



PICK & SHOVEL

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A super special great big thank you to Ed Dvorak for donating over 50 hours of work on the Club Trailer and two big cases. Ed deserves much praise and acclaim for this. Please take the time to thank him for his deeds.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jayne Beer



Oh my goodness! What a great show! Thanks to everyone who came to help out! From my perspective, everything went smooth and oh so quickly! Let me tell you something about this club that I find amazing and rare; it is incredible to see how well everyone works together! I see everyone bending over backwards to make sure to work well with others. I am definitely very proud of our group for our cooperation skills.

We had a very great turnout of customers == ALMOST 2000 == I think the weather helped us tremendously, since it was rainy and cooler, people didn't mind giving us a good part of their precious weekend. Also this year, we got almost all of the postcards handed out! Jim got us on TV and in the papers. I and so many others flooded Facebook with the information. We will never really know what got people there; I'm sure it was a combination of all the above.

If you have never seen a show like this come together, get involved next year for our 60th anniversary show. It is amazing to see all the dealers and demonstrators unload their campers, trailers, trucks, U-hauls, vans, cars, and so forth, loaded down with all these rocks, haul them in and transform boring 8 foot tables into things of wonder and beauty.

Speaking of getting involved, we have an urgent need right now in our club! Sharon Marburger, who has faithfully and superbly put this paper out for many years has other needs in her life right now and finds it necessary to beg for someone to step up and take over her job of editor of our newsletter. I know that Sharon has done such a great job for so many years that we can't imagine filling her shoes, but please! I know she will not just throw this in your lap, she will be helpful to you.

And now to look ahead. I hope you all have got rock vacations planned. If you would be willing to have someone tag along, just let us know. Don't miss going to Wooly's and Jackie's house for the grinding party this month. Lots to think about in this message and lots of opportunity to get involved in helping.

LET'S GET TOGETHER, FOLKS! WE HAVE A GREAT CLUB! CHEERS!

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.

April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
September 21	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.

May:	May 3	Nov:	November 1
Sep:	September 6	Dec:	November 29
Oct:	October 4		

Activities:

April Rock Party

Hosted by Jackie and Wooly
6115 Huntington (see page 2 for details)
Wooly is making Bison Chili!!

Wild Adventure Days/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
Meet at Hickman Rest Area at 1:00 p.m.
Rock Party will follow the clean-up.

Special Silent Auction at meeting

September 21, 2017
A special donation to the club was received at the Show. We would like to give members the first opportunity to bid on these items.

Wild Fall Festival at Pioneers Park Nature Center

September 22 from 5:00—8:00 p.m.

April Rock Party

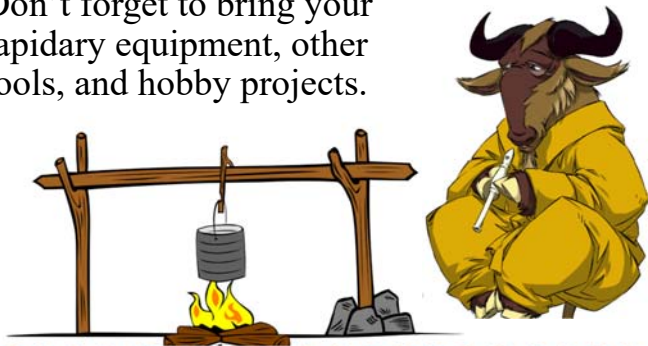
Sunday, April 23, 2017

Meet at 4:00 p.m.

Eat at 5:30 p.m.

6115 Huntington

Wooly will provide bison chili. Bring your favorite side dishes and your appetites! Don't forget to bring your lapidary equipment, other tools, and hobby projects.




**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

Corey Beer

Roger Pittard

Logan Guenter

MARCH ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger

The Rock Party was hosted by Nick and Nykky at their Beatrice home on March 18. Nick had the grill going on the back deck, loaded with burgers and dogs. Nykky had an assortment of other food items inside, and the guests placed their contributions with the rest.

The Nickys (as I like to call them) gave us a tour of their home, sharing their artwork, music, and hobby loves with us. They are an awesome young couple and, if you have not yet, please take some time to get to know them. Their enthusiasm bubbles, and they are pretty good field trip finds locaters. I am jealous of how many fossils and artifacts they discover while on their river walks!

A nice group of members showed up for this party: Brian, Jayne, and Corey Beer (and Jayne's sister, Judi); Charles Bachle; Judith Bay; Andrew Tiedje; Ed Ridge; and Jim and me. We enjoyed the fellowship, stuffed our faces and our tummies, then set up the grinding units. Jayne and Nykky worked on some Labradorite in the kitchen while Corey and I set up on the back deck. It was just warm enough weather that we didn't freeze our little fingers off while grinding cabochons.

It was a fun time with fellow hobbyists. If you haven't attended a monthly rock party, put it on your calendar to attend one of the upcoming events. You will have a mammoth-sized amount of fun!



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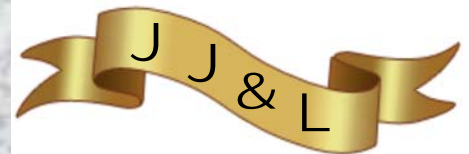
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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

**Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
General Meeting, March 16, 2017
Bethany Park Shelter**

Meeting called to order by President Jayne Beer at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Club attendance— 22 Adult Members present
3 Mineral Monkeys

Guest: Margaret and Gary, Christopher Eckles.

- ◆ Minutes of the last meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Motion to accept by Charles Wooldridge, second by Andrew Tiedje. Passed.
- ◆ Treasurer Report was read. Motion by Jim Marburger to accept, second by Carolyn Ashmore. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ This is the last meeting before the Annual Gem and Mineral Show on April 1 and 2. Show Chairman Jayne went over many items and reminded everyone of when they are needed. See you all at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 31 for setup. Rock for the rock pile will be needed before 11 a.m. to be mixed into the pile. Let's all have fun.
- ◆ Charles Wooldridge reported that a trip to Harden Hall, where the University sells geology items, is well worth the trip for Nebraska information. He was able to obtain Roger Pabian's short page report to be given out at the show and to the Mineral Monkeys.
- ◆ Robert Diffendahl has a new publication that is going to be released called "Great Plains Geology". Maybe another good program in the future.
- ◆ We are in need of a Delegate for the MWF show in Brainard, Minnesota. See Vera for forms..

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Rock party will be in Beatrice at Nick and Nykky's residence starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday.
- ◆ No other business introduced.
- ◆ Motion by Charles Wooldridge to adjourn the meeting, second by Carolyn Ashmore. Passed. Meeting adjourned to refreshments and Program. The program was a Ted Talk on dinosaurs.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

Board Meeting, March 1, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jayne Beer at the Lyman Residence.

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

Minutes of last meeting passed out. Motion to accept with one correction by Sharon, second by Corey. Passed 7 yes, 0 no.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Jayne will call the Pioneer Nature Center Director to obtain information on what, when, and such for the April event coming up at the park.
- New member applications: Jacey Justs and Kendra Larkin are Mineral Monkeys, Christopher Rodgen and Sharon Fidders are adult. Motion by James Marburger to accept the first three mentioned as members and the fourth with the completion of attendance at the show and payment of dues for membership. Second by Sharon Marburger. Passed.
- Rock Party coming up in Beatrice with Nick and Nykky. Sharon M. will send out email with address and reminder.
- Sharon M. is going to send out an email about the meeting notice this month since the Pick and Shovel will not be out in time for official notice time to the members. The Newsletter will follow as soon as possible.
- President Jayne was contacted by Neil Parker about a collection that he wants to donate to the club or juniors before the show. Jayne will follow up with him.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carolyn Ashmore has resigned from the MWF as State Director this past month. Only one club in Nebraska (LGMC) has membership in the MWF at this time and the Marburgers can represent our club until such time as others decide to join the MWF.

Motion to adjourn by Jim, second by Corey. Passed.



Photos by Jayne Beer "Fun at the March Rock Party"



MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

Did we have a fantastic show or what!! Linda and I first want to say **THANK YOU** to everyone that volunteered at the junior booth; you all did a wonderful job. It is always fun when our juniors work side by side with senior members in the club.

I am glad everyone had a chance to look around and add to your collection. I think we all had a blast those two days.

A special **THANK YOU** to you juniors for participating in this year's display case. I will bring pictures to this meeting for you to take a look at. The case was totally awesome, and you all did a great job putting it all together.

WELL DONE JUNIOR'S !!!!!

Now for the lesson this month. With field trip season right around the corner, I thought we should look at the many ways to store and label our collections. When you are on a field trip it is nice to have a piece of paper and a pencil handy when you go, to remind yourself what it is and where you found it. I always put the date on my finds. Then we'll look at the different ways you can store those specimens at home.

See you at the meeting. Until then, **ROCK ON!**

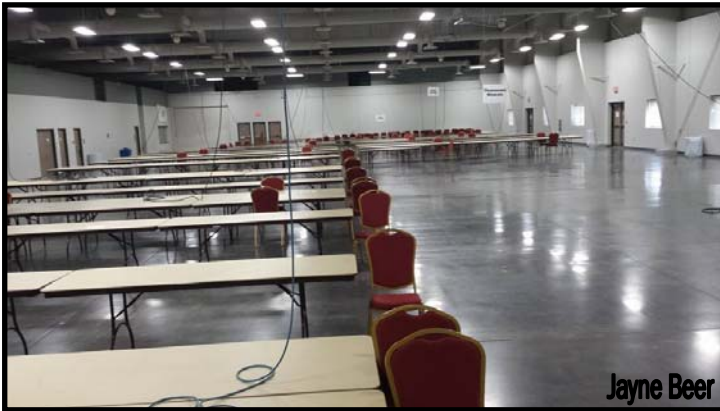


Photos by Paul Ashmore

Oh, the fun to be had at the youth booth!



59TH ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW—NEBRASKA ROCKS!



Jayne Beer

The Lincoln Room at the Lancaster Event Center after Ed Dvorak and Jayne Beer set up the tables. Ready to bring in the club trailer so the remaining tables can be set up. Ready, set, GO!



Jayne Beer

Wooly did another great job getting the Nebraska Gem Dig arranged with General Excavating. Look at all the help he had salting the pile with member donations! The public will love this!



Wendy Daily



Wendy Daily

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This young man's name is Charlie, and he is very interested in rocks and fossils. Thanks to Grandpa John for taking him to the gem and mineral show!

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

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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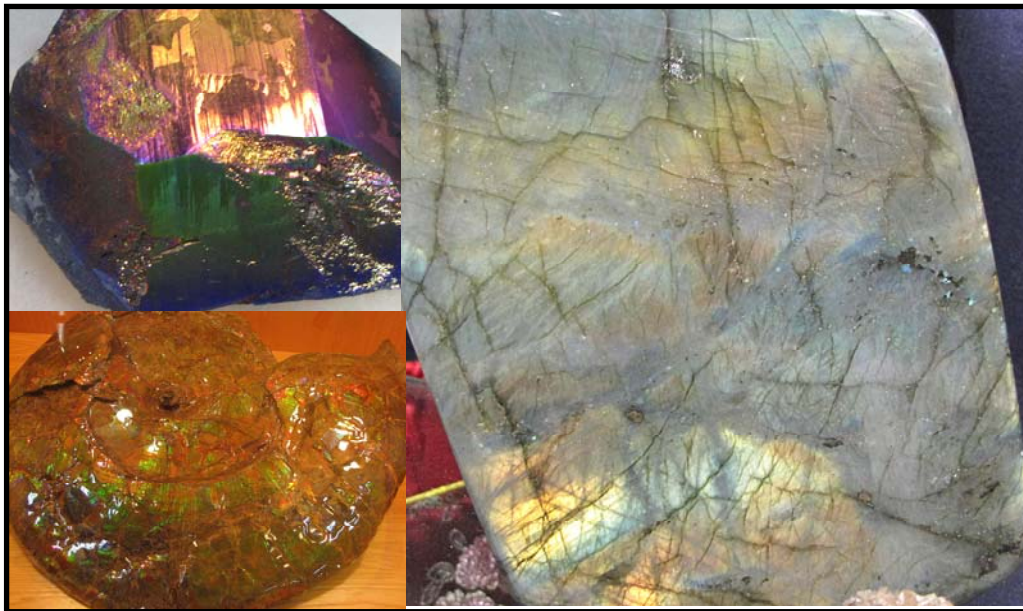
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Assorted pretties.

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Paul secretly racing rocks while pretending to set up the Rock Race (above).



Vera checking out the demos setup before opening the show (left).

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Thanks Everyone for a Job Well Done!

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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)

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FOUNDER'S ANECDOTE

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

THE SOUP AND THE PIE AT THE CHANUTE, KANSAS SHOW

The first time I went to the Chanute, Kansas show there was only one other dealer besides me. There was one small hometown dealer, but he didn't have too much to sell.

When we got there, they asked me how much room I needed, and I said, "Oh, maybe 30 or 40 feet." So as we were unloading, it became apparent that we would end up with 40 feet front and back, a total of 80 feet. Wow! I had never had that much space before, but we put out everything we had. What a show! Lots of rockhounds, lots of first-time lookers, but a very good show.

Jim and John of J.J.& L. came and did this show along with us, and boy, did we like it. They loved it too. See, here's the deal. If you bought a sandwich, you got your soup and pie free. Now I'm not saying that Jim and John were "chow hounds", but they both liked the pie and soup. The soup was homemade and there were at least four different kinds. Man – those were the days. The folks down there were so nice and friendly and they would help you set up and then after the show, they would help us load up. When everyone loaded up and the floor was all cleaned, it was "Pie Eating Time"!

We had many good shows there and met so many dear friends. There was a buffet in Chanute named *The Lavender Orchid*. What a place! We went up there with Jim and John and did we ever pork out – or should I say "chickened out" as we all ate at least one-half or more of a chicken.

Then John and Jim split. Later on, as we were going back to our motel, we went by the Pizza Hut, and guess who was in there? Yes!! Jim and John. They told me they had to use the restroom. Ha! Ask Jim and John about Chanute, Kansas sometime.