



PICK & SHOVEL

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Lincoln, Nebraska
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General Meetings / Activities

All general meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter, unless otherwise noted.

June 21, 2009

Field Trip to Morrill Hall
 (See announcement/details) →

July 16, 2009

Social Gathering at Wooly's
 (See announcement/details inside this issue!)

August __, 2009

Field Trip to Bailey, Colorado area
 (See announcement/details to come later)

September 17, 2009

October 15, 2009

November 19, 2009

December 13, 2009

Annual Christmas Party
 (See announcement/details to come later)

Board Meetings

All board meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at Gere Library, meeting room 1, unless otherwise noted.

September 2, 2009

September 30, 2009 (October meeting)

November 4, 2009

December 2, 2009

President's Message

Read the Field Trip Chairman's notice below. See you there! Terry

June Field Trip

by Jim Marburger

I have been trying to locate a collecting area around Lincoln or SE Nebraska. The quarry by Beatrice, access to a quarry at Wymore, and a Sand and Gravel Pit in Schuyler have all fallen through. At this time, I propose a local trip to one of the Wonders of Nebraska – a jewel that we as a club have not been to in a long time.

On June 21, 2009, from 1:30 to 4:30, please plan to attend a tour at the Great Elephant Hall of Nebraska. Morrill Hall is located on the University Downtown Campus, just south of 14th and Vine Streets. To reach Morrill Hall from Interstate 80 or Nebraska Highway 2, take 27th Street to Vine Street, then turn west on Vine Street.

The Parking map can be found at: http://www-museum.unl.edu/museum_info/ParkingMap.pdf.

Please RSVP to jm24122@windstream.net or (402) 430-6703 by June 18th.

Club members are Friends of the Museum and admission is FREE! This tour will be fun and educational for everyone, especially our juniors.

I will continue to search for an accessible collection site to visit at a later date.

Special Announcements

July Social Gathering

Bring your crock pot side dishes, salads, and/or desserts for a fun evening at Wooly's! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by Wooly and the Marburgers. This will be a fun time of food and fellowship with others who enjoy the hobby. Details of the August field trip to Colorado will be presented, and a final determination of the date will be made. And remember – Wooly loves pie!

August Field Trip

The August field trip will be to the mountains above Denver, Colorado, with the owners of the Rock of Ages Rock Shop guiding us. Attend the July social gathering to hear all the details and to help select the date of the trip.

AFMS Annual Show

See the enclosed flyer for the Northwest Federation and AFMS annual show and convention. Planned field trips following the show and convention include:

- Monday, Aug. 3: Western slope of the Pryor Mountains to collect Bear Canyon Black and White Fortification Agate.
- Tuesday, Aug. 4: Unannounced
- Wednesday, Aug. 5: Yellowstone River to collect Montana Agate, petrified wood, jaspers, agatized coral.
- Thursday, Aug. 6: Yellowstone River, again, or you may decide to visit the Hell Creek Formation, Cretaceous Period, looking for petrified wood, fig leaves, and pine cones.
- Friday, Aug. 7: Pierre Shale Formation, Cretaceous Period, to collect ammonites, scaphites, nataloids, various bivalves and snails.

Rhino Barn Dedication

A dedication ceremony for the Hubbard Rhino Barn at Ash Falls Fossil Beds is planned for Friday, June 19 at 12:00 p.m. The event will take place at the State Historical Park located at 86930 517 Avenue, Royal, Nebraska. Please RSVP by June 12 to Sharon Melch, 800-732-3216.

Specimens for LPS

While you are out gathering specimens this summer, remember to pick up a few extras to donate to Lincoln Public Schools' fifth grade science program. This is an ongoing project, as there is a new batch of 5th graders each year.

MWF Awards

Jim Atkins won a 2nd place in Large Bulletins from the Midwest Federation. His entry has been forwarded to the AFMS for judging. Congratulations Jim!!



Richard Peterson won an award for his article on "Jade", published in the September 2008 Pick & Shovel.



Special Announcements—continued

The club won a silver medal from the Midwest Federation for its admission in the All American Club Award. The entry has been forwarded to the AFMS for judging. Thanks to everyone who submitted items and to Sharon Marburger for gathering and compiling all the information.



Remember, we can enter in many different categories in the AFMS and MWF competitions. Write articles or poetry for publication in the Pick & Shovel and your editor can submit them for entry. Juniors can include on their resumes as published works any articles, stories, or poetry published in the Pick & Shovel. As always, if you do presentations, community events, or anything else on behalf of the club, please let Sharon Marburger know. One of the requirements for the submission of the All American Club “Yearbook” Award is to provide “proof”, such as thank you notes, pictures, a brief article for publication in the Pick & Shovel, or any other evidence of your effort. Also, if you write your congressman or senator regarding the hobby, please provide a copy of that communication to Sharon. We can accomplish a gold medal for 2009 if everyone participates.

A Matter of History

The following poem was written by the 1966 Field Trip Coordinator, Gene Eno, and published in the February 1966 Pick & Shovel. Some things do not change over time.

VISIONS OF FIELD TRIPS

With hammer in hand and dreams in my head
I'll soon go afield again
I'll go places I've been many times before
And some where I've never been.

Sometimes I'll have luck, sometimes I'll have none,
But before this year rolls around
My shelves at home will be piled quite high
With new specimens I found.

Some will be shiney, others quite dull
Some will be pretty to see
Some will be worthless, others worth lots
But they're all worth a million to me.

For their value to me is not the worth of the rocks
Or what their sale would yield
But the wealth of enjoyment I receive
From tramping around in the field!

What worth can you place on the sky up above
Or the wind which messes your hair!
What value is there to a bright summer day
Or the scent of early spring air!

I'm the richest man in the world today
For when its all totaled up I found
Millions of dollars of fun and enjoyment
Just being a plain old rock hound.

General Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009—BETHANY PARK SHELTER

The meeting was called to Order at 7:06 p.m. by 1st Vice-President Charles Wooldridge. Eighteen adult members and five Pebble Pups attended. Two visitors, Andy and his mother, Chris, also attended.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ed Pharoah, of Pharoah's Custom Gems, passed away on May 18. A moment of silence was had in memory of his passing.

Marv Anderson, former member of LGMC who was very active in the club in the 1980s and 1990s, passed away two weeks ago.

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General Meeting Minutes—continued

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the April meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Jim Marburger moved to accept the minutes as published, second by Jim Atkins. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report for April was read by Treasurer Lyman. John Harrison moved to accept the report as read, second by Jim Marburger. Motion carried.

Field Trip Chairman Jim Marburger is working to obtain permission to tour a blue celestite quarry near Beatrice for the June social gathering.

Charles Wooldridge reminded members of the summer social gathering at his residence on July 16 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the August field trip to Colorado. Hot dogs (by Wooly) and hamburgers (by the Marburgers) will be provided, with members bringing side dishes. Wooly's address is 6115 Huntington, Lincoln.

With regards to the August field trip, two potential dates are August 21-23 and August 28-30. Wooly asked that we consider these dates so the final decision can be made at the social gathering on July 16.

Show Chairman Charles Wooldridge announced that the final tally is in regarding the 2009 show. A small profit was made.

Charles Wooldridge is also the Show Chairman for the 2010 Show. He offered the challenge to members to come up with a catchy name for the show. Vera Lyman was the winner with "Gems Galore and More". Wooly presented Vera with a cat's eye diopside for her winning suggestion.

MWF SHOW AND CONVENTION REPORT

Delegate Jim Marburger reported that the show, hosted by the 100+ member Parma Lapidary Club and held in Berea, Ohio, was a very nice show. There were 27 dealers and 37 displays, two of which were from Nebraska and six of which were competitive cases. Topics discussed at the delegates' meeting included an update on the lawsuit filed against a Federation club and the Federation; review of the Juniors' operating manual; and the possibility of having an annual Juniors poster competition. The Federation is still searching for a location to hold the 2010 Show and Convention. Jim recommends the club join American Lands Access Association for \$50. This organization's purpose is to promote and ensure the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers.

The club walked away with three awards at the MWF level. Richard Peterson received a certificate for his "Jade" newsletter article, which was submitted by Jim Atkins on Pete's behalf. A handsome plaque and certificate were awarded to Jim Atkins for **2nd Place** in Large Bulletins. Congratulations to both entrants. The club received a SILVER medal for its All American Club Award submission, which was compiled, assembled, and submitted by Sharon Marburger on behalf of the Club. The entry has been forwarded to the American Federation for judging at the national level. AFMS will announce those awards at the National Show in Billings, Montana at the end of July.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Atkins has requested to step down from his position as editor of the Pick & Shovel. Sharon Marburger has agreed to fill the position.

The Board of Directors met at the Lancaster Event Center to determine the feasibility of moving the annual gem and mineral show from Pershing Center. After obtaining detailed information and touring the facility, the Board made the unanimous decision to move the show. The Event Center has better facilities, with lots of free parking. The cost of renting the facility is actually less expensive than Pershing. As the show grows, we will have the option of acquiring more space at the Event Center. Everything considered, it is a necessary move. The change of location will also alter the show dates by one week. The show will now be held the first weekend in April, instead of the last weekend in March. We will need to advertise heavily the first year.

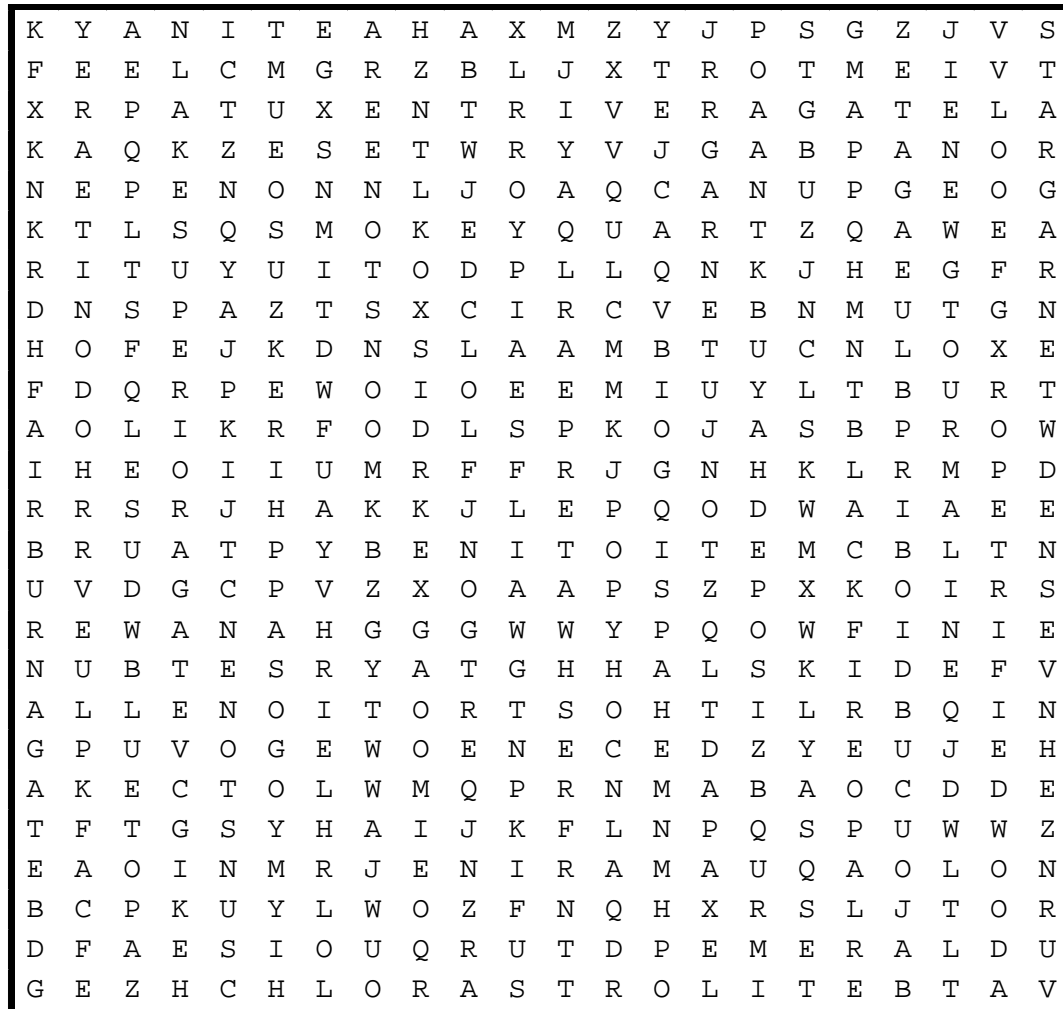
The meeting was adjourned to refreshments and program at 7:37 p.m. on a motion by Mary Pittard; second by Roger Pittard. Motion carried. The Program was a PowerPoint presentation on Thunder Eggs.

Respectfully submitted, *Sharon Marburger*

Pebble Pups



Happy summer vacation, Pups! This month's puzzle has you looking around the United States for state gemstones. Currently, only 33 states have official gemstones, with one state having two! Have fun searching for them.



AGATE (Louisiana)
 AMETHYST (South Carolina)
 AQUAMARINE (Colorado)
 BENITOITE (California)
 BLACK FIRE OPAL (Nevada)
 BLUE AGATE (Nebraska)
 BLUE TOPAZ (Texas)
 CHLORASTROLITE (Michigan)
 DIAMOND (Arkansas)
 EMERALD (North Carolina)
 FAIRBURN AGATE (South Dakota)

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 FRESHWATER PEARL (Kentucky)
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 JADE (Alaska, Wyoming)
 KYANITE (Virginia)
 LAKE SUPERIOR AGATE (Minnesota)
 LITHOSTROTIONELLA (West Virginia)
 MOONSTONE (Florida)
 PATUXENT RIVER AGATE (Maryland)
 PETRIFIED WOOD (Washington)
 QUARTZ (Georgia)

RHODONITE (Massachusetts)
 SMOKEY QUARTZ (New Hampshire)
 STAR BLUE QUARTZ (Alabama)
 STAR GARNET (Idaho)
 SUNSTONE (Oregon)
 TOPAZ (Utah)
 TOURMALINE (Maine)
 TURQUOISE (Arizona, Nevada, & New Mexico)
 YOGO SAPPHIRE (Montana)

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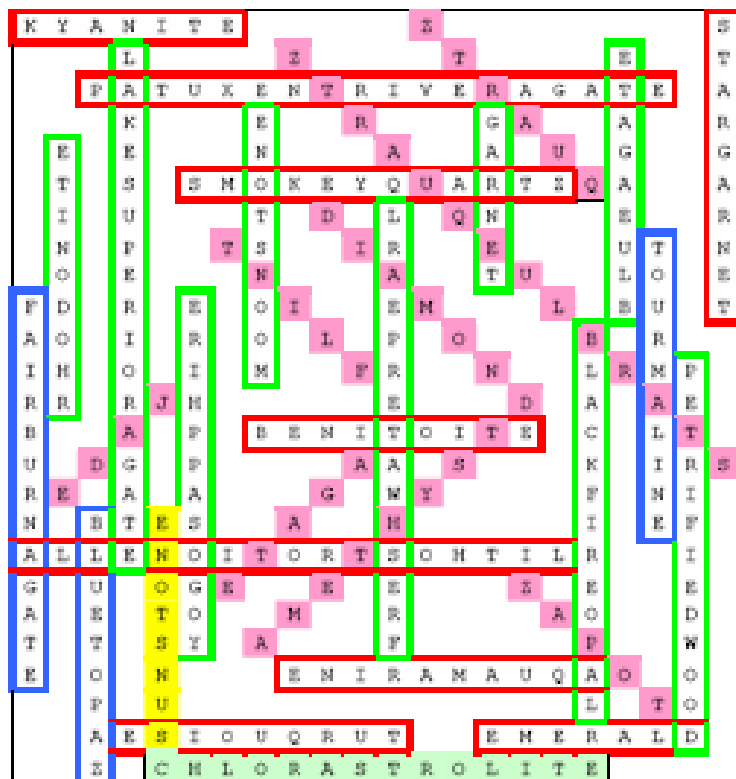
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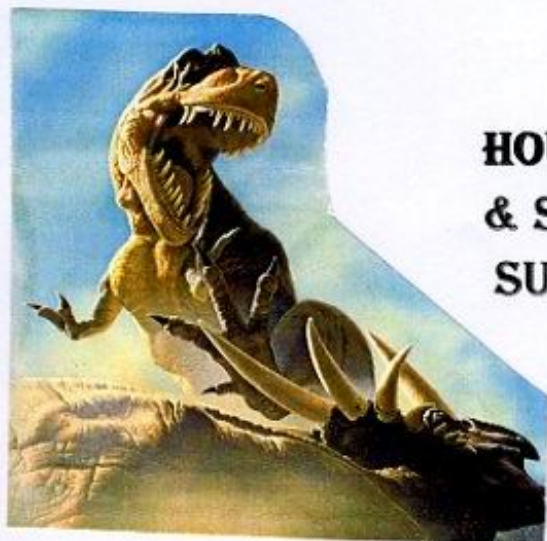
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