



# 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

### 2014 Meetings and Activities

#### Board

#### **Wed., Mar 5 (Gere Library)**

Wed., Apr 2 (Lymans' home)

Wed., Apr 30 (Gere Library)

Wed., Sep 3 (Gere Library)

Wed., Oct 1 (Gere Library)

Wed., Nov 5 (Gere Library)

Wed., Dec. 3 (Gere Library)

#### General

#### **Thurs., Feb 20**

Thurs., Mar 20

Thurs., Apr 17

Thurs., May 15

Thurs., Sep 18

Thurs., Oct 16

Thurs., Nov 20

Sun., Dec 7

#### Activities

Sun, Mar 9 - Geology Day

Thurs., Mar 20 - Science Fair

Apr 4-6 - Setup and Show

Sun., Jul 13 - Grinding Party

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

#### General Meeting

February 20, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

**Program: Video on mining and cutting precious stones**

#### Mineral Monkeys

February 20, 2014  
6:30 p.m.

**Lesson: Work on Science Fair Poster**

#### Regional Shows

**March 8-9: MACOMB, IL:** Geodeland Earth Science Clubs' 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Show; Student Union Ballroom, Western Illinois University, Murray St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5; Contact: George Coursey, 309.368.2947, [courseyfarms@gmail.com](mailto:courseyfarms@gmail.com).



## **February Rock Party**

**Birthday boy, Wooly (and Jackie), will host  
February 22nd at 5:30 p.m.**

**6115 Huntington**

**wild boar chili**



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**A huge thank you to Richard Peterson for another successful swap! Great job, Pete!!**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak, President

I would like to thank all who participated in the Rock Swap on Saturday, January 25, and the clean up after the meeting. THANK YOU!!

By the time you read this, I will be fulfilling one of my "BUCKET LIST" items. I am going to Arizona for the rock shows in Quartzsite and Tucson and other small shows within a three state area! I am retiring from my job of 36 years as a utility superintendent and being ON-CALL 24/7---365 days! I hope to devote my time now to the Club and the hobby we all enjoy--ROCKS. Everyone stay safe and happy. I will see you again in March.



## 2014 MID WINTER SWAP: A VIEW FROM THE SILENT AUCTION TABLE

by Jim Marburger, Past President

As I walked into the swap this year, I had plans of helping out somewhere and picking up some great items. Since the swap changed locations at the last minute, many things had to come together. I knew the prep work done by Richard Peterson and the Beers, placing signs at the old and new locations, would bring the die-hard rockhounds to the Swap.

I decided to help Carolyn Ashmore with the silent auction, which had to be downsized to one table since space was a premium. We had a back-up table which, when I arrived, had boxes and buckets of materials stacked up. I do not know where most of it came from. Throughout the Swap hours, I was told that this bucket or box was brought in by someone but I did not keep track of who they were. The one name that stood out was Nathaniel, a local cutter who is not a member of our club but wanted to help with the auction and the Lapidary Class with his extra material. He donated three boxes and a bucket of fabulous material. A big thank you to everyone who donated; each of the items was fantastic. The funds from the silent auction will be used to purchase supplies for the adult education Lapidary Class that Rowdy Cropp teaches for Southeast Community College.

To help Carolyn, I went to work identifying material and setting up the bid sheets. She would then set up the current auction table with the items. This year we ran a rather brisk auction schedule that took some by surprise. Yes, a 5- to 7-minute pace was hard to keep up with. My pen was flying making bid sheets, but when I looked at the bidding table, I think I saw smoke coming off of some of the pens during a bidding flurry. About halfway through the afternoon, Carolyn said that she had to have a break to walk around the rest of the swap, so Jayden came to her rescue, giving her a very short break. I made a mad dash around once on the way to find a specific mineral and was very lucky to find it, and it was a great trade price.

Both Carolyn and I would like to thank everyone who purchased items, helped with the Swap, silent auction, cookies and treats, pizza meal, clean up, set up, donated material, and anything else that went on. It is amazing to watch the interaction, camaraderie, sharing of information, fun, and education of this amazing group of people and wonderful hobby.

### February Birthdays:

Ed Dvorak

Mary Pittard

Charles Wooldridge



## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2014, General Meeting, Antelope Park Shelter House  
Respectfully submitted by Sharon Marburger

- Meeting called to order at 7:14 p.m. by President Ed Dvorak following a busy day of rock swapping, pizza supper, Mineral Monkeys activities, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Minutes of the December meeting were tabled until February.
- The Treasurer's Report was read by Vera Lyman. Motion to approve the report by Jim Marburger, second by Karen Messenger. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

- No old business was discussed.

### NEW BUSINESS

- President Dvorak presented the President's Plaque to immediate past-president Jim Marburger, with thanks for a job well-done.
- Susy McMahan handed out Mineral Monkey badges to those who received certificates in December. Leahh Anderson, who was not at the December meeting, received certificates of completion and badges for 11 Future Rockhounds of America activities. Leahh, along with Corey Beer, each received their "Rockhound" badge for completing ten or more activities. They are now ROCKHOUNDS (not "future rockhounds")! Congratulations to Leahh and Corey!

### SHOW REPORT

- Advertising: The 4x6 postcards are printed and available for distribution. Ads for Buy Lincoln magazine, Lincoln Kids, and Nebraska Life have been arranged. Lamar signs has assigned our billboard locations. Basically, all advertising is completed.
- This year we will have the Special Displays interspersed with member displays.
- Lots of demonstrators. One demonstrator will show stone tools, how to use them and how to make them.
- We will have a Nebraska Gem Dig outside again this year. Wooly is accepting donations of Nebraska material to salt the rock pile.
- Security is arranged

- Vera Lyman has arranged for the Show Breakfast to be at Hy-Vee on 84th Street. It will be an All-You-Can-Eat buffet for \$12 per person. Hy-Vee is providing a private room for the club and its guests.
- Prior to the meeting being adjourned, it was announced that Mark Awakuni-Swetland is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for a recurrence of leukemia. Thoughts, prayers, and get well cards are all welcome.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Karen Messenger, 2nd by Jim Marburger. Motion carried.



### 2014 Mid-Winter Swap

photo by Jim Marburger

## Silversmithing classes

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**thru**

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## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### November 27, 2013 Board Meeting (December Meeting) Gere Library

Respectfully submitted by Mark Awakuni-Swetland

- Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Jim Marburger when a quorum was in attendance. Board Members present: Jim Marburger, Ed Dvorak, Vera Lyman, Mark Awakuni-Swetland, Richard Peterson, Jim Atkins, and Jayne Beer.
- Visitor: Sharon Marburger
- Minutes of the September board meeting were presented. Minor amendments/corrections were offered. Motion by Richard Peterson to approve the amended minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vera Lyman, carried.
- Minutes of the October board meeting were presented. Motion to accept by Vera Lyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jayne Beer, carried.
- Minutes of the November board meeting were presented. A small discussion about whether to include surnames fully spelled out or just first initial in the minutes. No resolution to this protocol was determined. It was left to the scribe to decide a preferred format. Motion to approve the minutes by Richard Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jayne Beer, carried.
- Treasurer's Report distributed by Vera Lyman. Motion to approve the report by Jayne Beer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Peterson, motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Sharon Marburger reported on additional information about the MWF Youth Poster Competition discussed at last month's board

meeting. MWF promoter David Rich indicated that Hosting Club would select the topic and distribute prizes provided by the MWF. It is still unclear about who will do the actual purchasing of prizes. Sharon was asked to seek further clarification about this along with the planned dates of this activity.

- Vera Lyman reported that the Burns' had to cancel their dealer space at the 2014 Show. Because they have been a regular, reliable dealer at previous shows, and they were inside the cancellation period, Vera made a motion to refund their \$475 fee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jayne Beer, carried.
- Vera will seek an alternate dealer to rent that space. Vera read the list of all other dealers.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Jim Marburger proposed that the incoming 2014 LGMC board take up the issues concerning the Lapidary class equipment repair and replacement. Discussion followed. It was mentioned that the Kingsley North Lapidary company had multi-wheeled machines under \$1,000 in their catalog.
- The Marburgers announced hosting the December Rock Grinding Party at their home in Hickman on December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. The theme is 'Willy-Nilly' with members invited to provide side dishes and bring along projects to work on.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. on a motion by Richard Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jayne Beer, carried.

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## JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### January 8, 2014 Board Meeting, Lyman Residence

Respectfully submitted by Appointed-Secretary Sharon Marburger

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Richard Peterson. Board Members present: Richard Peterson, Jayne Beer, Vera Lyman, Charles Wooldridge, Susy McMahan, Carolyn Ashmore, and Jim Atkins.
- Visitors: Ed Ridge, Jim and Sharon Marburger
- Minutes of the December board meeting were tabled until February due to the resignation of Secretary Mark Awakuni-Swetland. Mark has become quite ill and requested to be relieved of duty. Sharon Marburger offered to fill in as Secretary until a replacement could be found. The position was offered to another person who refused at this time. Vera Lyman moved to appoint Sharon Marburger as Secretary, second by Charles Wooldridge, motion carried with one abstention.
- The Treasurer's Report was distributed by Vera Lyman. Motion to approve the report by Charles Wooldridge, second by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

- The Mid-Winter Swap location has been changed, due to a snafu with Parks and Recreation. It will now be held at the Antelope Park Shelter House. Sharon Marburger will notify via Pick & Shovel and by e-mail. Newspapers and online calendars will be notified, also.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Vera Lyman has submitted the information for the MWF Directory. The new procedure will be to publish e-mail addresses.
- Discussion was had on the juniors' program. After a lengthy dialogue, Richard Peterson suggested the leaders submit a proposal for a monthly budget. Susy McMahan then moved to budget \$225 for the 2014 calendar year (January through December), with any special needs presented to the Board if more funds are required. Carolyn Ashmore seconded the motion. Carried.

### SHOW REPORT

- Burns Gems previously informed us that they would not be able to attend the 2014 Show. Vera Lyman reported that a replacement, Sidewinder Minerals, has been contracted.
- Doug Moore will not be able to demonstrate or present a program at the Show.
- A few demonstrators have returned their agreements.
- Jim Marburger reported that the 4x6 postcards are printed and available for distribution. Ads for *Buy Lincoln* magazine, *Lincoln Kids*, and *Nebraska Life* have been arranged. Lamar signs has assigned our billboard locations. Basically, all advertising is completed.
- Some discussion of Show attendance and profit was had.
- Carolyn Ashmore asked if the prices could be raised for participating in junior activities during the Show. It was responded that the juniors' leaders set the prices so, yes, they could be raised since it has been several years since an increase was made.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. on a motion by Jayne Beer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.



**Jayne sets up the Captain Agate table while Judith sets up The Jewelry Connection table**

photo by Sharon Marburger

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## ALAA EXCERPT FROM TOM NOE

### WE HAVE FORGED SOME ALLIANCES

By Shirley Leeson, ALAA President

ALAA has been around for a number of years. During that time we've joined several organizations who have a like interest in keeping our public lands available to everyone, not just special interest groups.

You are probably familiar with Blue Ribbon Coalition, primarily a national organization of off-road vehicle users, but they are also concerned with other areas of recreation on public lands.

We joined CORVA, California Off-Road Vehicle Association. Their focus is keeping roads and trails open on public lands. Their primary concern is the BLM and Forest Service management of public lands in California.

Last year we joined the New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance, who are single-handedly keeping roads and trails open in New Mexico.

These organizations have been dealing with problems and developing strategies for many years. Many individuals in these organizations have taken their time and expertise and given freely to help ALAA understand the subtleties of commenting on the plans for public lands administered by BLM and the Forest Service.

There are other organizations who also offer their expertise, and one of these is Western Slope No Fee Coalition. We are all working together.

ALAA is a grass-roots organization like those above. We don't have the backing of environmentalist foundations with deep pockets like. All we have is the knowledge that our cause is just . . . and we need your help to be heard.

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Excerpted from the Oct. to Dec., 2013, ALAA 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.

## OUTREACH ACTIVITY

by Susy McMahan, Junior Co-Leader

Once again, our fossil duffle bag went on the road! This time Carolyn and I went to Huntington School to teach over 100 third graders about fossils, in preparation for their field trip to Morrill Hall. One of our juniors, Sara Suhr, is a third grader at Huntington. Her mom, Brianna, also came along to help. Sara did a great job, telling kids what it is like to be a junior, about field trips, and making new friends.

Once again, the shallow ocean history and all the sea fossils we find in Nebraska was an amazing new fact for the kids. After touching and feeling dozens of fossils, listening to stories about them from Carolyn and me, each child left with a timetable, a crinoid stem, and instructions of how to begin a collection.

Because of the whiteout snowstorm, we still have one more class to teach! If you have any amazing fossils or bones you want to donate to our traveling kit, let us know. Stories of how they were found make them even more exciting!

### **Charlie & Karen Messenger attend the Swap**



photo courtesy of Paul Ashmore

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## RECOGNITION OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Richard Peterson, First Vice President

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's annual award for service is the "Rockhound of the Year." However, rarely, if ever, has a person been recognized for contributions in a single year. Although the Board usually meets to discuss and vote on the candidates, that has not always been the case. The qualifications to receive this award have sometimes been based on a very narrow interpretation of service.

Instead, the criteria for rewarding our members' service to the club should be based on contributions over time and on a wide range of club activities.

In looking over the list of "Rockhound of the Year" award winners, some recipients were not selected on the above criteria. Clearly, some were chosen arbitrarily on subjective, not objective reasons. Meanwhile, other deserving members have been overlooked, for whatever reason, by those making a nomination and the Board. An overhaul of how we recognize our members contributions and service to the club is in order.

To make the award process open to everyone, I propose that the club's highest recognition be presented in the form of a 10, 20 and 30 year Service Award. The award would be in the form of an appropriate plaque. There may be more than one (or none) of each milestone presented in any year. Persons who wish to be considered would submit an application form with a list of their contributions. Service to consider would be engaged involvement as an elected club official; contributions to the Annual Show, Swap, and general meetings; youth program; hosting a grinding party; newsletter submissions, MWF and AFMS recognition; community service (in alphabetical order) Adopt-a-Highway, Geology Day, Grinding Party, Science Fair, and any other activities that promote the club.

An Awards Committee would review the applications and make their determination. The committee would submit their selections to the Board who would discuss then vote their approval. Applications would be received and evaluated in October, approved at the November Board meeting, and the award presented at the Christmas party in December.

In addition to the service awards, we would recognize members annually. This would be an Achievement Award or Certificate of Appreciation for such things as initiative and leadership in club activities, participation in activities and events, etc. Members would not apply for this recognition. Instead, recipients would be selected by the Awards Committee. These awards would be in the form of a certificate suitable for framing. This would encourage

members to stay engaged with our club and its goals. Their contributions would be part of their application for a Service Award. A Service Award would be one which everyone can attain.

### MORE ON THE SUBJECT

by Sharon Marburger, Historian

After the passing of long-time member, Phyllis Parks, I was afforded the task of going through boxes of the club's historical documents that were saved and collected by Phyllis. I discovered in that collection the criteria for "Rockhound of the Year." At the time, I thought the criteria needed to be updated. Why? **Because not one current member in the club would qualify for the honor.**

I agree with Pete that we need to revamp the criteria of "Rockhound of the Year." I also agree there should be a committee appointed to collect data and suggestions from everyone in the club as to what that criteria should contain. Rather than an arbitrary selection, perhaps a point system would be in order. The club member with the highest points during that year would become the "Rockhound of the Year," as determined by the committee (not the Board). The committee would present the name of the winner to the Board at the November Board meeting so the plaque could be ordered. Once a person is named as rockhound of the year, he/she would be ineligible to be named again for a certain time period, such as five or more years. To avoid the appearance of an arbitrary selection, the process can no longer be secret or a surprise to the recipient.

In addition to "Rockhound of the Year," milestone awards could be given to active members in the form of 5-, 10-, and 15-year certificates, and plaques for 20 years and beyond, in 5-year increments. Again, this should be a committee decision to determine the actual awards (whether certificates, plaques, or something else), with names of honoree(s) provided to the Board at the November Board meeting.

I believe the subject of "Recognitions" should be discussed at the General Meeting, with appropriate motions, discussions, and voting. Everyone should be heard.

Thank you, Pete, for introducing the subject for discussion.

## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore, Junior Co-Leader

Wow! What a great time we all had at the rock swap. My duty that day was the silent auction. I had so much fun, I want to do it again! I had loads of help from Jim Marburger, and time just flew by.

Our juniors group members were enjoying themselves as well, renewing friendships, walking around, bidding on the silent auction, watching demonstrations, or, as in Corey's case, answering many rock-related questions that our newer juniors had for him.



It was good to see Jayden and Leahh taking charge of the younger kids by keeping them busy and safe at the park.

A wonderful time was had by all of us. I want to say a big thank you to the kids for helping out after the swap; you all were awesome and I'm so very proud of you all.

At the February meeting, we will continue to work on our project poster for the Science Fair on March 20. There more pictures to go through, choose from, and write about since the Rock Swap. With that said, if there are any other members out there with pictures of our juniors, please bring them to the February meeting. I would like to give the juniors a nice selection to look through, then choose the three pictures they want to write about.

Thanks to everyone who has provided pictures.



photos by Paul & Carolyn Ashmore

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# JANUARY ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The Rock Party was held on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the home of Jim & Sharon Marburger. Eleven club members arrived to good food and fun lapidary activities - Charles Bachle, Jackie Barnhardt, Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Ja'zeil Jayvian, Tori Lee, Vera Lyman, Ellie Lyman, Ed Ridge, Andrew Tiedje, and Charles Wooldridge.

The meal was a crock pot festival with chili, meatballs, and two kinds of crocked apples. Bread and dessert abounded. Very yummy, as usual.

Prior to and following the meal, several members availed themselves of the two Genie lapidary machines, and the Beers' grinding unit. Eddie brought his horizontal lap and Jackie brought a gifted dremel tool to learned how to buff and polish silver jewelry.



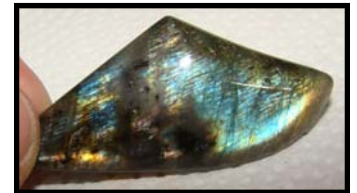
Charles demonstrates to Tori how quickly and easily it is to cut a cabochon with a Genie.



Even Mineral Monkeys have a good time at Rock Parties



Safety-conscious Jayne sports her protective eyewear



Woolly and Corey share the use of one of the Genies

A sampling of what came out of the Rock Party. Unfortunately, not all of the photos turned out, so not everything is shown here.



photos by Jim & Sharon Marburger

**STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN**

Audit	Ed Dvorak James Marburger Roger Pittard
Christmas Party	Edward Ridge
Education / Librarian	Charles Wooldridge Judy (Leick-Cropp) Anson
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Geology Day Coordinator	Jayne Beer
Grinding Party	Jayne Beer
Historian	Sharon Marburger
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Membership Record	Edward Ridge
MWF Liaison	Vera Lyman
Programs	Jayne Beer/Judy Anson
Property	James Marburger
Refreshments / Door Prizes	Mary Pittard
Scholarship	Vera Lyman
Show—2014	Charles Wooldridge
Swap—2015	
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Youth Activities	Carolyn Ashmore Susy McMahan

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Jim Marburger, Chairman

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2 years:	Vera Lyman Ed Dvorak
3 years:	Edward Ridge Robert Cropp

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Jim Marburger, Chairman

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

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

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