



# 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.

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

### 2016 Meetings and Activities

#### Board

- Jan. 6: TBD
- Feb. 3: TBD
- Mar. 2: TBD
- Apr. 6: TBD
- May 4: TBD

#### General

- Jan. 23: Mid-Winter Swap
- Feb. 18
- Mar. 17
- Apr. 21
- May 19

#### Activities

- December Rock Party  
Marburgers  
December 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 13: Geology Day
- Apr. 1: Show Set-up Day
- Apr. 2-3: Annual Show

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### ELECTION RESULTS

by Jim Marburger

The following people were elected as the 2016 Board of Directors.

- President: Ed Dvorak
- 1st Vice President: Jayne Beer
- 2nd Vice President: Wooly
- Secretary: Jim Marburger
- Treasurer: Vera Lyman
- Directors: Carolyn Ashmore  
Sharon Marburger  
Fred McVay  
Andrew Tiedje
- Nominating Committee:  
Jim Atkins  
Andrew Tiedje

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- Paul Ashmore
- Jim Atkins
- Mia Eno
- Ivy Guenter
- Aulden Stewart
- Janette Van Butsel

### REFRESHMENTS:

- January:** Everyone brings crackers, cookies, finger foods to the Mid-Winter Swap
- Vera will have a sign-up sheet for future meetings at the January meeting**

## December Rock Party

### Saturday

## December 12

### 5:00 p.m. at

## The Marburgers

**Bring your favorite potluck food and your projects, and be prepared to have a bunch of fun!**

Maybe we can twist Ed's arm to show us how

We can grind away at Jim to teach us how to make

We can polish up our skills at various other activities.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak

Elections came and went, and you all have decided to keep me on as President for one more year. I don't know if that is good or bad, but I will do my best to lead the club in 2016!

We had a whopping good time at the club Christmas party this past Sunday. Good food, great friends, and Rock Bingo - who could ask for more?

I want to remind you all that the Mid-Winter Swap will be on January 23, 2016 at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Room setup will begin around 11:30, but NO ONE will be allowed to take in their swap items until 12:00 noon. The doors will open to the public at 1:00 p.m. Club members are asked to bring cookies, crackers, and finger foods for the afternoon. If you have any questions about the Swap, contact Jayne Beer (contact info is on page 1 of this newsletter).

I will see you at the Swap. Until then, stay warm, stay safe, and have a very Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.



# 2016

### NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Jayne Beer

The evening of November 14, 2015 was the Rock Party at the Jewelry Connection. We were happy to host the gathering. One of the nice things about hosting a rock party is that it encourages us to clean up the shop and spiff up some of the equipment. In this case, I was inspired to hang several display cases with Roger Pabian's lapidary work. I have been wanting to get this done for quite a while, and it just worked out that Brian's brother, Al, was willing and able to get it done.



photos by Jayne Beer

Our food theme was soup. There were many types of soup and sides that made for a delicious evening of food. We had a great turnout of rock friends; I will try to list as many as I can remember (I hope I don't forget anyone). There was me, Brian, Corey, and Jazeil, and Judith hosting our little get together. The folks we had stop by were Jim and Sharon Marburger; Carolyn and Paul Ashmore; Sharon Schleiger and Paul Ashmore; Sharon Schleiger and Paul Ashmore;



Brooklyn; Eddie Ridge; Wooly and Jackie; Susy McMahan, Ian, and Elayna; Judy Anson; and special guest appearances from Howell Pabian and Linda Plock.

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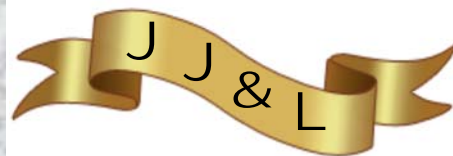
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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2015  
Bethany Park Shelter  
Submitted by Pat Dvorak

- ◆ President Ed Dvorak called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ◆ 23 members, 9 Juniors, and 1 Junior guest present.

### OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ Jim Marburger moved and Carolyn Ashmore seconded to approve the October minutes as published in the Pick & Shovel. Motion carried.
- ◆ Vera Lyman read the Treasurer's report. Jayne Beer moved and Richard Peterson seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.
- ◆ The Christmas meeting and party is December 6 from 5-9 p.m. Bring a hot dish and a cold dish. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Junior and Senior awards will be given out after we eat and before Bingo. Please bring Bingo prizes. Also, bring a \$5 rock-related gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Please specify if it is a man's gift or woman's gift.
- ◆ Wooly Wooldridge did not hear from NOR (National Organization of Rivers).

### NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ December 12 is the Rock Party at the Marburgers' in Hickman at 5:00 p.m. Bring food and projects.
- ◆ Swap Meet in January is Good to Go.
- ◆ Richard Peterson withdrew his nomination from the Board of Directors. The slate of officers presented by Jim Marburger was voted in by acclamation through a motion by Vera. Wooly seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim moved and Wooly seconded to destroy the ballots. The newly elected officers for 2016 are President: Ed Dvorak, First Vice President: Jayne Beer, Second Vice President: Charles (Wooly) Wooldridge, Secretary: Jim Marburger, Treasurer: Vera Lyman, Directors: Carolyn Ashmore, Sharon Marburger, Fred McVay, Andrew Tiedje, and Nominating Committee: Jim Atkins and Andrew Tiedje.

### SHOW BUSINESS

- ◆ Ed and Wooly reported on the Show progress. Members need to prepare displays for the Show. NAOESCI meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. at the Show.
- ◆ Richard moved and Sharon seconded to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Greetings Juniors!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with plenty to eat and lots of family and friends all around you.



This past Sunday we had the Club Christmas party. We began the evening at 5:00, with the juniors and their senior partner making sand bottles together. Everyone seemed to have fun. Most of those attending got to make two sand bottles each. There was a lot of excitement and sharing of sand. At the end of the project, both juniors and seniors got to take home their sand bottles.

There was plenty of good food and great people and lots of rock talk. Awards were handed out after dinner, and then, WOO HOO!!, we got to play my favorite game "Rock Bingo". If you haven't played rock bingo before, you are missing out on a lot of fun! Not only do you have the excitement of Bingo, you can win cool rocks, too!

At this time, I would like to add a personal note:

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LGMC

The kids, Susy, and I would like to say "Thank You," again, for your support over the past year for our junior group!!!!!!

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT  
WITHOUT YOU!

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!



photo by Jim Marburger

## THE LAST EPISODE OF ED'S AND PAT'S ADVENTURE

by Ed Dvorak, President (photos by Dvoraks)

We left Quebec and headed into New Brunswick. It was time to find a hotel, so Pat punched in a hotel on the GPS. I turned the corner and there we were at the border crossing into Maine. No problem except our passports were buried in the trunk. We explained our problem and the border guard let us in the USA with only our driver's license. The hotel was quaint and the most favorite of the 19 we stayed in.

August, 12, 2015, Pat and I left Madawaska, Maine and headed back into Canada. But, this time we had our passports in hand. It made this border guard happier than the last one, although, it was pointed out that we never signed them.

Checking the map to go across New Brunswick, Canada, the map showed blacktop. No Problem - WRONG. It was blacktop, but it was a logging road. It was very broken up and had a lot of pot holes. It was a nice slow drive to enjoy the view. HA!! Both sides of the road were tree lined, and they were all tall. The view was tree bark and vines.

At Moncton, New Brunswick, we went to see "Magnetic Hill." This is a road next to a theme park. It is a two lane road with small trees on both sides. You approach a circle drive and then DRIVE DOWN THE HILL for about 500 feet. At the bottom of the hill, you put your car in neutral, foot off the brake and your car will ROLL UP THE HILL! At the top, our car was going 20 mph. This road is quite an illusion! I had to do it three times forward and backwards. Pat was busy with the GPS to check elevations on both ends of the road. This place has been known since the 1800s. It is said that this a completely natural phenomenon.



The next day we went to Hopewell Cape, New Brunswick. This is on the western side of Fundy Bay. We went to see the Hopewell Rocks. The tide was almost at its highest when we arrived. At this time, all you see are a few small islands with trees on top. We had a few hours to kill before the tide was at its lowest, at which time you can go out on the beach.



So, we went down the road to a museum. It showed how people in the 1800s lived in a fishing community. They had a hard life when the catch of fish was low.

Back at Hopewell Rocks we had Ranger Rick for a guide. Today the tide was only 38 feet (moon and sun aligned, tide will be 50 feet). If you walked fast, you could go seven miles out on the ocean floor at certain parts of the Cape. I stayed next to the shore line. There are a lot of myths about tides. Thanks to our guide, we received a lot of good information on the subject. When the tide comes and goes, Nova Scotia is said to tilt 1/16 of an inch.

The next day was the Gem and Mineral Show in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia. It was their 50th anniversary for the show. The founder of the club and show was there. He was presented with a plaque from club members with a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman in complete uniform by his side. They had a very good show. It was about the same size as our show. The only difference was their show was held on the floor of an ice hockey rink.



After leaving Nova Scotia, Pat and I headed South down the coast of Maine, USA. I was on the hunt for some tasty lobster. It was Saturday, and every small and large town have their flea markets. Stuff we would throw away here in the Midwest they sell for big bucks. I finally got my lobster roll at a lobster shack next to the ocean. It was delicious, and the scenery magnificent.

On Monday, we were about out of clean clothes, so I dropped Pat off at a Laundromat in Franklin, New Jersey. I headed off to the Franklin Museum and a side trip of collecting fluorescent material. Their museum was small, but nice. Their collecting site was great, with staff on hand to answer questions and show you where to look. They had lamps set up to check your finds to see if they were keepers. If you didn't find anything great, they had barrels full of great material, yours for the taking. The cost was \$24.00 to enter, which included 2 pounds of rocks. After that, it was \$1.50 a pound.



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## ED'S AND PAT'S ADVENTURE - CONT'D

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From here, I went to the Sterling mine about 2 miles away. The tour of the mine was \$10.00, but it was well worth it! The displays of mining tools and equipment was terrific, but their mineral collection was unbelievable! The tour guide answered any question asked of him, and added much more to dazzle you. It was mined for zinc in World War II. When the mine closed in the 1980s because of falling prices of zinc, they turned to tourism and the fluorescent material. They receive most of their money in trading mineral specimens around the world to other collectors and museums. This is why their mineral display is worth an estimated 6 million dollars, and their mineral display is so great. Then you enter the mine tunnels, and it like you are in a different world when the UV lights are turned on. The tour is about 2 hours long and well worth it. I stuck around long enough to take pictures and have lunch, to ensure that Pat was done with the laundry. Typical man!

I learned later that Pat left the Laundromat and went across the street to the city library. I can just imagine what they thought when Pat came in with luggage and hang up clothes. She asked if it was all right to wait here for her husband, until he comes to pick her up. They probably thought Pat was dumped, and the husband wasn't coming back. I surprised them; I did come back. There she was crocheting again.



Next stop was Jersey City. After winding through the narrow streets, we arrived at the hotel. It was two blocks from the east side of the Holland Tunnel. What a traffic mess!! This is where our tour bus picked

us up. We had a morning tour of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and an afternoon tour of New York City. We had an outstanding tour guide and bus driver. We saw everything we wanted to see, and more. I believe this is the best way to see the City because of the traffic and crowds of people. The next day we would head for Atlantic City.

Again, I was foiled by high tides. I had four spots picked out to do collecting where rivers entered the ocean. Because of the high tides, the sand bars were covered. If you do any collecting by any ocean, you almost have to spend two days at any one site. This way you can be there at low tide. It is a lot different than river sand bar collecting.

From here, I poked the GPS for HOME.

The purpose of this trip was to complete our goal to visit all 50 states. It took us 46 years, but we did it. The first state we visited was Hawaii, and the last one was Maine.

Some Fun Facts:

- We drove 6000 miles,
- paid \$87.00 in road tolls,
- went through four provinces in Canada,
- went through 13 states, most of them more than once,
- saw all of the Great Lakes,
- discovered a gallon of milk at Walmart in Canada was \$6.00 Canadian and a bottle of 12 low dose aspirin was \$12.00 Canadian,
- \$1.00 U.S. was worth \$1.35 Canadian at the time we were there, and
- we brought back 150 pounds of rocks.

We arrived home safely thanks to the trusty GPS, and we are ready for our next adventure!



## NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

November 4, 2015

Charles Wooldridge's home

Submitted by Pat Dvorak, Secretary

- ◆ Meeting called to order by President Ed Dvorak at 6:20 p.m.
- ◆ 9 members and 2 guests present.

### OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ Pat Dvorak passed out the October Board Minutes. Wooly Wooldridge moved and Carolyn Ashmore seconded that minutes be approved after the spelling of Wooldridge be corrected. Motion carried.
- ◆ Vera Lyman passed out the Treasurer's Report. Richard Peterson moved and Sharon Marburger seconded that report be approved after "¼" be changed to "½". Motion carried.
- ◆ Jayne Beer said the Swap Meet in January is Good to Go!

### NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ There was a discussion if it was beneficial to the Club to pay for insurance to the MWF or if the Hartford Insurance is enough. It was decided to table this issue until we get more information.
- ◆ One adult and four junior applications were presented. They need to come to a meeting before the Board will accept them as members.
- ◆ Wooly brought to the Board's attention that the Treasurer's Books need to be audited. Jayne volunteered to be on the auditing committee if Roger Pittard is unable to continue.

- ◆ Carolyn reported on the NAOESCI meeting held on October 18. The Clubs that belong to NAOESCI need to decide if they want to continue to support NAOESCI or if it should be disbanded. This issue will be brought up at the general meeting on November 19, 2015 to see if any member will volunteer for openings for officers for NAOESCI. The next meeting of NAOESCI will be held at the LGMC Show on April 3, 2016.
- ◆ Sharon wanted to know if we should join (NOR) National Organization for Rivers. Wooly is going to see if the Club is eligible to be a member as a group and bring this info to the next Board Meeting.

### SHOW BUSINESS

- ◆ Wooly reported that there are two openings for dealers for the Show. He will ask dealers on the interest list to see if they would like to participate.
- ◆ Susy McMahan moved and Wooly seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.



The 2014 All American Club Yearbook won double Gold!!

## Silversmithing classes

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

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

Tuition: \$120 plus \$30 supply deposit

## Winter Break

Contact:

**Jayne Beer 402-890-3307**

**Judith Bay 402-423-7058**

or e-mail

## ALAA NEWS

Excerpted by Tom Noe

### Sierra Club Wants Roads To Rockhound Areas Closed

Below is an e-mail sent out by Jim McGarvey of the Riverton Mineral and Gem Society. He is also the Wyoming State Representative for Public Lands Advisory in the Rocky Mountain Federation.

I'm sorry to inform you that the Sierra Club is forcing the Forest Service to close roads to motorized travel in some of rockhounds' favorite collecting areas. Would you be happy if they closed the roads into the Wiggins Fork area so you can't go in and collect Wiggins Fork wood anymore? That's one of the areas that will be closed. It seems that the Sierra Club got something like 23,000 letters to be sent to the Shoshone National Forest planners to close down those roads and many other roads in Wyoming. At a recent meeting, a representative of the Sierra Club pointed to a map and told the Forest Service representative that these are the roads he wanted closed.

Rockhounds have got to start participating in these government decisions if they want to continue to collect rocks. This is not just in Wyoming, it's happening all over our United States! What do YOU want to do about this? Rock clubs can't do much. It's up to the individuals in the clubs to act. We need a national response to this control of our hobby. I hope you can muster up the courage to fight this obstacle to our "pursuit of happiness"!

—*from the July-Sept. 2015 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.*

**LGMC is a proud member of ALAA**



To all Rockhounds Everywhere,

ALAA received this request to help save the Dugway Geode beds from extinction! If you have ever collected any of the Dugway Geodes and would like to collect them again, or would like to collect these one-of-a-kind Geodes in the future, now is the time to get involved in a Grass Roots action. Contact the Utah BLM to let them know that this resource needs to remain open and accessible for future generations of Rockhounds to enjoy. In your writings to the BLM, let them know that whether the mining claim is renewed or not, you are asking the BLM for assurance that the Dugway Geode Beds and their access roads will remain open for public recreational collecting. Below are e-mail addresses to contact all of the parties involved in the Dugway Geode Beds issue. Please help "Save the Geodes!"

### DUGWAY GEODE CLAIM

Save the Geodes! The BLM is threatening to close the only commercial claim on the Dugway Geode beds, in operation for the last 50 years, because the renewal paperwork was late this year. The claim is run by the Crapo family under the business name "The Bug House," and new mining claims will not be issued by the BLM for any commercial geode mining because the geode bed is a restricted area.

Public response to urge renewal of the claim is critical. The Crapo family has always supported the rockhound community and made sure that anyone who collected on their claim came away with lots of good geodes. Now it's our turn to support them, so please get the word out to anyone interested in preserving this important collection area.

Please send your e-mails in support of renewing this important claim to the following e-mail addresses at the BLM, and bcc The Bughouse at their address below, so they can see who is supporting their efforts.

Deputy State Director Lands & Minerals  
Kent Hoffman  
E-mail: [khoffman@blm.gov](mailto:khoffman@blm.gov)

Minerals Support Supervisor  
Robert L Bankert  
E-mail: [rbankert@blm.gov](mailto:rbankert@blm.gov)

Bureau of Land Management Fillmore Field Office  
E-mail: [utfmmail@blm.gov](mailto:utfmmail@blm.gov)

The Bug House  
E-mail: [bughouse@xmission.com](mailto:bughouse@xmission.com)

## NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY - CONT'D

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We, of course, sat down and ate as our first order of business. After that there were several people who brought items to show and tell, and do minor repairs and cleaning. With several kiddos there, it was difficult to get into the rock polishing room since that is where they chose to get away from us boring adults. As far as I know, Eddie was the only one to brave the rock grinding equipment. My grandson is apparently not quite ready to sit and be interested in anything down there yet. He was rather ..... ummmm .... loud.

It seemed as though everyone enjoyed themselves and got a good fill of all the wonderful homemade food.

We got a lot of compliments on our new wall of rocks. I think it really brightens up the room and I just love to look at it and appreciate the labor of love that went into all those cabochons.

Thank you to all of the rock friends that showed up and chilled with us for the evening.

## 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The club Christmas Party was held the evening of December 6. It was a night full of activities.

We began at 5:00 with the Mineral Monkeys' Future Rockhounds of America badge project of "Reaching Across Generations." The junior members and their partnered senior member met to make sand bottles that they exchanged with one another. There was a lot of talking and laughing with this project. Each team selected different colored sands to use, but as the evening wore on, we learned another lesson: Sharing. Those sitting at the same table were soon exchanging their cups of sand for colors not previously selected. Not only was it fun, it contained a life lesson.

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## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Jayne Beer

I would like to say thank you to whoever nominated me for ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR and to those who voted for me. What an unexpected honor! There are so many people more deserving than me.

I am enjoying everything about the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. We are so fortunate to have so many years of experience in the club. I hear stories of issues in the past, but I don't see any of that now. Whenever I talk to someone who has quit the club because of issues, I tell them to come back, because we have a fantastic group of enthusiastic, rock loving people, young and old. It's true, I am among the "old" group, although I have only been a member for a short 6 or 7 years.

Even though the length of my membership is short, I have been "around" for many years. The first gem and mineral show I attended was in the early 1980s. There was a terrible snow storm. I drove to the show as a new driver, getting stuck many times. I thought I'd be there for maybe an hour, but I spent the entire day. I was HOOKED! and I haven't missed a show since. Thanks to Roger Pabian and Judy Anson for talking me into joining the club. I joined because of my interest and because my son, Corey, was quickly becoming addicted to ROCKS. I stayed because of the people and all the rock activities that happen.

Again, I thank you for the honor. I look forward to the many rock addicted years to come.



photos by Jim & Sharon Marburger

## 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY - CONT'D



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Even some of the "old-timers" thought the project looked like fun.

After the sand/bottle project was done, the juniors received Christmas stockings full of goodies, and their names were drawn from a bowl, at which time they got to visit the gift table where they selected items of their choice.



Then it was on to our Christmas banquet. The club provided fried chicken and beverages and the members provided all the other fixins. There was a glorious assortment of foods: salads, potatoes, casseroles, desserts. Everything was yummy! Rocks and food - that is LGMC!

There were a couple of families that had other obligations that evening, so while we ate, we also handed out some awards. We began with the three graduates of the FRA Program: Ellie, Mia, and Brooklyn. These girls graduated to Rockhound after earning badges in the required projects. Badges were then handed out to the other Mineral Monkeys: Sarah, Tait, Abby, Logan, and Taylor. Leaders Carolyn and Susy are extremely proud of the kids and their achievements. And because "it takes a village" to be successful, Carolyn handed out recognition certificates to select adults who went above and beyond to help with the youth program: Philip Paul, Jayne, Sharon S., Linda, Corey, and Vera.



After supper, the prestigious Rockhound of the Year was bestowed upon Jayne Beer. Her nomination stated:

Served as 1st Vice-President, worked her tail off during show setup, donated a pickup load of material to the Nebraska Gem Dig, donated to silent auction, attended most meetings and club functions, maintains program equipment and speaker system, demonstrated at



various club functions, hosted Rock Parties, provided material to newsletter. If the club did it, Jayne was there!

Regarding the AFMS Code of Ethics, I have seen Jayne pick up litter, and she is always respectful of people and nature. Jayne quietly attends club functions, usually unobtrusively. Any time there is an event, Jayne is there. She demonstrates lapidary and shares her knowledge with club members and the general public. She is always willing to help out when and where needed. I believe Jayne is a valuable asset to LGMC, and she should be recognized and honored for her dedication to the hobby.

Anniversary pins were given to those members having an anniversary divided by 5 (5, 10, 15, etc.), with Vera receiving a 40-year pin and Richard Peterson receiving a 10-year plaque.

I handed out the Editors' Contest certificates and plaques from the Midwest Federation. Note how many of the top ten winners were from LGMC!!

**Original Articles:** "How to Deconstruct and Rehabilitate an Opal Triplet" by James Marburger (1st Place)

**Written Features:** "The Amazing Dino Adventure" by Ed Dvorak (2nd Place); "My Search for Amber" by Bill Ray (4th Place); "Field Trip to Ashfall and Gravel Pit" by Sharon Marburger (6th Place); "Outreach" by Nancy Akins (7th Place); "Our Christmas Travels" by Carolyn Ashmore (10th Place)

**Adult Poetry:** "The River" by Charles Wooldridge (1st Place)

Our All American Club Yearbook won Gold Medals in both the Midwest Federation and the American Federation. Keep up the good work, LGMC!



LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S

# 37th Annual Rock Swap

Saturday, **JANUARY 23, 2016**; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Family  
Friendly**

**Free  
Admission**

**Silent  
Auction**

**Buy  
Sell  
Trade**



**Rocks  
&  
Minerals**

**Fossils**

**Jewelry**

**Lapidary  
Supplies  
&  
Equipment**

## Bethany Park Enclosed Shelter

64th and Vine Streets

Swapper Tables: ½ Table - \$10; Full Table - \$20 - Set up at 12:00 Noon.  
Swappers are responsible for collecting Nebraska State Sales Tax and remitting it to the State.

**Cash Sales must be completed using SWAPPER DOLLARS.**  
**SWAPPER DOLLARS** are available from the Club Treasurer at  
a 10% surcharge, payable by the buyer.

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Historian	Sharon Marburger
Legislative Liaison	Susy McMahan
Membership Record	Edward Ridge
MWF Liaison	Vera Lyman
Programs	Jayne Beer
Property	James Marburger
Refreshments / Door Prizes	Vera Lyman
Roadside Clean-up	James Marburger
Scholarship	Vera Lyman
Show—2016	Ed Dvorak
Swap—2016	Jayne Beer
Website	Jim & Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities	Carolyn Ashmore Susy McMahan

<b>LONG RANGE PLANNING &amp; BY-LAWS COMMITTEE</b>	
Jim Marburger, Chairman	
1 year:	Vera Lyman Ed Dvorak
2 years:	Edward Ridge Robert Cropp
3 years:	Charles Wooldridge Sharon Marburger

<b>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</b>	
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