

# PICK & SHOVEL



Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Lincoln, Nebraska  
[www.lincolngemmineralclub.org](http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org)

## BOARD MEETINGS

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

### February 3, 2010

March 3, 2010

March 31, 2010 (April Meeting)

May 5, 2010

August 25, 2010

October 6, 2010

November 3, 2010

December 1, 2010

## GENERAL MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES

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

### January 16, 2010

#### Grinding Party at Wooly's, 6115 Huntington

January 23, 2010: 1-5 p.m.

#### 31st Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap

February 14, 2010

Geology Day (Pioneer Park Nature Center)

February 18, 2010

March 18, 2010

March 30, 2010

Pfizer Science Fair (location to be announced)

## DUES ARE DUE!

It's DUES time again. To avoid paying a reinstatement fee, renew your membership prior to January 31, 2010. See Vera Lyman for more information.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope 2009 was a good year for all of you. It is my hope that 2010 will be even better! 2009 sure went out like a lion and 2010 came in like a lion. I enjoy the snow. Heavy winter snow bodes well for us rock collectors. It means the freezes and thaws are bringing fresh material up from underground, and high water in the spring will turn over gravel in the rivers and streams.



I have hosted "grinding parties" the past couple of months. I will host another one January 16th. A dozen or so members and guests have gathered at my house to eat, talk, and play with the lapidary arts. I have really enjoyed the camaraderie and have learned a lot. We will have a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. and go from there. Please bring portable projects or equipment if you have them, or you may use what is available. Roger Pabian has agreed to host the February party (specifics to be announced at a later date).

Remember the Annual Rock Swap is coming up January 23rd. Bring your rocks and money and plan to have a good time.

Plans for the Gem Show in April are coming along well. Please plan to be involved in some capacity or other. Remember it takes a village!!! There are opportunities for all. Thank you for all you do to support our hobby.

Wooly

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**December 13, 2009, Bethany Park Shelter House**

A brief meeting was held prior to the Christmas party celebration. The January Swap and the Annual Show are both on track. Charles Wooldridge related another successful gathering at his home, and invited everyone to the next scheduled event on December 19.

Members present expressed an interest in bringing back the club vest. Shirley Rockel offered to loan her old LGMC vest to use as a pattern for the new ones. Vera Lyman is to look into the cost of fabric and supplies. Vests will be manufactured by club members either at a sewing party or during one of the monthly gatherings at Wooly's or other host's residence. Vests can be purchased at a nominal fee not yet determined. The cost will cover the purchase of supplies, and no profit is to be made.

The Rockhound of the Year award was given to a very deserving individual—one who attends about 98% of the meetings and club activities. Ed Ridge is always there, usually in the background, helping to ensure things go well. Usually the last person to leave a function, Ed provides exhibits, displays, flowers for the Annual Show, hospitality items for most events, cares for the projection screen, keeps track of member/visitor attendance at meetings, and always has something to offer visitors at club sponsored events. Great job, Ed, and congratulations on the award!

The meeting closed and the celebration began. Everyone ate delicious food, enjoyed fellowship, and Rock Binged the evening away. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes for the Bingo games. Just about everyone in attendance was able to win a game and garner a prize.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sharon Marburger*



**President-elect Charles "Who's Your Santa?" Wooldridge calls the Bingo numbers. Very entertaining, Wooly!**

Photos courtesy of Ed Dvorak.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD

This is the last call for information for the 2009 award application. 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 are needed. Please give your submissions to Sharon Marburger.

Remember to submit the same types of items to Sharon for the 2010 application. It is not too early to begin!

### 2010 MID-WINTER ROCK SWAP

The 31st Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the Bethany Park Shelter House. The January meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., following the "pizza supper". See the flyer on page 3 of this newsletter. The flyer may be reproduced for distribution. Contact Richard "Pete" Peterson at (402) 489-2996 for more information.

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The January Board meeting was postponed due to inclement weather. December meeting minutes have not yet been approved for publication. See next month's *Pick & Shovel* for December and January meeting minutes.



**Intent on finding that elusive Bingo pattern.**

**Ahhh, supper was good. When do the Bingo games begin?**

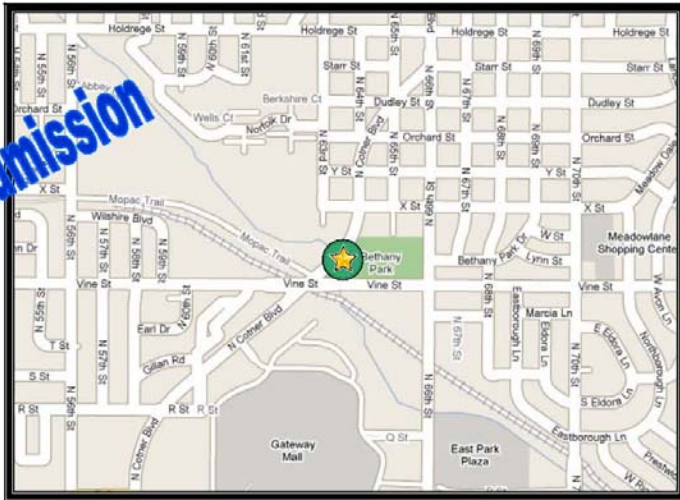


Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.  
proudly presents its  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-Winter

# ROCK SWAP & SALE

held at  
**Bethany Park Shelter House**  
**Saturday, January 23, 2010**  
**1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Free Admission**



**Buy, sell or trade** rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, equipment, and other items related to the rock / mineral / fossil hobby, lapidary, or jewelry making.

Swappers set up at 12:00 noon. Swap opens at 1:00 p.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. The General Meeting follows at 7:00 p.m. and is open to visitors.

Swappers with tables are requested to provide material for the silent auction. Proceeds go to Southeast Community College Lapidary Grants.

Cash sales must be completed using Swapper Dollars. Swapper Dollars are available from the Club Treasurer at a 10% surcharge, payable by the buyer. Proceeds benefit Southeast Community College Lapidary Grants.

For Further Information:  
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Photos courtesy of  
Nathan Christiensen



The cabochon pictured in the photos above was created by Nate Christiensen while he was a guest at the grinding party hosted by Charles Wooldridge in December. Nate does beautiful work, but he is not yet a member of LGMC.



Long-time member, Ed Ridge, was awarded the 2009 Rockhound of the Year award at the December general meeting and Christmas party. Ed is a diligent member, attending about 98% of club activities. Although he is very quiet, Ed's commitment and drive are great examples for the rest of us to follow. Congratulations, Ed!

Photos courtesy of Ed Dvorak

**Spread the word!**

# 2010 Gem & Mineral Show

**New location  
means plenty  
of parking!**

**52nd Annual Show**

Adults \$5  
Children Under 12  
FREE

**Fossils Displays**  
There are fossils to look at and fossils to buy.

**Rocks and Gemstones**  
You will find minerals, rocks, and gemstones on display and for sale.

**Youth Activities**  
Kids activities include a gem dig, rock races, and hands on polishing a stone.

**Dealers/Demonstrators**  
Dealers have their rocks, minerals, gemstones and jewelry for sale.  
Demonstrators will be showing you how they do their craft.

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*Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Show*

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**New Time... !!!**  
April 3rd and 4th, 2010  
Hours  
Saturday - 9AM - 7PM  
Sunday - 9AM - 5PM

## GEMS ON STAMPS 2009

By: Richard "Pete" Peterson

Last year I provided a list of world-wide postage stamps issued in 2008 that depicted **GEMS, MINERALS & JEWELRY**. To keep you current, here is the list for 2009 plus the Scott Stamp Catalog numbers. This list was compiled from the, *Scott Stamp Monthly*, January to December 2009.

Algeria, 1458, 1461-1464;  
Australia, 2954-2955, 2961, 2961a, 2962, 2962a, 2970-2971;  
Austria, 2205;  
Azerbaijan, 885;  
Bahrain, 648;  
Belgium, 2357a;  
Botswana, 875;  
Ethiopia, 1715-1718;  
France, 3582, 3583a;  
French Southern & Antarctic Territories, 411;  
Great Britain (Guernsey), 1004-1009;  
Iran, 2965;  
Ireland, 1816, 1816a, 1816b;  
Kazakhstan, 577;  
Korea (North), 4502, 4682-4685, 4685a, 4761-4764, 4764a;  
Korea (South), 2242;  
Kosovo, 105, 107-108;

Latvia, 729;  
Libya, 1708;  
Lithuania, 895;  
Mauritania, 798-802, 804-805;  
Mozambique, 1769, 1783, 1807-1808;  
Namibia, 1151;  
New Zealand, 2255-2256, 2264p;  
Papua New Guinea, 1333-1338;  
Peru, 1648-1649;  
Russia, 7117-7119, 7119a;  
Sri Lanka, 1648, 1650-1651, 1665, 1668;  
Swaziland, 783-784;  
Turkey, 3100;  
Ukraine, 742;  
United States of America, 4397;  
Uzbekistan, 564;  
Yemen, 864-872;

The American Topical Association (ATA) is dedicated to stamp collectors that collect specific subjects depicted on stamps. Search their web site for more information.

## PEBBLE PUPS



Happy New Year, Pups. At this month's meeting, Dan Cromer will be teaching you about quartz. I thought I'd give you a head start by having a puzzle on quartz words. As usual, bring your worked puzzle to the meeting and I will give you a special treat. Happy solving!

Mrs. Marburger

J P X S Q G U O D P Q B U H W P E A X G  
 Y L A N O G I R T T B O T R Y O I D A L  
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AMETHYST	FRACTURE	POOR CLEAVAGE
BERYL	GLOBULAR	RUTILE
BOTRYOIDAL	HARDNESS	SILICATE
CITRINE	HEXAGONAL	SMOKY
COLOR	LUSTER	STALACTITIC
CRYSTAL	MICROCLINE	TOURMALINES
DRUSE	MINERAL	TRIGONAL

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**2 years** Edward Ridge  
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**1 year** Vera Lyman  
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Swap—2010	Richard Peterson
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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**3 years** Robert Cropp  
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**2 years** Vera Lyman  
 Edward Ridge

**1 year** John Harrison  
 Aulden Stewart

J	P	X	S	Q	G	U	O	D	P	Q	B	U	H	W	P	E	A	X	G
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