

THE PICK & SHOVEL

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Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club - Lincoln Nebraska

General Meetings & Board Meetings

Board Meetings

Gere Library - 7 PM room 1

September 5, 2007

October 3, 2007

November 7, 2007

December 5, 2007

General Meetings

All general meetings will be held at the Bethany Park Shelter at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of the month. December and January are the only exceptions.

May 17, 2007

June, July August 2007 - No Meetings

September 20, 2007

October 18, 2007

November 15, 2007

December 9, 2007

Are there any club members that will be able to attend the S.C.O.R.E. Camp in Imperial, NE June 11-15?

Please call Jim Marburger at 402-792-2337 or e-mail jm24122@windstream.net

Any help will be accepted.
Lodging and food are provided.

RockHound for 2005



Pictured are Roger Pabian receiving the plaque for Bill and Betty White from John Harrison.

The ROCKHOUND of the YEAR for 2005 was given to Bill and Betty White of Independence, Missouri.

Bill and Betty are long time club members and have attended and participated in our annual show for many a year. They missed this year due to health problems. They were missed.

We hope that they are well and hope to see them in the near future.



2007 Summer Time Get-A-Way Field Trip

I have been contacted by the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild about a joint field trip to the Crawford area. We all had a great time when we made this trip in 2005.

2007 Summer Time Get-A-Way Field Trip

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club invites you to participate in our Summer Time Get-A-Way Field Trip to the Oglala National Grasslands north of Crawford, Nebraska. The trip is planned for July 1,2,3 with travel on the June 30 and 4 or 5th for the Lincoln Club. This is because it is about a 500 mile trip from Lincoln, and we don't even leave the state! At this time, we are planning to make camp at Fort Robinson State Park. Also there is a campground at Toadstool Park in the heartland of the Oglala National Grasslands. The park is located 4 miles north of Crawford on State Highway 2 and 71, then about 15 miles northwest on Toadstool Road. There are signs to direct you to the park. The campground consists of 6 picnic tables and fire grates, a hand water pump, and fully accessible modern vault toilets. A \$3 per vehicle day use fee or \$5 per night camping fee is charged. Back country or primitive camping is allowed anywhere on the National Grasslands. Campfires are allowed unless restricted due to high fire danger.

The Oglala National Grasslands and surrounding area is a virtual paradise for those interested in rocks, minerals, gemstones and fossils. A wide variety of cutting material, including prairie agate (state rock), chalcedony, Nebraska blue agate (state gemstone), petrified wood, jasper, moss agate, palm wood, and flint can be found. Minerals and fossils to be found include barite sand crystals, pseudomorph chalcedony roses after calcite, fossil clams, fossil plants, cycads, leaf imprints, and fossilized algae, just to name a few. Collection on private land requires permission from the owner. Rock hounding is allowed anywhere on the National Grasslands, with the following restrictions: Collecting of any object for commercial purposes is prohibited; trading and bartering are considered commercial activities. USDA, Forest Services policy and guidance in 36 CFR 261.9 states, "The following are prohibited: digging in, excavating, disturbing, injuring, destroying, or in any way damaging any prehistoric, historic, or archeological objects." A permit is required for the collection of vertebrate paleontological specimens, including their trace fossils (tracks) on any federal lands. These permits are issued only for scientific research and educational purposes. Currently, the entire Grasslands is open to motorized travel, however, if heavy rain should occur, the roads can become mucky due to bentonite clay.

Motels are an option for those who do not camp.

Hilltop Motel
304 McPherson St.
Crawford, NE 69339
(308) 665-1144

Town Line Motel
3591 Highway 20
Crawford, NE 69339
(308) 665-1629

There is a great campground west of Crawford called Fort Robinson State Park. This park is busy and information can be found at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission website.

http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/parks/guides/parksearch/showpark.asp?Area_No=77

There is a lot going on in Crawford on the July 4 weekend: July 1 Junior King and Queen Contest – Crawford Rodeo Grounds 8 a.m., Junior Rodeo – Crawford 10 a.m., OWT Rodeo Queen and Princess Contest Banquet – 6 p.m., July 1-2 OWT Rodeo Queen and Princess Contest, July 2 OWT Rodeo Queen and Princess Coronation – 6:30 p.m., July 2-4 PRCA Rodeo – Crawford – 8 p.m., July 1-4 34th Annual Western & Wildlife Art Show - Fort Robinson Veterinary Hospital, July 4 5K Run – 7:30 a.m., Annual Parade – Theme "Community of Helping Hands" 10 a.m., City Park Barbecue – 11 a.m., Live Music – 12 to 6 p.m. – City Park, Old West Trail Rodeo, 8 p.m., Fireworks – Crawford Rodeo Grounds following Rodeo, and July 4 Annual 4th of July Celebration/Picnic – Fort Robinson. This is in addition to all the great rocks and friendships that can be collected.

We will have our cell phones on and hope there is cell coverage. Jim Marburger (402) 430-6703, Sharon Marburger (402) 429-3323. You may phone us at home prior to June 30 if you have questions - (402) 792-2337 – or e-mail jm24122@windstream.net.

MAY PROGRAM

The program for May is "Sand to Summit". The story of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club 2006 Show

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club held its 49th annual show March 24 and 25, 2007. We had several dealers for shoppers to choose items from. Mr. Bones was present and trying to "eat" some of the customers. The kids had fun making and polishing their cabochons along with viewing many eye-popping displays.



GENERAL MEETING

April 19, 2007, Bethany Park Shelter

The meeting was called to order by Second Vice-President Roger Pittard at 7:07 p.m. Thirteen adult members and one guest, Doug Unger, were present. Welcome to Pam Aden and Theresa Schulz as new members.

OLD BUSINESS – The minutes of the March meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Charles Wooldridge moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Ed Dvorak. Motion carried. The treasurer's report for March was published in the Pick & Shovel. Shirley Rockel moved to accept the report as printed, second by Mary Pittard. Motion carried. Charles Wooldridge reported that the show was good. Next year we will need more volunteers for setup and tear down, and display cases. John Harrison should be applauded for the wonderful work he did on the fluorescent display in the trailer. The concensus is that a bigger sign is needed for the fluorescent display.

NEW BUSINESS – Charles Wooldridge informed the membership that the 2008 proposed budget published in the Pick & Shovel was not accurate. The corrected version, as supplied by Roger Pabian, was passed around for review. Ed Dvorak moved to accept the corrected budget, Shirley Rockel seconded. Vera Lyman moved we have a silent auction at the May general meeting, the proceeds to go into the general fund, second by Sharon Marburger, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to program at 7:44 p.m. on a motion by Charles Wooldridge, second by Mary Pittard. Motion carried.

The program was on Russian Gem Treasures. Thanks for providing it, Wooly!

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 28, 2007, Gere Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Second Vice President Roger Pittard. Board members present were Roger Pittard, Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger, Jim Marburger, Charles Wooldridge, John Harrison, and Jim Atkins. Ed Ridge attended.

The minutes of the March Board meeting were distributed. Jim Marburger moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Jim Atkins. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report for March was distributed. John Harrison moved to accept the report, second by Charles Wooldridge. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Juniors magnifying lights were purchased at Cabela's instead of Harbor Freight. Speakers for the projector have been donated.

SCORE, a science camp for youth in Dundy, Chase, & Perkins counties, will be open June 11-15, 2007. The camp has 200-300 children signed up. We are requested to present a fluorescent display and provide rock polishing demonstration. Robert Diffendal would like to use our traveling display cases in his presentations. Lodging and food will be provided for presenters. Charles Wooldridge moved to approve the trip for transportation of the cases, displays, and lights for the four-day event, and publish the opportunity in the Pick & Shovel to request volunteers, second Atkins, carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Applications for new members and reinstatements have been received. Charles Wooldridge moved to accept the members for reinstatement, second by John Harrison. Carried. New applicants are Terry Schultz, Pam Adan, and Dan Blythe. Membership is approved pending attendance at a meeting. Vera Lyman has a located a potential scholarship recipient. More to come later.

Concerning the 2008 Show Budget, John Harrison moved to split the dealer booth rent fees, having a down payment of \$200 due August 2, 2007 with the remainder due January 1, 2008, and setting March 1, 2008 as the end of the grace period; second by Charles Wooldridge. Motion carried.

Ed Ridge reported that he, Roger Pabian and Al Stewart attended the Pfizer science fair. They had a good time. Discussion ensued regarding the 2007 show. Several suggestions were made to make the 2008 show better. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. on a motion by John Harrison, second by Charles Wooldridge. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

LGMC Treasurer's Report February 2007

Pinnacle Checking Balance March 31, 2007 \$3,565.97

Receipts:

Member Dues/Regis (2)	<u>30.00</u>	30.00
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Payments:

Schwarz Printing Co.—March P&S Print	96.30	
FedEx Kinkos—April P&S insert	7.50	
*Lincoln Journal-Star	996.12	
John Harrison—Grinding Wheel (Jrs)	50.00	
Jr gifts per letters-8	40.00	
Black light Construct	68.30	
Roger Pabian—Mail Rockhound Plaque	4.70	
*Roger Pittard—Table covers	252.46	
Jim Marburger—Flour. Display/Trlr	167.53	
Repair Glass/3 cases	46.86	
12 light sets (Jrs)	177.16	
*Jim Marburger—Flyers, cards, program	289.80	
*Commonwealth Elec-Wiring on sight	699.68	
Postmaster-Mail Jr Raffle prizes	7.38	
Target-3 totes/table cover storage	<u>51.33</u>	2955.12

Pinnacle Checking Balance April 30, 2007 \$640.85

* 2007 Show Expense

The 2007 Show Report shows all bills paid, the attendance was down, but we did make a small profit.





4th Annual

Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club

Rock Swap

(Rocks to Sell, Buy, or Trade)

Sunday, June 3rd, 2007

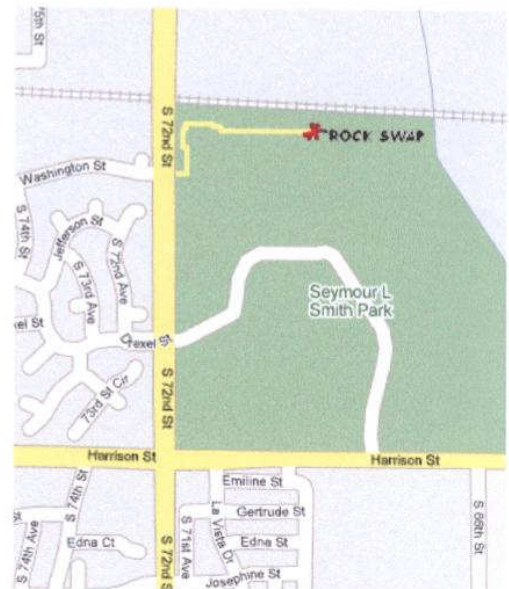
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seymour Smith Park in Omaha, Nebraska
6802 Harrison Street (Enter off 72nd Street)

Rocks, minerals, fossils jewelry, equipment, and other items related to the rock hobby, lapidary, or jewelry making.

Cash sales are conducted with Swapper Bucks that are available from the Club Treasurer.

For further information: Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club, P.O. Box 24095, Omaha, NE 68124
or Richard Farlow (402) 332-4960
www.nerockgem.org



Enter off from 72nd Street from Washington Street and follow around Soap Box Derby Race Track

Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Convention

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club
P. O. Box 5342
Lincoln NE 68505
50th Annual Show, June 20-22, 2008 (Proposed Budget)
Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Convention

PROJECTED INCOME:

14 Dealers @ \$600.00	\$8,400.00	
6 Selling Demonstrators @ \$80.00	480.00	
Gate Admissions---Friday, June 20	1,000.00	
Saturday, June 21	2,800.00	
Sunday, June 22	<u>2,800.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$15,480.00

PROJECTED EXPENSES:

Floor:

Rent, 3 days @ \$1,000.00 per day	\$3,000.00	
½ day @ \$500.00	500.00	
Tables, 200 @ \$5.00	1,000.00	
Chairs, 150 @ \$1.50	225.00	
Round Tables, 5 @\$5.00	25.00	
Drapes and Table Skirts	150.00	
Elevator Operator	200.00	
Commonwealth Electric	850.00	
Security	900.00	

Promotion:

Radio	\$1,800.00	
Newspapers	900.00	
Miscellaneous	1000.00	\$3700.00
Pre-Printed Flyers		50.00
Handout Programs		150.00
Ribbons and Recognitions		120.00
Special Features		2,500.00
Lecturers 5@ \$50.00		250.00
Decorative Flowers		75.00
Miscellaneous Show Committee	\$50.00	
Floor	20.00	
Ticket Sales	40.00	\$110.00
City/State Sales Taxes		350.00
Auditorium Gate Fee		750.00
Property Maintenance		700.00

Midwest Federation Expenses:

Meeting and Banquet Space	250.00	
Table Favors	50.00	
Speaker	<u>100.00</u>	
		\$16,005.00
Gross Gain/(Loss)		(-525.00)
<u>Less Midwest Federation Share</u>	<u>(0)</u>	
		Net Profit/Loss (-525.00)

Information from other Clubs

STATE ROCK SWAP

June 23-24, 2007

Dealers and Public Welcome
 Northeast Nebraska Rock
 And Mineral Society
 And
 Loup Valley Gem
 And Mineral Society

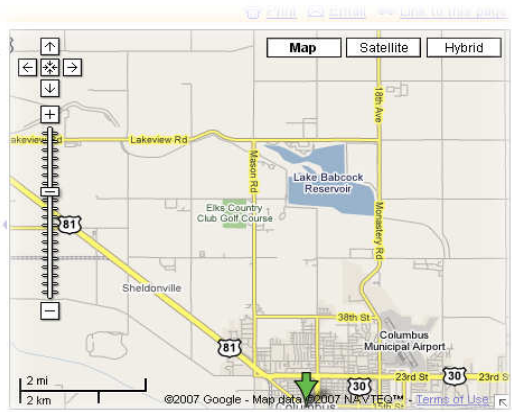
*Fossils, Minerals, Artifacts, Agates
 Faceted Gemstones and Jewelry
 Hourly Silent Auction*

Sat June 23- 8AM-6PM
Sun June 24- 8AM-5PM

Lake North Columbus, Nebraska-From HWY 30,
 North 4 miles on 18th AVE, West on 83rd
 Street-follow Rock Swap Signs or from HWY 81
 Turn East 4+ miles on 83rd Street (Lakeview/
 Central Community College Road) Follow Rock
 Swap Signs.

Phone 402-246-3955 Fax 402-246-2049
 E-mail rdchristi@plvwelco.net

THE LOOP SCOOP



4 Huge Events . . . 9 Days
 Upper Peninsula Gem/Mineral Show,
 August 4, Ishpeming, Michigan
 Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club Show,
 August 10-12
 Midwest Federation Convention, August 10-12
 Copper Country Mineral Retreat - August 4 - 12

Events include 20+ collecting field trips, voice and silent auctions, two snap/tailgating events open to all, open house events, speakers, exhibits, and two mineral shows open to the public.

Houghton, Michigan

Located in the Historic National Park of the Lake Superior Copper District of Upper Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula.

You are invited to experience a unique locality where you can take advantage of some of the finest collecting sites in the region plus explore the area's rich history of mining and mineralogy.

The CCRMC has a close alliance with the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. In addition to the Museum's world-class collection the Seaman Museum staff will host for the third year "The Copper Country Mineral Retreat" formerly know as Keweenaw Week.

Mineral Retreat:

http://www.museum.mtu.edu/copper_country_mineral/index.html

Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club: <http://www.ccrmc.info/>

A. E. Seaman Museum: <http://www.museum.mtu.edu/>
 Contact:

Pamela Hecht, 25393 Oak Street, Calumet, MI 49913
 (906) 337-2274 steverox@up.net

2006 Elected Officers

President	Pat Akins Jr.	5017 N. 6 th St.	Lincoln, NE	68521	402-477-1322
1 st Vice Pres.	Terry Anderson	1113 Co. Rd. 2500	Wilber, NE	68465	402-826-1169
2 nd Vice Pres.	Roger Pittard	1013 Road K	Geneva, NE	68361	402-759-4623
Treasurer	Vera Lyman	420 N. 56 th St.	Lincoln, NE	68504	402-464-6089
Secretary	Sharon Marburger	332 Locust	Hickman, NE	68372	402-792-2348
Board Member	James Atkins	3028 S. 35 th St.	Lincoln, NE	68506	402-483-1610
Board Member	John Harrison	330 Locust	Hickman, NE	68372	402-792-2337
Board Member	James Marburger	332 Locust	Hickman, NE	68372	402-792-2348
Board Member	Charles Wooldridge	6115 Huntington St.	Lincoln, NE	68507	402-325-8849

Nominating Committee

3 years	Vera Lyman
	Edward Ridge
2 years	John Harrison
	Aulden Stewart
1 year	Mary Pittard
	Phyllis Parks

**Long-Range Planning
& By-Laws Committee**

3 years	Charles Wooldridge
	Phyllis Parks
2 years	Susan Taylor
	Edward Ridge
1 year	Vera Lyman
	Roger Pabian

Chairman: Immediate Past-President Jim Marburger

Standing Committees

Education/Librarian:	Roger Pabian	MWF Liaison:	Vera Lyman
Field Trips:	Pat Akins, Coordinator	Scholarship:	Vera Lyman
Historian:	Sharon Marburger	Christmas Party:	Edward Ridge
Membership Record:	Edward Ridge	2007 Show:	James Marburger
Programs:	David Heffelbower	2008 Show:	Roger Pabian
Property:	Pat Akins, Jr. James Marburger	2007 Swap:	Roger Pabian
Refreshments/Door Prizes:	Judy Reilly	2008 Swap:	
Youth Activities:	Kay Jurgens, Judy Reilly, Vera Lyman, Susan McMahan		
Housing Committee:	Susan McMahan, Pat Akins, Jr., Charles Wooldridge, Vera Lyman		
Auditing Committee:	John Harrison, Roger Pabian, James Marburger		
Geology Day Coordinator:	2 nd Vice President Roger Pittard		

L. G. M. C. web address—courtesy of Jim Atkins:
<http://incolornetnebr.com/jna/gemclub/lgmc.htm>

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Hosts our

50th Annual Show and NAOESCI State Show along with the
 Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Convention

At

PERSHING CENTER
 226 Centennial Mall South
 June 20-22, 2007

Show Chairman - Roger Pabian

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; \$5.00 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.

Subscription to the Pick & Shovel is \$10.00 per year mailed.

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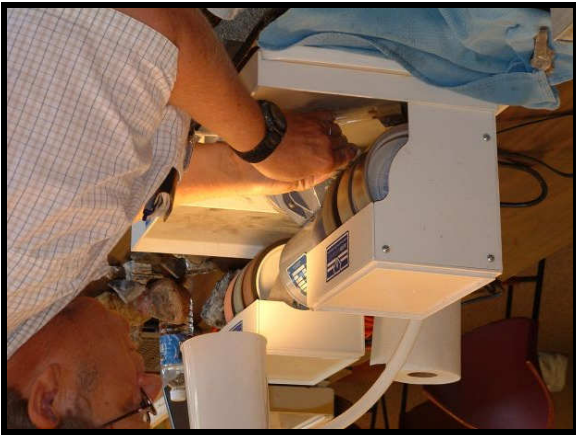
Adults (age 16 and over) \$10 per year Juniors (age 12 to 16) \$2 per year

Family Membership (Couple, resident children under age 16) \$22 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 registration fee.

Meetings: Third Thursday, Sept. through May except December & January to be announced. Held at Antelope Park Indoor Shelter, near 30th and Sumner, next to the Veterans Memorial and east of the children's playground.



Grinding Party
 July 15, 2007
 Nature Center Pioneer's
 Park
 1 PM — 4 PM

Mail Exchange Newsletters to:

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P O Box 5342

Lincoln, Nebraska 68505-0342

OR

E-Mail Newsletters to: jna@inetnebr.com



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