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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.

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2017 MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m. Board Meetings, unless otherwise stated, begin at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, at the home of Vera Lyman.

Board Meetings:

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| Jan: December 28, 2016 | Apr: April 4, 2017 | Oct: October 4 |
| Feb: February 1, 2017 | May: May 3, 2017 | Nov: November 1 |
| Mar: March 1, 2017 | Sep: September 6 | Dec: November 29 |

Activities:

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| Rock Party at Wooly's January 14 | General Meeting February 16 |
| Mid-Winter Swap & Meeting January 28 | Geology Day March 12 |

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Paul Ashmore | Mia Eno |
| Jim Atkins | Ivy Guenter |
| Al Stewart | Janette Van Butsel |



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak

Well folks, it's time for me to say "Happy Hunting" to all my rockhound friends. I am handing the president's gavel to Jayne Beer on New Year's Eve, maybe even under the mistletoe!

I have appreciated the help and support of the three Boards of Directors during my terms as President. I couldn't have done it with them.

Don't worry. I am not going far. I was voted in as a Board member for 2017. You haven't seen the last of me yet.

I ask that you step up and be as helpful to Jayne as you have to me. She will do a good job as your leader.

It has been a fine year of traveling, collecting, meeting at Rock Parties, and having fun at all the other club events.

Congratulations to Brian Beer for being nominated and awarded with the 2016 Rockhound of the Year award.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday, and a fantastic new year!

Looking to 2017, remember to attend club events. There will be meetings, rock parties, the Mid-Winter Swap, Geology Day, the "Nebraska Rocks" Gem Show, and the July Grinding Party. There will also be community outreach events; help out Jayne and Carolyn, the two who usually organize and attend these. The Science Fair is another community event you can help with. Just get involved with your club.

My last presidential wisdom to you, as always, is, "Be safe and stay happy."



MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

Did we all have fun or what!!

LGMC's Christmas Party is always a blast with good food, great people, and lots of conversation about our hobby. And let's not forget about Wooly calling the Rock Bingo again this year; he always makes it a fun game for all.

The Christmas Ornaments you all made this year turned out awesome. We have so many artists in our little group. It was fun watching you work and having fun together making them. Linda and a few other adults joined in and made some ornaments, too. I think everyone had a good time. We may do it again sometime.

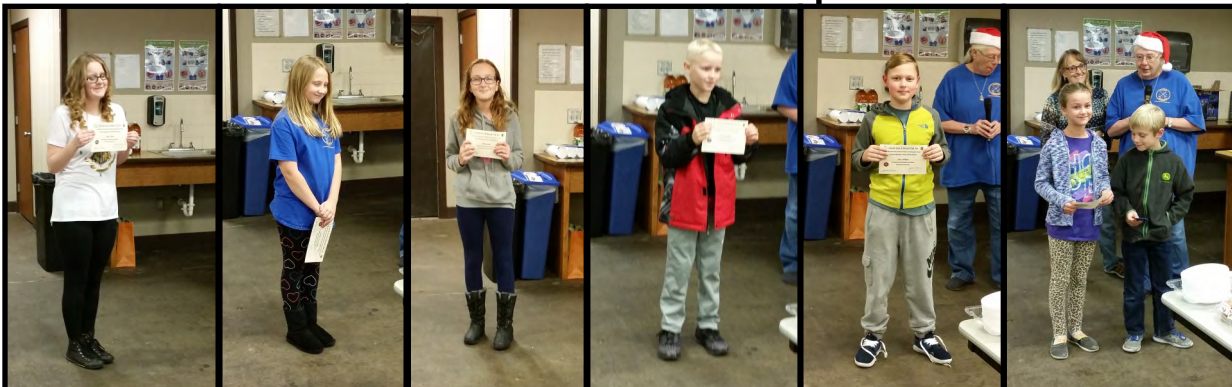


I hope everyone was happy with what they picked out on the gift table this year. So much was donated over the past year, so I changed it up a bit by adding a lot more fossils, gem trees, and other things I thought you would enjoy putting into your collections.

The Juniors' Awards Ceremony is always special, not only for all of you receiving your badges, but for the entire club as well. The junior leaders especially enjoy it because we can see your continued commitment to learn and work together, achieving your goals and earning your badges, all the while having fun doing it. So with that said, Linda and I, along with the entire Club say. "Congratulations on a job well done, Juniors. YOU EARNED IT!!"

A reminder that we have the Rock Swap on January 28 from 1-5 p.m., with the Pizza Party and meeting to follow. We will see you there!

**WE WISH YOU
ALL A VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND
A VERY
HAPPY NEW
YEAR!!!!**



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

November Board Meeting, November 2, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Ed Dvorak at the Lyman Residence.

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| Ed Dvorak | Present |
| Jayne Beer | Present |
| Charles Wooldridge | Absent |
| Jim Marburger | Present |
| Vera Lyman | Present |
| Carolyn Ashmore | Absent |
| Ed Ridge | Present |
| Sharon Marburger | Present |
| Andrew Tiedje | Present |

Corey Beer and Pat Dvorak guests.

Minutes of the last board meeting were handed out. Motion to accept by Andrew, second by Sharon. Passed. 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Treasurer Report was given out. Motion to accept by Andrew, second by Sharon. Passed. 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A bill for silicon carbide sanding belts for the Lapidary Class was presented. Total \$212. Ed Dvorak presented a bill for \$25 for the juniors' plinko game. Motion to pay bills by James, second by Andrew. Passed. 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.
- FALL ADVENTURE DAY was a great success and was popular, as reported by Jayne.
- Channel 12 has a Fossil program this month.
- Procedures for the general meeting question be taken to the board for suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas Party will be December 4th from 5 to 9 p.m. Club to furnish drinks and fried chicken. Members to bring hot and cold dish. Bingo with prizes. Exchange gender neutral presents, \$10 maximum.
- Show report by Jayne. All dealers are signed. Sharon will be silent auction chair. Schaeffer's have been contacted to provide helpers to load trailer after the show. Everything seems to be falling into place.
- January Mid-Winter Swap plans are looking good.
- Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by Sharon, second by Andrew. Passed. 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

November General Meeting, November 17, 2016 Bethany Park Shelter House

- ◆ The Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Ed Dvorak at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Adult Members: 23; Guests: 3; Junior Members: 0
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance.
- ◆ Minutes of last meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Motion to accept the minutes by Bob Gruit, second by Carolyn Ashmore. Passed.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report was read by Ed Dvorak for Vera. Motion to accept the report by Sharon Marburger, second by Gene Mulinex. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Election. Nominations from the floor were called for, three times each. Hearing no further nominations, Vera Lyman moved to accept the officers by acclamation, leaving only the Board members to be voted upon. Second by Jim Marburger. Passed.
- ◆ Ballots were distributed, votes cast, and ballots counted. Following the ballot count, Jim Marburger moved to destroy the ballots, second by Vera Lyman. Passed. The election results are:

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| President: | Jayne Beer |
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| 2nd Vice President: | Sharon Marburger |
| Secretary: | Jim Marburger |
| Treasurer: | Vera Lyman |
| Board Members: | Carolyn Ashmore Corey Beer Ed Dvorak Ed Ridge |

- ◆ Reminder discussion for the Christmas Party.
- ◆ November Rock Party will be at The Jewelry Connection on November 20, starting at 5:00. Soups will be served. All welcome.
- ◆ Rock Party for December will be at the Marburgers' in Hickman on December 10, 3:00 to whenever.
- ◆ Lapidary Class at SCC will run February 10 to March 25.
- ◆ Mid-Winter Swap is set for January 28, 1:00 to 5:00, setup at noon. Pizza party and meeting

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - CONT'D

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afterwards.

- ◆ 59th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, April 1 and 2, 2017.
- ◆ Think about the 2018 show. It will be our 60th Show, so we should come up with something special. Suggestions of naming the show after the song "Rock Around the Clock," which was popular 60 years ago, and incorporating something diamond as the anniversary stone were entertained.
- ◆ Board Meeting for December will be November 30 at the Lyman residence. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ The Children's Museum has asked LGMC to display and offer fun activities. Jayne and Carolyn have volunteered to head the activities on May 7, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. They will take a fluorescent light display and the Gem Dig. Coordinate with them to help out.
- ◆ Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by James Marburger, second by Sharon Marburger. Passed
- ◆ Adjourned to refreshments and program, "Salt Mining in Kansas."

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

Session 1: Jan 4 - Feb 21, 2017
Session 2: Feb 28 - Apr 18, 2017
Session 3: Apr 25 - Jun 13, 2017
Session 4: Aug 8 - Sep 26, 2017
Session 5: Oct 3 - Nov 28, 2017

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**Have an idea for a field trip?
Let Jim Marburger know!**

NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY



By Sharon Marburger

The wall of rocks is just about the first thing to catch your eye when you walk into The Jewelry Connection. The beautiful wall of cabochons, polished slabs, and other specimens is in memory of the late Roger Pabian. Dr. Pabian was a member of LGMC for many, many years, and those of us who remain still miss his knowledge and friendship.

I chuckled as I took this photograph because I couldn't decide if a lesson was being given, or if the

three "boys" were in a "time out" for some nefarious deed. It turns out that Jim and Corey were sharing their memories of Roger with Gene.

The Rock Party was held on November 20, with a variety of soups as the main course of the potluck. An assortment of cornbread, muffins, salads, chips, desserts, and other food items complemented the meal.

Members attending were Brian, Jayne, & Corey Beer, Judith Bay, Gene Mulinex, Ed Ridge, Andrew Tiedje, and Jim & Sharon Marburger. Three visitors also joined in the fun.



Gene brought his brand new Genie that had been in

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storage for over 30 years. He asked Jim to check it over and oil the pump. After the Genie was given a clean bill of health, Gene proceeded to give it a workout.



Eddie did some grinding and polishing using one of Jayne's machines.



Corey also worked some stones. He was quite pleased with the outcome of a piece of kyanite he picked up at a sale.



Andrew and Jim spent a lot of time talking with one of the visitors, a man that Andrew met online. The gentleman was quite enthusiastic about the hobby, and seemed eager to share his collection. We may gain a new member!

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR (2016)

By Jim Marburger

It was another tough decision when selecting the 2016 Rockhound of the Year. The nomination for this individual stated,

Brian Beer usually stays in the background, but he attends most events and meetings, quietly supporting people and functions. He has donated many hours, helping to set up at shows and swaps, attending field trips and monthly rock parties, participating in roadside clean-up, and just being an all-around good guy, willing to jump in and help with whatever is needed. Brian claims to not be a rockhound, but he is quite faithful to the club and members, and he deserves recognition.

Although he claims to not be a rockhound, Brian sure spends a lot of time looking for, and finding, rocks. Congratulations, Brian, for winning the 2016 Rockhound of the Year award!



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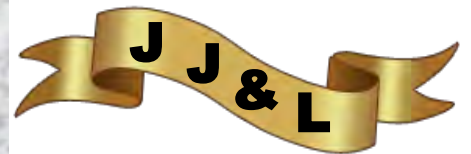
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CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS BANQUET

By Sharon Marburger (photos by Paul Ashmore, Jayne Beer, & Sharon)

Sunday, December 4 was the Christmas Party and Awards Banquet. The club furnished fried chicken and beverages; club members supplied the side dishes and desserts. As usual, we had a banquet fit for a king!



Before we ate, the Mineral Monkeys had a fun time making Christmas ornaments. Some of the adults jumped in to have fun, too. Although I didn't get pictures of them, I saw Jackie and Susy with their hands in tinsel. Who could blame them? It was a lot of fun. Here is the ornament I made for my "Reaching Across Generations" Monkey, who was not able to attend the event.



Because some of the Mineral Monkeys had to leave early due to other obligations, we went directly into the Future Rockhounds of America Awards. Badges that were earned in 2016:

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| Welcome to FRA: | Kathryn, Emmett |
| Rocks & Minerals: | Tait, Logan, Elayna |
| Field Trips: | Lauren |
| Gold Panning & Prospecting: | Logan, Ellie, Elayna, Abby, Ian |
| Fluorescent Minerals: | Brooklyn, Kathryn, Logan, Ellie, Elayna, Abby, Ian, Sarah, Taylor, Tait |
| Reaching Across Generations: | Ellie |

Congratulations to all our Mineral Monkeys!

Wooly asked for the blessing of the food from our Heavenly Father and Mother Earth. There was plenty of delicious food, and everyone ate until they were stuffed.

The food was then put away, and everyone pitched in to clean up the shelter house. Past President Jim Marburger started the awards portion of the evening by handing out service pins. There were nine 5-year, seven 10-year, one 15-year, one 25-year, and one 45-year memberships to be awarded.

Following the service pin awards, I began the MWF Editor Awards with an explanation of why everyone was not being recognized. I have taken over as chairman of the MWF Bulletin Editors Aids Committee due to the declining health of the previous chairman. Because of her health, not all of the submissions to the 2016 competition were forwarded to the American Federation for judging. Those entries not judged will be permitted to be judged in 2017, along with any current submissions.

The winners of the 2016 MWF competition are:

- ◆ Adult Articles, 3rd Place, Jim Marburger, "How to Deal with the Second Dirtiest Job in Lapidary", May 2015
- ◆ Written Features, 10th Place, Corey Beer, "Surprise Meeting on a Rock"



CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS BANQUET - CONT'D

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Hunting Trip”, June 2015

- ◆ Written Features, 9th Place, Ed Dvorak, “The Last Episode of Ed’s and Pat’s Adventure”, December 2015



- ◆ Written Features, 5th Place, Jayne Beer, “Post Rock Party Field Trip”, October 2015



- ◆ Written Features, 2nd Place, Sharon Marburger, “Reaching Across Generations”, November 2016



- ◆ Written Features, 1st Place, Charles Wooldridge, “River Hunting in Nebraska”, July 2015



Congratulations to all of our winners! Great job!

As a reminder to everyone, all you have to do to win an award is to write something and submit it to me, your Pick & Shovel editor. Each year I select each contributor’s best sub-mission (if they have more than one), and enter all in the MWF and AFMS Bulletin Editors’ Competition. So you, too, can be a winner! And I, as the MWF BEAC chairman, can no longer submit my written items in the MWF competition.

Get to writing, my friends! I’d like to see everyone win an award at next year’s Christmas Party & Awards Banquet!

I bet you are thinking this was the end of the fun.

Wrong! We still had Rock Bingo to play. Santa Wooly took on his usual position as number caller. Everyone groaned and moaned that the numbers he was calling were all the wrong numbers. I must admit to surprise and shock that I got the first Bingo, giving me the opportunity to take whatever I wanted from the prize table. A further surprise was that I didn’t get another Bingo all night. Happily, though, I think everyone won something.



Oh, and don’t forget about those who participated in the gift exchange. We did differently this year by playing it as White Elephant. Each participant had the choice of an unwrapped gift or “stealing” from one that had already been opened. It generated a lot of laughter and I don’t think anyone was upset with what they ended up taking home.

Merry Christmas!

THE END OF AN ERA

Well, folks, we messed up. Not only did we allow Ed Dvorak to retire as President, all us old fogeys forgot precedence and procedure! At the Awards Ceremony, Ed should have handed off the gavel to President-elect Jayne Beer. In return, Jayne should have presented Ed with the service plaque. We will count on the younger minds to help us follow the correct procedure going forward.



FOUNDER'S ANECDOTE

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story comes from a book of his own writings that Founder, Irl "Evey" Everett put together.

WHERE IS THE ROCKHOUND MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE?

You don't know? I'll tell you, but if you've got a Bible you can look it up for yourself. See, when the Good Lord made us all and made this earth, he knew that somewhere along the line there would be a group that would someday call themselves "Rockhounds". Now don't get me wrong. This is not a bad name. Oh, no. In fact, it's a good name. See, I'm one and have been for many years.

So if you have your Bible and want to look up where it mentions the rockhound, follow me. In my Bible, it's on page 786. Yours might be on a different page, since I have a fat Bible, maybe fatter than yours.

Okay. Got your Bible? Open it up to the book of Ecclesiastes and find chapter 3, verses 1-5. Got it? See there, it says in verse five, "There is a time for scattering stones and a time for gathering stones." Now doesn't that sound like a rockhound? Well, I think it does, and that's why I am a rockhound, because I've done both scattering and gathering.

Speaking of Scripture verses, there is one more that means a lot to me and it is found in I John:1 - "These things I write unto you that your joys may be full." The reason for my liking this verse is that every time I wrote Lois in WWII, I ended the letter with this verse. Oh, yes, I had to take my Bible over more than once and show the officer who was checking my mail to see if I had put something in that he could "sensor".

Now the funny part is this. I wrote Lois about every other day, and while I was overseas, I did not get one letter from her. We were in an outfit that was moving with the front line and, in fact, we were almost always about 12-15 miles behind the front line. But when I got home, man did I have a bunch of letters waiting for me.

Well, I would not like to go through all that again, but I had no choice.

**Make copies of the
Mid-Winter Swap
flyer on page 9 and
distribute to various
businesses, friends,
and bulletin boards.
Copy two or four
to a page!**

Dues are due!
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Treasurer Vera Lyman
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so she and Sharon
can get the
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84th & Havelock

Lincoln, Nebraska

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Admission:

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Dealers

Exhibits

Demonstrators

Nebraska Gem Dig

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| Facebook | Andrew Tiedje |
| Field Trips | James Marburger |
| Geology Day Coordinator | Charles Wooldridge |
| Grinding Party Coordinator | Charles Wooldridge |
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| Swap—2017..... | Jayne Beer |
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| 3 years: | Vera Lyman Ed Dvorak |

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| 1 year: | Vera Lyman Edward Ridge |
| 2 years: | Robert Gritmit Sharon Marburger |
| 3 years: | Jim Atkins Andrew Tiedje |

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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 meeting before being approved for membership.

2017 SHOW COMMITTEE

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