



PICK & SHOVEL

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Lincoln, Nebraska
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BOARD MEETINGS

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

December 2, 2009

GENERAL MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES

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

November 19, 2009

(Annual Business Meeting - ELECTIONS)

December 13, 2009

Annual Christmas Party

(See announcement on page 3)

WANTED

Articles, pictures, correspondence to your political representatives regarding land management, short stories of club outings, public activities, etc., for the 2009 All American Club Award Application. Please give your submissions to Sharon Marburger.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow rockhounds.

It sound like the Girl Scout event was successful - at least for our members. I understand we had a great turnout of club members attending the function.



Remember to attend the meeting this month as it is time to elect new officers and Board members. Come make your preferences known.

The Board is gearing up and making plans for the Christmas Party taking place on December 13. I hope to see you all there. See the announcement on page 3.

As we near the end of 2009, please be sure to give Sharon Marburger any items you may have for our All American Club Award application. Our submission is dependent on your contributions. Sharon tells me that we are aiming to bring home a first place "gold" medal this year - from both the MWF and the AFMS.

The busy holiday time is upon us, but please try to find the time to enjoy the hobby. Wooly is hosting monthly "grinding parties" at his home. Try to participate when you can.

Terry



Happy

Thanksgiving

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2009, Bethany Park Shelter

The meeting was called to Order at 7:06 p.m. by 1st Vice-President Charles Wooldridge. There were 16 adults and one junior present. One junior visitor, Samantha Norris, was also present.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Charles Wooldridge hosted a mini grinding party at his home on the Saturday prior to the meeting. Those attending were Robert and Judy Cropp, Richard Peterson, and Ed Dvorak. Wooly would like to host similar events on a monthly basis. (Look for announcement in this Pick & Shovel.)

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the September meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Mary Pittard moved to accept the minutes as published, second by Karen Messenger. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report for September was read by Treasurer Lyman. Charles Messenger moved to accept the report as read, second by Roger Pittard. Motion carried.

Richard Peterson is working on the Swap flyer. He has enlisted Sharon Marburger's computer assistance and will have flyers available in short order. The Rock Swap will be held January 24, 2010 at the Bethany Park Shelter.

Charles Wooldridge has agreed to take over the Club Library and will have it moved to his residence. Thank you, Wooly, for taking this on.

The Girl Scout event on October 12 was very well attended by our club members. Eight 6- and 7-year-old Girl Scouts participated in the event. The variety of activities included Rock Races, stone cutting and polishing, fluorescent display, Gem Dig, Rock Bingo, fossils, stone tumbling, gem identification, and egg carton collections.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to Judy Reilly for donating the Geology Balls to the club. Although designed for our youth, these balls can be a fun game for adults, too.

The Nominating Committee offered the following slate of nominees:

President	Charles Wooldridge
1 st Vice President	Roger Pittard
2 nd Vice President	Jim Marburger (withdrawn)
	Al Stewart
Treasurer	Vera Lyman
Secretary	Sharon Marburger
Board Members	Ed Ridge
	Jim Atkins
	Jim Marburger
	Richard Peterson
	Ed Dvorak
	Robert Cropp
	Judy Cropp

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

Roger Pabian will present a demonstration of rock drilling for the November meeting program.

The meeting was adjourned to refreshments and program on a motion by Mary Pittard; second by Richard Peterson. Motion carried. The program about working in a fossil quarry, was given by Brad Nielson.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A very big thank you goes out to Al Stewart, Roger & Mary Pittard, Richard Peterson, Roger Pabian, Charles Wooldridge, Karen Messenger, Vera Lyman, Jim Marburger, and Susy McMahan for attending the Girl Scout event on October 12. It would not have happened without you!

Sharon Marburger
Event Co-chair

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2009, Gere Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by 1st Vice-President Charles Wooldridge. Board members present were Charles Wooldridge, Roger Pittard, Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger, Jim Atkins, Jim Marburger, Al Stewart, and Ed Ridge.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of the September meeting were distributed. Jim Marburger moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Vera Lyman. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report for September was distributed. Jim Atkins moved to approve the report, second by Al Stewart. Motion carried.

Vera Lyman and Sharon Marburger reported on the plans for the Girl Scout event. Planned activities include rock races, gem dig, specimen identification and collections, fluorescent display, and rock bingo. Diamond Dan publications and LGMC membership pins will be handed out.

Richard Peterson has agreed to again chair the annual rock swap.

No one has yet volunteered to take on the club library. It consists of two file cabinets and three bookcases.

The slate of the executive board members for the November elections was published in the Pick & Shovel and was presented at the September 17 meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make your plans to attend the Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at the Bethany Park Shelter House. The fun begins at 5:00 p.m., with the potluck supper to begin at 6:00 p.m. The club will provide fried chicken, beverages, and table service. Attendees are asked to bring a hot dish and a cold dish. Those wishing to participate in the gift exchange are asked to bring a hobby-related gift of \$5.00. A 20-minute program on the Tucson show will be shown. We will also have a few rousing games of Rock Bingo. Contributions of bingo prizes are appreciated.

Ben Vrana tell us that The Loup Valley Gem and Mineral Club held its 33rd annual show at the Ag. Exhibition Hall in Columbus. They had a nice crowd and for the first time, they didn't have to worry about lack of space!

Charles Wooldridge gave the Show Report. He reported that six dealer contracts have been received. No special features have been lined up. Wooly is thinking of having local displays of exceptional quality be highlighted. Vera Lyman spoke with the Event Center regarding the advertising they provide.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon Marburger requested permission of the Executive Board to sign up the LGMC youth members for the Future Rockhounds of America, sponsored by the AFMS. Permission granted.

Roger Pittard moved to nominate Vera Lyman for the MWF Scholarship Nominee, second by Ed Ridge. Motion carried.

Jim Marburger made a motion for LGMC to join the American Lands Access Association ("ALAA"), second by Sharon Marburger. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. on a motion by Jim Marburger, second by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**It's DUES time again. Get them in early.
To avoid paying a reinstatement fee,
renew your membership prior to
January 31, 2010.**

See Vera Lyman for more information.

Charles Wooldridge is planning to have a potluck grinding party at his house on November 14th. Anyone attending is asked to bring a dish to pass. Wooly will make a big pot of bean soup and corn bread. He'll have room for people to bring portable grinders, jewelry wrapping, faceting, beading, silversmith, etc. Folks may use his equipment if they don't have their own, or just sit and talk about the hobby. He plans to do this on a monthly basis. Starting time is 6 p.m. and will go until whenever. Wooly's address is 6115 Huntington Avenue in Lincoln.

School of Natural Resources 2009 Fall Semester Seminar Series



**Hardin Hall Auditorium
33rd & Holdrege
7:00 p.m.**

November 10

Nebraska's Gemstones: Tiny Little Treasures

Roger Pabian
Emeritus Research Geologist

Pabian will talk about Nebraska's naturally occurring gemstones – quartz, agate, jasper, agatized wood, and occasional pieces of jade or opal – and where they can be found. Most of the gems in Nebraska either formed in place, eroded from mountains to the west or northwest, or were carried from the north by glaciers.

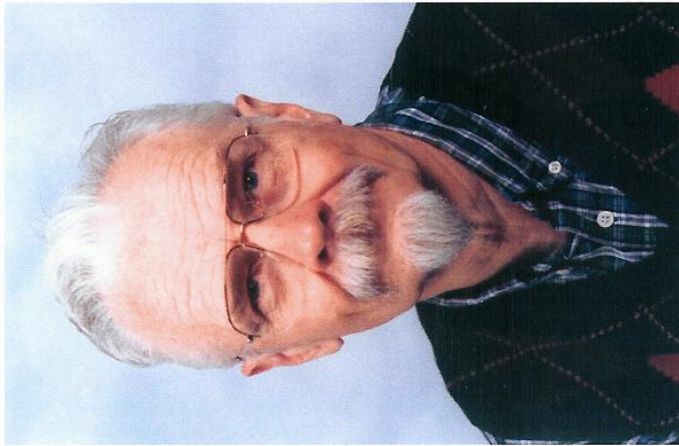
He recommends learning about naturally occurring gems and going out to find them as a great family activity: "There's a lot of good geology that can be learned through gemstones."

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PEBBLE PUPS



Happy Thanksgiving, Pups. This month, we will look for rocks and minerals the Pilgrims may have used. As always, bring your puzzle to the meeting and get a cool prize! Happy hunting.

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LONG RANGE PLANNING & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

3 years Charles Wooldridge
Phyllis Parks

2 years Edward Ridge
Susan Taylor

1 year Vera Lyman
Roger Pabian

STANDING COMMITTEES

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 Christmas Party
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 Swap—2010
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3 years Robert Cropp
Judy Cropp

2 years Vera Lyman
Edward Ridge

1 year John Harrison
Aulden Stewart

SLATE OF NOMINEES

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Couples - \$20

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