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GENERAL MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House on the third Thursday of the month: Sep., Oct., Nov., Feb., Mar., Apr., and May; the second Sunday in December; and the fourth Saturday in January. Youth activities begin at 6:30 p.m. on the same dates. Other activities will be announced as they are planned.

Meeting

September 16, 2010

Program: *Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Arts* video
and
Summertime Show & Tell

Pebble Pups

Activity: Learn about Selenite

Monthly Rock Party

September 25, 2010; 5:00 p.m.

The Jewelry Connection
13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln

Potluck supper. Bring your silversmithing projects.

BOARD MEETINGS

Gere Library, Meeting Room 1, 6:30 p.m.

October 6, 2010

November 3, 2010

December 1, 2010

The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily limited to Geology, Paleontology and Mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, especially to youth and student groups.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Charles Wooldridge

Welcome to the September Newsletter. I enjoy this time of year. Meetings start up again, fall (rock) shows kick off, and football!!! What a great time of year! I hope you had a great summer. There are a few items of news to share.



I have been asking for input about going to year-round meetings. It seems we have our show the first week of April where we recruit new members, then take off for three months after May. This break of continuity does not help to retain these new prospects.

This week, the Board passed a motion to present a workable solution to the general membership. It calls for a June meeting/picnic/rock party at a member's house. We will continue to hold our annual July Grinding Party at the Chet Ager Nature Center in Pioneers Park but will add a picnic/meeting in the park. Each August we will meet at a member's house for a meeting/picnic/rock party. These meetings will be official meetings if a quorum is present, otherwise they will still be good opportunities to share summer field trip plans and socialize with our fellow rockhounds. I hope you will attend our next general meeting and provide your input on this matter.

The Show Committee is at work planning for the 2011 Gem and Mineral Show. This is an exciting project each year. Please contact Ed Dvorak to let him know how you can help out.

Elections are coming. A proposed slate of officers will be presented in this issue of the Pick and Shovel. Please look them over and be prepared to offer nominations from the floor. I'll see you and some of your summer finds at the September 16th meeting.

ROCK PARTY

JEWELRY CONNECTION
13TH & ARAPAHOE, LINCOLN
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
5:00 PM
CONTACT JAYNE AT 890-3307

REGIONAL SHOWS / ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

11-12: Fairfield, IA. Sac & Fox Lapidary Club's 15th Annual Show; Arts & Convention Center; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; CONTACT: Betty Morris or Dennis Kossow, emorris@lisco.com, (641) 472-0149, (319) 385-9584.

17-19: Lincoln, MO. Mozarkite Society of Lincoln, Inc.'s 51st Annual Show & Swap; Lincoln City Park, Shelter House; Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-5, Sun. 8-5; Contact: Ted Bolich, 1201 S. 7th Street, Clinton, MO 64735, (660) 890-4983.

24-26: Joplin, MO. Tri-State Gem and Mineral Society's 12th Annual "Rock-a-thon" Gem and Mineral Show, Joplin Museum Complex, 504 Schifferdecker Ave.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; CONTACT: Chris Wiseman, jmc-cwiseman@sbcglobal.net.

OCTOBER

2-3: Omaha, NE. Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club's 55th Annual Show; Westside Community Center, 3534 S. 108th St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; CONTACT: www.nerockgem.us.

9-10: Topeka, KS. Topeka Gem & Mineral Club's Annual Show; Kansas Expocentre, Agriculture Hall, 17th & Topeka Blvd.

NAOSCI

by Erma Pharoah, NAOSCI Secretary/Treasurer

The State meeting of NAOSCI will meet Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in Omaha.

Each club should have a delegate to represent them at this meeting. Clubs with up to 30 members may have two delegates; 31 to 50 members are allowed three delegates; and more than 50 members may have four delegates. No club is allowed more than four delegates. Please consider one of your delegates to run for a board position, as it is preferred that each club have a member on the board to represent them.

PETE'S NOTES

By Richard Peterson, LGMC Board Member

WHO OWNS THE RIVERS? Part I - PUBLIC vs. PRIVATE

In a recent issue of Rock & Gem (Vol. 40, No. 5, May 2010), I read about the "Lucas Creek Closure". The column raised the issue of public vs. private land use and what is responsible use of the land by rockhounds. I got to thinking, am I breaking any laws when I collect along the gravel bars of Nebraska? The question for river walkers is, "Who owns the rivers?"

The U.S. Supreme Court has held that the bed and banks under all navigable rivers, lakes and streams, for title (ownership) purposes, are owned by the states and "held in trust" for the public. "In trust" means, for the "responsible recreation" use of the public. This applies to all fifty states, under the "Equal Footing Doctrine". Therefore, rivers that are navigable are owned by the state, and not by those who own the land on either side of the river. This federal law went into effect in colonial times and was law as each part of the U.S. territory became a state. Nebraska statehood was in 1867.

States own the river up to the "ordinary high water mark". The three public uses that the courts have traditionally mentioned are navigation, fishing, and commerce. Commerce refers to the exchange of goods, but includes communication and social interaction between individuals, as in "the commerce of ideas". But, the courts have ruled that any and all "non-destructive" activities are legally protected, including picnics, camping, walking, etc.

A landowner's deed may mention "middle of the river" or include wording that seems to surround and include the river. Somewhere along the chain of property transactions the deed was changed incorrectly to include the river bed. A state's ownership is a "prior existing right" and here in Nebraska, state ownership reverted to the state in 1867. We will explore what is navigable next month.

Check out the National Organization of Rivers website at <http://www.adventuresports.com/river/nors/us-law-rights.htm>.

HELPFUL TIP: Little annoyances - Part I.

This is the first installment on the very small critters that can find you during a day in the field. This will not include mosquitoes (in the insect Family *Culicidae*) which are primarily a bother after sunset or on hot, sticky, cloudy days. Neither will it include horse and deer flies (Family *Tabanidae*) which give you warning by their robust size, or by sound. The latter can give a painful bite and raise a major welt wherever they want. The first of the unseen and unheard are the chiggers.

Chiggers are not insects, as those previously mentioned, but immature mites which need to feed before growing into the next stage in their life cycle. Mites are more closely related to spiders and they live in and around forests, grasslands, woodlands, berry bushes, orchards, along lakes, streams, and in your lawn. Bites are most common from April to early autumn. These critters do not suck out a blood meal like a mosquito, but irritate by feeding (chewing, if

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ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

by Jim Marburger, Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee has prepared a partial slate of officers for the November elections.

President:	Richard Peterson
1st Vice President:	Aulden Stewart
2nd Vice President:	Ed Dvorak
Treasurer:	Vera Lyman
Secretary:	Sharon Marburger
Board:	Jim Marburger
	Ed Ridge
	Charles Wooldridge

The Nominating Committee will have a couple of other nominations, pending acceptance.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the September meeting and prior to elections at the November meeting. Please give some thought as to who might be willing to work for the good of the club. You can nominate yourself, too. Remember, the club needs willing and dedicated leaders.

AUGUST ROCK PARTY

By Jim & Sharon Marburger, Rock Party Hosts

The monthly Rock Party was held at the Marburgers' home in Hickman on August 21. The fun started with a yummy potluck of Pepsi Pulled Pork sandwiches and a wide assortment of side dishes and desserts.



There was a grand turnout of 17 people. Those present were Stella Thiessen, Vera Lyman, and Sharon Marburger working on lesson plans for youth activities; Ed Dvorak taught wire wrap to Al Stewart and Roger and Mary Pittard; Roger Pabian worked on a faceting project, and he and Charles Wooldridge



assisted with mineral identification; Brian, Jayne, and Corey Beer brought lapidary equipment that Corey shared with Linda Guenter; and John Harrison, Eric Harrison and Shari Nelson joined in the potluck and good company.

John Harrison also offered some cabochon cutting tips to Corey Beer.



Jim Marburger took the group on a tour of JJ&L's rock cutting shop. He explained his method of cutting, and even slabbed a stone for Wooly. After the tour, the group settled down to working on projects and talking on a variety of subjects. Youth projects, show plans, mineral identification, field trips, and other hobby related items were discussed.



Photos courtesy of Jim Marburger.

Everyone seemed to have a good time. The hosts appreciate the fabulous turnout and thank everyone who participated.



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you will) on the soft, fluid, skin cells. They inject enzymes that digest a minute hole in the skin, then proceed to feed on the softened tissue. After staying attached for 1-5 days, they detach, and the itching and localized swelling around the point of entry becomes obvious. It is believed the chigger's digestive fluids cause the redness and itch. You are not usually aware of your encounter with a chigger until after you return home. On me, they seem to find the waistband of my boxers or the elastic top of my socks. Women will find irritation around similar areas of tight fitting clothing. Chigger irritation should be a short lived, unpleasant experience. To minimize your chances of being fed upon, wear a loose fitting, long sleeved shirt, long pants (no shorts, please) and apply a repellent spray or lotion containing DEET (25% or higher) on your neck, hands, and behind the ears. After you return home, apply calamine lotion to the irritation to reduce the urge to scratch which will only prolong the healing.

AND THE WORD IS...?

This mineral name is derived from Latin, which was applied to a common ore. During the heyday of the crystal-detector radio receiver, it was well known for its use as the crystal in the radio. What is ...?

Last month's word was an easy one. "What is CALCITE?"

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Editor's Note: The minutes of the May General Meeting were published in the June Pick & Shovel. They are reprinted here for review prior to approval.

May 20, 2010, Bethany Park Shelter

The meeting was called to Order at 7:06 p.m. by President Charles Wooldridge. Twenty adult members, two juniors, and two visitors were present. Shari Nelsen and Linda Guenter became the club's newest members.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the April meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Roger Pittard moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Karen Messenger. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report for April was read by Treasurer Lyman. Jim Marburger moved to accept the report as read, second by Richard Peterson. Motion carried.

Jim Marburger related the details of the Hutchinson, Kansas/Jet, Oklahoma field trip planned for the Memorial Day weekend. Jim also said he was looking for a field trip leader to head up the Tepee Canyon and tourmaline trip in July. No one volunteered.

The May rock/grinding party will be held at Roger Pabian's residence on Sunday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

The June rock/grinding party will be held at Roger and Mary Pittard's residence on Sunday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m. The purpose of this gathering is to apply a finish to the ten new display cases built last year. A potluck will follow the maintenance party. Everyone is to bring a covered dish; Pittards will supply the hot dogs and buns.

President Wooldridge gave a reminder about the July Grinding Party at the Pioneers Park Nature Center. It is July 11 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year we will hold a potluck in the park following the Grinding Party. The club will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, and charcoal. Attendees are to bring covered dishes.

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PEBBLE PUPS



Hello Pups! We use minerals every day for almost everything we do. See how many of the minerals listed below you can find in the puzzle. Bring your finished puzzle to the meeting to collect your prize.

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| CHROMIUM | FLUORITE | LEAD | SELENIUM |
| CLAY | GOLD | LIMESTONE | SILICA |
| COAL | GRAPHITE | MAGNESIUM | SILVER |
| COPPER | GYPSUM | MICA | SULFUR |
| DOLOMITE | HALITE | PERLITE | TALC |

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Puzzle manually created by Sharon Marburger.

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PETRIFIED WOOD GALLERY

by Charles Wooldridge, LGMC President

Located in Ogallala's famed Front Street at 525 East Highway 30 Ogallala, Nebraska, the Petrified Wood Gallery is a must-see showcase of natural history and lapidary art. I first visited the exhibit in the eighties when it was located south of Ogallala. The Gallery was nestled in a superbly manicured parkway that held two homes, beautiful rock gardens, waterfall, grist mill, and flowering trees and shrubs. Harvey and Howard Kenfield each lived in one of the twin homes with their families.



The twin brothers were born in Albion, Nebraska but grew up and graduated from Brule High School.



Harvey and me

In 1953, the brothers began collecting Native American artifacts which quickly led them into the lapidary arts. For the past fifty years, Howard and Harvey have been devoted

to the grinding and polishing of rocks, especially petrified wood.

When I used to have a Rock Shop many years ago, I would stop whenever I could, to visit Howard and Harvey. They are always so gracious, full of knowledge and willing to share with others. I was able to see firsthand, a number of times, how they make their pieces of art. I used them to identify types and localities for petrified wood. Once in a while I would buy



surplus wood from them. Recently, when I stopped by the Gallery, I was talking to Harvey about something I had read that indicated there was a buried petrified forest lying between the North and South Platte Rivers in western Nebraska. Harvey politely disagreed and explained that the wood found in that area is alluvial in that it is well-rounded by stream tumbling. He felt the wood probably comes from near the Denver area. It is a pleasure to learn new things from such a humble teacher.

Petrified Wood Gallery exhibits have been highly sought after and have been show-stoppers at many gem and mineral shows throughout the years. The Kenfields have been to our gem and mineral show several times. They brought displays to the 1974 National Show, the 1980 National Show, and at least once in the early nineties. The Kenfields no longer travel to display at shows since they have such a beautiful permanent display at the Gallery.



There are several distinct areas of the Gallery's Collection. A focal point since the Gallery opened in 1977 is the prize winning collection of petrified wood pictures and dioramas. The pictures are scenes from ghost towns, barns, and houses from the depression era, or birds all made from pieces of petrified wood. One room is devoted solely to Native American artifact arrangements. There is a large collection of rounds of petrified wood, including many rare ones from the world over. The brothers have numerous music boxes on display that they have made over the years. These are hand-crafted of petrified wood, each with a melody that fits the scene depicted. My favorite is an outhouse that plays "Alone Again Naturally". The

Photos courtesy of Jackie Barnhardt.

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past few years, the brothers have used cottonwood tree knotholes as frames for their petrified wood scenes.

The Kenfields decided some time ago to donate their collection to a foundation, for permanent care and maintenance of the Gallery. To their surprise, they discovered that nowadays, foundations seem to be interested only in cash donations or materials that can be easily liquidated to serve the foundation's needs. Fortunately for the general and future public, the Kenfields decided to form their own foundation in order to give their collection and artwork to the city of Ogallala. In June 2007, the Friends of the Kenfield Gallery received designation as a 501(c)(3) organization. Hopeful our children's grandchildren will be able to share in these wonders of nature.

The Gallery hosts a beautiful gift shop filled with nature's artwork from around the world. The brothers still make and sell small art pieces constructed from petrified wood. I found the gift shop to be filled with high quality materials at very reasonable prices. The Museum and Gift Shop are staffed with volunteers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program who are exceedingly gracious and helpful to visitors.

Harvey tells me they are planning another move for the Gallery. In January 2011, they are planning to move to a location just across the street. There will be a lot more space available.

If you haven't yet or haven't recently, you owe it to yourself to visit this Lapidary Wonderland!!!



Wooly and his long-lost cousin

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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NEW BUSINESS:

President Wooldridge announced that member Jim Null is having heart problems, and to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

The Board approved for Robert Cropp to build up to five new display cases this year, as replacements for some of our old, worn out cases.

Jayne Beer and Stella Thiessen are responsible for providing bar cookies to the September 16 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to refreshments and program at 7:37 p.m. on a motion by Roger Pabian, second by Karen Messenger. Motion carried. The program was a video on the creation geology of the Andes Mountains.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

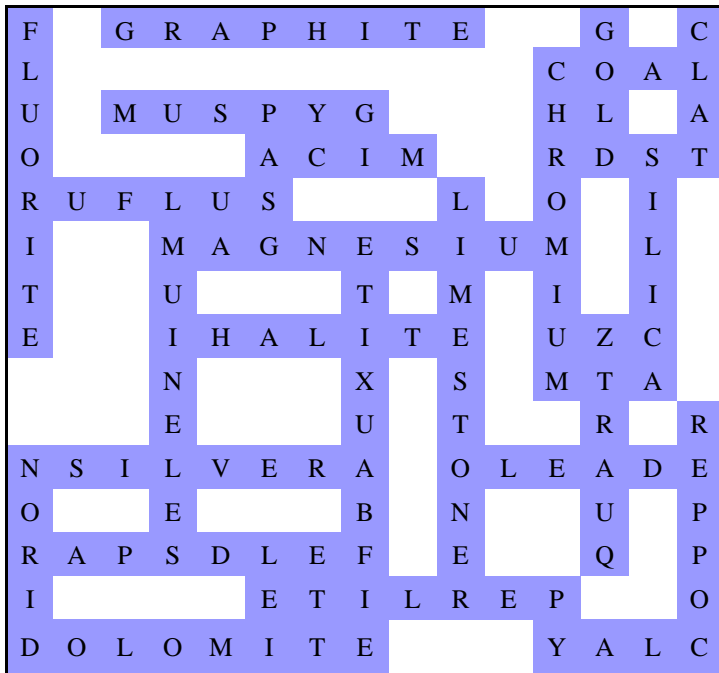
ALAA POSITION STATEMENT ON H.R. 5580

Reprinted from the ALAA Website.

After the close evaluation of *H.R. 5580: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010*. The American Lands Access Association (ALAA) is in support of this piece of legislation. The text of H.R. 5580 can be found on the 'Active Legislation' page of the ALAA Website, <http://www.amlands.org/6652/index.html>, along with a link to the current status of the pending legislation. This bill, when passed, will help in the protection of America's Public Lands from arbitrary discretionary executive orders and require public input and Congressional concurrence in the creation of National Monuments from America's Public Lands, keeping special interest activists under control.

Your help is needed to accomplish the passage of this bill into public law. Your letters, emails and faxes to elected officials asking for their support of this pending legislation is urgently needed. Your elected official can be found on the ALAA website 'Links' Page <http://www.amlands.org/9112/index.html> under 'Contact Information for Congress'.

Answers to Pebble Pups puzzle



NEW FORMAT!

by Sharon Marburger, Editor

You may have noticed that your Pick & Shovel looks different this month. The change in format is bring the newsletter into compliance with the requirements of the American and Midwest Federations.



We are sorely lacking in two requirements. We need someone to keep up to date with legislative items and supply a monthly report to the P&S. Original articles written by club members is the second item. Please help out your Editor by writing articles for publication.

Jewelry • Gems • Beads • Books

55th Annual Gem & Mineral Show


October 2nd & 3rd, 2010

Saturday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Westside Community Center
3534 South 108th Street
(108th and Grover Streets)
Omaha, Nebraska**

- Special displays and exhibits.
- Dealers from six states.
- Watch a silversmith at work!
- Learn how to polish stones and make arrowheads.
- See local artists make glass beads, paint on rocks, and design wire jewelry.
- Children can dig for fossils and gems.



Raffle for this 350 million year-old Orthoceras from Morocco Africa.

Free Parking

Admission: Adults - \$4, Ages 13 to 18 and 62 and over - \$2
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Sponsored by the Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club

Proceeds from this show are used for scholarships to benefit UNO and UNL geology students.

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Couples - \$20

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