

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.

September 17, 2009

October 15, 2009

November 19, 2009

(Annual Business Meeting - ELECTIONS)

December 13, 2009

Annual Christmas Party

(See announcement/details to come later)



Please bring
a simple snack
to the meeting.



BOARD MEETINGS

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

September 30, 2009 (October meeting)

November 4, 2009

December 2, 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow hobbyists!
I trust you all had a profitable summer collecting stuff.

We will have a special guest at our meeting. She has an offer of a good youth project for us. Please be there to hear the proposal, and offer your suggestions - or better yet, volunteer to assist!



Since we've had no business meetings since May, I need to give some reminders. Nominating Committee: Please have a slate of officers and board members ready to present to the club at the September 17 meeting. The slate, according to the by-laws, includes nominations for a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and two or more Directors. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting.

The slate of nominations, along with the nominations taken from the floor at the September meeting, will be published in the October Pick & Shovel. Further nominations will be taken from the floor prior to balloting, and any new nominations will be written in.

Any club member who has been a member of the club for at least twelve months, and who is interested in being considered for an officer or Board of Director position, is encouraged to contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Their names are found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Lastly, I ask everyone to share their summer finds at this meeting. Looking forward to seeing all the treasures.

Terry

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

(Reprinted from the June 2009 Pick & Shovel)

GENERAL MEETING, 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.

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

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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 by Sharon Marburger

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

American Federation Contest Winners

The results are in for the various American Federation contests.

In the category of Large Bulletins, Jim Atkins received an Honorable Mention for his February 2008 entry of the Pick & Shovel. Congratulations, Jim!

LGMC's All American Club Award entry, compiled and submitted by Sharon Marburger, received a Silver Medal Award. Congratulations, Club Members! Without your participation, input, and offerings of pictures and articles, this would not have been possible.

Ben Vrana, although not a member of LGMC, is the only other winner from Nebraska and should be recognized and congratulated on his First Place in Original Adult Articles, Advanced. Ben is a member of The Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Society.

The 50 State Challenge Revisited

Jim Brace-Thompson, Jr. Activities Chair for the AFMS, is looking to see kids from every state participating in the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America. It is easy to join. Contact Jim at (805) 659-3577 or jbraceth@roadrunner.com to sign up your child or to obtain more information. A FRA membership badge will be sent. The program is intended to cultivate interest within the next generation of rockhounds by giving them a sense of belonging, both within their individual club and within their broader federation, with the long-term goal of sustaining the hobby well into the future.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Further information has been requested from Mr. Brace-Thompson, and will be made available once it is received.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LGMC Board Meeting, May 6, 2009, Lancaster Event Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by 1st Vice-President Charles Wooldridge. Board members present were Charles Wooldridge, Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger, Jim Atkins, Jim Marburger, Al Stewart, and Ed Ridge. John Harrison attended.

Before business was discussed, the attending group toured the Lancaster Event Center. The facilities were examined with the intention to discuss the possibility of moving the annual gem and mineral show from Pershing Center to the Event Center.

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes of the April meeting were distributed. Jim Atkins moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Jim Marburger, motion carried. The Treasurer's report for April was distributed. Jim Marburger moved to approve the report, simultaneous second by Jim Atkins and Al Stewart, motion carried. Treasurer Lyman submitted the Show Report.

NEW BUSINESS: With regards to Jim Marburger attending the 2009 Midwest Federation convention and show, Jim Atkins moved to approve a stipend of \$100 to offset fuel costs, the stipend to be made available after the Federation Show. Vera Lyman seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer Lyman informed the Board that the books are ready to be examined by the Audit Committee. The Committee will meet later during the month.

After touring the Event Center, and following an in-depth discussion of the pros and cons of so doing, Jim Atkins moved that we relocate the annual gem and mineral show, normally held on the last weekend in March at the Pershing Center, to the first weekend in April at the Lancaster Event Center. Sharon Marburger and Al Stewart gave a simultaneous second, and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. on a motion by Jim Atkins, second by Jim Marburger. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Marburger

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - CONT.

What is digital commons?

by Roger Pabian

Digital commons is a service operated by the University of Nebraska from which it is possible to download many of the papers and documents that have been written by University of Nebraska faculty and staff. You can reach it at <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu>.

The service was just begun this year and not every publication is available, and only those papers on which the university owns the copyright or are now in public domain will be accessible. It is a good chance to get some out of print as well as obscure papers that relate to the geology of Nebraska.



COLORADO FIELD TRIP



It sounds like those who went on the field trip to the Tarryall, Colorado area had a wonderful time. Nice daytime temperatures, but frosty nights had participants snuggled in their tents.

Everyone found something to take home. Topaz, amazonite crystals, and dark colored smokey quartz were among the treasures collected.



Operating the shaker-separator at Joe Dorris' mine netted a beautiful, light blue crystal the size of the end of Wooly's thumb. Robert Cropp purchased it from the mine for 40% of market value.

It looks like Wooly, Ed, Terry, Robert and Judy all had a memorable trip.



Hard work and hard climbing at high elevation requires Lincoln flatlanders to pause for a break to catch their breath.



All field trip photos courtesy of Ed Dvorak.

PEBBLE PUPS



Hiya Pups! As promised, this month you have a MAMMOTH puzzle to solve. See how many of the official state fossils you can find. Bring your puzzle to the September meeting to receive a **cool prize!** Happy solving!

(Answers on page __)

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| belemnite (Delaware) | hadrosaurus foulkii (New Jersey) | stegosaurus (Colorado) |
| brachiopod (Kentucky) | Hageman horse fossil (Idaho) | teredo petrified wood (North Dakota) |
| brachiosaur sauropod (Texas) | ichthyosaur (Nevada) | theropod prints (Massachusetts) |
| chesapecten jeffersonius (Virginia) | knightia (Wyoming) | trilobite (Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin) |
| coelophysis (New Mexico) | mastodon (Michigan) | tully monster (Illinois) |
| Columbian mammoth (Washington) | pertica quadrifaria (Maine) | wooly mammoth (Alaska) |
| crinoid (Missouri) | petrified palm wood (Louisiana) | zeuglodon (Alabama) |
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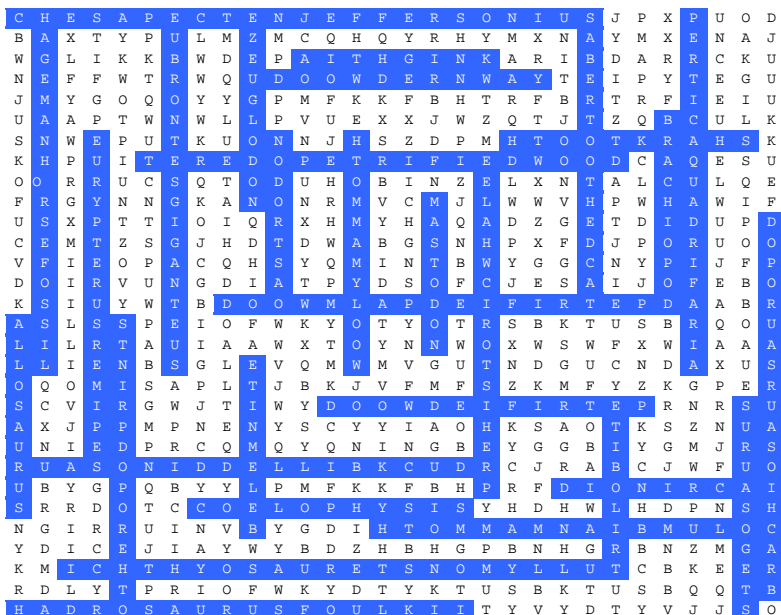
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