



PICK & SHOVEL

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2015 Meetings and Activities

Board

Wed., May 6
(The Jewelry Connection)

Wed., Sep 2
(Gere Library)

Wed., Sep 30 (October)
(Gere Library)

General

Thurs., Apr. 16

Thurs., May 21

Summer Break from Business

Thurs., Sep. 17

Thurs., Oct 15
(Halloween Party)

Activities

Roadside Clean-up and Rock
Party - Apr. 18

Rock Party - May 16 (Wooly)

Grinding Party - Jul 12
(Pioneers Park Nature Center)

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

## GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Program: Video

## MINERAL MONKEYS

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Lesson: Finishing Stone Age  
Tools & Art

# Due to editor's illness, this month's P&S is short.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak



WOW!!! The SHOW came and went. We had some rough times, but we pulled together and overcame them. Thanks to all our members and non-members for their GREAT WORK. All I heard was good things about our show.

I hope everyone is staying warm and dry. It is sure gloomy but the sun is going to shine then we all can enjoy MOWING GRASS!

Now is the time to get all of your machinery cleaned and repaired. It is not quite like a rock party (being at the show and using your machinery or getting ready for the show). The stress is over and it is time to chill out and relax.

Remember that the Roadside Cleanup is coming up fast. We will meet at the Hickman Rest Area at Highway 77 and Hickman Road, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. The weatherman says we will have a nice day. To make the cleanup easy and quick, we will need at least 16 volunteers. Please plan to attend. After picking up trash, we will meet at the Marburgers' home for our monthly Rock Party.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

# Roadside Cleanup and Rock Party April 18

**1:00 Meet at Hickman Rest Area**

**for Roadside Cleanup**

**Approximately 4:00 Rock Party at the Marburgers**

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2015 General Meeting  
Bethany Park Shelter House  
Submitted by Pat Dvorak, Secretary

- Meeting called to order by President Ed Dvorak at 7:05 p.m.
- There were 27 adults and 6 Mineral Monkeys in attendance.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Charlie Messenger moved and Carrie Burkhart seconded to accept the February minutes as published in the Pick & Shovel. Carried.
- Treasurer's report was read by Vera Lyman. Sharon Marburger moved and Karen Messenger seconded that the report be approved. Carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Karen reported that we would be moved from the Chet Ager to the Prairie Center for the grinding party in July due to the increased interest in this event.

### SHOW BUSINESS

- Set up for the Show will be Friday, April 3 at 8:00 a.m. We can use anyone who can help to get done as soon as possible.
- Sharon asked to tell her where you put show fliers and postcards for the All American Book.
- Wooly needs Nebraska materials for the gem dig by noon on April 3.
- Carolyn Ashmore has all the grab bags ready for the Junior's booth.
- Carrie needs donations for the silent auction.
- Show breakfast is at Hy-Vee, 84th and Holdredge on Sunday, April 5 from 7:00-10:00 a.m.
- Wooly moved and Carrie seconded to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Carried.
- Kevin Hammond presented a program on Ancient People of the Great Plains.

## MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK EVERYONE for volunteering at our booth at this year's annual show. We had a lot of fun back there. We had 8 juniors and 6 adults that helped this year, and the booth "looked awesome," as I was told many times. The grab bags sold pretty well for the first year having them, and the Easter rock basket raffle sold more tickets this year than last year. You're all doing such a great job!!!! And I'm so proud of you all!!!!

I also want to thank Carrie Burkhart for the wonderful Easter Bunny Cars she made the juniors for Easter; we all loved them and they didn't last long.

At the April meeting, we will be finishing up unit No. 14, "Stoneage Tools and Art." We will be making clay beads at this month's meeting to take home, let dry, string onto a cord (which I will provide), and bring back completed to show everyone at the May 21st meeting.

REMINDER: This meeting is our deadline to enter the Midwest Federation Poster Contest. I want to send your posters in immediately following the meeting, to make sure they're in by the May 1st deadline. We have a lot of artistic and talented juniors, and this would be a wonderful time to show it. Who knows? You might even win!!!!

## Silversmithing classes

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

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**Session 2: Mar 3 - Apr 21**

**Session 3: Apr 28 - Jun 16**

**\*\* Summer Break \*\***

**Session 4: Aug 11 - Sep 29**

**Session 5: Oct 6 - Nov 24**

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