

# CALENDAR

**Meeting:** **April 29, 2000--( Note: This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday instead of the usual 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)**  
The meeting will be at Bethany Park Shelter, Cotner & Vine Streets at 7:30 PM.

**Program:** This will be our Annual Scholarship Grant Presentation of \$500 to a student working on an advanced degree in Geoscience at UNL. We hope to hear something about the student's work in progress. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

**All Club Members:** **PLEASE** read Pages 6A and 6B as completely as possible so we can approve both February and March Minutes/Treas.Reports as quickly as possible. Sorry that we lacked a quorum at the March Board Meeting and could transact no business.

**Youth** Read your leader's message on next page and come be at the park with us.

**May Board Meeting:** Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 7:00 PM at Kinko's, 48<sup>th</sup> & Vine Sts.

**May Meeting:** Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, Bethany Shelter. One week early to avoid the Federal 3 day weekend. This will be our 'Dessert Supper' with the club serving coffee and you bring the 'Sweets'. Hopefully summer plans will be on the agenda.

## NEXT LGMC SHOW - MARCH 24-25, 2001, Pershing Auditorium (Our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show)

### Nearby Shows to Visit

- April 15-16 SHOW Norfolk, Ne., Sunset Plaza, Fun for Everyone, Sat.10 AM to 7 PM-Sun.Noon to 6 PM
- April 28-30 SHOW Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual, Cessna Activity Center
- May 13-14 SHOW Grand Junction, CO.53rd Show, Two Rivers Convention Center
- June 23-25 SHOW & SWAP, Bloomington, Indiana, Lawrence County Rock Club, Inc.  
Further Details April Lapidary Journal or flyer at meeting.
- Aug. 7-13 SHOW & Field Trips-Keweenaw Week 2000-Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club,  
Houghton, Michigan-See Flyer at Meeting
- Aug. 18-20 MWF SHOW St. Louis, Missouri, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gem & Mineral Show, Greater St. Louis  
Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc.

## 2000 REGIONAL SHOW SCHEDULE

### EASTERN FEDERATION

September 16-17

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

### CALIFORNIA FEDERATION

August 4-6

Riverside, California

### SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION

May 5 - 7

Fort Worth, Texas

### NORTHWEST FEDERATION

June 23-25

Monroe, Washington

### SOUTHEAST FEDERATION

October 20-22

Knoxville, Tennessee

### AFMS/ROCKY MOUNTAIN

#### FEDERATION

October 13-15

Moab, Utah

### MIDWEST FEDERATION

August 18-20

St. Louis, Missouri

## Youth Notes

by Kay Jurgens

**Thank you** to everyone who helped make the junior a booth a huge success at the show. It would be difficult for me to name everyone individually without fearing I had left someone out. We had our very hard-working junior members working both days, and great help from a number of adults. We greatly appreciated the materials donated by everyone. It would not have been possible to run the booth without them.

Outstanding juniors who really devoted themselves, in alphabetical order, are: Katie Akins, Chris Akins, Daniel Bannister, Ariana Bingell, Danny Cromer, Aaron Nelson, and Emerson Wooldridge. Daniel brought along two friends to help out, and Emerson also brought a friend to help. I think anyone would learn a lesson by seeing how well these youth work together. There was a common bond with a lot of cooperation- just what we all need in life!

Charlene Bingell worked beyond the call of duty- she lived behind the "confinements" of the junior booth. Thank you Charlene. The juniors were in good hands. Deb Wooldridge put in a lot of hours, and we were honored and grateful for the help of our very own club president, Ed Ridge. Set up would have been impossible without the help of Wooly Wooldridge and Ben Darling. Sorry about the long commute, Ben! Your Friday labor was appreciated by the whole club. Hopefully next year we'll have a chance to see the girls, too.

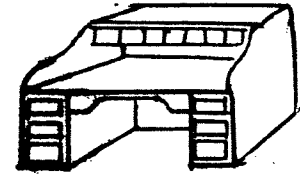
Thanks also to the dealers for their donations for the raffle. There were some lovely items, and that's definitely what sold the raffle tickets. (Along with the great broadcasting of our junior members, one step from being radio announcers!)

The juniors now need to brainstorm on something to do with our profits. Let me know what your ideas are, whether or not you're a junior member. Also, let's brainstorm about improvements we could make for next year's show.

Thanks again for a job well done, juniors! Give yourselves a pat on the back.



## From The President's Desk



Hello LGMC Members

Well the show has come and gone. It was a good one! We had some electrical problems and some small problems but it went well. I want to **Thank** all the people who helped put on the show, from Committee Members to Demonstrators, Dealers, Featured Exhibitors, and all other members who helped set up, take down, man the booths and help the juniors.

As for the one in charge of displays I counted 70 (more or less) cases. It was down by 5 to 10 from last year. 40 cases were from club members, 1 from former club member, 2 first time at our show and 1 from another club, 1 by our new Historian, several very good displays by our retail dealers, the very special displays brought by the Kemps, the Nebraska State Case brought by NAOESCI President Ed Anderson and his wife, our 3 special club activity cases, (Gems on Location in the United States, Gems of Nebraska, Cast and Museum Notes of Pleezy Dig), our club's Educational Cases including the refurbished Fossil Case. (Good job, Roger! Thanks!!)

I hope to see you all at our next meeting, April 29, Bethany Park Shelter, annual scholarship presentation. The club will provide coffee and refreshments.

Edward Ridge

## 2000 SHOW Chairman's Message

Dear Fellow Rock Club Members:

Another great show has come and gone. There were very many good and new displays at the show. There were also more Demonstrators than we have had in the last few years. They were varied in content and many, many people stopped at the booths to find out more about the individual hobbies that were displayed. Wire Wrapping, Beads, Lapidary, Opal, Stained Glass Picture, Painting, and Carving. (Hope I didn't forget anyone.) The Junior Group had many things going on- such as a raffle, gem dig, rock race. They did a very good job of getting everything accomplished at the show. The Committee Chairpersons all did their job in getting things done on time and in place.

The advertising that we received from the radio, TV, and paper was more than we could possibly have hoped for. The breakfast was attended quite well and the awards that were presented to the Crawfords was well overdue.

Dealers brought many new and exciting items for sale to the public. All seemed to be happy.

The special displays were fantastic-Lizzadro Museum, Bob Fixter, Norm Balliet and the many dealer displays.

Attendance went up this year on Saturday and Sunday. Many bought the 2 day pass and added to our Sunday count.

Many thanks to all the club members and their unselfish acts of help to make this show a great success.

John Harrison

### Thank You:

A very special THANK YOU to Show Chairman, John Harrison and anyone else involved; for the special honor awarded to me at the Show. It was indeed a great surprise and a great honor.

My sincerest thanks, Vera Lyman

## Some notes and ramblings about Tucson 2000

Eric Fritsch

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show is the largest gem and mineral show in the world. Ten's of thousand's of mineral enthusiast from around the world gather each year in the Sonorian Desert to hawk their wares, see what is new, and tell tall tales.

When people talk about the Tucson Show they are typically describing a collection of dozens of littler shows. Mineral show promoters (yes, that's a real profession) assemble dealers into tents, hotels, and even gas stations. Without a show guide it is hard to really figure out how many shows are really going on and where.

This was my 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row of coming down to show. My wife Carolyn, who is also a geologist and mineral collector, accompanied me. We flew to Phoenix this year because we had a cheaper plane ticket to Phoenix and it was a non-stop route. Last year we had a crazy itinerary when our flight to Denver was delayed so we were routed through Minneapolis, Las Vegas, and then to Tucson. 20 hours later we were in Tucson.

The series of shows run from about Jan 28<sup>th</sup> to February 14<sup>th</sup> every year. It is tough to get away for the two full week show so I usually have a choice: attend the first ½ of the show or the second ½. Each has it's advantages and disadvantages.

Attending the first week you can often pick the cream of the crop. You can visit a dealer right after they open and select the best specimens. Dealers often sell among themselves this first week and it is not uncommon to see a mineral double or triple in price by the end of the show.

The second week is when the main show opens and a lot more people are in town. It can literally be impossible to find a hotel room in Tucson during the main show. Towards the end of a show you can negotiate a little better with the dealers, especially with the foreign dealers.

The shows are somewhat specialized. If you wish to purchase minerals you go to hotels A, B, and C. Fossils can be purchased in hotels D & E. Gemstones in are found in yet additional hotels. There is some overlap and sometimes you can find good deals in the hotels you wouldn't typically visit.

I have never seen the whole show and it probably would be impossible to see the whole show. We return to hotels and dealers where we have found deals in the past.

We started this year at the Executive Inn (the E.I. in 'show lingo'). The E.I. is a Best Western hotel, split into two buildings, each having two floors. The crowds of people overwhelm the hotel and I have never seen the men's room floor dry. It is one of the best mineral dealer hotels so you put up with it and hike your pant cuffs up.

I really didn't purchase that much at the E. I. this year. We limited our budget as we knew we were going to purchase our first house ten (10) days after our trip. Several times my wife uttered the ultimatum "that specimen or the house." I have a friend who literally took out a second mortgage on his house to purchase a single rhodochrosite specimen.

I purchased a nice ferberite crystal from a Chinese dealer. Ferberite is black ore of tungsten, from where we get light bulb filaments, hardened steel, and the new, lead-free bullets. The crystals form parallel, bladed edges which are strikingly beautiful.

Over the years I come to realize that black, tan, white, and other less colorful minerals command a much lower price than red, yellow, or blue minerals. From a mineral purist perspective ("every mineral is sacred, every mineral is great"), I am able to purchase some really fantastic specimens that are less colorful. Many of the colorful minerals (azurite, tourmaline, etc) are probably far overpriced for their rarity. Color is important to many collectors and color sells. After all, no one would talk about the Hope Diamond if it wasn't blue.

One of the 'new' things this year were some mimetite crystals from Thailand. They were incredibly lustrous and are honey, yellow, and kind of orangish in color. An English dealer brought them to Tucson and had a room full of them. By the end of the first week you could find them in 1 out of every 3 mineral dealers room. I thought that they were nice but a little spendy.

I like mimetite and will play a waiting game. Perhaps next year more will come on the market and they will be better and cheaper. Sometimes you loose playing the waiting game and a one time supply is all that will every appear.

There was some real pretty orpiment crystals from northern Nevada at the E.I. this year--big orange glassy crystals. Orpiment tends to oxidize and is light sensitive. It's hard to spend a couple hundred dollars on a mineral that might not be around for more than a couple years.

Some beautiful barite specimens are also coming out of northern Nevada these days. Barite is a common mineral and it is mined by the ton to prevent oil well gushers so popularized by the movies. It's luster and color make it popular and to get a better piece you'll have to fork over some big bucks (barite crystal or baby crib, hmm.). While it is true that babies appreciate minerals, they have not learned yet how to properly handle them.

At about 9:30 am on first Saturday of the mineral show it is time to head over to Top Gems. We sort of planned our trip around Top Gems opening. We had to get up at 5 a.m. in Phoenix to make it to Tucson by the 10:00 opening.

Top Gems is a mineral wholesaler that has a warehouse across the street from the E.I. They share their space with a couple other mineral wholesalers and their opening for the show is about as frantic as those bridal gown sales you see on the news. Many dealers lay business cards atop larger specimens to reserve them; the practice

however, resembles that of the kids came of 52 pickup (cards tossed everywhere). Top Gem even hires musicians to serenade the crowd. Tempers can flare between competing dealers. Music soothes the savage beasts.

When I use to purchase for the South Dakota School of Mines Museum I use to get in the trenches and fight it out for best flats. It is difficult to even move in the isles and I use to set my wife off to the side to guard our selected flats. This year I could only take about a 1/2 hour of the mineral melee and we left. We did end up purchasing a flat of gemmy green Brazilian spodumene (variety 'hiddenite'). Spodumene is the main ore of lithium and crystals in excess of 40 feet were mined from the Black Hills (SD) in the past century.

At Top Gem we also purchased a flat of ball-peen lepidolite. Lepidolite is a purple, lithium-bearing mica. From certain pegmatite deposits it forms rounded to almost spherical shape like the end of a ball-peen hammer. The round shape is caused by elemental impurities that bend and contort the crystallographic structure.

One of the newer show hotels is the Inn Suites Hotel. It's Palm and Orange tree-lined swimming pool are a welcome site to my eyes (about mid January I get pretty tired of that harvested cornfield look).

Together with brothers Mike and Bill Jensen we share a room at the Inn Suites Hotel to wheel and deal minerals and meteorites. To sell out of a hotel room such as the Inn Suites, you have to reserve the room for a minimum of 10 nights (at \$140 per night) and pay a show fee of up to \$550. You've already spent nearly \$2000 before you've sold your first mineral.

Then you sit in your room; and you sit. And you sit some more. You might have a trickle of business. There were times when we counted less than 10 people per hour walking past our room and even fewer coming in to look.

Other times you find the right collector who wants what you have, but only wants to offer you less than you paid for it yourself. It is very tiring and a lot harder than it looks.

I purchased a real nice ludlamite and vivianite from northern Idaho. The ludlamite are sour-apple green, prismatic crystals atop long and slender dark blue vivianite. I've collected ludlamite and vivianite from the Black Hills (SD) where it occurs as microscopic crystals.

A friend of mine, Daryl McFarland-Grenville Minerals, had some fluorescent minerals that he has been mining from Quebec. Daryl had some really nice fluorapatite crystals in orangy pink calcite matrix that were a pretty good price. You can't buy everything at these shows and sometimes you just have to pass on good specimens.

Some of the neatest gold wire specimens are now coming out of the Olinghouse Mine, Nevada. The gold wires sit in vugs of tiny quartz crystals hosted in a greenish white, heavily kaolinized (or perhaps another clay) matrix. The wires are thin and reach several centimeters in length. I picked up a few inexpensive specimens, but the \$500+ specimens were really cool.

For more showy gold specimens I like to visit with Ed Coogan and his wife Kay. They sell exclusively gold specimens and have everything from nuggets to micromount crystals. I selected out a half dozen inexpensive specimens of bright gold in quartz from California and Russia.

The following day my wife and I visited some of the other shows. Mineral carvings of animals are becoming more and more popular in part to sales at curios shops. We have started to seek out some carvings but their quality varies greatly. We look for the interesting carvings out of malachite, jade, snowflake obsidian, rhodonite, ruby/ green zoisite, and other minerals.

We like to take a quick break every year from the show and we take an annual trip to Nogales, Mexico with some other collectors, curators, and dealers. We caravan down to the boarder, park our cars, and walk across. We spend about an hour looking at "tourist items," purchase some duty-free booze, and end up at Elvira's for lunch.

Elvira's literally sits on the boarder. Outside the large glass windows we entertain ourselves by watching locals illegally cross the boarder. In some years we've watched people climb the fence. This year we watched about a dozen people quickly duck into a storm sewer drain that presumably leads to the US. Later, Mexican boarder patrol officers escorted a few people back out of the storm sewer.

The owner of Elvira's knows a couple of the locals in our group and is always hospitable. We start the meal with goat cheese quesadeos and guacamole with chips. The tequilla flows freely. The first couple shots are smooth--high quality tequilla. They serve the tequilla in small, plastic, disposable cups. As the day progresses, the quality of the tequilla deminishes and it will eventually dissolve the plastic cups if not consumed quickly.

My favorite meal is the Shrimp Elvira--large gulf coast shrimp broiled in butter with sweet onions and parsley. After the meal our designated drivers take us back to Tubac, Arizona where we have a friend who's warm pool and hot tub massage away the tired backs of weary mineral collectors. Bending over tables and beds for a week, along with carrying heavy purchases, really tires one out.

We have lots of favorite restaurants that we visit year after year in Tucson. La Fuente and Menendido's are a couple of our favorites within the city limits. Daisy May's has excellent steak, served with potatoes and beans. Beans tend to be a theme at most meals in Tucson and with three guys sharing a hotel room, we typically have to purchase a can of air freshener.

Much of the Tucson show tends to be about seeing old friends and socializing as much as purchasing minerals. Some people we see only once year and we have friends who come as far away as Australia and Czechoslovakia. When I lived in Rapid City I would often see fellow Rapid Citizens at shows more than I would at home.

But back to the minerals, I have a few diamond dealers that I like to visit annually and I was able to purchase several 3-8 carat African diamonds (industrial grade, not gemstones). I also pick up about a dozen Chinese diamonds

in matrix. My friend Kim Cathcart, from Las Vegas, bought the most spectacular diamond specimen that I have seen in a long while. His diamond was about 2-3 carats in size and consisted of 3 interpenetrating cubes that formed a perfect six-ling star on edge. I told him to swing it by Jeff Scovil (mineral photographer) to photograph for the Mineralogical Records "What's New in Tucson" report.

We always like to pick up some cheap gemstones when we are in Tucson and Carolyn typically looks for a nice stone for herself every year. This is a great way to build a jewelry collection one piece at a time. This year she selected out a nice dark green tourmaline (approximately 2.2 carats) that would look good in a gold setting. We purchased some garnets, amethyst, topaz, and other "tourist stones" for resale.

Some people actually give us want lists before we head down to the show. We can't always find exactly what they want for the price they give us (flawless, natural 5 carat ruby for under \$100). It is hard to pick things out for other people because different people have different tastes and expectations.

We always go by the rule, we'll purchase it and if the person doesn't want it we'll keep it for ourselves. We typically don't collect fossils and it becomes difficult to select a fossil for someone else because we don't want to end up with it. Like fossils, gemstones are also difficult to purchase for someone else because we are not experts on either.

By now we have attended at more than a dozen hotels and large tents and it makes you wonder why the city of Tucson doesn't sink into the desert.

Another annual right-of-Tucson is packing and unpacking. As we didn't bring down any specimens to sell this year unpacking wasn't too difficult (although we do help our roommates Mike and Bill Jensen). Packing is always tiring. It is at the end of the show and you are somewhat anxious to get home but first you have to figure out how to safely get your purchases home. Properly caring for your specimens is of utmost importance. Someday I'll write a brief synopsis on caring for your specimens for the club newsletter.

In previous years I would purchase specimens for the SDSM&T Museum of Geology and their bookshop. This would typically mean purchasing about 50 rolls of toilet paper, rubber bands, bubble wrap, rubbermaid boxes, newspaper, etc. Wrapping literally thousands of specimens can take many hours and often lasts late into the night/early morning. Your hands and your shirt (wear an old one) are blackened from newsprint.

Our most fragile and valuable material has to be carried on to the plane. Note: airline companies won't pay for lost gemstones so what you pack for check in must be cheap and durable. UPS is one of the best ways to get specimens back safely, but they must be packed correctly. Always double box your items and don't short-change yourself on the packing. An extra 2 cents worth of T.P. is better than a damaged specimen that might decrease the value by ten's of dollars.

There is really so much to the Tucson shows that it is hard to describe in a few pages on paper. If you plan on going some year, and I would recommend it, plan early and plan well. Hotel rooms fill up fast and rental cars tend to be in short supply. Surprisingly there aren't that many places to camp with a tent. Getting around can be difficult so I suggest you plan where you are going and use the shuttle services as much as possible.

I've never been to the Airplane grave yard at Tucson or the old movie sets where westerns were made. I've driven through the cactus forest, but only to get to a meeting. People tell me there are other things to see there, but not in February.

It is unbelievable how much stuff besides minerals people bring to the Tucson show: far east rug dealers, African wood carvings, Mongolian sweaters, Tibetan bells. You can hear dozens of languages spoken at Tucson and specimens can be found from literally every country.

There are rows and rows of fine faceted sapphires. Piles of rough labradorite from Madagascar, that resemble mountains, are dwarfed by fields of amethyst cathedrals. Every major manufacturer of lapidary equipment is there, somewhere, hawking their designs and watching what their competitors are up to. I am always impressed by what marvelous and wonderful things there are that come from this earth. I enjoy living vicariously off the wonder and astonishment of a Tucson show virgin. It truly is the "Greatest Show on Earth." Whereas most people's year revolves around the Julian calendar, mine revolves around the Tucson calendar and I'm always anticipating that next trip south.

I've seen it snow several times in Tucson and I've seen the February thermometer climb into the lower 90's. A couple years ago, huge winds toppled a show tent destroying thousands of dollars worth of specimens and jewelry. Muddy conditions added to the mess burying many items. One year driving down we had no snow until we were within 30 miles of the Mexican boarder and it came down hard, unplowed, in big huge flakes.

Most of the time the weather is characteristically mild. Cool nights and pleasantly warm days (you can tell the locals because they are the ones that break out the coats and sweaters at 62 degrees). I highly recommend that everyone attend this mineralogical Mecca at least once in their lives (one time is all it takes to get you hooked). Bring lots of clothes (they make good secondary packing material for the trip home), but more important, bring lots of cash.

Adventures by Grant: The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's yearly show is now a thing of the past. This was one of the annual shows you should have marked on your calendar. It was well attended both days. Everyone I spoke to seemed to find what they were looking for. Also a few items which they had to have. The dealers were well satisfied. This in itself made everyone happy.

There were 14 dealers, 5 dealer demonstrators, 6 demonstrators, 6 lecture-programs, and 55 display cases including the featured exhibits. The Youth Activities was kept fairly busy with all of their things to do. This was something for the young people that came to the show to do.

We had a lot more help this year in setting up. Also a lot of help in the tear down. This is what the club is made up of, good participation. I personally want to thank all of you. Without your help it could have been disastrous. See you down the road at a future show.

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From your editor: I want to thank each of the persons who made contributions for use in The Pick & Shovel, President Ed Ridge, Show Chairman 2000 John Harrison, Youth Leader Kay Jurgens, Adventures by Grant and the great report on the much earlier 'Tucson Show' that I asked our newer member Eric Fritzsich to provide. I'm sorry that I didn't get it in earlier but space is sometimes limited and I couldn't find any part to leave out. How wonderful to find so many 'gems' in one area!

Phyllis

NCC - Beatrice Rm. - 7:30 P.M. "PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE"

President called the Meeting to order. 22 Adults and 1 Junior member in attendance.

APPROVAL OF: Minutes as printed with motion by Grant Bennett, 2nd by Adeline Noldé, carried.  
Treasurer's report as printed with motion by Kay Jurgens, 2nd by Dave Heffelbower, carried.

OLD BUSINESS: President made presentation of "ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR for 1999". It was presented to Kay Jurgens for her outstanding leadership and support of the Junior members. She was very surprised! Congratulations Kay;

NEW BUSINESS: Marie Taylor entertained a motion that an award be presented to Phyllis Parks sons for all their unsolicited help at the Shows even they are not members and one comes a considerable distance to assist. Phyllis thanked her for suggestion but said the Show Committee had compensated last year. (Further discussion at Board Mtg)  
Budget: The 2000 Club Budget was printed in the PICK & SHOVEL. Motion for approval by Shirley Rockel, 2nd by Grant Bennett. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: SHOW - Phyllis Parks, Show Sec. Work sign-up sheets available. Please see Phyllis.  
Publicity Chair, Roger Pabian reported that ads will be in Journal/Star, radio stations, TV at noon on Fri. March 24, and various other publications. Flyers available for members to distribute.

NEW MEMBERS: Patrick & Nancy Akins, Sr. Please enter their names in your new "WHO'S WHO".

GEOLOGY DAY: Roger reported that it was a "Fun Day" for all participants. Approximately 125 visitors attended. Those participating were, Roger, Ed Ridge, Dave & Charlene Bingell & Ariana, Suzy McMahan, Dave & Billie Heffelbower.

CONGRATULATIONS: Our President made a surprise announcement to his fellow members. HE IS GETTING MARRIED! Congratulations Ed.  
On March 11, 2000 @ 2:00 P.M. @ Rogers House, Bed & Breakfast. Members are invited. We all wish you our "best".  
With that - meeting adjourned.  
Eric Fritzsich presented an excellent slide program on "Minerals Of The Black Hills". THANKS, Eric.

Board Meeting March 1, 2000 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Kinkos, 48th & Vine.  
Respectfully submitted, *Tara Luman*

LGMC Treasurer's Report for March 2000  
NBC Checking Balance February 29, 2000 4000.26

Receipts:  
Membership Dues 30.00  
Youth Activities 474.94  
Show Demonstrators 230.00  
Show Gate 5515.00  
Suspense Show Change 900.00  
Suspense-3 Member Badges 22.50 7172.44

Payments:  
March Board Meeting 10.00  
March Pick & Shovel Printing (150) 63.90  
Pick & Shovel Editor Supplies 37.15  
Harford Insurance(Officers Performance Bond) 126.00  
February Meeting Rent & Projector Rent 125.00  
Rixstine Trophy 79.07  
Education Fossil Case Up-date 2.86  
Slide Projector Bulbs 101.01  
Suspense Show Change 900.00  
Show Expenses Paid(report when final) 2075.99 3520.98  
NBC Checking Balance 3/31/2000 7651.72

**LGMC Treasurer's Report for February 2000**

NBC Checking Balance January 31, 2000 Report

\$ 680.39

Receipts:

Membership Dues 2000	94.00	
Member Subs to Gem Palette 2000-Prepaid	3.25	
Member Donation to Spec.Lap.Equip.Fund	5.00	
3 mo.CD cashed w/interest into checking	<u>4 015.69</u>	4117.94

Payments:

Kinko's-Feb.Board Meeting	15.00	
Feb. Pick & Shovel Printing	27.18	
Postmaster-2 months stamps P & S	66.00	
January Swap & Meeting rent & coffee	266.45	
Office Max-labels & supplies	36.49	
Office Max-March P&S covers (150)	11.45	
Updating Educational Fossil Case	1.66	
Who's Who 2000	26.35	
Forward Member Subs to Gem Palette (13)	42.25	
The Hartford (club insurance)	150.00	
Show expenses	<u>155.24</u>	<u>798.07</u>

NBC Checking Balance February 29, 2000

\$4000.26

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Feb 2, 2000  
Kinkos - Conference Rm. - 7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by President Ridge.  
Unanimous approval of the minutes and treasurer's report.

BILLS: Motion for approval of payment of bills by Dave Heffelbower,  
2nd by Jim Atkins. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: question of Club inventory. Anyone having any Club  
property in their possession should contact Jim & Phyllis Parks so  
listing can be brought up to date.  
Also, Jim & Phyllis would like to relinquish their Chairmanship of  
"Housing & Property". Please contact them if you are willing to take  
over this position.  
Suzy McMahan has taken over as Historian. She would like to have some  
assistance in re-juvenating the files.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Nebraska Academy of Science  
Question was raised as to how to make it available to more students  
so applications will be made more frequently.  
Motion by Jim Atkins to change recipients eligible from Seniors only  
to include Junior & Senior High students. 2nd by Phyllis Parks. Carried.

April 29, 2000 - Bethany Park Shelter House  
Our annual Scholarship presentation through UNL Foundation will be pre-  
sented at this Meeting. Sandwiches, cake & Coffee/ice tea will be  
served. Plan to attend.

BUDGET: Annual Club Budget  
Motion by Phyllis Parks for recommendation of approval for amended bud-  
get to General Membership at Feb. Meeting. 2nd by Dave Heffelbower.  
Carried.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEETINGS:  
We need a Chairman for the annual January Swap for 2001  
Jim Marburger has requested Chairmanship for 2001 Show.

New member, Eric Fritsch will present the Feb Program on "The Black  
Hills of South Dakota".  
March 24th - Show set-up. March 25-26 SHOW. No monthly Meeting.  
April 29th. Scholarship Meeting - Bethany Park  
May 20 - Meeting @ Bethany Park Shelter with Dessert Supper. Last  
meeting before summer.

Five new members approved if/when all criteria are met.  
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vera Lyman*  
Vera Lyman, Secretary

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MARCH 1, 2000  
Kinkos - Conference Rm - 48th & Vine 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Ridge. Only four mem-  
bers present, (Ed R., Phyllis P., Susan M., & Vera L.) so no business  
could be conducted, due to lack of quorum.

The Treasurer issued checks for Show expenses which had pre-approval.  
(Postage for mailing discount cards for Show; Change required for  
ticket sales)

Approval was granted to acquire plaques for Phyllis Parks 2 sons &  
a grandson who always helped at our Shows. This idea was initiated by  
Marie Taylor at our Feb General Meeting; as a small token to show  
our appreciation for all their help.

Next Board Meeting was set for April 5, 2000 7:00 P.M. @ Kinkos.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman, Secretary

Our Annual Show was held on March 25 & 26, so no General Meeting was  
held this month.

The SHOW was a success and all who attended certainly enjoyed it.  
Hope to see you all at our April Meeting for presentation of our  
annual Scholarship. Bethany Park Shelter, April 29 at 7:30 P.M.

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3 years	Jim Parks
2 years	Charlene Bingell
	Jerry Moore
1 year:	Kevin Schwartman
	Roger Pabian
	Bill Rockel

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## Long Range Planning & By-Laws Committee

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2 years:	David Heffelbower
	Jim Parks
1 year	Vera Lyman
	Roger K. Pabian

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Historian:	Susy McMahan	Christmas Party
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Study Coordinator:?		
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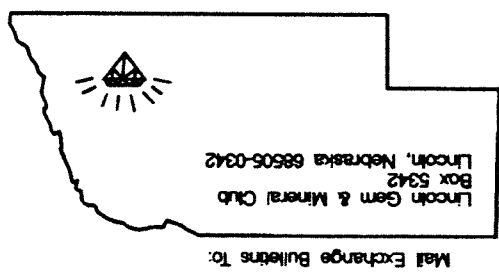
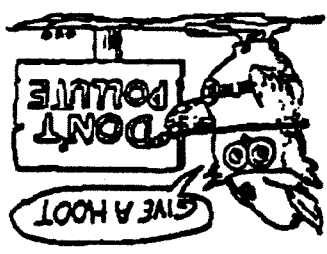
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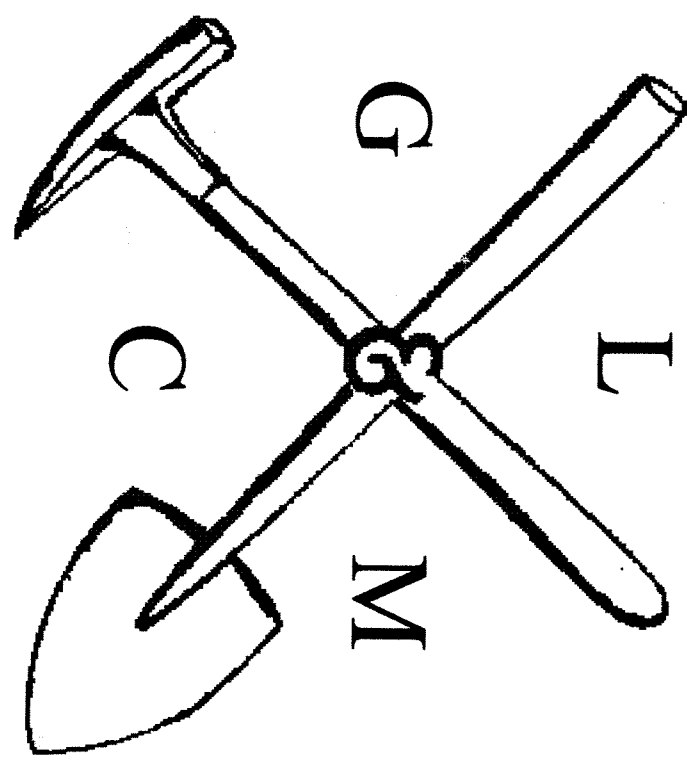


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