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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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 first Sunday in December; and the fourth Saturday in January. Youth activities begin at 6:30 p.m. on the same dates. Summer meetings and other activities will be announced as they are planned.

Calendar of 2012 Meeting Dates

<u>Board</u>	<u>General</u>
Sep. 5	May 17
Oct. 3	Sep. 20
Nov. 1	Oct. 18
Nov. 28	Nov. 15
	Dec. 2

May Meeting
May 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Mineral Monkeys
6:30 p.m.
**Showmanship, Communication,
Rocking on the Computer**
Program: Specimen Collecting

Special Activities

Grinding Party Jul. 8

May Rock Party

May 19, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
at the Marburgers
See announcement on page 5.

2013 Show Silent Auction

**Bring a nice specimen to each meeting
for the 2013 Show Silent Auction.
Let's have an AWESOME event!**

SUNSHINE CORNER



Noah Van Butsel



**Congratulations to
Corey Beer who was
confirmed in the
Lutheran Church on
April 29.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Peterson

I guess summer is more or less here. With so many temperature swings, I'm still waiting until the "usual" time later this month to plant my tomatoes. I swear I can already taste the BLTs.



I hope you have your summer vacation/collecting adventures firmed up, or at least penciled in. I will be at the MWF show and convention in Minneapolis in July. It is hard to pass up a show so close to Lincoln that is focused on agates. Scattered throughout the summer will be trips to the river. With the river so low, so early and easy to access, it's hard to find areas where others have not already collected.

For those who are undecided where to kick-off the summer, why not head west to Scottsbluff, NE. Later this month, on May 25-28, the Panhandle Rock & Gem Club will be having their annual show. Until next month.

REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE

May 17: Richard Peterson/Brad Nielsen	Cookies
Sep. 20: Sharon Marburger/Messengers	Pie
Oct. 18: Charles Wooldridge/AnneMarie Frierichs	
Nov. 20: Al Stewart/Jim Atkins	

MONTHLY ROCK PARTY SCHEDULE

May	19th - 5:00 p.m.	Marburgers
June	AVAILABLE	
July	14th - 2:00 p.m.	Pittards
August	AVAILABLE	
September	AVAILABLE	
October	AVAILABLE	
November	AVAILABLE	
December	AVAILABLE	

NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENTS

11-13: COLUMBIA, MO. The Central Missouri Rock & Lapidary Club's Annual Show; Boone County Fairgrounds, 5212 N. Oakland Gravel Rd., Fri. 12-7, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; CONTACT: Deb Booker 573.356.5897 or Bob McConnell 573.445.5415, bobmc@socket.net.

18-20: JOPLIN, MO. Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society's Outdoor Rock Swap; Schifferdecker Park, 7th & Schifferdecker Ave.; Fri. & Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-3; CONTACT: Joplin Museum Complex, 504 Schifferdecker Ave., 417.623.1180, jmc-cwiseman@sbcglobal.net.

19-20: NORFOLK, NE. Northeast Nebraska Rock & Mineral Society's Annual Show; Sunset Plaza Mall, 1700 Market Lane; Sat. 10-7, Sun. 12-6; CONTACT: Donna Christiansen, 408 N. Plum St., Plainview, NE 68769, 402.640.4553, rdchristi@plvwtelco.net.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

LGMC General Meeting, April 19, 2012, Bethany Park Shelter House

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Marburger, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Richard Peterson. Twenty-eight adult members and 3 Mineral Monkeys were present. Welcome to new members Pamela Kempkes, John & Barb Mapes, and Martin Mueller. Applicant Kate Flemming of Elkhorn also attended. Young Ian Williams visited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. April Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection on April 22 at 5:00 p.m.
2. May Rock Party will be held at the Marburgers in Hickman on May 19 at 5:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes of the March meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Charles Wooldridge moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Roger Pittard. Carried.
2. The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Lyman. Sharon Marburger moved to accept the report as read, second by Karen Messenger. Carried.
3. Richard Peterson shared that he, Jim Marburger, Ed Ridge, and Al Stewart went to the Heartland Home School Science Fair. Al demonstrated cabochon cutting and allowed

certain children to work part of a stone. Ed displayed specimens, books, and general information. Pete and Jim gave out general information, handed out tumbled stones, and distributed flyers for the 2013 Show. Approximately 100 families attended.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of possible summer field trips. Possibilities are river run, fossil collecting, quarry, road cuts.
2. The AFMS Newsletter has a good article on how to protect our youth in the club.

SHOW REPORT:

1. Attendance: 1,007 paid admissions. Initial estimates indicate about \$1,500 profit.
2. Ed Dvorak thanks everyone who helped with the show.

The meeting adjourned to refreshments and program at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Mary Pittard, second by Karen Messenger. Thanks to those who brought snacks.

The Program was a recording of the show "Cash and Treasures", featuring digging for fire agates at the Opal Hill Mine. It was an entertaining program.

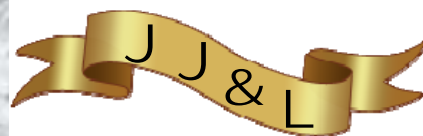
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LGMC Board Meeting, February 29, 2012, Gere Library (March meeting)

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Marburger, Secretary

The March Board meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by President Richard Peterson. All Board members were present. Webmaster Jim Atkins and guests Judy Cropp and Pat Dvorak, were also present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of the February meeting – Charles Wooldridge moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Ed Dvorak. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Dvorak moved to accept the report as printed, second by Aulden Stewart. Motion carried.

Geology Day – February 12, 2012 at the Chet Ager Building at the Pioneers Park Nature Center. Attendance was extremely low.

President's Goals – Pete would like to see all advertising and publicity information gathered and placed in a folder or binder, with a copy placed in the Library. There was also talk of updating the Standard Operating Procedures for future shows. Goals tabled until April meeting.

Judy Cropp reported there has been no progress made on cataloging and organizing the Library. Pete phoned Morrill Hall, the UNL Geology Department, Southeast Community College, and the State Historical Society to see if they would be interested in obtaining the club library. All answers were negative with the exception that the Historical Society would take the minutes and Pick & Shovels only.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pete asked if the past Rockhounds of the Year could be included in the Who's Who. Vera Lyman will collect the information and Sharon Marburger will dedicate a page to it.

Rock Party – March 24 at 5:00 p.m. at Ed Ridge's. Irish theme.

Nominations for Secretary – No further nominations have been received.

Prospective new members – Kevin Kaup. Vera Lyman moved to accept the membership applications, second by Jim Marburger. Carried.

Science Fair – Pete contacted Susy McMahan. Small specimens are needed for the Gem Dig. Ed Dvorak moved to use funds from the Juniors' account to purchase Gem Dig items, second by Rowdy Cropp. Carried.

Midwest Federation – Delegates are needed. Three of the four members planning to go cannot act as delegates due to positions held in the Federation. Carpooling is available. Wooly moved that in order to encourage participation and to offset fuel costs, two \$50 stipends for up to two vehicles be provided for those going to the MWF Convention in Minnetonka, Minnesota. Second by Vera Lyman. Carried.

2013 Geology Day – February 10; 2013 Grinding Party – July 14

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Meeting Program – Treasure Hunters on turquoise and emeralds.

2012 Show Committee – A copy of the floor plan was submitted to the Event Center. Plastic Easter eggs to be distributed to children at the Show have been filled with prizes, thanks to Vera & Ellie Lyman. Will need helpers for setup at 8:00 a.m. on April 6, and again at tear-down on Sunday evening.

2013 Show – Wooly has a preliminary flyer, focused on the Emerald Anniversary. Starting to plan for field trips. A Show Committee meeting will be scheduled and members notified.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Jim Marburger, second by Rowdy Cropp. Motion carried.

NOTE: The April Board meeting minutes were inadvertently published last month, instead of the March meeting minutes.

May Rock Party

MAY 19 @ 5:00 P.M.



PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

AND WHATEVER YOU BRING.

at the Marburgers



Bring your projects and portable equipment. We will be sorting and packaging specimens for the 2013 show. Come prepared to have a tasty and fun evening.

AFMS & MWF 2012 SHOW & CONVENTION

by Sandy Fuller, MWF Treasurer



A Celebration of Agates

July 26 to 29, 2012

Seminars on Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Event hours: Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Lindbergh Center at Hopkins High School
2400 Lindbergh Drive
Minnetonka, Minnesota**

The Minnesota Mineral Club is hosting a four-day agate show, in conjunction with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies.

Sign up for more information at www.minnesotamineralclub.org

- Celebrate agates!
- Celebrate collectors!
- Celebrate rockhounds!
- Celebrate Minnesota!
- Celebrate dealers!
- Celebrate kids and families

This is a unique, international event with agate enthusiasts from around the world. You don't want to miss it!

Seminar Day on Thursday is by pre-registration only. Fourteen presenters are lined up just for this event. The actual show, with additional speakers, exhibits, and authors opens at noon on Friday and runs through Sunday.

The Midwest Federation's Council of Delegates is the annual event for clubs to help direct the affairs of the federation. Make sure your club has an official delegate. In the afternoon, there will be sessions on websites, facebook and junior programming for club representatives. In between, enjoy the show. Cap off the evening at the banquet with speaker Scott Wolter and award presentations from both the Midwest and American Federations.

Plan to attend the Editor's Breakfast on Sunday morning. Both federations will recognize outstanding newsletters, editors and contributors, with time for editors to share experiences and concerns.

Hope to see you in Minnesota this summer.

BENCH TIPS BY BRAD SMITH

QUICK CLOSE-UPS

There's a quick way to grab a close-up photo from your iPhone or Android shown on <http://omigems.com/blog/2012/03/the-traditional-jewelers-loupe-goes-high-tech/>

MOTOR SAFETY - THE LITTLE THINGS CAN BITE

Most jewelers treat motorized equipment with caution. We've all heard stories about workpieces coming loose in the drill press or about getting long hair or clothing caught in the polishing machine. It stands to reason that a machine with a motor of half a horsepower or so is going to win out over its operator. We all know that, and I'm not going to harp on it. That's not the point of this story.

But the point here is with the smaller powered machines we often use, the ones with little 3 inch diameter motors. For instance, these small motors are used in flexshafts and micro buffers. They're so small that many of us forget caution when using them. I'm guilty of it myself sometimes, and believe me it can get you in trouble.

One friend had a polishing bur bend in the handpiece and then whack the thumb that was holding the workpiece so badly that it seemed the bone might be broken. The swelling was substantial, and it took several weeks to regain normal use. A small underpowered motor? I don't think so.

Another friend was using one of the small buffing machines, the kind you can stop when you apply too much pressure to the wheel. Not to worry about such an underpowered beast you say. Wrong, it literally jumped up and bit the hand that feeds it ! Buffer was set on a low table to do a quick polish, so was not mounted or clamped. A buff was installed on the right spindle, no buff on the left. Friend was wearing a tight-fitting, long-sleeved sweater. While buffing on the right wheel, the left tapered spindle caught a thread on the friend's left sleeve and started grabbing more and more threads and sleeve.

Rather than pulling the arm into the machine, the light buffer quickly lifted off the table and started climbing up the underside of the friends arm. There was no way to get a hand of the on/off switch because the unit was spinning wildly and battering my friend like a club wielded by a mad man. Only when my friend could grab the gyrating power cord and yank it from the wall did the mayhem stop.

So when you're in the shop, please think safety. Don't take even those little motors for granted.

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/ or facebook.com/BenchTips

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ROGER ROCKS!

by Corey Beer, age 13 when written

The year was 2009, in the fall to be more exact, Roger Pabian, a family friend of ours had taken a group of fellow rock hounds and us on a rock hunting trip down by Fairbury, Nebraska. It was the 3rd stop of the day, we were at the Big Blue River. A shout echoed across the river's walls "look what I found!" My parents and a few others came over, I had found a piece of petrified wood. Roger immediately took his loupe out and inspected it, he explained that this piece of wood had either rotted or burned before it petrified. A few of the other treasures that we found at that riverbed were a fossilized camel tooth, a bone and a wide assortment of agates. Soon Roger said that it was time to go one more place before the end of the day so we left but it was a little too abruptly for me.

Roger Pabian was born October 12, 1935 in Prague, Nebraska. He was the younger of two boys. He started school in Prague, Nebraska but he went to Junior high at Whittier, here in Lincoln. He started high school at Lincoln High, but he got his G.E.D. in the Military. During the Korean War he served in the Army and was stationed in Naples, Italy. After his service, he came back to Lincoln and attended UNL and received his masters' degree in geology. Then he worked for the Nebraska Roads Department and spent time in all 93 counties of Nebraska. He then became a professor of Paleontology at UNL.

Roger also had many hobbies. He joined the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club shortly after it began, he knew so much about rocks that people from all over would go to him to have things identified. He taught the lapidary (rock cutting) class for Lincoln Parks and Rec. He was in the numismatic society (coins) and was very interested in and knowledgeable about ancient coins. He was in the magic club and quite a magician. He loved going to car races. He enjoyed watercolor painting. He took my mom's silversmith class, he made sterling boxes with stones set on top of them and many pieces of jewelry to wear. He would go to art shows and sell his paintings and jewelry and carved stone items. You could also find him attending the art walk most first Fridays of the month. He loved to tell and hear good jokes and stories. I was always happy when I was with him.

From the time I was a baby, we went out on rock collecting trips with him. By age 7, I was very interested in rocks. Roger could identify just about anything we found, along with explaining where faults were and where oceans had been and so much more about the landscape of Nebraska. When I was 10, I received my first rock-cutting machine and I was completely addicted, there is no turning back now. Roger and my mom had been teaching me to cut and polish rocks. I have been attending gem and mineral shows my whole life. I have begun a pretty good collection of rocks, minerals and fossils. In January 2012, I was elected junior rock hound of the year for 2011.

On December 12, 2010, my parents and I went to the gem and mineral club Christmas party. Roger didn't show up, so we went over to his house and there were 5 newspapers on the front step. My mom called the police and they went in and found that he had passed away. We were shocked, just 2 weeks earlier he seemed like he was just fine. I was a pall bearer at his funeral. We spent most of 2011 working at his house with several other friends of his, and his brother Howell, sorting all of his collections and getting things ready for auctions. Out of a pretty small duplex, there was enough stuff to have 2 days of auctions with rocks and 2 days of coin auctions and 1 day at his house for the household auction. One of Roger's sayings was "you can tell how interesting a person was by the auction at the end his life". Everyone at the auctions were amazed by his collections; he was very, very interesting. In the summer of 2011, I detasseled corn and earned money, I spent it all at the rock auctions. Between working at his house and Howell giving me several things and the things I and my parents bought at his auctions, I have a pretty good start to my collection and I imagine that this will be a hobby that I will enjoy my whole life. One thing I want to do soon is go back and try to find that riverbed that we went to that day in 2009 and spend the whole day there.

Corey wrote this story as part of a school assignment to tell about someone who inspired him. Great job, Corey!
(3/8/2012)

MINERAL MONKEYS

by Sharon Marburger



Hi Monkeys!

This month we have a few words associated with your Future Rockhounds of America badge quest for Showmanship. Happy hunting.

ARRANGE	COMPETITION	JUDGES	ROCKS
AWARDS	DISPLAYS	MINERALS	ROUGH
CABOCHON	FOSSILS	POLISHED	SPECIMENS
CASES	GEMS	RIBBONS	TUMBLED

Puzzle manually created by Sharon Marburger.

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2013 SHOW COMMITTEE

By Sharon Marburger

Charles Wooldridge, 2013 Show Committee Chairman, called the first meeting for show planning on May 3.

There was discussion about what items should be included in our show packet and numerous field trip locations were suggested. Wooly began to develop the show budget.

Wooly has assigned a few of the chairmen, but more people are needed to assist. Let Wooly know if you would like to help. The following is the current show committee:

- Chairman:..... Charles Wooldridge
- Breakfast:..... Vera Lyman
- Dealers: Charles Wooldridge
- Demonstrators:..... Richard Peterson
- Displays: Ed Ridge
- Event Center Liaison..... Vera Lyman
- Finance & Ticket Sales: Vera Lyman, Jim Atkins
- Floor Chairman:
- Forms Sharon Marburger
- Host Hotel Sharon Marburger
- LGMC Club Booth:
- MWF Coordination..... Sharon Marburger
Vera Lyman
- Plants:..... Ed Ridge
- Pre-Registration Richard Peterson
- Printed Program: Sharon Marburger
- Programs & Speakers:.....
- Publicity & Promotion:James Marburger
Charles Wooldridge
- Ribbons & Recognitions:..... Al & Marilyn Stewart
- Security: Vera Lyman
- Silent Auction: Stella Thiessen
- Special Features:
- Web Master:..... Jim Atkins
- Youth Activities:.....

Although there is not yet a Special Features chairman, many ideas for displays were suggested.

Wooly is calling for a second show committee meeting to take place immediately following the general meeting. Let Wooly know how you would like to help. We want to make this an excellent show for the Federation.



Silversmithing classes

The Jewelry Connection Ltd.
Indian Village Shopping Ctr.
13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln

Tuesdays
May 1, 2012
thru
June 19, 2012
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$120 plus \$30 supply deposit

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Judith Bay 402-423-7058
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APRIL ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger

The April Rock Party was on April 22 at The Jewelry Connection. Jayne Beer provided her special lime chicken as the base of the Mexican themed party. Others food items included different kinds of beans, rice, chips, salad, and pit fired bar-b-que beef. There was an assortment of desserts, too.

The party was well attended; 14 members and 3 visitors. This was the first Rock Party for three of the member attendees. Mark Awakuni-Swetland brought specimens that Jim Marburger, Dan Cromer, and Ed Ridge helped to identify; Ed Ridge and Corey Beer worked on lapidary projects; Judith Bay and Jayne Beer did silver and metal smithing; and Sharon and Jim Marburger sorted rough emeralds for the 2013 Show.



STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN

Audit	John Harrison James Marburger Ed Dvorak
Christmas Party	Edward Ridge
Education / Librarian	Charles Wooldridge Judy Cropp
Facebook	Andrew Tiedje
Field Trips	James Marburger
Geology Day Coordinator	Aulden Stewart
Grinding Party	Aulden Stewart
Historian	Sharon Marburger
Legislative Liaison	Robert Cropp
Membership Record	Edward Ridge
MWF Liaison	Vera Lyman
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Property	James Marburger
Refreshments / Door Prizes	Mary Pittard
Scholarship	Vera Lyman
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Swap—2013	Richard Peterson
Website	Jim Atkins
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- Juniors - \$2 per year (with a responsible adult)

All new memberships must be accompanied by a written application. Prospective members must gain Board approval and attend one regular

**LONG RANGE PLANNING &
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

1 year	Edward Ridge Robert Cropp
2 years	Charles Wooldridge Sharon Marburger
3 years	Vera Lyman John Harrison

HOBBY FUN

Would you like to have some hobby fun? Consider hosting a monthly Rock Party. It doesn't matter where you hold it. All you have to do is set the date and time, provide place settings for the potluck, and have areas to work in and chairs or floor to sit on. June through December are still available. Let a Board Member know if you are interested in hosting.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

3 years	Brad Nielsen Roger Pittard
2 years	Robert Cropp Judy Cropp
1 year	Vera Lyman Edward Ridge

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