



# 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.

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## 2016 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 begin at 6:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, Oct. 20**

Thursday, Nov. 17 (Annual Business Meeting)

Sunday, Dec. 4 (Christmas Party & Awards)

### Board

Monday, October 3  
Lyman Residence

### Activities

Roadside Clean-up and October Rock Party  
Saturday, October 8 @ 1:00 p.m.

Meet at the Hickman Rest Area to get safety vests and assignments.

Rock Party to follow at the Marburgers'.

If you can't make Roadside Clean-up, you are still welcome to join us at the Rock Party.

Bring your potluck food item, portable equipment, and projects.

At least two Genies will be available.

## NEBRASKA ROCKS!

LGMC's Annual Show  
is scheduled for  
**April 1 and 2, 2017**  
at the Lancaster Event Center  
in Lincoln, Nebraska!  
Mark your calendars!  
Contact Show Chairman,  
Jayne Beer, for information.  
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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Judith Bay  
Sharon Schleiger  
Bobby Williams



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak



Summer is winding down! WOW!! Did you get the things done that you wanted to do? I got a few items checked off, but my list of things to do and get done keeps getting longer, and then there is my "Honey-do List". I'll say no more on that one.

I hope everyone had fun and made some great memories this summer. I'm sure your rock collection got bigger.

The Omaha show is over and that now leaves us next in line for our Show. If you want something to do at the show, there are plenty of places you can help out, and it is not hard to do.

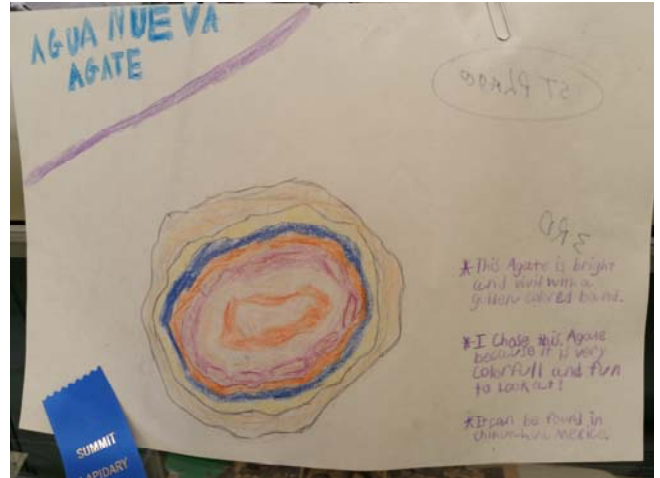
I hope everyone remembers to come to our next meeting! We did not have enough members for a quorum at the September meeting, so no business was conducted.

BE SURE TO READ YOUR COPY OF THE PICK & SHOVEL!!!

Everyone be safe and stay happy.

## CORRECTION

The Editor's brain malfunctioned and incorrectly stated the winner's name in the Youth Poster Contest sponsored by the Midwest Federation. Our third grade winner, taking First Place, was Logan. Congratulations Logan!



## LAPIDARY CLASS

By Rowdy Cropp

Thank you to LGMC and its Board of Directors for providing some much needed, new equipment for the Lapidary Class. I have been fighting with equipment breakdown for a while, and these new tools will help tremendously!

Although my job prevents me from attending many meetings, I appreciate the club and look forward to the day when I can make it to club events and meetings again.

Thanks, again, for supporting the Lapidary Class.

## SPECIMEN OFFER

By Sharon Marburger, Editor

For years, LGMC has shared the Pick & Shovel with our friends in Picayune, Mississippi. Recently, this editor received a telephone call from the Picayune club, with the sad information that it has gone the way of so many others in our hobby. We were offered the following invitation from Nancy and Jim Crowe:

It's time to clear out our geology collection. We have enjoyed collecting a large amount of assorted lapidary material which includes Picasso marble slabs and display trays. Picayune is in the deep South, one hour from New Orleans, Louisiana and one hour from Gulfport, Mississippi. As shipping is expensive, we are hopeful that, if you are in the area, you will stop by and add some freebies to your collection. We look forward to seeing you.

Should you find yourself near Picayune, or if you plan a trip to the deep South, let me know and I will provide the contact information for the Crowes. This sounds like a fantastic opportunity to obtain some different types of materials.

**BOO!** Halloween Meeting  
Come dressed as your  
favorite specimen or  
hobby-related item  
**BOO!**

## FOUNDER'S ANECDOTE

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

### GRAB BAG STORY FROM LGMC SHOW

At the last show Lois and I did for the L.G.&M.C., Inc.—let's see ... it must have been 3 or 4 years back—I told the dealers and club members that when I retired, I would do my "last" show for the club.

I know a lot of the dealers would kid me and say, "Hey, Evey, last show??? Selling Out??? Quitting???" "Yes," I would say. Now in the last show in 2002, the 44th annual show, when I was there, I had to hear all the cat calls, "Hey, Evey, still selling out, still quitting!?"

But wait—that has nothing to do with the grab bag story. So here goes. At the show back then I had made up some nice grab bags for the show. They were made to sell for fifty cents each. Along came a kid about 8 or 9 years old, and he said, "How much are your grab bags?"

I said, "If you have been a good boy, I'll make you a deal. I'll sell you two grab bags for \$1.00."

"Oh, I have two brothers with me and would you do the same for them?"

"Sure," I said. "You go bring them back."

He left and pretty soon here he comes with the brothers and Grandma. Grandma asked me, "Did you tell my grandson that you would make him a deal?"

"Yes," I said. "I told him I would sell him one for fifty cents or two for \$1.00."

Grandma said, "Say, that is a deal! You boys each pick out two and I'll pay for them." They picked out two each and she paid me.

But as they walked back from the counter, one little ol' boy said, "Grandma, that was no big deal. The sign says fifty cents each."

She laughed and came back up to my booth with the boys and said, "We learned a great lesson here today for nothing." We all chuckled, and as they left, I told them, "Boys, the same deal on the grab bags is still on tomorrow!"



## 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

Session 5: Oct 4 - Nov 22, 2016

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!**

Des Moines Lapidary Society

## Treasures from the Earth

2016 Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

Saturday Oct 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am - 5:00 pm

Sunday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am - 4:00pm



GEMSTONES BEADS JEWELRY SILVER CRYSTALS CABOCHONS  
SLABS ROUGH MINERAL SPECIMENS FOSSILS TOOLS FINDINGS  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES DEMONSTRATIONS DISPLAYS SPEAKERS

DOOR PRIZES SILENT AUCTIONS

Iowa State Fairgrounds  
Admission: \$5.00  
Children 12 & under FREE

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

### SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING, August 31, 2016

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

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

Pat Dvorak guest.

Minutes of the April 27 meeting were handed out. Motion to accept by Charles, second by Carolyn. Passed: 8 yes, 1 absent, 0 no.

Treasurer's Report was handed out. Motion to accept by Carolyn, second by Charles. Passed: 8 yes, 1 absent, 0 no.

### OLD BUSINESS:

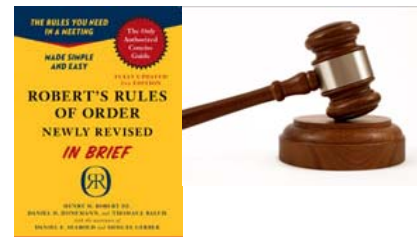
- The Audit Committee completed the Club audit on June 20, 2016 for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. No irregularities were found and the reports are available for any member if requested. Audit Committee Chair, James Marburger.
- Welcome to Ed Ridge as board replacement, appointed by the President at the last General Meeting of the club.
- James Marburger reported that the trailer space rent has been paid for the next year.
- James Marburger reported that the ice cream social at the Lapidary Class, hosted by Rowdy Cropp and class members, went well and was well-attended. Many questions and good tales were had by all.
- The Grinding Party at Pioneers Park in July went well. We had 80 people attend. The cookout afterwards was well-attended by members that presented at the party and, as usual, the food was great. We had wonderful weather and friendship.
- Charles reported that the Campout Field trip was a success and everyone had a great time.
- Sharon Marburger presented an ongoing bill to be paid by the club for the annual website hosting fee of \$120.00.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Linda Guenter has volunteered to assist Carolyn Ashmore as co-leader of the Mineral Monkeys.
- MWF Ballot for open positions was filled out and sent in.
- Program Chair for the club is now vacant. A volunteer will be acquired at general meeting if anyone would like to do it.
- Motion by Charles to purchase for the Lapidary Class, a new 8-inch Hi Tech lapidary machine from Carolyn for \$500.00, second by Vera. Passed: 8 yes, 1 absent, 0 no.
- Motion by Charles to purchase an 8-inch slant lap machine and 6-inch trim saw for the Lapidary Class at a cost of approximately \$800.00, second by Sharon. Passed: 8 yes, 1 absent, 0 no.

These machines are needed to replace some well-worn machines at the Lapidary Class. Rowdy expressed the need when we were at the Ice Cream Social.

Motion by Vera to adjourn, second by Sharon. Passed: 8 yes, 1 absent, 0 no.



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

### September General Meeting, September 15, 2016 Bethany Park Shelter House

NO MEETING WAS CONVEINED due to no Quorum being present. There were 16 members, 1 junior, and 1 guest that signed up as a new member.

- General discussion of summer events by those present.
- Reminder that the roadside clean-up was coming up.
- Refreshments were had and a program on tourmaline mining in California was presented. A great program.

## IDAHO TRIP

By Ed Dvorak

For part of our vacation this year, I wanted to go rock hounding in Idaho. The first place was south of St. Maries, Idaho, called Emerald Creek garnet area. This is the place to dig for star garnets (the Idaho state gemstone).

To get there, it is best to go by GPS directions. There are a lot of side roads and intersections that the locals want you to take and you are never sure if you are going in the right direction. It also does not help to have road construction and detours.

After arriving at the parking lot, there is a quarter mile trek up a steep hill. Once at the pit, you purchase a mining permit (this site is managed by the State Forest Rangers). The cost is \$10 for the first five pounds. I thought, WOW, I'll spend about \$50.00, because I figured 25 pounds of garnets would be enough to take home (I was sure clueless of what it takes to collect garnets).

When I arrived at the pit an hour after opening on a Tuesday, there were about 20 people already there. The procedure is to first fill two 5-gallon buckets with riverbed material that is on a pile, then take it to a screening area. Here, you get rid of the excess dirt and what usually remains is one bucket of dirt. From here, you go to the sluice trough and wash down the dirt. If you're lucky, you will find a whole garnet, but most often, only pieces are found.

The visiting families worked at different jobs; the diggers, screeners, and the washers. They were able

to move a lot more material than one person doing it all. I ended up with 21 ounces of garnets. On that day, two gem quality garnets as big as golf balls were found. The most common size found that day was gumball size. It was a fun day for me even though I missed my target of 25 pounds.

The next day I headed south to Spencer, Idaho to look for opals. Idaho lacks roads that take you where you want to go! I had to go into Montana to get to Spencer, Idaho. The Spencer opal mine was very easy to find, as it was right off the interstate highway. The mine consisted of a fenced off area of about 200 square feet square where the pile of material was deposited. The fee was \$15, which included one pound of rocks; anything after one pound was \$10 a pound. I was there by myself for about three hours before anyone else showed up. I dug at the pile for awhile and found a few small pieces of opal. Because I was the only one there, I walked around the whole pile looking for color and spraying water as I walked. I found bigger pieces this way and it was mostly stuff that others had tossed away, not knowing what they had. If you could spend more than one day there, you would learn what to look for. The owners of the place were VERY helpful. They hunted with me and identified what to look for in the rock. I took home two pounds of rock.

I had a great time hunting at both places and they are well worth the time for collecting.

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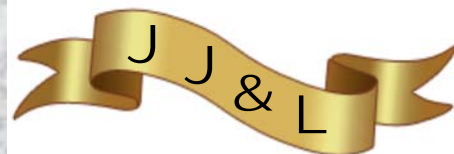
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Admission

Silent  
Auction

Buy  
Sell  
Trade



Rocks  
&  
Minerals

Fossils

Jewelry

Lapidary  
Supplies  
&  
Equipment

## Bethany Park Enclosed Shelter

64th and Vine Streets

Swapper Tables: 1/2 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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Box 5342  
Lincoln, NE 68505-0342  
Contact: Jayne Beer, 402.890.3307

## MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

Welcome Back Juniors !!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and you all had a chance to do a little rockhounding as well. We have had some changes since last we met. Unfortunately, Susy McMahan has had to resign as Mineral Monkey co-leader due to illness, but she will still be around to give us a hand from time to time when we need her. Susy has been co-leader for many years. We thank her for her continued love and support for our hobby and our juniors group, and we all wish her a speedy recovery.



On that note, I asked Linda Guenter to consider being a co-leader, and she graciously accepted. Most of you know Linda, but if you don't, you'll get to meet her at the October meeting. She has been there when we needed her, answering questions, helping out with projects, and working in the Youth Booth at the Show. We appreciate everything she does with our junior group.

At our next meeting, we will have lots to talk about. You will learn what we will be doing for the next eight months, including some exciting things planned for Christmas and our special project for the annual Show in April.

This October meeting is our Halloween meeting and there are always a mixture of wonderful treats to enjoy at this time of year. Don't forget your costume for this meeting! If you come dressed as your favorite rock, mineral or fossil, you could win a prize for best costume!!!!

I also want to welcome the newest members to our group: Kathryn Bolt, Emmet Bolt, and Lauren Remmey. You may have met them already, but let's give them a big welcome to the club.

Looking Forward To Seeing You All At The Meeting !!!!

59th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Proudly Presents

# Nebraska Rocks!

<http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org>

April 1 & 2, 2017  
Lancaster Event Center  
Lincoln Room  
84th & Havelock  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Admission:  
\$6 per adult  
\$11 2-day pass  
Children 11 and under  
free with paid adult

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

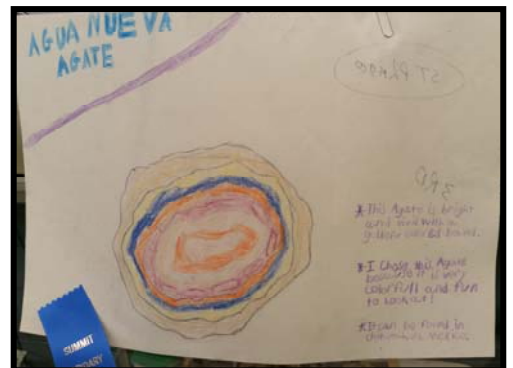
Youth Booth  
Dealers  
Exhibits  
Demonstrators  
Nebraska Gem Dig  
Fluorescent Display

\$1 off paid admission with a can donation to the Food Bank!

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# Logan



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Linda Guenter

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Rowdy Cropp
- 2 years: Charles Wooldridge  
Sharon Marburger
- 3 years: Vera Lyman  
Ed Dvorak

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Edward Ridge
- 2 years: Robert Gritmit  
Sharon Marburger
- 3 years: Jim Atkins  
Andrew Tiedje

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- 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.

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