

# THE PICK & SHOVEL

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Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club - Lincoln Nebraska

## New Meeting Place at Bethany

## Park Shelter

### General Meetings & Board Meetings

### Program

By Charles (Wooly) Wooldridge

#### Board Meetings

Gere Library - 7 PM room 1  
April 4, 2007  
May 2, 2007  
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.

March 15, 2007  
Annual Show March 24-25, 2007  
April 19, 2007  
May 17, 2007  
June, July August 2007 - No Meetings  
September 20, 2007  
October 18, 2007  
November 15, 2007  
December 9, 2007

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

**T**ravel Channels "Cash and Treasure's" 30 minute program on the fossil fish of Wyoming will be viewed.

Let's go fishing! Art and science are fused in the world of fossilized marine life. With some fossils valued in the thousands of dollars, "market price" has a whole new meaning. Cash and Treasures traveled to Kemmerer, Wyo., to find some of the richest fossil deposits on earth. Here Becky hunted for life forms frozen in time for 50 million years. After the hunt, Becky ventured to El Segundo, Calif. to GeoDecor to learn the value of her fossilized finds.

Fish fossils can be found in dry river or lake beds, such as the Green River Formation in Wyoming. To begin the fossil hunt, diggers must learn how to split sandstone or sediment with a hammer and chisel, then how to identify fossils in the resulting plates. The fossils are likely to be broken in pieces, so be careful to keep all plates safe.

#### Where to Go & What to Bring

##### Location Information

Blue Moon Rock Quarry & Dempsey Quarry

GPS: Latitude: 41 47 33.72 N; Longitude: 110 32 12.41 W  
Where: 6 Miles West of Kemmerer, Wyo.

Phone: 307-877-3641

Hours: By appointment only

Price: \$55 adults; \$35 children under 13 years

#### Toolkit

The tools you'll need on your hunt ( hammer, chisel, crowbar )are included in the cost of the mining fee.

Club members please bring your examples of Wyoming fish fossils to show other members.

# Show Report—2007

By Jim Marburger

Here it is the first of March and we have a show coming up very soon. All committee chairs have been filled and they are working very hard on the show plans. Many tasks have to be accomplished in a short amount of time. Roger Pittard is the floor chairman in charge of setup and tear down and is your go-to man. John Harrison is in charge of the Dealers and will be able to answer many questions. Ed Ridge will handle the setup of displays and flowers. I hope you have your display ready for the show.

Vera Lyman and Jim Atkins will handle ticket sales at the door. Aulden and Marilyn Stewart will have the recognitions and ribbons. Roger Pabin will have the working shop with the students of his lapidary classes.

HELP! Karen and Charles Messenger will be unable to attend our show so I need some one to be in charge of the NEW fluorescent display. If you have specimens you would like to donate to the fluorescent display, please bring them. Security will be handled by Vera Lyman and we all should be on the lookout for problems during the show. Let's all have a safe and fun time.

Selling and non-selling demos have been contracted by Phil and Patty Rose. At this time, we have six selling and six non-selling demonstrators with possibly three more to come. They will cover various aspects of the hobby including glass beads, scrimshaw, silver smithing, laser art on gem stones, painting on rocks, flint knapping, and fossil preparation.

The juniors are in need of specimen donations for prizes for the rock races and other activities. Dan Cromer, along with Bill and Shirley Rockel, will be needing help with the juniors' booth. Annette Gifford will be running the program room with some very interesting programs.

Mr. Bones will be back this year, so watch out for the hungry dinosaur inside and outside the building. The Bartel Museum from Concordia College in Seward will provide a display. There will also be a great display from Oklahoma of fossil bones and artifacts collected from the Arkansas River.

We will be having a Dealer breakfast at the Old Country Buffet on Sunday morning before the show.

The cost of the breakfast is \$8.01 each. Please plan to attend from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for a fun time with our guests.

Our club information booth will need to have people at it to provide information about our club and show to our visitors. So if you want a break please save some time for our club booth.

As you can see, your club is providing a unique Show for you, our guests, and our town. Please contribute to your club and plan to display at the show, and volunteer to help with setup and/or teardown of the show. You can have a lot of fun by pitching in where needed during the show hours. The club is made up of individuals who love the hobby. The show is your show so please come and have fun and support your club.

Sharon and I will miss our show since we will be at the Fort Collins, Colorado show. I thank all who work to make our show a success.



Incoming President-Pat Akins presenting outgoing President- Jim Marburger his President's plaque for his service to the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. (Photo by Jim Atkins)

## President's Message



Sorry I didn't receive a Message from Pat this month.

Jim Atkins—Editor

# Miscellaneous Items

By Jim Marburger

TO: LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB MEMBERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS.

FROM: 2007 SHOW CHAIRMAN, James Marburger

SUBJECT: 2007 DEALER BREAKFAST

All members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club and Special Guests are invited to attend the 2006 DEALER BREAKFAST to be held on Sunday, March 25, 2007. This breakfast will be held at the "OLD COUNTRY BUFFET", Park Center Plaza, 2241 "O" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska from 8:00 a.m. to about 9:00 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$8.01.

This is a special time when we can have conversation and fellowship without the push of the show. Please join us.

Thank you for all the hard work that enables the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club to provide a fun and interesting show for the Lincoln area.

## Spring 2007 Gem & Mineral Shows

**Jan. 12-14** Lakewood, CO  
Denver Area Mineral Dealers, Holiday Inn Denver West, (BallRoom) 14707 West Colfax Ave.

**Feb. 23-25** Golden, Co  
Denver Gem and Mineral Guild, Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds

**Mar. 9-11** Kansas City, MO  
Assn. of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City, KCI EXPO CENTER, 112th St. & I-29 (11730 NW Ambassador Dr.)

**Mar. 17-18** Cedar Rapids, IA  
Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Soc., Teamsters Union Hall, 5000 J Street SW

**Mar. 23 - 25** Ft. Collins, CO  
Ft. Collins Rockhounds, Lincoln Center, 419 W. Magnolia

**Mar. 24 - 25** Lincoln, NE  
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Pershing Auditorium, 226 Centennial Mall So.

**Apr. 20-22** Wichita, KS  
Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd.



Photos courtesy of Jim Marburger



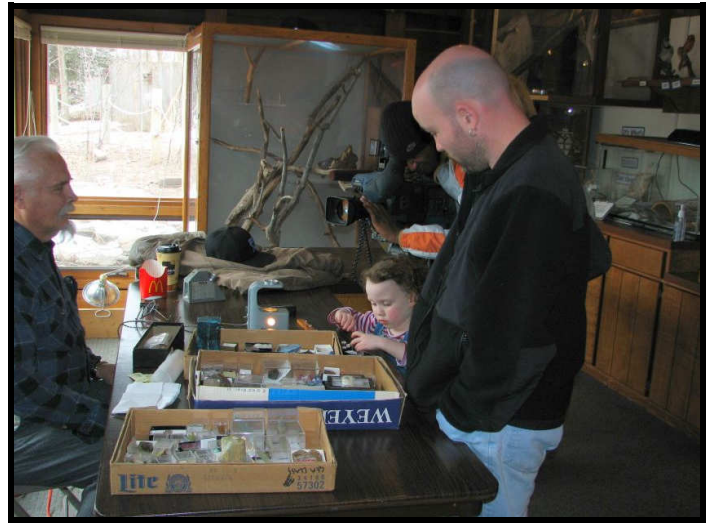
# January Swap—2007

Photos by Jim Atkins



# Geology Day - 2007

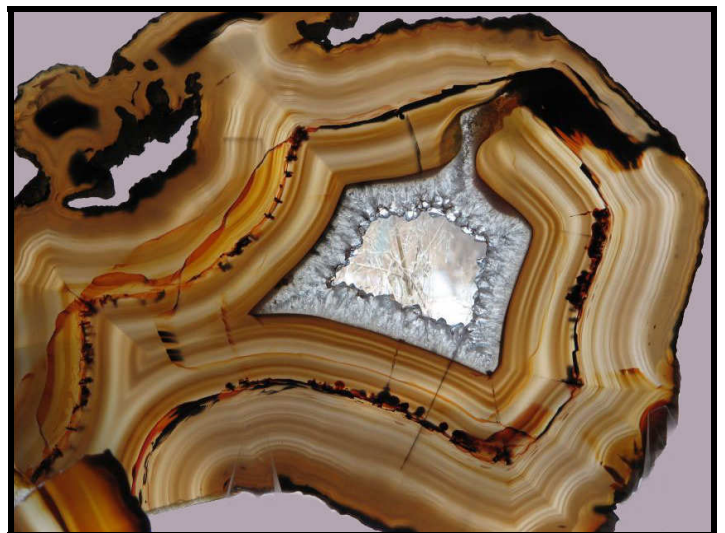
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John Frost  
Channel 10/11 Reporter



Karen Messenger  
Supplying us with snacks



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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 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Roger Pittard		

L. G. M. C. web address—courtesy of Jim Atkins:  
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Show Chairman - Jim Marburger

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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

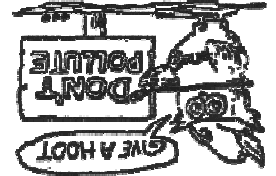
year

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 30<sup>th</sup> and Sumner, next to the Veterans Memorial and east of the children's playground.



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