

CALENDAR

Meeting: Saturday, April 28, Antelope Park Shelter, 31st & Sumner St., 7:30 PM.
Annual Scholarship Presentation, Coffee & Snacks will be served.

Program: Scholarship Presentation

Youth Kay suggests that you 'brainstorm' on a special activity or project to do.

May Meeting- 3rd Weekend, the 19th, Bethany Park Shelter, Cotner & Vine Streets, 7:30 PM
Dessert Supper--Club furnish coffee, **Members** bring dessert & table service.

NEXT LGMC SHOW - MARCH 23-24, 2002, Pershing Auditorium (Our 44th Annual Show)

Nearby Shows and Events to Visit

April 19	STAMPS	'First Day of Issue Ceremony' Elephant Hall, UNL State Museum "Great Plains Prairie Pane of Stamps" 10"30 AM
April 20-22	SHOW	Wichita Gem & Mineral Soc., 48 th Annual, Cessna Activity Center
May 4-5	SHOW	Kalamazoo Gem & Mineral Society, Fairgrounds County Center Bldg.
May 12-13	SHOW	Grand Junction, CO., 54 th Annual Earthly Treasures G & M Show, Two Rivers Convention Center.
May 18-20	SWAP	Ellenwood, Kansas-City Park, 38 th Annual
Oct. 7-8	SHOW	Nebr. Mineral & Gem Soc., 46 th Annual, Ford Hall, Holiday Inn Central, Omaha, NE
Oct. 20-21	SHOW	Grand Island Earth Science Soc., 27 th Annual, Fonner Park. G.I., NE

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

Hats off to all the juniors for an outstanding performance at the show! I couldn't be prouder of their ideas and efforts. Each year we do a better job than the last year. Juniors, I had some great compliments on how well you conducted yourselves. Super workers, in alphabetical order, included Chris, Katie and Ben Akins, Daniel Bannister, Ariana Bingell, Danny Cromer, Andrew Lundgren-Parks, and Aaron Nelson. We also had some friends help out. Thank you to everyone! I would really like to do something special as a group, so put your thinking caps on. A field trip might be an idea.

This year's show also brought us some excitement due to the extra shows going on at Pershing, although it did inconvenience us in our set-up a bit. The excitement started when Ariana was given a tour of the Destiny's Child stage by the stage manager. The second bit of excitement came at 10:35 PM as Kay, Janelle, Brett and Danny were about to pack up and leave from the late set-up. A van entered the basement of Pershing for Destiny's Child to leave in, supposedly in five minutes. We decided to wait. The wait turned out to be two hours, but then, Kay was busy setting up the entire time anyway. When asking a policeman for an interview for her school paper, Janelle instead was directed upstairs to where Destiny's Child was meeting people with backstage passes. (Value of \$75 and much higher, we were told.) Without a ticket to the concert or a backstage pass, Janelle ended up meeting all three members of the group, getting a longer period to talk than the people who had passes because she was the last one. Oh, the excitement! Then there was the wait for them to come down to the van, so we busied ourselves preparing a memento of the rock show for them. Janelle chose an agate cut and polished by our own famous Roger Pabian and a small geode which had been donated to the juniors by Betty and Bill White for each of the three girls in the group. She added notes explaining the show, in case she wouldn't get to explain it. They LOVED the rocks!!!! Perhaps they'll become avid rock hounds someday.

Danny was less excited about the personal encounter, but can put it on his list of "nights to remember". He can remember how tired he was!

Report has it that Andy, Katie, and Ben got to enjoy the fine horse show on Sunday evening. We all had quite a weekend!

Hats off to Danny Cromer who placed first in his county spelling bee and fifth in the district. Whoa, Danny, there's no way I'd want to compete with you!

FROM KAY JURGENS

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THE GLACIAL DRIFTER

Feb./Mar. 2001

FIND THE GEMS and MINERALS

Find the gems and minerals listed up, down, diagonal, or backwards.

E E C H R Y S O P R A S E T S	AMBER	RHYOLITE
T E T I L A D O S P I N E L S	BERYL	RUBY
I T L O N Y X E N O N L E E A	BORON.	RUTILE
S A Z T R A U Q D S Y C L L E	BORT	SARD
O Y E L Y R E B O R O N A I T	CHERT	SILVER
R D B O R T D L O G A P H T I	CHRYSOPRASE	SHALE
H I O U C K R E V L I S S U N	COPPER	SDALITE
C A T U R Q U O I S E H O R O	CRYSTAL	SPINEL
O M I C A E T I L U H T U C G	DIAMOND	TALC
D O J A D E L A T S Y R C O A	GOLD	THULITE
O N O C R I Z M L D F E L P X	HEXAGONITE	TOURMALINE
H D I F F U T B E A V H A P E	JADE	TUFF
R H Y O L I T E T R P C T E H	LAPIS LAZULI	TURQUOISE
P E N I L A M R U O T O K R T	MICA	XENON
	ONYX	ZIRCON
	OPAL	
	QUARTZ	
	RHODOCHROSITE	

from Rockette, via The Hound's Tale, taken from THE POST ROCK 7/98

President's Letter

I want to thank Jim Marburger (and Sharon) for chairing and organizing the club's annual show at Pershing Auditorium. The show ran smoothly with minimal problems if any. The Sunday breakfast at Old Country Buffet was well attended with about 40+ members and dealers. Harry Stewart was presented with a plaque for all his years of security work for the show. He is going to retire this year. Thank you to all the members, including our two new members who helped set up and tear down tables and displays. Without your help the show wouldn't happen.

Roger Pabian is chairing the 2002 show and we hope to sponsor a state show. This has not happened for several years. This will be a big show. Lets all back Roger with our support.

The Science Fair at the fairgrounds was a big success. Thank you Susy McMahan for chairing this event. Helpers for this event were Roger Pabian, Ed Ridge an David Bingell. They set up a "hands on" display, and had all kinds of participants "polishing" cabs. A good time was had by all

At this months meeting the club will award our annual \$500 scholarship to some lucky UNL student. The Rockhound of the Year Award will be given at this meeting to some deserving member.

See you at the meeting April 28th.

Jim Atkins

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Report from 2001 Show Display Chairman:

There were 63 displays plus 4 more from the demonstrators. The number of displays can be broken down --17 club members, 1 was a junior, 2 were from special features, 2 former members, 10 dealers, 1 from another club.

For 'Best Displays at the Show' **The Peoples Choice**--We had about 321 ballots, plus 1 ticket,, 1 yo-yo, and 2 pennies. By single case the ballots came out

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1 Norman Balliet | big case of wood |
| 2 Howard McGill | Cabin |
| 3 Susy McMahan | mixed specimens & turtles |
| 4 &5 (a tie)Schoolers | Crab |
| Bill White | mixed case of cabs |
| 6 Howard McGill | Sheep Wagon |
| 7 Parks | Pleisiosaur |
| 8 Howard McGill | Corn Wagon |
| 9 Loomis Truesdale | the one with larger slabs including an ocean view from Canada |
| 10 Ed Ridge | Before and After. |

Personally, they were all winners who displayed.

Edward Ridge

ADVENTURES BY GRANT

I love going to various gem shows throughout the states. This one happened to be right here at home. It was held the 24th and 25th of March in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club started out like many clubs for a show. A lot of confusion and work but it all fell into place at the end. Thanks a lot to all of you for the set up and also for the tear down after the show. Sorry we never saw more of the membership there helping out. But there are things to consider such as illness and or a previous commitment.

Both days, Saturday and Sunday, were well attended. The weather was great, but cold.

Now a bit about the show. There were 14 dealers who supplied all the needed material for the Rockhound. Four fantastic featured exhibits, Miniature Farm Equipment made of petrified wood by Howard McGill of Ava, Missouri; Award Winning Cabochons by Loomis Truesdale of St. Charles, Missouri; Gem Identification Contest by Bob Fixter of Lincoln, Nebraska; Hubbard Basin Petrified Wood from Nevada by Norman Balliet of Central City, Nebraska. Our own Norman Balliet won "Best of Show" award. There were 61 cases of many wonderful things to look at. The club's Youth were busy with their Rock Racing, the Wheel, and a Gem Dig. The Youth Group also handled an hourly raffle with many prizes donated by our dealers and club members. Thank you, Kay Jurgens, for a very good job with the Youth Group. We also had 4 Selling Demonstrators and 7 Non-selling Demonstrators. They had many interesting subjects to show, teach and talk about. Let us not forget the programs that were given, 6 in all. They were 'Colorful Gemstones' by Bob Fixter of Lincoln, Ne., 'Lapidary Fundamentals' by Roger Pabian of Lincoln, Ne., 'Home Built Lapidary Equipment' by Bill White of Independence, Mo., 'Fossils and Petrified Wood' by Norman Balliet, Central City, Ne., 'Beauty of Microscopic Minerals' by Eric Fritzsche, Omaha, Ne., and 'Opal' by David Heffelbower of Lincoln, Ne. All were well attended and many good comments were heard of all programs.

The 'Old Timers Mineral Club' had a portion of the tables used by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club Information Booth. A number of interested people stopped by to talk and take membership applications for the Old Timers. Shirley Rockel was the representative for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. She was kept busy explaining the functions of the club and I do know that she gained some new members.

This year's show ended at 5 PM Sunday. It was a very busy place, dealers packing up for the next show, everyone tearing down their show cases..

On a final note, if any of you know of an ill or injured club member, please contact our Editor so that it can be entered in our bulletin, The Pick & Shovel.

Grant D. Bennett, 1st Vice Pres., LGMC, Director Ye Old Timers Mineral Club, Gem Palette Report

OTHER ADVENTURES BY GRANT

Another year of shows has arrived. This time Roger Pabian and I headed to the Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Show which was held 9, 10 and 11 of March at the Kansas City Market Center. Roger to present a program on Agate, me to promote membership in Ye Old Timers Mineral Club. It is a three and a half hour drive from Lincoln. So instead of idle chit chat, Roger and I went through the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's By Laws for any suggested changes. It sure helped to pass the time.

Arrived safely in Kansas City. Checked into the Park Place Hotel. Was a nice place and very close to the gem show. We checked into the show to pick up passes. Roger to see where he was to speak, me to find where to set up the old timers. Had a great place between the Flint Knappers and the Arizona Petrified Wood Dealer.

What a great show, it is one not to be missed. The feature exhibit was 'Mr. Bones', a unique puppet that Tim Seeber could get inside to make it seem alive. It was the skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex, easily ten feet tall. I found out later it was made up of papier-mache and styro foam. Great attraction when he walked around the show. There were 9 college exhibits and 7 special invitational exhibits. Also 7 excellent slide programs and lectures. A mind boggling 32 dealers, something for every rockhound and beader. 8 demonstrating dealers plus 24 club craft demonstrators.

So many wonderful people to meet and talk to. They were all very knowledgeable on the particular craft they were demonstrating. Being close to the flint knappers I had the pleasure of talking to Roy Motley. Also spent time talking to Bob Kennedy on chain making. Sitting across the aisle from me was Mel Long doing wire wrapping. She had made 27 rings for the children on Friday. This was a crowded, busy day for 3500 children got to visit the show.

In all that I could count there were 125 cases set up. What beautiful displays of each individual's work. They should be proud of their case.

Spent a part of an evening at the auction held on Saturday night. What a crowd of people and the many things to bid on. Bidding was quite lively.

The workers that spent the time to set up and partake of the show did a fantastic job.

Thanks for letting the Old Timers be a small part of it. See you down the road. Grant

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MARCH 7, 2001
7:00 P.M. @ Kinkos, 48th & Vine - Conference Rm.

President Atkins called the Meeting to order.
Minutes of the February Meeting were approved with motion by Phyllis P.
2nd by Jim Marburger. Carried.

Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Jim M., 2nd by Grant
Bennett. Carried.

All bills were approved as presented for payment with motion by Susan
McMahan; 2nd by Dave Heffelbower. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Phyllis Parks to approve expense of Officers name
bars (on name tags). Second was made by Grant Bennett. Motion carried.

The Science Fair being held by LPS/Pfizer at Ag Hall will be Tues.
March 20, 2001 ; 4:30 - 8:00 P.M. Volunteers are Susan McMahan,
Roger Pabian, Judy Reilly, Ed Ridge.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plaque for Life Membership to honor John & Lillie Lewis. Secretary
to purchase, in addition to 'name bars' previously mentioned under
old business.

The CD ROMS "Photo Atlas of Minerals" which the Club purchased for
the 9 Lincoln Public Libraries will be presented to a Library
representative around 10:30 A.M. on Sat. March 24 over KFOR during
our Show.

Some suggestions to create interest in the Club were;

A contest for bringing in and/or cutting rocks (special recog-
nition for effort)

Listing General Meeting in Journal/Star on Calendar page monthly.

SHOW REPORT: Jim Marburger, Chairman

Reported all phases are "GO"! Every Chairperson seems to have their
duties in order. Each has done a great job. We're looking forward
to having a wonderful show.

MEMBERSHIP:

Brianna Fields - 13 yrs ol - Junior member (Her father is already a
member). Motion for approval by Vera Lyman, 2nd by Charlene Bingell.
Carried.

MEETINGS: LRP & By-Laws Committee will meet sometime after Show is
over.

Susan McMahan, Historian, will meet with John & Lillie Lewis to pick
up Club History files.

Next Board Meeting will be April 4, 2001 - 7 P.M. at Kinkos, 48 & Vine.
No General Meeting in March. SHOW is March 24-25.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman
Vera Lyman, Secretary

"A special note from Kay Jurgens__ Thank you so much for the honor of being the queen of the
show. I couldn't think of a better king to share the moment with. It was a great time, Jerry!"

LGMC Treasurer's Report for March 2001**Pinnacle Bank Checking Balance 2/28/ 2001****\$ 3506.06****Receipts:**

Members Dues & Registrations- 2001	64.00	
Donations to Spec. Lap. Equip.Fund	75.00	
Suspense-Change Fund & CD Roms	939.90	
Youth Activities at Show	827.41	
2001 Show Income	<u>5475.60</u>	7381.91
Cash 3 month Cert. Deposit into Checking		5000.00

Payments:

Kinkos-Mar 7 Bd.Meet	15.00	
February Club Meeting Rent	100.00	
January Swap Expense	7.00	
Mar. P & S Printing & 3 months covers	71.27	
Insurance for Club and Show	250.00	
Non-Profit Organization Corp. Fee	20.00	
Plaques-Rockhound 2000 & LifeMembers- LGMC	70.56	
Officer & Board Member Tags	52.72	
Misc. Postage & Expenses	22.36	
Refreshments for Set Up Day	254.84	
Reserve Antelope Shelter Dec. Meeting	60.00	
Show Expenses paid in March	4286.02	
Suspense-Change Fund, GP Sub.,Name Badges	<u>920.18</u>	<u>6134.16</u>

Pinnacle Bank Checking Balance 3/31/2001**9753.81**

Please add these new and/or reinstated members to your 200` Who's Who:

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Have you visited any pages recently?

All of you web-surfers out there might be interested to know that the agate pages at:

<http://csd.unl.edu/csd/programs/agateres.html>

have been update recently. We have added about 50 new agate images to the agate pages. There are about 100 new entries into the agate bibliography and about 90 new entries to the agate lexicon. Through the latter two sources you will be able to glean many references and source names for world-wide occurrences of agates. Where we could, we provided the name of the agate and some published references you can search to learn more about your stones.

Robert M. B. de Jager of the Netherlands has assembled an outstanding page of agates from Europe and Eurasia that you can view at:

<http://agates.freesevers.com>

Robert has shared many of his images with me and he recently clued me into a new web page that deals with agates from historic sites in Germany that you will find at:

<http://www.mineralworld.de/Achate/achate.html>

I also recommend the Agate from Scotland page at:

<http://www.curriehj.freeseve.co.uk/agates.htm>

For those of you who like invertebrate fossils, we have added some new entries to the Nebraska Invertebrate Fossil page at:

<http://csd.unl.edu/csd/programs/fossils.htm>

There you will find quite a few images and descriptive and interpretive text dealing with brachiopods from the Winterset limestone and from the Stull shale. Brachiopods from the Kiewitz shale will soon be posted. Most of the images came from specimens that were collected by Bill Rushlau of Omaha. Ed Schafer of Omaha made almost all of the images on a digital camera and their efforts to the completion of this part of the page are deeply appreciated and acknowledged.

Barry Sutton who lives in the St. Louis area has created a website dealing with the fossils and paleoecology of the Lake Neosho shale of middle Pennsylvanian age that is found as an outlier in the St. Louis area. You can look up this site at:

http://members.aol.com/_ht_a/paleoviewer/Pennsylvanian.html

There you will see a number of fossils that resemble much of the material from the late Pennsylvanian rocks of Nebraska but that they are just a bit older than what we find here. I think all fossil buffs will enjoy this site.

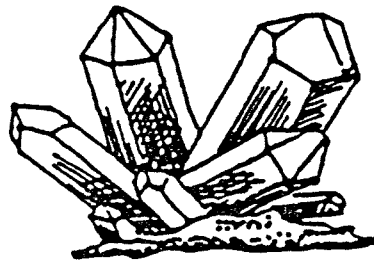
I hope you enjoy these pages.

Roger K. Pabian

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Saturday was one of those days that's not to be forgotten. As planned, I went on over to Coleman's Mine to see the mammoth 10,000 lb. quartz crystal cluster they'd pulled out of the mine the day before.

I'm telling you, this is one big cluster. So big that a new cleaning vat has to be built for it, because it won't fit into any of theirs. After getting it out and washing all the clay off - they decided it's actual weight was between 10,000 and 12,000 lbs. This thing is at least 10 ft. long by 5ft deep and is about chest high.



Arkansas Crystal Cluster

From Pickin's & Diggin's, 12/00



from QUARRY QUIPS 1/2001

The crystals are exceptionally clear for their large size, normally the larger the crystal the more milky white their color. Not these though, many of the thigh sized points will be of the clear variety. The lower half of the cluster is impressive with it's huge points jutting out this way and that. The upper part of it looks as if someone stacked dozens and dozens of jumbo sized double-terminated points one on top of the other on it.

Lorraine, who is the manager at the Coleman Mine, told me that it had taken about a month from the time it was discovered for them to get it out of the pit. All the time they took in digging it really paid off though. It came out undamaged and looking like a million...And that's the price they've tagged on it \$1,000,000,000.00

MORE ABOUT THE CRYSTAL

by Frances Johnson, Editor, HOURGLASS NEWS 1-2/01

Feb. 8, 2001, I called and talked to Loraine at the Coleman Crystal Mine. She confirmed the cluster weighed five tons, was 9 feet long, and 5 feet high and was amazingly clear for a cluster of that size. It came out the first weekend in November (2000).

She told a friend of hers in Germany about it and he flew over and was quite impressed. He took a lot of pictures and showed them to a geologist friend of his. Feb. 9th, 2001, they were meeting with the Colemans for a conference with the purpose of purchasing the million dollar (\$1,000,000.00) cluster.

THOUGHTS.....

EVERY MEMBER should realize that he
Has a job he can do in our society.
Not shoutin' the loudest or braggin' the best;
Not trying to equal or outdo the rest.
Just being your own natural, likeable self,
And putting your worries way back on the shelf....
To gather fuzz as a worthless thing;
For in this way you are bound to bring
To the club meetings, your very best,
Not just for yourself, but for all the rest.
It ain't the biggness you got under your hat,
But the friendship you left in the seat where you sat!!

...from Sequoia bulletin, via The Rockytier 8/83, and reprinted
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	Charlene Bingell
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2 years:	Charles Wooldridge
	Kevin Schwartman
1 year:	David Heffelbower
	Jim Parks

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Librarian:	Roger Pabian	2002 Swap:	

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Show Chairman - James Marburger

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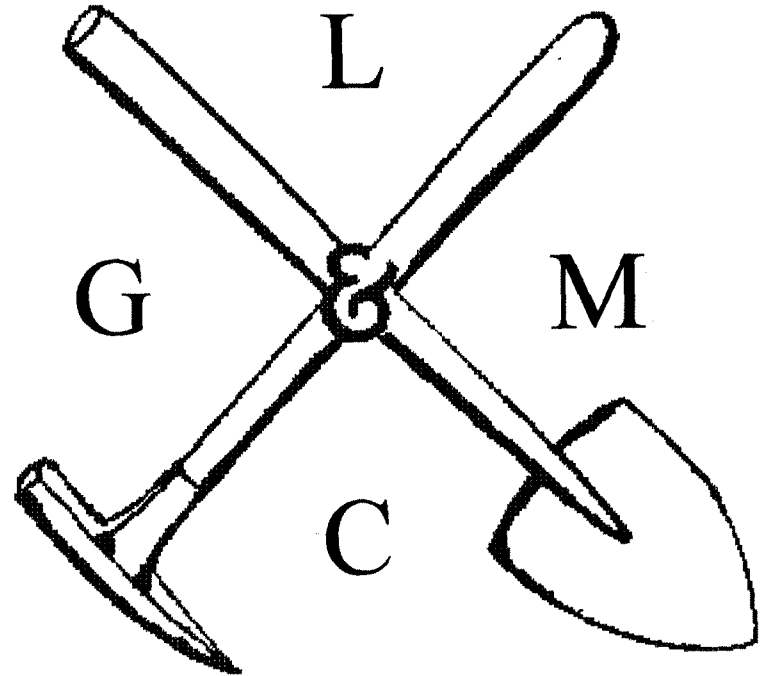
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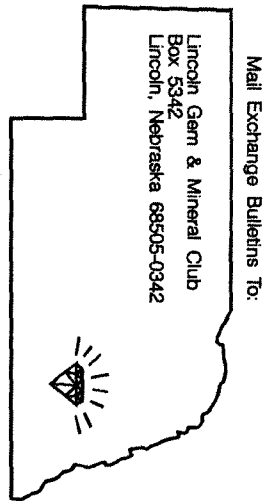
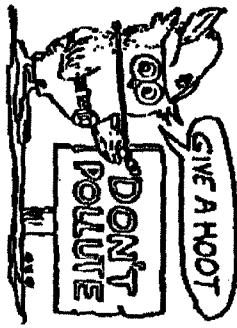
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