




# PICK & SHOVEL

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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. Youth activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

## Roadside Cleanup and April Rock Party April 20 - See details on page 6

Please note: If you plan to participate in the Roadside Cleanup, you must view the Department of Roads instruction video.

Video will be shown at the meeting on April 18.

### 2013 Meeting Dates

#### Board

*Meetings held at Gere Library*

Wed., May 1

Wed., September 4

Wed., October 2

Wed., November 6

#### General

Thurs., April 18

Thurs., May 16

Thurs., September 19

Thurs., October 17

Thurs., November 21

Sunday, December 1  
(Christmas Party)

### REGIONAL SHOWS

**APRIL 27—28: FORT DODGE, IA.** River Valley Rockhounds, Inc.'s 50th Anniversary Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show; Iowa Central Community College Career Education Building, 330 Ave. M (Business Hwy. 20); Sat. 9-5, Sun. 11-4; Contact: Jim Baumer, 515.955.6783, [jbaum@frontiernet.net](mailto:jbaum@frontiernet.net), [www.amfed.org/mwfiowa/rivervalley](http://www.amfed.org/mwfiowa/rivervalley).

**MAY 10-12: COLUMBIA, MO.** Central Missouri Rock and Lapidary Club's Rock, Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show and Sale; Central Missouri Events Center (formerly know as Boone County Fairgrounds), 5212 North Oakland Gravel Road; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Contact: Bob McConnell, 573.445.5415, [bobmc@socket.net](mailto:bobmc@socket.net), [www.CMRLC.org](http://www.CMRLC.org).

### General Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Program: Department of Roads video on how to do Roadside Cleanup

### Mineral Monkeys

Thursday, April 18, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Lesson: Shop Safety

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James Marburger, President

April showers bring May flowers. Why are the dandelions in bloom in the snow? We just had one of the nicest shows in the Midwest Federation area. Meetings went well once we found the rooms through the "Mother of All Garage Sales" and the two horse shows. I welcomed the MWF to our show and then stood in for Wooly on the reports and comments as the show chairman. He was very busy at the show, when not out in the parking lot, directing traffic. We had a great crew to set up, man, help, answer questions, and provide a fantastic show for all who attended. I wish I could have been in the Lincoln Room on Saturday to see the crowd; reports were very positive. I had numerous first-timers to the show tell me they were very impressed. I want to thank everyone who came out for our show this weekend. The entire club worked hard and our Midwest Federation friends had lots of fun at the show and on the field trips. Again, many thanks to all who helped make the show a success.



Once the snow stops, we will schedule a club collecting trip to the Fairbury area. I appreciate your consideration in allowing only our Federation guests to attend that trip. Many cool fossils and items were found before the show, but way more are waiting for us.

On April 20, we have the roadside clean-up on Highway 77, followed by the Rock Party at the Marburgers' in Hickman. Let's keep this club going and having fun. There are many opportunities for teaching others about our hobby and club, while still having fun.

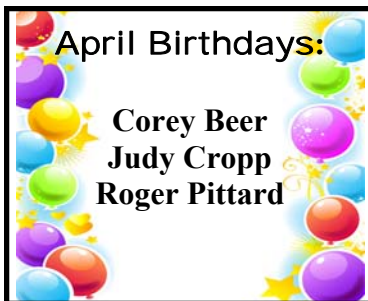
If you have any stories about the show or any hobby-related activity, try reporting it in the Pick and Shovel. You may know something that others want to learn. Maybe your feature, report, or article will be entered into competition and win recognition in the Midwest, or even the American, Federation.

## A HUGE "THANK YOU" FROM THE LAPIDARY CLASS

By Rowdy Cropp

I would like to thank one of our club members and Lapidary class participant, Carmen Perzinski, for donating to the Lapidary class seven **brand new** diamond polishing discs, five **brand new** sponge backing pads, and a package of wicks for the dopping lamp. It is great that she did this in her Father's memory; what a fabulous way to honor a loved one. It is always appreciated when our club members donate supplies, material, and equipment to the class, as a lot of it is very old and in need of frequent repair. It is great way to promote the hobby. Thanks again to Carmen Perzinski for her **very generous** donation!

I would also like to thank Linda Guenter for donating a bucket of rock for the class to use. New material is always appreciated. Thanks Linda!



## REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE

Apr. 18:	Roger & Mary Pittard, Vera Lyman	Cookies
May 16:	Linda Guenter, Richard Peterson	Cake

## MARCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### March 21, 2013, Bethany Park Shelter House

Respectfully submitted by Mark Awakuni-Swetland, Secretary

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Jim Marburger.
- Adult members present by head count: 22. Several adults and Mineral Monkeys were participating in the Science Fair and would arrive later.
- Minutes of the January 26, 2013 General Meeting, as printed in the P&S, approved on motion by Mary Pittard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Wooldridge (“Wooly”), motion carried.
- Treasurer’s Report given by Vera Lyman. Motion to approve by Wooly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Marburger, motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The April Rock Party will be held at the Marburgers’ in Hickman on April 20<sup>th</sup>, after the highway clean-up.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Jim M. requested a volunteer to serve as an outreach coordinator. The Club regularly receives requests for programs and information from out-of-town schools, home-schools, scout groups, and assisted living homes. Jim Atkins volunteered.
- Richard Peterson reported on the Adopt-A-Highway proposal. He has not heard back from the Nebraska Department of Roads (“NDOR”) confirming the Club’s application. He will contact NDOR tomorrow (Friday) and inquire. There is a short safety video that will be shown at the April meeting prior to the spring clean-up (April 20<sup>th</sup>) of

Highway 77 near Hickman Road. Supplies will be provided for this biennial clean-up.

### SHOW REPORT

- Jim M. reported that John Harrison, Floor Chairman, will be unavailable.
- Jim M. reported that one dealer has withdrawn, and 13 remain. Some Special Features have dropped out and others have been added.
- Wooly reported on his examination of the location of the gravel dig pile and presentation area.
- Program schedule reminder: Thursday field trip to Fairbury area departs the Lancaster Event Center (“LECtr”) at 8:30 a.m. Jim and Sharon M. will lead the convoy to Fairbury. Due to limited space, LGMC members are asked to hold back and let our visitors have the opportunity to go. LGMC will arrange another date to make this trip.
- Friday show set-up begins at 8:00 a.m. We will need all hands to help.
- Friday field trip to Nemaha area departs the LECtr at 8:30 a.m. Brian Beer will lead the way.
- Friday evening there will be a free cracker barrel meet and greet with a presentation by Robert Swanson of the USGS.
- Saturday there will be meetings of the MWF State Directors (8:00 a.m.), Executive Committee (9:00 a.m.), and Delegates (1:00 p.m.). The MWF Awards Banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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## MARCH GEN. MTG. MINUTES - CONT'D

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- Sunday Breakfast from 7:00-9:00 a.m., with Editors' Meeting to follow. LGMC members wishing to participate in the breakfast and/or banquet need to see Vera immediately to reserve a space.
- Sunday close down and clean up begins at 5:00 p.m. We will need all hands to help.
- Wooly reported that Channel 5 is running our TV spot. Additional press releases and interviews are planned. Four billboards are up around Lincoln. The State Museum folks have been very helpful in this effort.
- Judy Leick-Cropp and Jackie Barnhardt will coordinate and man the Silent Auction.
- Ed Ridge is coordinating display space and display case needs. Members need to visit with him ASAP.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Jim M. distributed the 2013 LGMC budget that had been approved by the LGMC Board of Directors. Motion to approve by Sharon M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Sturges, motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Roger Pittard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Pittard, motion carried.
- Meeting followed by a video presentation, National Geographic's "The Bahia Emerald Story."

## SCIENCE FAIR

By Susy McMahan, Juniors Co-Chair

Members of the club were once again invited to be demonstrators at the LPS Science Fair held March 21 at the Lancaster Event Center. The event is now called the *Zoetis, LPS, Novartis Science Fair*; Zoetis being the new name for Pfizer, one of the sponsoring companies. The annual fair is for students, grades 5-8. Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club was one of many science-related groups who provided education for kids and their siblings, while waiting for their projects to be judged.

This year, the number of students participating was over 700, a record (not counting siblings)!! We had a gem dig, demonstrated lapidary, had specimens on display and, of course, answered the 10,000 or more questions.

## SCIENCE FAIR - CONT'D

Thanks to Ed Ridge for his displays of rocks, and his generous sharing of samples and taking photos; Jayne Beer and Corey (junior member) demonstrated lapidary, while Brian Beer helped with the heavy lifting and running whatever errands were needed; Linda Guenter, Ivy (junior member), Jayden (junior member), Carolyn and Philip Ashmore, Ian (junior member, who helped the Children's Museum across the aisle as much as he helped us!), and Susy McMahan for successfully running the gem dig. Everyone had great fun separating stones from the rough material! The gem dig often had standing room only, with kids standing between the kids who were lucky enough to get one of the 16 chairs!

We all got dinner, T-shirts, cloth bags, and pens for volunteering!



Lapidary Demonstration Booth



Jayne Beer demonstrating lapidary



Susy McMahan, Philip Ashmore, and Linda Guenter working the Gem Dig. Brian Beer helping out as needed.

Photos courtesy of Ed Ridge

## MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2013 (March meeting), Vera Lyman's Home

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Marburger (Mark A-S was out of town)

*As corrected and accepted at the April 3, 2013 Board Meeting*

- The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Jim Marburger. Board members in attendance, in addition to the President, were Ed Dvorak, Aulden Stewart, Vera Lyman, Jayne Beer, and Charles Wooldridge. Others in attendance were Sharon Marburger, Ed Ridge, and Pat Dvorak.
- The Minutes of the February Board meeting were distributed. Sharon Marburger made note of the fact that she had fixed the typos and misspelled names, and that version would be printed in the Pick & Shovel. Ed Dvorak moved to accept the edited version, second by Vera Lyman. Carried.
- The Treasurer's Report was distributed. After some discussion, Ed Dvorak moved to accept the report, second by Jayne Beer. Carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Geology Day was well-attended by club members and demonstrators, but not by the public. It was cold and windy, so there was not much activity in the park that day. There were ten demonstrators, but only 58 visitors.
- The Zeotis-LPS-Norvartis Science Fair is scheduled for March 21. Jim Marburger said that there would be some rough sapphires for the gem dig, and that tumbled stones had been ordered but had not yet arrived. Al Stewart said that demonstrators are being encouraged to arrive between 2:30 and 3:00 for setup.
- There will be no rock party in March. With all the Show and Science Fair preparations, it seems as if there is no time for play.
- The club library has not been used for quite some time now. Since Wooly is looking for a new location to house the library, it was suggested that we start "weeding it out," putting books on the Silent Auction. Following a lengthy discussion, Vera Lyman moved to take to the general membership the idea of putting selected books

from the library on silent auction as opportunities present. The motion was seconded by Charles Wooldridge. Carried.

### OUTREACH

- President Marburger again mentioned the possibility of creating a new permanent committee for Outreach. He would like to appoint a willing Chairman to the committee, and any volunteers to assist. In the meantime, Jayne Beer agreed to coordinate the Beatrice Library presentations on June 18. There will be one program at 2:00 p.m. for kids; another at 7:00 p.m. for adults. Wooly, Jayne and Corey have agreed to provide a presentation on "Rockhounding in Southeast Nebraska." Along with a PowerPoint presentation, they will display Nebraska materials such as agates, mineral, fossils, and artifacts.
- The request from the Nebraska City Library will be handled by Allan Jeanneret.
- Andrea Foss, a Naturalist at Pioneers Park, has requested Karen Messenger or someone else from the club to present about rocks et al. sometime during the week of June 17.
- Gere Library has also requested we do a presentation for them. Jim Marburger will get details.
- Another scouting den has contacted Wooly about help earning their geology badges. The Board decided to refer future group requests to Geology Day and the Grinding Party for these events.

### SHOW

- Advertising: Wooly will look into getting free ads on KZUM radio. Greg Ford provides "plugs" for the show in his weekly Ford & Ford Auctioneers spots on KFOR. Jim Marburger will contact 96KX. The Show will be in the Journal Star's Ground Zero. The Journal Star Online will provide 10,000 impressions (or clicks). These will randomly appear. Al Stewart has made arrangements with the Chamber of Commerce for

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES - CONT'D

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space in their magazine, which is distributed to local motels. Bob Gruit is contacting the Mayor's office and Governor's office for a proclamation of gem, minerals, and rock day/week/weekend. Wooly and Corey Beer will tape a spot for Channel 5. Wooly and Dallas Patterson will be on 10/11's 4:00 show with Jon Vanderford.

- Programs: Bob Gruit is contacting people for program presentations. At this time, those willing to present programs are Jeff Groff (amethyst), Doug Moore (German agates), Kevin Hammon (artifacts), and Dallas Patterson (emeralds).
- Dealers: One dealer will not be able to make the show due to health reasons. It was suggested that we not replace the dealer, but instead, use the space for Dallas Patterson and the University.
- Sharon Marburger will design and print the needed gift certificates and assorted tickets for the various functions. Sharon will also put together the show Handout Program.

### NEW BUSINESS

- The Marburgers offered to host the Rock Party on April 20. Since LGMC's section of Highway 77 for clean-up is in the general direction of Hickman, the Board decided to hold its springtime roadside clean-up on April 20. Everyone will meet at the Marburgers' after the clean-up for some Rock Party fun. Don't worry. If all you feel like doing after the clean-up is resting, we can do that, too!
- Jim Marburger presented his proposed club budget for the year. Wooly moved to accept the proposed budget, second by Al Stewart. Carried.
- Vera Lyman was instructed to purchase new signs for the annual show. They are "Programs," "Youth Activities," "Fluorescent," and "Gem Dig." They are to be approximately the same size as the "Silent Auction" sign purchased last year, and they are to be laminated.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Wooly, second by Ed Dvorak. Carried.

## Silversmithing classes

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

Tuesdays

April 30, 2013

thru

June 18, 2013

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$120 plus \$30 supply deposit

Contact:

Jayne Beer 402-890-3307

Judith Bay 402-423-7058

or e-mail

jbeer60070@aol.com

## Highway 77 Roadside Clean-up

Saturday, April 20, 2013

1:00 p.m.

Meet at "Rest Area" at  
Hwy 77 + Hickman Road  
(Turn east on Hickman Rd.,  
then left into "Rest Area".

April Rock party

follows Roadside Clean-up.

Marburgers host the  
"Grill + Chill."

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and  
something cold. Bring side dishes.  
Remember to bring your projects!

## PRELIMINARY 2013 SHOW & FIELD TRIP REPORT

By Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge

I will be unable to attend our monthly meeting in April so I would like to send out a Show Report. I have not seen the final tally of how many folks attended the show, but it appears we are headed in the right direction. I have discovered that building the show's attendance is like turning a big ship ... a few degrees at a time. Everyone I have spoken to was pleased with the show. I heard from a number of vendors who said they did the best they have ever done at our show. That is exciting! Thank you to all of you! Thanks especially to Jim Marburger ... we had some of the best publicity I can recall.

We will be starting right away to plan for next year's show. I have entitled it "Stones and Bones" and expect to have a focus on Ice Age artifacts and fossils. If you know of special exhibits or speakers, we should start contacting them soon. Please let me know of your ideas.

I want to extend a very special thank you to the seniors of our club who handled the teardown and trailer loading: Bob Grit, Roger and Mary Pittard, Charles and Karen Messenger, and Ed Dvorak. A big thanks, also, to Kathy Messenger, who jumped in to help even though she is not a club member. These folks did all the teardown and heavy lifting.

Now, don't get me wrong ... I am not complaining about anybody. I can't think of anyone who didn't help with some aspect of the show. Everyone did their fair share, and more. Many people were injured or sick, or were working in some other way. What I want to say is these folks are heroes! They worked their tails off!!! They deserve our highest accolades. Without them we would have been in a real pickle. Next year we need to hire some muscle to do the heavy lifting.

By Sharon Marburger (all photos in this section are courtesy of Jim & Sharon Marburger, unless otherwise credited)

Thursday, April 4 was a beautiful day for a field trip. The group met at the Event Center to caravan to Fairbury, Nebraska for a roadside, roaming collecting experience. After a couple of minor setbacks, we all managed to meet up with Donovan Harris, our gracious trip leader, at the first collecting area. There we found fossil shells, shell imprints, and one fantastic specimen of petrified wood in limestone (see photo). I found an ammonite imprint, which I thought was pretty cool.



Petrified wood in limestone



One happy hunter



Our brief second stop produced cone-in-cone specimens (aragonite). These specimens fluoresce a deep red color. Very pretty under short wave light.



We stopped a third time to look for sharks' teeth.

Unfortunately, the County had dumped dirt and gravel on the road, covering any fossil finds.



The fourth stop took us to the historic marker memorializing the survey of the territories of Kansas and Nebraska. The Sixth Prime Meridian is the foundation for all sections, townships, and ranges in Nebraska and Kansas, and parts of Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota.

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The fifth location we collected was full of worms - fossil worms, that is. Many plates of worms were extracted and hauled away to be put in collections. Our leader, Donovan Harris, demonstrates how to remove the plates (below).



The final stop this day took us to a clay pit south of Fairbury. There we found clear selenite crystals, fossilized grasses, and, of course, clay.



It was a fun day, full of collecting, good-natured teasing, and camaraderie. The fact that the day was gorgeous didn't hurt us any, either! What a great day for a field trip.

This editor did not receive an accounting of the Nemaha River field trip on Friday, April 5. However, some pictures were shared, so I shall pass them along.



View of the Nemaha River  
Photo by Carrie Burkhart



Collecting on the Nemaha  
Photo by Carrie Burkhart

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**REMINDER: FIELD TRIP WITH THE OMAHA CLUB**

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**THE REAR TRUNK****Kadoka South Dakota Field Trip**

Memorial weekend

Meet at the Kadoka Kampground behind the Sundowner Inn in Kadoka South Dakota off I-90 exit 150 at 8:00 am. Mountain Time on **Saturday** and **Sunday** mornings. Kadoka is about 450 miles from Omaha. It's about 7-8 hour drive depending on how long you stop for breaks. Rock hunting is free. Please do not litter. Leave gates how you found them. If one is open leave it open, if one is closed close it after you pass through it.

This trip is perfect for kids old enough to watch out for snakes and cactus. There are Rattlesnakes there, so watch out for them.

Rocks to be found there are Prairie agates, Bubble Gum agates, petrified wood, Jasper, and a few lucky people might find a Fairburn agate!

Bring: Sunscreen, hat, long sleeve shirt to protect you from the **sun**, plenty of buckets for the rocks you find, an eight or ten inch screwdriver to pry the rocks loose from the dirt and **PLENTY OF WATER**. Also bring something to eat in the field like a sandwich and snacks.

Gas stations – Amoco, Texaco, Conoco.

Cafes – Jigger's exit 150 (our favorite)

Happy Chef exit 150

Burns Bros. truck stop exit 152 open 24 hours

Motels – Wagon Wheel Motel [1-605-837-2404](tel:1-605-837-2404)

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Camping - Kadoka Kampground I-90 exit 150 (behind Sundowner Inn) [1-605-837-2243](tel:1-605-837-2243)

Showers and RV hook up's and Tent sites

**ROCK PARTIES**

by Sharon Marburger

There was no rock party in March. Everyone was very busy getting ready for the Show.

The April Rock Party will be hosted by the Marburgers, following the Roadside Cleanup on April 20. Details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

The May Rock Party will be hosted by Steve May, in Hickman. Details will appear in the P&S May issue.

If you have not attended a Rock Party, or have never hosted one, please consider it. They are a lot of fun and not much work. All you need is some space to set out the potluck food, provide regular or picnic service, and have floor and chairs to seat people. Don't worry if you have no equipment; people bring their own. Let President Jim Marburger know if you would like to host a party. All months, June thru December, are still available.

**ALAA NEWS**

(EXCERPT PROVIDED BY TOM NOE)

**ARE LAND ACCESS ISSUES MOVING EAST?**

The Huron-Manistee National Forests comprise almost a million acres of public lands in Michigan. These forests provide recreation for visitors, habitat for fish and wildlife, and resources for local industry. Public use of these forests includes everything from hunting and hiking to the sale of \$5 Christmas tree tags so families can locate and cut their own tree in December. The government agencies managing these public lands have to make decisions about access, usage and fees, and they ask for input on their new proposals. Local input. What do the people of Michigan have to say about access? Will their input be a factor in the decision? Not unless they get involved in the process and make their voices heard.

If the managers of Huron-Manistee should propose that large areas be closed to vehicular traffic, and no member of the public offers any reason why these areas should remain open, what will probably happen? Managing access means making decisions. We, the public, should be part of the decision-making process.

Excerpted from the January, 2012, American Lands Access Newsletter.

ALAA is the lobbying arm of the American Federation, working on behalf of rockhounds to keep public lands open and accessible to all, including the elderly and handicapped.

[LGMC is a proud member of ALAA](#)



## MINERAL MONKEYS

# Hi Monkeys!



by Susy McMahan

Thanks to all the Monkeys, parents, and grandparents who helped with the junior booth at the show!! Leahh, with her great sales pitch, “And you can choose from any of these beautiful rocks,” sweeping her arms with great drama. Jayden, who could spot a gem digger and gracefully swoop in with all materials needed to start their adventure for a mere 50 cents. Buddies Ian and Chace, who did their best in practicing how to give change, all the while the lure of rocks at the dealers calling to them. And little Samantha, who raced against anyone who didn’t have a partner in the rock race!

Carolyn and Philip Ashmore, Linda Guenter, Danny Cromer and me, all working to keep things running smoothly. And a special thanks to Kay Jurgens for helping to set up and put away supplies.

### April Lesson:

We will discuss “Shop Safety” at the April 18 meeting. The topic is carried over from February because the meeting was cancelled due to snow. This lesson is in preparation for a special meeting at the Jewelry Connection, where the Monkeys will complete a lapidary project, as part of the lapidary badge. That date has yet to be set, but great thanks to Jayne Beer and Judith Bay for letting us use their shop!!

The Juniors Activity Booth was a popular booth to visit. Jayden, Leahh, Ian, and Chace were kept busy most of the time.



Corey demonstrating lapidary

**STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN**

Audit	John Harrison
	James Marburger
	Ed Dvorak
Christmas Party	Edward Ridge
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	Judy Cropp
Facebook	Andrew Tiedje
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Membership Record	Edward Ridge
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Refreshments / Door Prizes	Mary Pittard
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Show—2013	Charles Wooldridge
Swap—2013	Richard Peterson
Website	Jim Atkins
Youth Activities	Andrew Tiedje
	Susy McMahan
	Kay Jurgens

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Advertising by rock / hobby business or interest is permitted with the approval of the Board of Directors. Contact the Editor with your proposed ad. The rate is set at \$20.00 per full page; \$10.00 per 1/2 page; \$5.00 per 1/4 page (minimum) per issue, paid in advance to the Club treasurer. Ads will be placed throughout the newsletter as space permits.

Subscription to the Pick & Shovel is \$15.00 per year for mailed copy.

Membership dues for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club are as follows:

Adults (age 16 and over) - \$15 per year or \$25 per couple (within the same household)

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 meeting before being approved for membership.

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

Richard Peterson, Chairman

1 year: Charles Wooldridge  
Sharon Marburger

2 years: Vera Lyman  
John Harrison

3 years: Edward Ridge  
Robert Cropp

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Richard Peterson, Chairman

1 year: Robert Cropp  
Judy Cropp

2 years: Brad Nielsen  
Roger Pittard

3 years: Vera Lyman  
Edward Ridge

**April 20**

**Highway 77 clean-up  
and Rock Party**

**2013 SHOW & FIELD TRIP REPORT - CONT'D**

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Photos by Martin & Linda Dougherty

The Nemaha River field trip was very well-attended. I heard that approximately 30 people participated. Awesome!

**Next month's Pick & Shovel will have more Show and Convention reports.**

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