

CALENDAR

Meeting: February 24, Nebraska Center Continuing Education, 33rd & Holdrege, 7:30 PM, Beatrice Room.

Program: "TUNGUSKA"--(a meteorite or comet impact with Earth)--video presentation by David Heffelbower, Program Chairman.

Youth Meet at 7 PM to discuss March Show with Kay, weather permitting.

GEOLOGY DAY--Sunday, February 18, 1 to 4 PM, Pioneers Park

Friday, March 23, 9 AM until complete-SHOW SET UP--All club members are needed to support this activity. Please let the Show Committee know what hours YOU will be able to assist.

Welcome New Member Judy Reilly, 4050 Worthington Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68502, 421-3064

NEXT LGMC SHOW - MARCH 24-25, 2001, Pershing Auditorium
(Our 43rd Annual Show)
"Inner Beauty"

Nearby Shows to Visit

March 3-4	SHOW	Macomb, Illinois, W.I.U. Student Union, Geodeland ESC, Inc.
March 9-11.	SHOW	Kansas City, MO., Association of Earth Science Clubs,
March 17-18	SHOW	Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Cedar Valley R & M Soc.
Mar.31-Apr.1	SHOW	Mid America Paleontology Soc. Natl. Fossil Exposition Western Illinois University Union Grand Ballroom, Maacomb, Ill.
April 2001	RED LETTER MONTH--	University of Nebraska State Museum--Watch next month for more information including a First Day Issue of a new stamp!

DUES ARE PAST DUE

A red X on your label means this is your last Pick & Shovel!

2001 REGIONAL SHOW SCHEDULE

EASTERN FEDERATION

July 13-15
Syracuse, New York

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION

June 22-24
Paso Robles, California

AFMS / SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION

June 11-17
Arlington, Texas

NORTHWEST FEDERATION

August 20-September 1
Enumclaw, Washington

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION

September 2-4
Pascagoula, Mississippi

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION

June 8-10
Rosewell, New Mexico

MIDWEST FEDERATION

September 7-9
Rice Lake, Wisconsin

YOUTH NOTES

Your attention and help for the 2001 Show will be the topic at the February meeting. Leader Kay Jurgens has had an extremely busy winter with all the extra teaching calls and the heaps of snow to get through but has many ideas to implement for March 24, 25. She will need all of the help that is available for the activities. Be thinking about the time that you and your parents will be able to help in the booth. The 'Youth Booth' is a big part of each show and adult assistance is required for it to run smoothly. Lots of help is needed for Friday, the 23rd, to be ready for Saturday's attendance.

-Show Secretary Phyllis Parks

CLUB NOTES!

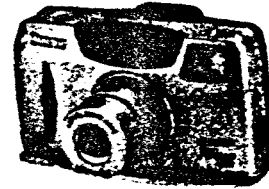
The January Swap was well attended. 14 swap tables were set up and kept busy. Many fine trades were made and lots of great material was donated for the continuous round of Silent Auctions. The proceeds of the 10% Surcharge was \$123.32 which means we handled over \$1200.00 in swapper bucks and every one of them was redeemed. This money goes to help defray the cost of the coffee and room rent. The Silent Auction proceeds was \$130.25 and has been designated for the Special Lapidary Class Equipment Fund. Many of the members took advantage of the nice day to come and pay their 2001 dues before they became delinquent so we now have 60 paid adults and 13 paid youth members. About 24 persons went to Valentino's for a quick, delicious meal before the Anniversary meeting with more members in attendance than usual. An exceptionally interesting History of our hobby was presented by Roger Pabian after lots of research and preparation.. The Anniversary Cake to celebrate the beginning of our 47th year as a club was especially tasty. Very special 'Thanks' to all the people who supported this new beginnings in the new Century. It was a very good way to interrupt the 'Winter Blahs' and chat with friends while enjoying the beautiful rock treasures.

Our Who's Who is in preparation with the addition of several E-mail addresses and as accurate a listing as possible. If you want to have your E-mail address added please send it (in very legible form) to your Editor and we'll put them in the Pick & Shovel for members to copy into their own book.

The subject of E-mail reminds me of two very interesting messages that I have received from our educational chairman, Roger. One 'nice scottish agate site' is located at -- <http://www.curriehj.freeseve.co.uk/agates.htm> The second 'another spiffy agate page with lots of nice links'-- at <http://agate.freesevers.com> Jim and I found them both and it made us wish we could have rock hunted in Europe to see if we could find our own.

Twenty two copies of the CD ROM 'Photo Atlas of Minerals' have been ordered. 12 by individuals and the 10 which were designated by the members at the November General Meeting to be donated to the nine public libraries and the club library.

The President's Letter



Thank you David, Charlene and Ariana Bingell for your help and enthusiasm in chairing the 23rd Annual and Midwinter Swap. It was well attended and a big success. Everyone had a great time.

The program, "Rock Collectors-History and Trivia" was about important people in history that share our hobby. Thank you Roger Pabian for an interesting, informative and educational program.

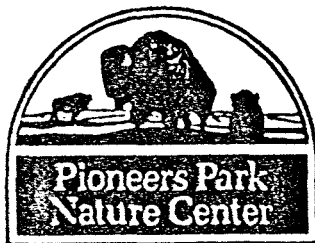
Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 18-Geology Day- at Pioneers Park-1 to 4 PM. This is a good time to show visitors what our club is all about. In past years the public has been there in numbers and interest. Many look forward to this event and come out every year. Yes we have gained new members doing this. I urge everyone to bring some sort of display, books, samples or a demonstration of some kind. If you don't do any of these suggestions just show up to answer questions or identify materials brought in by interested visitors.

The January meeting was well attended and we gained a new member. My question is what are we going to have to do to keep the attendance in club meetings and activities up? I can think of contests and monetary incentives we could do, is this what it takes? We meet with a common interest, but our members have several avenues of interest and specialties to be shared. It would be nice if members would give a program on something they do or somewhere they have been. Just relax and be yourself, the program need not be fancy or long.

I am opening myself up and would appreciate some feedback on why you attend or don't attend club meetings and activities. I can be reached by phone 483-1610 after 6 PM: by e-mail jna@inetnebr.com; or snail mail 3028 South 35th St., Lincoln, NE 68506. I am interested.

See you at the meeting!

Jim Atkins



Geology Day

Feb 18 Sun 1:00-4:00 pm PB Free
 Learn about fossils, minerals, rocks and gemstones. Members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club will set up displays, share information, and conduct demonstrations. They will also help you identify your own specimens during this free drop-in program.

The following Suggested Budget for the year 2001 was considered at the LGMC Board Meeting of February 7 and is recommended for approval of the General Membership to use as a guide for the year. Please be ready to vote on it February 24.

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club
Suggested Budget for 2001

ESTIMATED INCOME

Annual Show		\$1,500.00
Interest		2,000.00
Membership Dues		700.00
Miscellaneous Income		200.00
Total Income		\$ 4,400.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSE

Dues to Affiliate Organizations			
Friends of the State Museum	\$55.00		
Midwest Federation	135.00		
Nebr. Assn. Earth Science Clubs	60.00	\$ 250.00	
Meeting Site Rental		1,000.00	
Insurance (Officers' Bond & General Liability)		250.00	
Pick & Shovel Publication/Mailing		600.00	
Post Office Box Rental and Safety Deposit Rental		90.00	
Misc. Postage		100.00	
Refreshments			
Anniversary/Swap-Jan	\$ 125.00		
Show Set-Up	275.00		
General Meetings	100.00	500.00	
Scholarships		500.00	
Awards		100.00	
Field Trip Expense/First Aid Kits		100.00	
Historian		200.00	
Librarian (Books Magazine Binders Bookcases)		100.00	
Programs		150.00	
Misc. Officer & Committee Exp.		200.00	
(Sec.-\$40, Treas.-\$40, Membership-\$20, Sunshine-\$30, Corporation fee \$20, Misc. \$50)			
Christmas Dinner Meeting		150.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 4,290.00	
TENTATIVE GAIN		\$ 110.00	

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Jan. 3, 2001
 Kinkos, Conference R. - 48th & Vine 7:00 P.M.

Newly elected President Jim Atkins called the Meeting to order with 5 Board Members present and 1 guest, Ed Ridge.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved with motion by Grant Bennett; 2nd by Jim Marburger. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Jim Marburger, 2nd by Vera Lyman. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for approval and payment with motion by Vera L; 2nd by Jim M. Motion carried.

Total cost of the meat for the Christmas was \$ 73.81. However, some was sold to members after the party (since a lot was left) so this will lower the cost.

Two CD,s were also renewed on Dec 29,2000 for 11 mos. each.

NO OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Lincoln Public Schools is having a Pfizer Science Fair for 5th & 6th graders on Tuesday Evening from 5-8 P.M. at Ag Hall. They were wondering if anyone from LGMC would like to do a "hands on" presentation. Suzy McMahan volunteered to do a presentation. *DATE - Tue. March 20th*

President will check with Susan Taylor to see if she will continue to work as Chairperson.

Jim Marburger, Show Chairman, reported on some of the details of the 2001 Show. He announced that a Show Meeting would be held on Jan 18, (Thurs) at Kinkos at 7:00 P.M.

Future Meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

General: - Feb. 24	NCCE	Board - Feb 7	Kinkos
- Mar. 24-25	SHOW (no Meeting)	- Mar.7	"
- Apr. 28	Antelope Park	- Apr 4	"
- May 19	Bethany Park	- May 2	"

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman
 Vera Lyman, Secretary

LGMC Treasurer's Report for January 2001

Pinnacle Bank Checking Balance 12/31/ 2000

\$ 6068.59

Receipts:

Membership Dues 2001	293.00	
Suspense-Member Subs to Gem Palette	22.75	
Overpayment on Dues Checks	3.50	
Suspense-Member Name Badges	28.00	
Suspense-CD Rom Order by Members	349.62	
Silent Auction-Swap (Spec.Lap.Equip.Fund)	130.25	
10% Surcharge-Swap(General Fund)	123.32	
Accounts Receivable-P & S ads 2000	45.00	
Accounts Receivable-sale meats 2000 Christmas	11.15	
2001 Show Dealer & Demo Booths	<u>435.00</u>	1441.59
Suspense-Return of Swap change fund to bank		<u>500.00</u>

Payments:

Accounts Payable-2000 State Sales Tax-Show	349.52
Dues to Organizations-Midwest Federation	139.50
Nebr.Assn.Earth Sci.	66.00
Friends State Museum	110.00
City Parks/Recreation Shelter-Apr.-May-Oct.	180.00
Kinkos-Jan.3 Bd.Meet, Jan.18 Show Com.	25.00
Office Max-Jan.Pick & Shovel & Misc.Expense	53.89
The Hartford Insurance-Officer's Bond	126.00
Kay for Youth Expense-Swap meal at Vals	44.10
Pershing Auditorium-Show Rent Deposit	700.00
Show expenses	220.62
Security Storage- 6 months rent	378.00
Suspense-Change for Swap(to be redeposited)	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>2892.63</u>

Pinnacle Bank Checking Balance 1/31/2001

\$ 5117.55

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - GENERAL MEETING - Jan. 27, 2001
NCCE Scottsbluff-Minden rooms 7:30 P.M.

Annual Swap - Silent Auctions 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. (23rd)

President Atkins called the Meeting to order; with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Grant Bennett.

In attendance were 29 members, 5 Juniors and 1 visitor; Judy Riley, who filled out an application for membership.

Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as printed, with a motion by Shirley Rockel, 2nd by Grant Bennett. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was approved as printed with motion by Grant Bennett, 2nd by Bill Rockel. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Re: Purchase of CD Rom of "Photo Atlas of Minerals" (program introduced at our Sept Meeting by Eric Fritzsich). Board approved purchase of 9 for City Libraries; one for Club Library. We have received 10 individual orders (total of 20) so our price is now \$ 29.95 plus p & h (\$5.00)

Grant Bennett is collecting any cancelled stamps you may have for MWF. Please get them to Grant.

Shirley Rockel announced she is collecting pop can tabs for charities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thanks to Dave & Charlene Bingell for a successful Swap/Auction. Well done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

43rd Annual Show - March 24-25 - "INNER BEAUTY"

Jim Marburger - Chairman - Reported that plans are going well.

14 Dealers; 12 Demonstrators (Selling & Non-selling)

Breakfast at Old Country Buffet on Sunday morning. Special programs; Special features, one is a petrified wood display. Attendees will also be able to vote on "Eest display". Ed Ridge had sign-up sheet for displays

Betty White invited everyone to attend the Kansas City Show on March 9,10, and 11.

Thus far, 55 have paid membership dues for 2001. Also, anyone who wishes to have their E-mail address printed in the Who's Who, there is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned.

Roger Pabian presented a very interest program on "History and Trivia" of "Rock Collectors".

This was followed by Anniversary Cake and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman

Vera Lyman, Secretary

I CAN DO THAT!

By Beverly Moreau, Past President CFMS via PEGMATITE

We all like to be acknowledged for our abilities, so think of it as a privilege when you are asked to take on that extra responsibility. Say, "I can do that!"

2001 SHOW PLANS to date: At the January meeting we learned that the dealers, demonstrators, special exhibits and programs are all well in hand. Space needs for each club member's display was established for those in attendance. If you missed out please notify Ed Ridge, Exhibits Chair, of your space needs before the 1st of March so that he can complete his plans for set up. Times and type of help each of you can give for set up and tear down should be forwarded to Show Chairman James Marburger or Phyllis Parks, Show Secretary, by the middle of March.

LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB



43rd ANNUAL SHOW

"Inner Beauty"

Please Put These Show Dates on Your Calendars

March 24-25, 2001

Demonstrations

Dealers

Programs

Displays

Gem Dig

Rock Races

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Hours: Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Sunday 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Pershing Auditorium Between M St. and N St. on 15th, Downtown Lincoln, NE

**Admission: Adults-\$4.00, Children under 12-Free with Adult
Two-day pass - \$6.00**

Bring this flyer or ads from the paper for \$1.00 off all paid admissions to the show

OLIVE M. COLHOUR

By Bill Luke, NWF 1st Vice President

Olive M. Colhour, known to rockhounds everywhere, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2000, the day after Thanksgiving, at the age of 102. With her passing, the rockhounding and lapidary world has lost one of its most gifted artists. She had lived for several years with her son and his wife north of Seattle. Recently, she had been in a rest home and had enjoyed generally good health.

Olive was born April 2, 1898, in New Zealand, and lived for some time in Vancouver, B.C. She had two grown sons by a previous marriage when she met and married Ralph Colhour in 1937. They lived in Keyport, Washington, where Ralph was a machinist and builder. During World War II, Olive worked in the machine shop at the torpedo station.

Olive began her beautiful, artistic lapidary work when she was 56 years old. With no knowledge, training nor equipment, she began to find the beauty in rocks. Ralph, a machinist, built tools and equipment for her to work with and she joined a rock club in 1948 in hopes of learning from others. Just a few years later she won the Best of Show award at the 1955 show in Yakima, Washington. Within four years of her initiation into the lapidary field, she had won every American Federation of Mineralogical Societies award in all nine categories. In the next couple of decades we were all to learn of her works through many articles in Lapidary Journal and shows throughout the United States and Canada.

Olive's first book, "My Search for Beauty", was published in 1993. Here, along with photos and descriptions of her beautiful works, you will learn about field trips, outdoor stories about people met along the way and some philosophies of an artist. A second book was published in 1997 and the first printing completed just in time for her 100th birthday! It contains stories and poems by both Olive and Ralph and many of the Lapidary Journal articles. From these works, we learn that Olive was sincere, humorous, dedicated, humble and had been given a talent that she said was "a gift from God."

MAY MORNING

by Olive M. Colhour

There's a lesson to be learned
Every step along the way.
Stop and read life's sign posts,
They will guide you every day.

View the clover in the fields,
Smell the scent of new mown hay.
You'll know God's sunbeam is shining
Somewhere along the way.

Lift up your voice and sing,
To a benevolent Father above,
The pain will ease, tears will dim,
And your heart will fill with love.

from "Creating Lapidary Art - Working With Gemstones"
Contributed by Bill Luke

MURPHY'S LAWS OF MINERAL COLLECTING source unknown

1. The specimens that you like will cost more than you have.
2. The specimens that you hate will always be on sale.
3. The specimen you love, and order, will be sold the day before you order.
4. The day after you receive the specimen you settled for instead, the sale on the one you really wanted will fall through and it will again be available, but this time it will be more than what you have.

2001 ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Jim Atkins,	3028 So.35th St.	Lincoln, NE 68506	483-1610
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Secretary:	Vera Lyman,	420 N. 56th St.	Lincoln, NE 68504	464-6089
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Board Member.	Charlene Bingell	925 El Avado Avenue	Lincoln, NE 68504	466-4877
Board Member	David Heffelbower,	1819 Washington St.	Lincoln, NE 68502(cell)	499-2970
Board Member	Brett Jurgens,	14421 Danvers St.	Waverly, NE 68462	786-2756
Board Member	James Marburger	330 Locust	Hickman, NE 68372	792-2348

Nominating Committee

3 years	David Bingell
	Billie Heffelbower
2 years	Jim Parks
	Charlene Bingell
1 year	Jerry Moore
	Kevin Schwartman

Chairman-Immediate Past President Edward Ridge

Long Range Planning & By-Laws Committee

3 years	Vera M. Lyman
	Roger K. Pabian
2 years:	Charles Wooldridge
	Kevin Schwartman
1 year:	David Heffelbower
	Jim Parks

Standing Committees

Membership:	Shirley Rockel	Programs:	David Heffelbower
Education:	Roger Pabian	MWF Liaison:	Vera Lyman
Field Trips:	? Coordinator	Scholarship:	Susan Taylor
Historian:	Susy McMahan	Christmas Party	Susy McMahan ?
Hospitality:	Charlene Bingell		
Study Coordinator:?		2001 Show:	Jim Marburger
Housing/Property:	Jim Parks	2002 Show:	Roger K. Pabian
Youth Activities:	Kay Jurgens	2001 Swap	Charlene & David Bingell
Librarian:	Roger Pabian	2002 Swap:	

Auditing Committee:? Jerry Moore, Mike Jurgens, Francis Belholovy

Gem Palette Correspondent: Grant Bennett ?

L. G. M. C. Web Page Address :

Geology Day Coordinator: 2nd Vice President

<http://nesen.unl.edu/lgmc/lgmc.html>

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IT'S TIME

TO START THINKING ABOUT
LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S

43rd Annual Show
at

PERSHING MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

March 24 - 25, 2001

"INNER BEAUTY"

Show Chairman - James Marburger

Read your bulletin for new materials or specials from the above advertisers.

Advertising by rock-hobby business or interest is permitted with the approval of the Board. The rate now set at \$15.00 per full page; \$7.50 per 1/2 page; \$4.00 per 1/3 page; and \$3.75 per 1/4 page(min) per issue, paid in advance. These ads will be placed through the bulletin as space permits.

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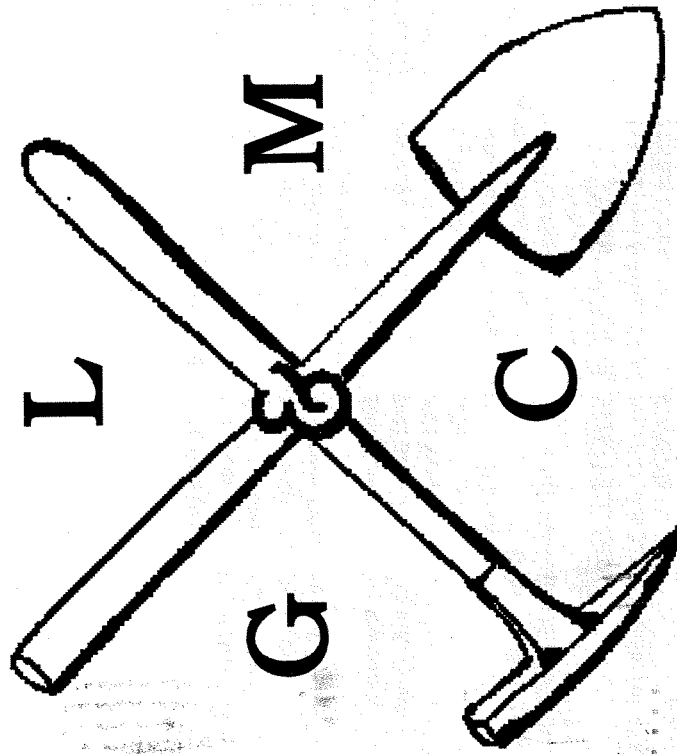
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Adult	(ages 16 and over)	\$10.00 per year
Junior	(ages 12 to 16)	\$ 2.00 per year
Family Membership	(Husband,wife,resident children under age 16)	\$22.00 per year

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.

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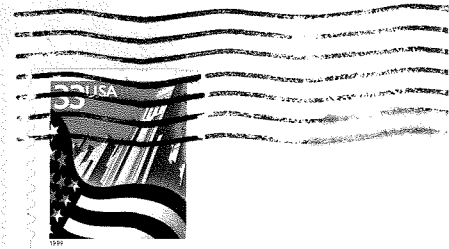
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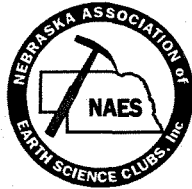
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