



# 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.

September 21	November 16
October 19	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.

Oct:	October 4
Nov:	November 1
Dec:	November 29

### Activities:

Roadside Clean-up and Rock Party  
September 23, 2017

Meet at Hickman Rest Area at 2:00 p.m.

**Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection at 4:00 p.m.**

Bring your potluck food, equipment, and projects.

**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 15 from 5:00—8:00 p.m.

Setup at 4:00 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jayne Beer

Greetings fellow rock friends!

I hope that you have all had a fantastic rock collecting summer. I encourage you to bring show and tell to our first meeting after our summer break. The meeting is on Thursday, September 21st at 7 p.m. Youth group starts at 6. In addition to show and tell, we will have a silent auction. Some very nice items were donated to the club, and we would like to give members the first opportunity to bid. Any remaining items will be placed on the Mid-Winter Swap and/or Show silent auctions.



I am quite certain that most of you saw the eclipse and were amazed at that once in a lifetime opportunity. We had a great day of watching the eclipse and doing some rock collecting.

I hope that some of you took the opportunity to head to Crawford, Nebraska for the Rock Swap that took place over Labor Day weekend. We certainly missed going this year and we look forward to hearing your stories. If you have not ever been to the Crawford swap, please plan on attending next year; it is always on Labor Day weekend. It is an outdoor swap and it is surprising how many vendors they have. They have a fun banquet and live auction on Saturday night, several rock collecting trips and the club there is extremely welcoming and kind.

The Denver Gem and Mineral Show is coming up. I get to go this year for the first time ever! I am going with some of my customers that invited me to go with them. I am very much looking forward to this trip. I hear it is a large show. I don't know much else about it. If you have been to it and have any suggestions for me, I would love to hear them. I hope to see some of you there!

Sharon has been working hard and did another great job is designing the postcard and a flyer for the gem show scheduled for April 7 and 8, 2018. Speaking of Sharon, she is still in extreme NEED of someone taking over the editor position. Truly think about this, please! She will help get you started. PLEASE step forward and get involved!

We will have the Roadside Clean-up on SUNDAY, September 23. We will meet at the Hickman Rest Area at 2:00 p.m. to receive our safety vests and assignments. Afterwards, everyone can meet at **The Jewelry Connection** for the Rock Party; plan to eat around 4:00. Please note this activity is on a SUNDAY, so we don't conflict with Husker football! Also note that the Rock Party will be held at a different location than normal.

Speaking of Rock Parties, we have volunteer hosts for the remainder of

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## **August Birthdays September Birthdays**

Andrew Tiedje

Vera Lyman

Rowdy Cropp

Brad Nielsen

Karen Messenger

Elayna McMahan



*Happy Birthday!*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—CONTINUED

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the year! Ed and Pat Dvorak have offered to host the October Rock Party, date and time to be determined. I will host the November Rock Party at the Jewelry Connection, tentatively scheduled for November 19 at 5:00 p.m. Jim and Sharon Marburger will host the December Rock Party, tentatively scheduled for December 16 at 5:00 p.m.

If you would like to host a Rock Party in 2018, let me know. It is not hard to do. All you have to do is decide on a date and a food theme and people will do the rest. If you have equipment, great; if you don't have equipment, that is fine, too. People will bring equipment and projects, and let me tell you, this group brings the best food! If you haven't been to a Rock Party, I HIGHLY suggest attending the next one. In my opinion it is the funnest thing that we do as a club.

HAPPY ROCK HOUNDING! GET INVOLVED! CHEERS!

### MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

#### WELCOME BACK JUNIORS!

This month, like we do every September, is to bring one of your summer finds to the meeting; a rock, mineral or fossil. It is always fun to hear where you went and what all you found there.

Our club had a camping trip in northern Kansas and field trips to the Nemaha River and other locations, back in June. I have some things that were collected on that trip, and I will be sharing these with you to add to your collections. A lot of cool stuff was found that trip. It is always fun getting together, even over the summer.

We have a lot of new members since the break in May, so there will be a lot of new faces I'm looking forward to seeing and meeting you all.

WELCOME!!



### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

#### MAY 18, 2017, BETHANY PARK SHELTER HOUSE

By Jim Marburger, Secretary

President Jayne Beer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 22 adult members, 6 Mineral Monkeys, and 3 guests (Anna, Becky, and Mike) present.

- ◆ The minutes of the April meeting were printed in the Pick & Shovel. Charles Wooldridge moved to accept the minutes as published, second by Brad Nielsen. Passed.
- ◆ The Treasurer's Report was given by Vera Lyman. Motion to accept the reading by Sharon Marburger, second by Corey Beer. Passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Vera Lyman gave a preliminary show report indicating good attendance and a profit. Thanks to all who helped.
- ◆ Roadside clean-up is being postponed due to heavy rains in the area and forecasted to continue through the weekend. After much discussion, it was decided to reschedule the clean-up to Sunday, June 4, meeting at the Hickman Rest Area at 1:00 to receive safety vests and assignments. The Rock Party will follow at the Marburgers' in Hickman.
- ◆ Wild Adventure Day at Pioneers Park was a little slow, but those who attended the gem dig had a great time. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers.
- ◆ No report on the May 7 Children's Museum event.
- ◆ A field trip to Sycamore Springs, Kansas is being planned for June 24 and 25. Field trips each day to include the South Fork of the Big Nemaha River, fossil locations, and other locations. Camping is available at Sycamore Springs, as well as small cabins or rooms at the on-site hotel. Group meals will be held at campsites.
- ◆ We are invited to participate in the Pioneers Park event on August 2 which includes a fossil site field trip. Fairbury is a possible location. The park will provide transportation for its group.

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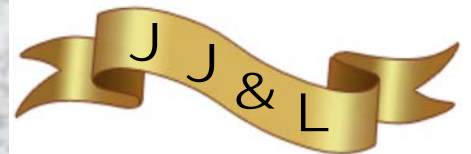
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- ◆ GeodeFest in the Keokuk, Iowa area will be held September 22 and 23. Information can be found on the Internet. Last year 2,000 geode pickers were signed in. Make your plans in advance if you plan to attend.
- ◆ If you would like to host a Rock Party, let a Board member know. We need a host for July and September. The June event will be hosted by the Marburgers, August at the Lyman's, October at the Marburgers' following Fall Roadside Clean-up, November at The Jewelry Connection, and December at the Marburgers'.
- ◆ President Jayne asked if anyone is willing to take over editing the Pick & Shovel so Sharon can step down. No volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ We had a special visitor from the Midwest Federation of Mineralogy and Geological Societies (MWF); he is E-Bear. E-Bear is here to accept donations for the Endowment Fund for the MWF. He is visiting Jim and Sharon for a while until he is auctioned off at the next meeting of the MWF. His adventures with the LGMC will be documented in his travel ledger. Thank you for your donations.
- ◆ Charles Wooldridge reported on the MWF Delegates' meeting he attended in Brainard, Minnesota. Minor changes were voted in to change wording of the procedures of the MWF committees. The rock show was fantastic with about 50 dealers set up inside and outside with AGATES and more AGATES. A full report on the meetings will be in the upcoming MWF newsletter. The state directors' meeting was attended by the most representatives in many years.
- ◆ Motion by James Marburger to adjourn the meeting to program at 8:00 p.m., second by Brad Nielsen. Passed.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club Board of Directors Meeting  
May 3, 2017  
Held at the Lymans' Residence  
Minute notes taken by Vera Lyman

Meeting called to order by Jayne Beer, President.  
Roll call: Ed Dvorak, Ed Ridge, Charles Wooldridge, Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, and Carolyn Ashmore were present. Jim and Sharon Marburger were excused to attend the MWF Convention.  
Guest: Pat Dvorak

Minutes: None were available.

Treasurer's Report was given out. Motion to accept by Charles, Ed D. seconded. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rock Party at Wooly's went well – 2 people from as far away as Missouri and Kansas – see article. Rock Party at Beatrice had 15 people attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Talk to Jim about field trip to Sycamore Springs. Perhaps June.

Mid-August - 8th-13th double weekend show and mid week swap at Keweenaw Peninsula at Houghton, Michigan.

Children's Museum 5/27 from 2- 4. Gem Dig with Carolyn, Paul and Linda participating.

SHOW REPORT

It was a good show and made a profit for the club. For the 2018 Show, Ed D. will pick up 3 motion Detectors with door bells. The Show Budget presented; approval motion by Ed D., second by Charles. Passed.

A "Special Diamond" display from Crater of Diamonds at Murfreesboro, Arkansas would be good for the show.

Roadside Clean up on May 20 at 1:00 p.m. with Rock Party at the Marburgers'.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion by Vera, second by Carolyn. PASSED.

## 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 4: Aug 8 - Sep 26, 2017**

**Session 5: Oct 3 - Nov 28, 2017**

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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.