd management and most especially the tear down crews who put everything back into storage for another year. Most especially I **THANK** my two sons, two grandsons, and granddaughters wh though not club members, pitch in so Jim and I will go home and relax.

And to those club members who did nothing--you missed the value of being a part of such a rewarding experience and should participate in order to be on the inside enjoying, instead of 'just a member of the club.'

I often wonder if our conditions for membership should contain more demands for active participation, more regular attendance at meetings, more pride in a job well done, and less 'just being a member'. After attending and working 39 Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Shows, all of our Swaps, all but three or four meetings, being in all positions on the Board of Directors except 1st and 2nd Vice President, having been Editor, Publisher, Show Chairman, and on Housing & Property, I realize the value of active membership and look forward to as many more active years as I am able to achieve. I abhor the thought of sitting back and letting others do it all!

We have received very nice 'Thank You's' and Compliments from several of our '97 Dealers-The Petersons, San Juan Gems, Teton Gems and Phil & Joni Andrist, which are really appreciated.

In 1997 we had a **GREAT** Saturday with the aisles full right up to closing, a great supper and social period after. Easter Fantasies Sunday was a bit slow for the outside attendance but many of the club members saw more than usual of the great displays, the wonderful wares provided by our Dealers, and saw the demonstrators they sometimes have no time to watch. We hope everyone connected with the show were happy and are already planning for their next appearance at LGMC's annual show as we share our 40th (The Ruby Anniversary) with Chairman Roger Pabian and his committee in producing our 1998 Show.

Phyllis N. Parks, Show Secretary '97
(& 38 year member)

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - GENERAL MEETING - March 22, 1997
7:30 P.M. @ Bethany Park Shelter House

Since our Show was a week later this year, the 4th Saturday of the month was open for our regular Meeting. We decided to seize this opportunity to discuss Show plans & problems.

Minutes were approved with motion by Romona Rhodes, 2nd by Paul Brauch. Carried.

Treasurer's report approved with motion by Dave Heffelbower, 2nd by Marcia Hamilton. Carried.

No old business;

NEW BUSINESS: A "Grinders Party is being planned for July 27, 1997 at Chet Ager Nature Center in Pioneer Park. Watch for further news

Treasurer reported that we have 66 Adult and 15 Junior members paid for 1997.

SHOW: Show dates are falling on Easter Weekend. Some dealers/demos are indicating dislike for this date.

Geology Club will not be operating the Gem Dig - students are out of school for Spring/Easter break. Motion made by Vera L. and 2nd by Shirley Rockel that Juniors operate Gem Dig for Geology Club. On Sat. Ken Doe volunteered to assist Juniors. Other volunteers will be needed for Sun.

Publicity - Jim M. reported that Journal Star will have ads on Sun. Wed., Thur., Fri. and also the World Herald. KFOR will run numerous Ads; Cable Vision on 3 Channels. Ads on numerous Marquee and computer signs.

Materials for Show "hand-out" programs must be in by Tues.

Roger has a number of programs lined up for the two days.

Sartor Hamman will have a special case. Dave Heffelbower will call Roger Simmons & check to see if he has materials for display. Everyone is urged to bring a display.

Remainder of the meeting was spent in fellowship and enjoying Ham and Turkey sandwiches, coffee and ice tea. (The Ham & Turkey was left from the Christmas Party and it was decided this would be a good change of pace. Everyone enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman
Vera Lyman, Secretary

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - March 4, 1997
 7:00 P.M. @ Lyman home

President called the Meeting to order.

Minutes were approved with motion by Roger P., 2nd by Francis B. Carried.
 Treasurer's report approved with motion by Vera L., 2nd by Ed R. Carried.

BILLS - Approved for payment with motion by Roger, 2nd by Ed. Carried
 Treasurer checked on our Liability Insurance. Covers visitors at Swap, Field Trips, same for Show. Actual members not covered. Classes would be an add-on.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Phyllis P., 2nd by Roger P. to purchase book from June Zeitner "Gem and Lapidary Materials". (\$ 40. + \$3. postage.) for Club Library. Motion carried.

Club cases loaned to St. Mark's church have been returned to storage. They used 6 cases.

NEW BUSINESS: Thank Yous were received from UNL Foundation for '98 deposit; also from Grant recipient, Pat Helland. Will be published in Pick & Shovel.

SHOW REPORT: Sat. night dinner will be \$ 9.00 per person
 Security is in place - Checking on walk-through security during Show on Sat. & Sun.

Ed R. will pick up some plants to fill in between cases for some Spring atmosphere. After Show they can be purchased for \$ 1. for first one, \$ 5, for each thereafter.

Geology Dig - Kay will pick up salting material.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman

Vera Lyman, Secretary

L.G.M.C. Treasurer's Report March 1997

NBC Checking Balance 2/01/97		\$369.10
less clerical error		<u>5.00</u>
Receipts:		
1997 Membership Dues	10.00	
Suspense-Gate & other change	700.00	
Suspense-Member Dinners	249.00	
Youth Booth Sat. & Sun.	425.72	
Gem Dig-Saturday/Sunday	163.00	
Show Receipts 1997	<u>3830.00</u>	5377.72
Transfer from Money Market to Checking before show		1000.00
Payments:		
New Book for Library	43.00	
Rent for February Meeting	100.00	
March Pick & Shovel Prtg.(225 copies)	48.24	
Suspense for Show Change	700.00	
Suspense Member Dinners Paid	249.00	
March Meeting Refreshments	17.24	
'97 Who's Who	24.93	
New Address Stamp	10.64	
1997 Show Payments to 3/31/97	<u>1639.46</u>	<u>2832.51</u>
NBC CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 3/31/97		3910.31

NEWS TO NOTE1

Thanks to our FOUNDER, Irl Everett for submitting news of the following AUCTION to be held Saturday, May 3, 1997. This is a Rock Shop Reduction of Jayhawk Rock Shop of Hill City, Kansas. We will have copies of the flyer available to look over at the April Meeting as we received several copies in the club's PO Box also.

We also have a copy of the Huge MARBLES ONLY Auction to be held in Lincoln on May 3, 1997. (Lifelong collection of Jerome and Nadine Mischke.)

Flyers from the Norfolk, Nebraska Show to be held May 10 and 11, 1997 as well as some from the Omaha Club's 42nd Annual Show in October 1997 will also be available. Take one (or several).

Your Editor received a letter and News Release from Houston, Texas Gem & Mineral Society regarding their Golden Anniversary Show to be held September 19-21, 1997, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston.. We wish to extend our Congratulations and Best Wishes for a wonderful show.

Our MWF Newsletter for April '97 contained a report of the 1996 Midwest Federation Convention and Meeding held in October at Lansing, Michigan. (Copy to be at April meeting.) The Newsletter contained a notice of 'Museum Auction' at A.E. Seaman Museum at Michigan Technological University to be held in Hancock, Michigan on July 19, 1997. and a flyer for Copper Country Gem & Mineral Show, August 9 and 10, 1997 at Houghton, Michigan.

Now, on a different subject--this Editor would like to Thank and Compliment our recent show Admissions Chairperson Vera Lyman for the extremely complete and very pertinent report on the 1997 Show. It reflects many hours of time and effort to make such a complete document and can be a valuable tool for future shows in the area of advertising and promotion. Great Job !! Vera.

From rough figuring and no assurance that all bills have been presented I believe we might have about \$600. after the whole years storage on show cases and materials is paid. pnp

Below you will find the answers to our puzzle from page 6 of the March Pick & Shovel which we borrowed from The Agate Picker, bulletin of Carleton County Gem and Mineral Club of Minnesota. Thanks Cindy.

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 ANSWERS TO CRYSTAL FORMATION QUIZ FROM FEBRUARY ISSUE: (MARCH P&S)
 1-M, 2-W, 3-F, 4-N, 5-K, 6-EE, 7-L, 8-BB, 9-Q, 10-B, 11-U, 12-F,
 13-A, 14-S, 15-T, 16-E, 17-J, 18-O, 19-P, 20-AA, 21-H, 22-Y, 23-V,
 24-C, 25-G, 26-Z, 27-FF, 28-X, 29-I, 30-DD, 31-D, 32-CC.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our snow here in South Bend is finally gone and it is nice to see the green tips of spring flowers peeking from the ground. It is also good to see the various colors from my backyard rock pile again. Spring brings the opportunity to start field tripping and various newsletters indicate that there are a lot being planned.

By the time you read this the MWF spring Executive Committee meeting will have been held. Reports of this meeting will be included in the May or June MWF Newsletter. Be sure to pass this information on to your club members.

Our MWF Treasurer has informed me that there are about fifteen clubs that have NOT rejoined the Midwest Federation. Please reconsider, it takes a combined effort to keep this hobby (any hobby) together. Surely one dollar per person for A YEAR is a small fee to pay.

I have a song on a CD by a 50's band that starts in a ghostly voice "is there anybody out there". Your probably thinking OK, what is this about? In my first President's Message I ASKED TO HEAR FROM YOU! Remember, one page signed, no reduced print, etc. So far in the first six months I have received TWO letters and one is from a fellow club member in my local club. At this point I can only conclude that you are satisfied as to the workings of the Midwest Federation, or that my request has NOT been passed on by the person in your club that receives the MWF Newsletter, or you are not interested.

Once again dates to mark on your calendar. October 24-26 MWF Convention/Show hosted by the Blackhawk Gem and Mineral Club in Davenport, Iowa. At the Council meeting the dues increase will be discussed, SEND YOUR DELEGATES!

Pertaining to all of the above - remember the word HOBBY, SOMETHING WE ALL SHARE AND ENJOY TOGETHER.

Happy Spring,



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Nominating Committee

3 year:	Shirley Rockel Kenneth Doe
2 year:	Vera Lyman Susan Taylor
1 Year:	James Parks to be appointed
Chairman:	<i>Immediate Past President</i>

Long Range Planning & By-Laws Committee

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2 Year:	Vera Lyman Roger Pabian
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Standing Committees

Membership:	Shirley Rockel	Programs:	Brett Jurgens
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Field Trips:	Charles Wooldridge	Scholarship:	Susan Taylor
Historian:	John & Lillie Lewis	Christmas Party:	Shirley Rockel
Hospitality:	Eddie "Lightning" Ridge	1997 Show:	John Harrison
Study Coordinator:?		1998 Show:	Roger K. Pabian
Housing/Property:	Jim Parks	1999 Show:	Jim Marburger
Youth Activities:	Kay Jurgens	1997 Swap:	Roger Pabian
Librarian:	Roger Pabian	1998 Swap:	Francis Belohlavy
Auditing Committee:?	Jerry Moore, Francis Belohlavy, Mike Jurgens		

Gem Palette Correspondent: Vera M. Lyman
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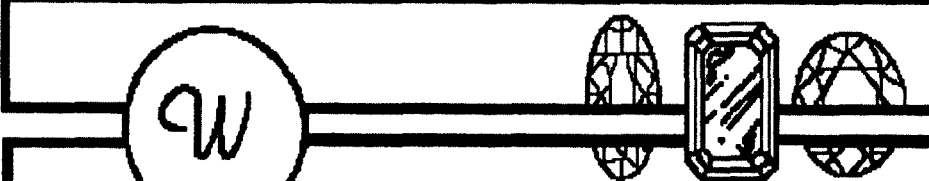
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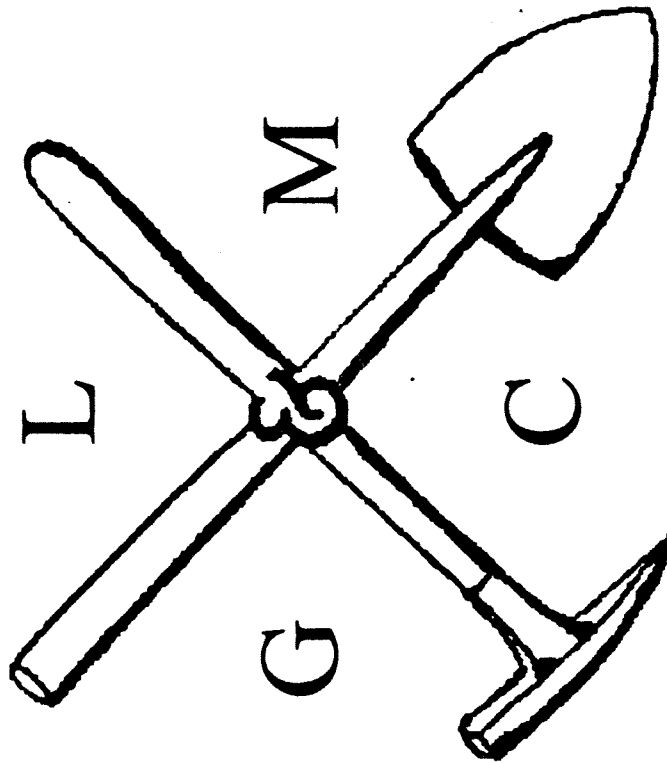
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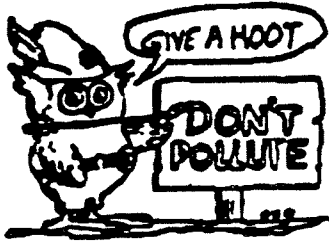
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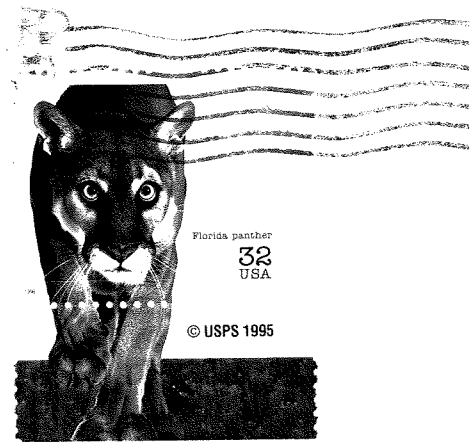


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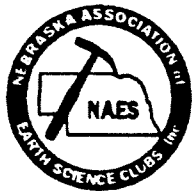
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