



PICK & SHOVEL

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2017 MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

General Meetings:

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

February 16	September 21
March 16	October 19
April 20	November 16
May 18	December 3

Board Meetings:

Board Meetings, unless otherwise stated, begin at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, at the home of Vera Lyman.

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

Activities:

Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection
February 18 at 5:00 p.m.
Theme: Mexican Food

Science Fair at Lancaster Event Center
March 2 from 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Rock Party at Nick's & Nikki's in Beatrice
March 18—more details to come later

59th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
Setup on Friday, March 31, beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Show on April 1, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
April 2, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wild Adventure Days at Pioneers Park Nature Center
April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Roadside Clean-up and Rock Party
May 20 at the Marburgers

Wild Fall Festival at Pioneers Park Nature Center
September 22 from 5:00—8:00 p.m.

Geology Day March 12, 2017 Pioneers Park Nature Center Prairie Building	Cancelled	Grinding Party July 9, 2017 Pioneers Park Nature Center Prairie Building
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jayne Beer



Thanks everyone for coming to the January rock swap! It was well attended and I believe that everyone had a fun time. We once again had some great vendors show up. I have heard that we even got some new members interested in the club. The Pizza Party was very much enjoyed after a whole day of the swap. We were all hungry and waiting for the pizza to arrive!!!

Congrats to Sharon Marburger on receiving a lifetime membership! We CANNOT thank Sharon enough for all the work she does for our club.

Speaking of Sharon, remember to send your articles or suggestions of topics to her. Chances are if you have a hobby related question, someone in the club will have an answer. Maybe someone could write something about your question, keeping the *Pick & Shovel* a source for educational material.

The February FUN EVENT will be the grinding party held at The Jewelry Connection on February 18 at 5:00 p.m. Our theme is MEXICAN! I plan to try out a new Chicken Enchiladas casserole recipe on the club members. It looks so good, I can't wait to taste it! You can bring whatever you like to go along with it. Valentines Day will be over so refried beans are acceptable. Just for fun, if you have some nice Mexican rocks to bring, let's have a show & tell.

Some disappointing news has come from the Pioneers Park Nature Center. They have decided to cancel Geology Day in March and the Grinding Party in July, at least for 2017. Instead, they have requested that we participate in their Wild Adventure Days on April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Wild Fall Festival on September 22 from 5:00—8:00 p.m. Contact me or Carolyn for more information about these events.

Lastly, the Zoetis-LPS-GSK Science Fair will be on Thursday, March 2 from 4:00—8:00 p.m. We always have a great time with the kids and their families. Let Carolyn or me know if you would like to participate this year.



February Rock Party

February 18, 2017
5:00 p.m.

The Jewelry Connection
13th & Arapahoe (downstairs)

Jayne will provide chicken enchiladas.
Bring your favorite Mexican food item(s)
and your hobby projects.
Lapidary equipment will be available.



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

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

If you have not yet paid your 2017 dues,
they are now delinquent.
Pursuant to club by-laws,
a \$5 fee is assessed on
all delinquent dues.
Individual Adults—\$15 plus \$5 late fee
Adult Couples—\$25 plus \$5 late fee
Juniors—\$2 each

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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Show postcards are
now available.
See Jim Marburger to get
yours for distribution.
The Show is
quickly approaching!

Happy
Valentine's
Day

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ed Dvorak

Allan Gossman

Charles Wooldridge



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

**Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
General Meeting, January 28, 2017
Bethany Park Shelter**

Meeting called to order by President Jayne Beer at 7:00 p.m.
Club attendance—30 Members present
Guests: Abby and Christina Jungren

- ◆ No minutes for the December meeting due to Christmas Party and awards.
- ◆ Treasurer Report was read. Motion by Charles Wooldridge to accept, second by Carolyn Ashmore. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Show Report: Postcards are done. Please take and distribute them. More cards are available, just contact James Marburger. Please gather Nebraska material for the rock pile that will be at the show as in past years. Bones, agates, jasper, fossils or whatever you have, get it to Charles Wooldridge. All dealers have been signed, demos are filling in. Advertising is out and will pick up the closer we get to show time. Knappers have been contacted and will be there to demonstrate. Special display from our Norman Balliet on petrified wood will be there. A work party up will be called to upgrade some of the club's displays when the weather warms up.
- ◆ Field trips were discussed.
- ◆ MWF Show is in Brainerd, MN this year please plan to attend. We will need a delegate and alternate for the meeting to vote for the club.
- ◆ The National Gem Show is in Ventura, CA. Kansas City Gem Show and Cedar Rapids, IA show are before our show.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ The Nature Center at Pioneers Park is in need of a field trip for their summer program. James Marburger will work on this. Our Geology Day and July Grinding Party have been canceled by The Nature Center this year. We have been invited to participate in the two events that they have planned. More to come on this when we get better information.
- ◆ Charles Wooldridge asked for a round of applause for Jayne Beer for all the hard work that she did coordinating, setting up, and running the SWAP today, and spearheading the pizza party. Thanks Jayne!
- ◆ The Science Fair will be coming up on March 2. Please contact Jayne and Carolyn for helping with that.
- ◆ President Jayne made a surprise request for Sharon Marburger to come to the front of the group. Jayne had great words for Sharon and presented Sharon with a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP plaque for her service to the club.
- ◆ Motion by Carolyn Ashmore to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Wooldridge. Passed. Meeting adjourned.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

Board Meeting, January 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jayne Beer at the Lyman Residence.

President:	Jayne Beer	Present
1st Vice Pres.:	Charles Wooldridge	Present
2nd Vice Pres.:	Sharon Marburger	Present
Treasurer:	Vera Lyman	Present
Secretary:	Jim Marburger	Present
Board:	Carolyn Ashmore	Absent
Board:	Corey Beer	Present
Board:	Ed Dvorak	Present
Board:	Ed Ridge	Present

Pat Dvorak guest.

Minutes of last meeting passed out. Motion to accept by Charles, second by Ed D. Passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Treasurer Report was passed out. Motion to accept Report by Sharon, second by Charles. Passed 7 yes, 0 no.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Post cards for the show are in and will be passed out at the Mid-Winter Swap.
- Jim made a motion that the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club continue the Road Side Clean-up and will file the paperwork with the Nebraska Department of Roads for the 2017 and 2018 season. Second by Ed D. Passed 7 yes, 0 No.
- The lost History files have been found and returned to the club. They were hiding under a couple of turtle fossils. Sharon will go through the files and combine them with the rest of the History Files. Thank you, Susy, for keeping them safe and sound.
- Field trips were discussed: Brainerd, MN for the MWF show in the spring; Ventura, CA for the National Gem show; Crawford, NE; Sycamore Springs, KS.
- Geology Day at Pioneers Park will be March 12.
- Motion by Charles to purchase the MWF insurance with a calendar of events for the club sent in to receive the certificates of insurance for the club. Second by Ed D. Passed 7 yes, 0 no.
- Long Range Planning committee should have a meeting soon to discuss new items for the club.
- Tammy Jeanneret will be contacted to see if she would share information about the Swap to her Facebook groups.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Ed D., second by Corey. Passed 7 yes, 0 no.

MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

Hello Again Juniors.

I attended this year's Swap and I saw some of you there. I hope you all got some good stuff to add to your collections. Our Swap and our Show are both great places to acquire things you may want from different countries; for example, Kambaba Jasper from Madagascar or Malachite from Mexico, Africa, or Russia.



This year's Swap brought us two new juniors members, sisters Jackie and Kendra. Welcome girls! It is nice to have you both as members.

At the February meeting, we are going to talk about what you want to do for the two display cases at the show, and the Junior Booth display. We talked a little about it at the last meeting, but need to make an official decision.

I looked at your folders and a lot of you haven't completed Unit 3: "Fossils". I want you to bring your fossils from home to this month's meeting. We will discuss what is a fossil, and take a look at some of Nebraska's famous fossils.

Linda and I want to take this time to THANK everyone again for volunteering at this year's 2017 Zoetis-LPS-GSK Science Fair. This event is always a good time and fun for all. As a reminder, it will be held in Pavilion #1 at the Lancaster Event Center on Thursday, March 2 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Try to come early so we can do shifts for dinner.



Plesiosaur at the Nebraska State Museum.
LGMC members helped to excavate this specimen.



Picture jasper cabochon
made by Jayne

JANUARY ROCK PARTY

By Charles Wooldridge

Wooly hosted the LGMC January "rock party" on Saturday the 14th. Attending the gathering were: Brian, Jayne, Corey, Kelly, Ja-Zeil, Judith, Susie, Carolyn, Paul, Ed, and two guests A.J., and Barry. There was lots of delicious food, including bison chili, venison sausage, several pies, cheeses, crackers, salad, desserts, and breads. Three Genies and a slabbing saw were set up in the basement for everyone's use while Mineral Explorer videos played upstairs. The usual rock hound tales dominated the various discussions, with crystal structures, lapidary techniques, gem locations, best finds, and the relationship between petrified wood and agates being among them. Several folks discussed how valuable these informal gatherings are for developing ongoing interest and lasting friendships within the hobby.



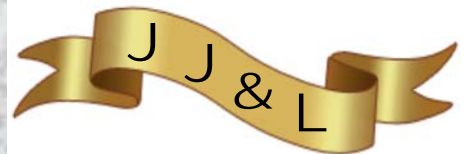
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April 1 & 2, 2017

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

BEWARE THE INTERNET

This editor subscribes to weekly e-mails from GrammarBook.com. The following was part of the November 16, 2016 edition.

By Tom Stern

Our Virginia: Past and Present is a fourth-grade history textbook that was in wide use in Virginia's schools until a few years ago. Then it was found to be rife with misspellings and blatant falsehoods, such as: The Confederacy consisted of twelve states (actually eleven). The United States entered World War I in 1916 (it was 1917). These are bad enough. But to assert that African American soldiers fought for the South in large numbers during the Civil War is a lie that trivializes slavery.

When did schools become facilities for poisoning children's minds with disinformation?

The author's explanation: she did her research on the Internet.

That's a foolhardy move, as I recently found out firsthand.

I wanted to use a quotation by Mark Twain, which I thought went like this: "The difference between the almost right word and the right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug." This version is endorsed by numerous online "authorities."

Right before my deadline, I just so happened to pick up Dick Cavett's book *Talk Show*. I was amazed that four pages in, Cavett ran the same Twain aphorism, except that his version was different—and, as it turned out, correct. Here it is: "The difference between the almost right word and the right word is ... the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning." I still had time to make the change, but I was shaken.

I had it backward: "between lightning and a lightning bug" was the way I'd always heard it, and it never occurred to me there was anything "off" about it.

I typed four words into my search engine: "Mark Twain 'The difference'" and immediately saw page after page of websites featuring the quote, exactly as I'd remembered it—in other words, exactly wrong!

I went to a slick-looking site called quotationspage.com, which had it wrong. Iwise.com, an elaborate, visually striking site, loused it up. Thinkexist.com, whose motto is "Finding quotations was never this easy," blew it. Great-quotes.com, with its many sponsors and high production values, botched it. So did Progress.org, with its Twain page by author Norman Solomon. (Solomon went on to write *The Habits of Highly Deceptive Media*. Now that's an irony Twain would appreciate.)

These were all impressive websites with an aura of authority, and they were all wrong about something that should be easy to get right—a famous saying from an illustrious American writer. The Internet will get you if you don't watch out—or maybe even if you do.

YOUR HEART'S DESIRE

By Sharon Marburger

From the time I was in sixth grade, I knew I wanted to write. Short stories and poetry were my niche. I knew I needed better education to be successful.

When I got to college, I tried to find writing classes. At that time, they were nearly nonexistent; the closest thing I could find was a journalism class. I struggled through the class with an instructor who believed women could not be good journalists. No matter what I produced for the assignments, he gave me a C, D, or F. He told me I didn't have what it took to be a journalist. Could I really be that bad of a writer?

One day, to prove a point, a friend and I switched papers to turn in. My friend got an A and I got an F! That was when I decided this instructor had it out for me and the grades given were not a reflection of my writing.

As I look back on those college days, I take the time to think, "Take that, Mr. B. I am a newsletter editor. And you said I didn't have what it takes!"

What does this have to do with your heart's desire? I had wanted to be the Pick & Shovel editor for quite a while before I gave up that idea and accepted the Midwest Federation editor position. The following month, the P&S was offered to me. Suddenly, I was editing two newsletters!

I retired from the MWF editor position after a little over seven years. I am coming up on eight years editing the P&S. I have enjoyed being editor, and having the opportunity to prove to myself that I could be a good journalist. But the time has come to let someone else have their heart's desire.

I know there is someone out there who really would like to try being editor. The position is available. All you have to do is let our President, Jayne Beer, know of your interest. I am willing, should you wish, to help out however I can. I am a good proofreader, and I can offer tips.

Jayne is waiting for your call.

SUBMISSIONS TO P&S

By Jayne Beer

When Sharon retired as editor of the MWF News, she was appointed as chair of the Midwest Federation's Bulletin Editors Aids Committee (BEAC). As chairman of the BEAC, she can no longer submit the Pick & Shovel for competition; neither to the Midwest nor the American federations. However, the P&S being edited by someone else CAN be entered into competition. I would love to see another editor in our club receive lots of awards for the newsletter.

As editor, Sharon is allowed to enter into competition submissions by contributing authors. A review of the 2016 P&S issues showed that there were the standard monthly items like the President's Message and Mineral Monkeys, but what about other items? In 2016, there was one item each submitted by Carolyn, Ellie, Marty, Rowdy, Susy and me; three items by Ed Dvorak, nine items by Jim Marburger, and 22 items by Sharon Marburger!! Come on, people! Let's get those articles, stories, poetry, and drawings submitted so our editor has submissions for competition!

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Subscription to the Pick & Shovel is \$15.00 per year for mailed copy.

Membership dues for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club are as follows:

- 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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PICK & SHOVEL

FOUNDER'S ANECDOTE

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

ROCKY GEMS AT OUR FIRST SHOW

"Rocky Gems" real name is unknown. This deal was from Wichita, Kansas and was at our first show in the Armory way back when. For a club that had just been "born" we were really going out on a limb. Our bank account was zilch! We were all overcome with our new hobby and we did not really know where to start and what would be the end result.

In advertising the show and looking for dealers, "Rocky Gems" sent in for an application. Well, it was not like it is now. See, some guy who had some rocks, some polished stones, and maybe a few minerals thought he was a dealer. But this was not the case with Rocky. He had been to a lot of shows before he came our way, so the club sent him an application to fill out and then accepted him as a dealer.

No one I knew at that time had ever seen ol' Rocky. We did not know what all he had, nor just how good a dealer he would be. We knew nothing of what he

would put out on his table, so we were all in awe waiting to see him and to look at his goodies.

He rolled up to the Armory on North 10th Street in a great big station wagon, packed to the ceiling with boxes and trays. You name it, he had it. He was ready to go for the big bucks. He wanted no help—and I mean no help—in unloading and setting up. Just like most dealers, he had a set pattern he used in both setting up and packing up.

We all went out to look at Rocky's station wagon. Yikes! On the front bumper were two large WWII metal ammo boxes. On the back bumper were two more large metal boxes. Get this! Each was full of rough rocks. We could not believe the extra weight he had put on the old station wagon. But when he got all set up, did he ever have the goodies. I mean good stuff. We were all in rockhound heaven and were glad we asked him to come.

I don't know what ever happened to

Rocky, but he was a real asset at our first show, just as the other dealers who came. Happy trails to you, Rocky.

CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THIS ROCK IS?

This little scheme involves Dr. Roger Pabian. Someone comes to rock shows with some dirty old "dog rock" to be identified. To a dealer or a good rockhound, a "dog rock" is one that you throw at a dog. But if someone brought one to my booth, I did not have the heart to tell them it was a no good rock, so we would send them over to Dr. Roger.

Well, Roger, being as kind as he was, would take the time to tell that it was no good and a "dog rock". By doing this, he took all the pressure off of us and he also was the expert on identifying rocks. We owe a lot to Dr. Roger for the service he did for us through the years. He has looked at many "dog rock", I am sure, in his days and years. Thanks a lot, Dr. Roger Pabian!!!