



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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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:

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

Activities:

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

Dues are due! Dues are due! Dues are due! Dues are due! Dues are due!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brian Beer
Cynthia Casselman
Linda Guenter



Allan Gossman found this little gem about dinosaur brain tissue:
<http://www.msn.com/en-us/video/wonder/dinosaur-brain-tissue-identified-for-first-time/vi-AAjtHrW?ocid=spartanntp>

Winter Session of the Lapidary Class begins February 10 and runs until March 25. Classes time 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Go to:
www.southeast.edu/continuing
and click on

REGISTER NOW

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jayne Beer

Happy new year to everyone! I am honored to get to be your president this year. I hope I can serve you as well as Ed Dvorak did. I feel that he did a great job over the past two years. One thing I'd like to add is more field trips. If anyone has ideas of field trips, or wants to lead a group out to collect rocks, please let Jim Marburger or me know.



Speaking of rock collecting, it has been a mild winter so far and the Beer family took advantage of a couple nice days at Christmas to go out collecting while in central Missouri. Brian, Corey and Jazz went out one day while my sister and I cooked Christmas dinner, then we made several stops on the way home. The temps were in the 50s and 60s so it was great weather to get out. There were several more Lakers and Honey Agates added to our collection, along with petrified wood and Missouri chert. It was a fun quick trip!



Brian remains shocked that he was selected as Rockhound of the Year for 2016. He is truly honored, but believes there are other, more qualified people. He just can't believe it!



We are looking forward to the rock swap at Bethany Park on January 28th. I hope everyone can make it!

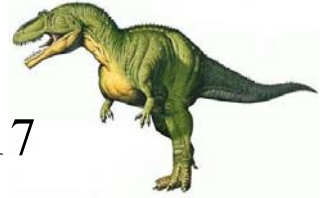
January Rock Party



Join Wooly for some Wild Beast Stew or Chili

6115 Huntington

Saturday January 14, 2017 5:00 p.m.



Bring your potluck food items and your projects. It will be a WILD time!



LGMC's youngest Mineral Monkey receiving a lapidary lesson from his Uncle Corey

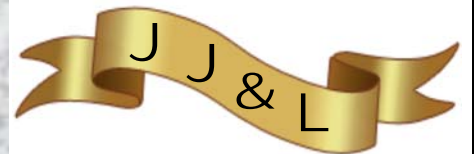
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

November Board Meeting, November 30, 2016

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

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

Pat Dvorak and Evolet Tiedje guests.

Minutes of last meeting were given out. Charles moved to accept with two corrections; second by Carolyn. Passed. 9 yes, 0 no.

Treasurer Report was given out. Motion by Andrew to accept; second by Charles. Passed. 9 yes, 0 no.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jim reported that the Lapidary Class has no requests now, but it could use a couple 3,000 grit, 8 inch pads sometime.
- Membership application for Mackell Hawco received. Motion by Charles to accept membership, second by Jayne. Passed. 9 yes, 0 no.
- Show Business: Jayne asked Charles to contact Dave Bilieu about being a silversmith demonstrator. Barbara Anderson also requested a demo spot for demonstrating tumbling. Jim reports that the postcards will be ordered in December. Also, a floor plan change was discussed and came to a simple resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by James, second by Carolyn. Passed. 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted and authored
by Charles Wooldridge

This example of petrified wood was found west of Fairbury, Nebraska by Donovan Harris. It is a section of a log that, when I saw it, covered the length of a picnic table. The round holes are from ancient ship worms, making the specimen quite unusual. It fluoresces green and orange under a black light. Professor Emeritus Diffendahl, from the University of Nebraska, plans to write a paper describing it. I look forward to learning more about this unique find!



Silversmithing classes

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

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

Tuition: \$130 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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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

No general meeting in December. Christmas Party, Awards, and Rock Bingo!



LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S

38th Annual Rock Swap

Saturday, JANUARY 28, 2017; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Rocks & Minerals

Fossils

Jewelry

Lapidary Supplies & Equipment

Family Friendly

Free Admission

Silent Auction

Buy Sell Trade

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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April 1 & 2, 2017

Lancaster Event Center

Lincoln Room

84th & Havelock

Lincoln, Nebraska

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Youth Booth
 Dealers
 Exhibits
 Demonstrators
 Nebraska Gem Dig
 Fluorescent Display

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



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

DECEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger

The Marburgers hosted the December Rock Party at their home on December 10. The party started earlier than usual, at 3:00 p.m., so those with other holiday-related obligations could attend the party and still be able to go to other functions in the evening. Although it was a good idea in theory, we soon discovered that 5:00 gatherings are probably the best.

Those who joined Jim and Sharon were Ed & Pat Dvorak; Carolyn & Paul Ashmore; Andrew Tiedje; Nick Lytle & Nykky Chrastil; Ed Ridge; Jayne, Brian, and Corey Beer; Charles Wooldridge; Judith Bay; and Susy & Elayna McMahan.

For the main dish, Sharon made a filling for chicken pot pie with biscuits on the side. There was ham and cheese for sandwiches, crackers, rolls, potato salad, chips, fruit, veggie tray, some desserts, and other yummy things.

Two Genies were available, one with the saw attachment set up. It was nice to see the lapidaries jump right in and use the equipment.

Nick cut and polished a beautiful piece of petrified wood.



Andrew worked on a thunder egg that had even those who don't care for

thunder eggs, drooling over.

Nykky had an audience looking over her wonderful copper-wrapped pieces. She does a fabulous job of filigree and wire weaving. I understand she will be teaching a class over at The Jewelry Connection. Check in with her if you are interested in learning her intricate craft.



lessons were taught and learned, and lots of fun was had.



Judith and Jayne helped Sharon out with a stubborn silver piece. After hours of Sharon fighting with it, Jayne picked it up, lit the torch, and Voila!, it was all fixed. Judith and Sharon looked at one another and just shook their heads. Jayne always makes it look so easy!



These were just a few of the stones worked on at the party. As you can see, we do have a great time!



Everyone left well-fed, happy with their projects, and off to other endeavors. It was a merry Christmas Rock Party!

As always, stories and information were shared,

FOUNDER'S ANECDOTE

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

For years while traveling and selling at rock shows, I bought and sold many different gemstones, minerals, and rocks. While visiting my friends in Blackwell, Oklahoma, the man whose place I was at told me to come out to his shop, since he wanted to show me something new he had found. He had made up a few flats to see if they would sell. He called these items "Petrified Rattle Snake Eggs."

I bought a few flats to see if they would sell, which they did. The eggs were from western Oklahoma and they were of gypsum and alabaster. When found, they would always be in a clump or nest. They were white and gray and did look like a snakeskin.

One time, Lois and I were in Topeka, Kansas at a show, and I had the eggs out in a little egg crate. Along came a real big guy and a mousy little guy. They both stopped and looked at the eggs. The big guy said to the little guy, "Boy, I remember these from when I was a little kid. We used to find these and break them open and there was a little tiny snake in the egg!"

I decided to leave, so I said to Lois, "I'll be back in a minute." I left, but stayed close to watch as Lois told the man they were not real snake eggs. He kind of blew up and left. Then it happened. The show chairman came over and asked, "Hey Evey, what are these things?" I told him they were alabaster and gypsum. He then asked, "Is there a snake in the eggs?" I told him, "No, rattle snakes are born alive, not from an egg." He looked at me and said, "Sorry, Evey, you have to take them off your table. That's false advertising!"

I told him I would do that if he would read me the sign over the table of an Oregon dealer. The very large sign read, "Genuine Oregon Thunder Eggs." Then I said, "If that man's thunder lays eggs, my rattle snakes lay eggs." He looked at me and said, "Evey, you got me. Sell your eggs."

Over the years, my egg source dried up, since the fellow I was getting them from passed away. I was over to my shop the other day, and I found my one last "rattle snake egg." I'll have to bring it to show and tell some day.

**Make copies of the
Mid-Winter Swap
flyer and/or the Show
flyer on page 4 and
distribute to various
businesses, friends,
and bulletin boards.
Copy two or four
to a page!**

Dues are due!
Please pay
Treasurer Vera Lyman
by January 31, 2017
so she and Sharon
can get the
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Individual Adults - \$15
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MWF Liaison	Vera Lyman
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Refreshments / Door Prizes	Vera Lyman
Roadside Clean-up	James Marburger
Scholarship	Vera Lyman
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Swap—2017	Jayne Beer
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Jim Marburger, Chairman

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3 years:	Vera Lyman Ed Dvorak

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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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