



# 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.

October 19  
November 16  
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.

Nov: November 1  
Dec: November 29

### Activities:

October Rock Party  
October 7, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Dvoraks' Residence

November Rock Party  
November 19, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.  
The Jewelry Connection

December Rock Party  
December 16, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Marburgers' Residence

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jayne Beer

Greetings fellow rock folks! Fall is in the air and it's a great time to get out and collect. GET OUT THERE! I write this message just after enjoying the Omaha club's annual gem show. I thought this year's show was one of the best that I have attended in Omaha. It seemed like they had more dealers with more diversity than usual. I like how the youth activities and demonstrators were in a separate room. They had amazing showcases set up this year. I loved the silent and live auction that they had. I was on a very low budget after going to that huge show in Denver this year, but I did get a few fun things to cut.



Speaking of Denver! If you ever get a chance to go to that one, don't miss it! However, allow more than 2 days to shop. I got to see maybe half of the locations, but I am so glad I got to see what I did.

We had a good day for roadside clean-up. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped! It was cloudy and rain all around us, but we stayed dry. Lucky us! Then we welcomed people to the jewelry cave for a rock party. Great food and great company as always. Thanks to those of you who showed up to our gathering.

We have flyers for the 2018 show available. They are the black and white, 2-to-a-page flyers. The color postcards won't be printed until December. If you want or need a black and white flyer to copy, contact me or Sharon Marburger.

The Midwinter Swap will be here before we know it. 2018 Swap Chairman, Sharon Marburger, will have flyers available at the meeting. Pick some up and start distributing them.

The October rock party will be at the home of Ed and Pat Dvorak on Saturday, October 7 at 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget that November is the club's Annual Meeting, as required by the Articles of Incorporation and the Secretary of State's office. We will hold an election for next year's officers and board members. Make sure to attend. This meeting and election is important for the club's existence. Be proactive; be a part of the club!

Our monthly meeting will be held in Bethany Park shelter on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.. Youth group starts at 6:00 p.m. See ya there! CHEERS!

## October Birthdays

Judith Bay

Bob Williams

*Happy Birthday!*

## MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

WOW! It sure was good seeing everyone again!

This meeting I will be introducing you all to our new co-leader. Her name is Cindy Ramey. A lot of you already know Cindy and her daughter, Lauren, who is also a junior here at LGMC. Cindy kindly volunteered to help with the junior program this next season and we all appreciate it. THANKS CINDY!



This meeting is our Halloween meeting so come dressed as your favorite rock, mineral or fossil; prizes are given for the best costume. It is always fun to see what rockhounds come up with.

The topic this month is The Three Rock Types. I have some handouts for the new juniors and I will bring some samples of the rock types.

And for those of you senior (advanced) juniors, we're going to talk about Rocking on the Computer. This is a new unit that we have never done before and will take a few months to complete. We will learn how we can navigate the internet safely, and find our favorite rockhound sites to share.

Til then, ROCK ON Juniors!

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was held at the Bethany Park Shelter on September 21, 2017. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jayne Beer.

19 members were present, 8 mineral monkeys, 1 monkey visitor, 4 adult visitors: Jeff Kubic, Sandy Carrico, Sam Michel, and ---- Riggins.

Minutes of the last meeting were published in the Pick and Shovel. Motion by Ed Dvorak to accept the minutes, second by Jim Atkins. Motion Passed.

Treasurer report was read by Jayne. Motion to accept the report by Suzy McMahan, second by Sharon Marburger. PASSED.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The club's library has been moved to its new home in the Riley, Kansas Museum. They were overjoyed to get it and Wooly was also happy to have it out of the basement. A field trip to the museum might be in order.

Roadside Clean-up is set for September 23 at 2:00 p.m. with the rock party at The Jewelry Connection to follow at 4:00 p.m.

Omaha Gem Show is September 30 – October 1  
Topeka, KS Gem show is October 14 – 15  
Des Moines, IA Gem show is October 21 -22

The Wild Adventure Day at Pioneer Park was a great success with over 800 visitors that enjoyed the Gem Dig presented by the Club. Presenters were Carolyn Ashmore; Jayne, Corey, and Brian Beer; and Phillip Ashmore. Thank You for your Service.

We are in need of a new Editor for the Pick & Shovel. Sharon want to retire.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee headed by Ed Dvorak has filled the slate for the election at the November meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the November meeting.

President	Jayne Beer
1st Vice President	Charles Wooldridge
2nd Vice President	Ed Ridge
Treasurer	Vera Lyman
Secretary	James Marburger
Board member (vote for 4)	Ed Dvorak Carolyn Ashmore Pat Dvorak Corey Beer Phillip Ashmore

Long Range Planning Committee	Nominating Committee
Pat Dvorak	Vera Lyman
Bob Grimitt	Linda Guenter

2018 Rock Swap will be January 27, 2018 with Sharon Marburger in charge. Make plans to attend.

Rock Party for October 7th at Ed and Pat Dvorak's in Dorchester, starting at 3:00 p.m. and will end when you go home.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Charles Wooldridge, second by Sharon Marburger. PASSED

Meeting was adjourned to a Silent Auction of items that were donated by Linda Plock.

James Marburger, Secretary LGMC

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

### **Schedule for 2018**

**Session 1: Jan 9 - Feb 27, 2018**

**Session 2: Mar 6 - Apr 24, 2018**

**Session 3: May 1 - Jun 19, 2018**

**Session 4: Aug 14 - Oct 2, 2018**

**Session 5: Oct 9 - Nov 27, 2018**

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

### Board Meeting, September 6, 2017

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

President:	Jayne Beer	Present
1st Vice Pres.:	Charles Wooldridge	Arrived 1 hr. late
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	Present
Board:	Ed Ridge	Present

One guest: Pat Dvorak

Minutes of last meeting passed out. Motion to accept by Sharon, second by Vera. Passed 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Treasurer Report was passed out. Motion to accept by Jim, second by Ed D. Passed 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Wild Fall Festival September 22; setup at 2:30; open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pioneers Park Nature Center. Jim will call to verify setup time and such and relay the information on.
- Nominating Committee reminded of needing a slate of officers for the September General Meeting.
- Pick and Shovel needs an editor soon.
- Motion by Ed D. to have a 1 page Pick and Shovel starting in September due to non-contribution of information to the editor at this time. Second by Jim. Passed 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.
- Three membership applications have come in from Jeff Kubite, Kristen Yeats, and Olive Riggins. Vera to contact them to have them attend a meeting and submit dues.
- MWF Ballot was filled out and sent back for their election of officers for 2018.

- Crawford swap report was given by Charles W. with 4 to 6 people from the club in attendance.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Our insurance provider agent is retiring March 8, 2018 and has recommended a new agent. Vera will contact that person so the insurance will transfer.
- Vera moved to send to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation a \$100 donation from the club. Second by Sharon. Passed 9 yes, 0 no.
- Security Guard may be new at the show this year. Our guard is retiring. Vera to talk with Sheriff about replacement officer.
- Copy of the contract for the Lancaster Event Center 2018 is now available.
- Silent Auction planned for the general meeting with items donated at the show in 2017.
- Roadside Clean-up is set for September 24 at 2:00 p.m. with the rock party at the Jewelry Connection at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Jim, second by Charles W. at 8:30 p.m. Passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned.

# November is club elections!

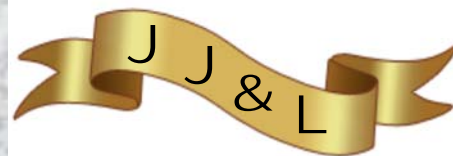
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## NEW EDITOR VOLUNTEER

A big THANK YOU goes out to Cynthia Casselman for volunteering to take over as Pick & Shovel Editor. Sharon will assist Cynthia for a bit, until she becomes comfortable in the position.

All members should appreciate Cynthia's stepping up to take on this job. The newsletter is an important part of the club; without it, no one would know what is going on.

So, LGMC Members, do your part by offering articles and bits of news for Cynthia to include in the Pick & Shovel. The newsletter belongs to all members; it is not a one-person job!

*Cynthia's contact information will be provided in next month's P&S.*



## ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP AND ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger

The Roadside Clean-up was held on Sunday, September 23. Seventeen volunteers turned out to help, collecting 20 bags of trash for the Department of Transportation to pick up and dispose of. The day was nice, with thunderstorms and rain all around, but the volunteers got nothing more than a few drops. The previous very warm days were done with the cold front coming through.

After all the volunteers were done with the clean-up, many headed to The Jewelry Connection in Lincoln for the Rock Party. As usual, the Beers and Judith provided scrumptious food: Ham, potatoes, green bean casserole, and salad; others brought in potato salad, rolls, and an assortment of other foods and desserts. We all stuffed ourselves.



There was some rock grinding and cutting going on before, during, and after the meal. As is always the case, those attending the Rock Party had a wonderful time.

Logan working on a stone.