



PICK & SHOVEL



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2018 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.

January 26, 2019: Mid-Winter Rock Swap, 1:00-4:00
Pizza Supper 6:00-7:00
Meeting: 7:00-9:00

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.

Activities:

December Rock Party
Saturday, December 15, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.
Hosted by The Marburgers
Bring your projects and equipment!
Contact lgmc.editor@outlook.com for directions

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jayne Beer

Greetings fellow rock hounds! I hope this message finds you all cozy and ready for the holidays, with visions of rocks dancing in your heads.

Don't forget to make time to go to the Marburgers' for the December Rock Party. It will be December 15th at 5:00 p.m. Bring your favorite comfort food to share. If you haven't been to the December Rock Party at their house, you should! They do a nice job of decorating and it is a welcome break at this time of year!



Speaking of rock parties, I have a suggestion. It would be helpful for the host to know if you plan to attend the activity. It is difficult to prepare for these parties when the whole club of 70+ members are invited, and it is unknown whether there will be 5 or 30 people attending. Simply call, text, or message the host a day or so in advance. We all know that plans can change, so please let the host know if something comes up after you say you will attend. This small courtesy will be truly appreciated. The back story on this is the hosts want to make sure to have enough food for everyone, yet not have 3 months of leftovers.

January 26th is our MID-WINTER ROCK SWAP at the Bethany Park Shelter! The sale is from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Swappers can start setting up at 12 noon. A half table costs \$10 and a full table costs \$20. Start getting your wonderful merchandise together. We have goodies set out for the sellers and guests, and it would be appreciated if you bring something to share. There will also be a silent auction. If you have rock items to spare, please consider making a donation to the auction. This is a fundraiser for the club and I hear that our inventory is getting depleted. Thank you! As the sale starts to wind down, we will ask if you plan to stay for pizza. We get Valentino's pizza and it is always SO GOOD! With the price of food continually going up, this year we will require \$8 per person to offset the cost to the club. We will also have a short meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. I hope you see everyone there!

I would like to thank this club for allowing me to be your president for these past two years. I have enjoyed my time doing it. This is a great club and we are lucky to have it. Please get involved; you won't be sorry. If you have ideas for our club, please share them at a meeting. We are always looking for new fun activities! I would like to now welcome Wooly as our new president! You will get to hear from him each month. He will do a great job!

I WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Dues are due!

See page 7 for rates

Pay your dues by January 31

A late fee will be assessed as of February 1



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



- Paul Ashmore
- Jim Atkins
- Al Stewart
- Mia Eno
- Janette VanButsel

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

November 15, 2018, Bethany Park Shelter

Meeting called to order by President Jayne Beer at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Members 23, Mineral Monkeys 4, and 1 visitor.

Minutes of last meeting published in the Pick and Shovel. Motion to accept by Vera Lyman, second by Charles Wooldridge. Passed.

Treasurer Report was read by Vera Lyman. Motion to accept the report by Sharon Marburger, second by Paul Ashmore. Passed.

Old Business:

This month's Rock Party will be held at The Jewelry Connection starting at 5 p.m. Soup is the dish.

Glenn Lyman passed away on November 2 and his obituary is on the front table.

A reminder that our next general meeting is on December 2; it will be our Christmas Party and Awards recognition. Please bring one cold and one hot dish. Club will furnish fried chicken and drink. There will be a gift exchange for those that want to participate, with a \$10.00 limit. Rock Bingo will be played and prizes are needed.

The Mid-Winter Rock Swap is set for January 26, 2019. Flyers are available on the web page and can be copied from the Pick & Shovel.

The December Rock Party will be held at the Marburgers' on December 15 at 5 p.m.

The Juniors' club information sheet was created. It is a tri-fold handout, just like the General Information Sheet for the club. It is on the front table to be looked at and will be available for handout, along with it being published on the web page.

New Business:

It has been suggested that the club have a food drive for the Swap again this year, and donations will be accepted at each function until the Show in April.

Brett Jurgens informed the club that the Omaha club is having a field trip this Sunday at 2 p.m. Contact him for further information once he has it. Also, the Omaha club is going to have a swap indoors on February 23, 2019 noon to 4 p.m. at the LaVista Community Center, 8116 Park View Boulevard.

Susy McMahan informed the club that Aulden Stewart is in failing health and is selling his equipment and collection. Call Al to set up a time to see it.

There was no Board Meeting in November due to the advanced illness of Vera's husband, Glenn Lyman.

Elections:

Nominating Committee Chairman, Ed Dvorak, three times called for nominations from the floor for each office. No nominations were received.

James Marburger moved that nominations cease, second by Vera Lyman. Ballots were passed out.

Gene Mulinex moved that, since no further nominations were added to the slate and there were no competing positions, the slate be accepted by acclamation. Second by Sharon Marburger. Passed.

James Marburger moved that the ballots be picked up and destroyed. Second by Vera Lyman. Passed.

The newly elected officers will take over in January.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by James Marburger, second by Vera Lyman. Passed. Meeting adjourned to the video program.

Silversmithing classes

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

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

Tuition: \$150 plus \$30 supply deposit

Session 1: Jan 8 - Feb 26

Session 2: Mar 5 - Apr 23

Session 3: Apr 30 - Jun 18

Session 4: Aug 13 - Oct 1

Session 5: Oct 8 - Nov 26

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MINERAL MONKEYS

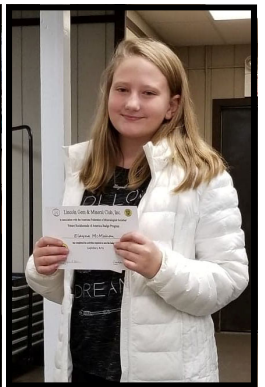
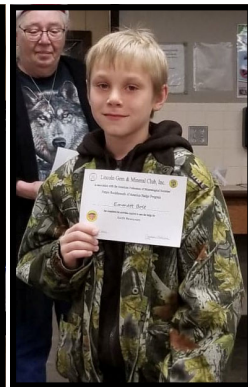
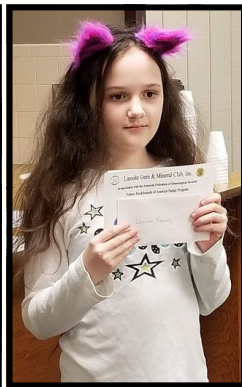
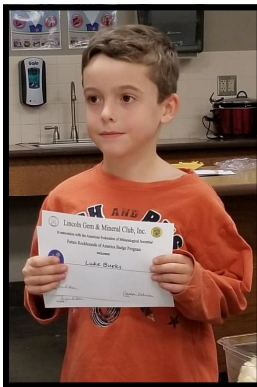
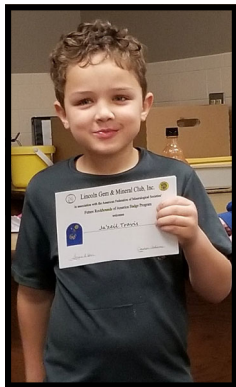
By Carolyn Ashmore

Merry Christmas, Juniors! We had a great time at the Christmas party on December 2. We finished our rock paintings, got Christmas stockings, obtained a few new specimens for our collections, and played Rock Bingo! I hope you had as much fun as I did!

We now have an information sheet about the junior program. Let me know if you want some to share with other young people who are interested in our hobby.

Below is a picture of the finished rock paintings. You all did an awesome job!

Congratulations to those of you joined LGMC and the Future Rockhounds of America program; and those who earned new badges in the program. Keep up the good work! Remember, it is important to attend every meeting so you get all the lessons for each badge.



Ja'zeil received the Welcome Badge, and also earned the Earth Resources badge, the Lapidary Arts badge, and the Field Trips badge

Luke received the Welcome Badge, and also earned the Earth Resources badge

Lauren earned the Rocks & Minerals badge, the Earth Resources badge, and the Lapidary Arts badge

Kathryn earned the Earth Resources badge

Emmett earned the Earth Resources badge

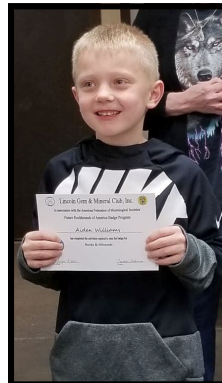
Elayna earned the Lapidary Arts badge



Rocks & Minerals



Earth Resources



Aiden earned the Rocks & Minerals badge and Earth Resources badge



Lapidary Arts



Field Trips

NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Jayne Beer

Thank you to the great members who joined us for the November rock party! It was a great time as always! There was plenty of food and lots of rocks being cut and polished. And much show and tell and some identification.



Corey was giving some lapidary instructions to the young folks. Ja'Zeil got reprimanded for his unsafe maneuver documented in this photo.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

President:	Charles Wooldridge
1st Vice President:	Jayne Beer
2nd Vice President:	Carolyn Ashmore
Secretary:	James Marburger
Treasurer:	Vera Lyman
Board Members:	Corey Beer
	Ed Dvorak
	Brett Jurgens
	Ed Ridge

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I was speaking with one of the long-time Mineral Monkeys, saying I would put pictures and information in the Pick & Shovel for them. The response I got was, "What's the Pick & Shovel?" When I explained that it was the newsletter for the club, I got a shoulder shrug.

Come on, parents! The Pick & Shovel is not only for the adults, it is for the kids, too. Carolyn puts a lot of work into the youth group. Make sure they read the Mineral Monkey page every month! And you never know when your, or their, picture might show up.



Judith and Eddie taking a break from specimen identification



Some pretty stones completed during the rock party

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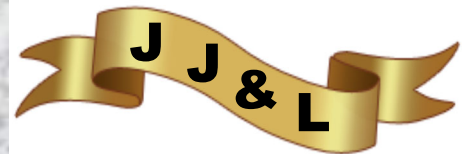
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AWARDS

By Sharon Marburger

Rockhound of the Year

This person was nominated for Rockhound of the Year because he quietly works in the background to support many aspects of the Club. He is there for Carolyn to bounce ideas off of when planning the Junior activities, he helps put together projects, Christmas stockings, and wraps presents. He has never missed working a Science Fair, Winter Swap, or Annual Show. During the Show, year after year, he has seen to it that the kids take the time to eat lunch, as well as all the volunteers at the Youth Booth and other booths. He always helps out when and where he is needed, no matter what. And he never missed a roadside clean-up, even when he could no longer walk the road, offering volunteers rides to their assigned stretch of road, and then back to their vehicles. He has truly been one of our unsung heroes! Congratulations, Paul Ashmore!



Newsletter

Editor Sharon Marburger presented Certificates of Appreciation to (left to right) James Marburger, Paul Ashmore, Charles Wooldridge, Jayne Beer, and Carolyn Ashmore for their contributions to the Pick & Shovel during 2018. Also recognized were Nancy Akins and Cynthia Casselman, who were not present at this meeting.



A special Certificate of Appreciation was given to Vera Lyman who picks up the printed Pick & Shovel from the publisher; folds, seals, and places mailing labels on each one; affixes postage to them and takes them to the post office.



What a team!!

President

Wooly presented outgoing president, Jayne Beer, with her presidential plaque. Jayne was so excited that it actually has a “working” gavel. Oh well, Jayne. Too little, too late. Maybe next time.




December Rock Party

Comfort/holiday food at the Marburgers’
Saturday, December 15, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.



Bring your equipment and projects. Come check out the new “rock” room that Jim made for Sharon.



Share your knowledge with someone else.
Learn something new.
Eat, talk, and have fun.
Watch a hobby-related video.



This may be your last opportunity to join in a Rock Party. Want the scoop? Attend!



LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S

40th Annual Rock Swap

Saturday, January 26, 2019

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



!Free Admission!

Help the Lincoln Food Bank replenish its shelves after the holidays.
Bring a canned item for the Food Bank.

Bethany Park Enclosed Shelter

64th and Vine Streets

**Family
Friendly**

Jewelry

Fossils

**Silent
Auction**

**Buy
Sell
Trade**

**Lapidary
Supplies
&
Equipment**

**Rocks
&
Minerals**

Swapper Tables: ½ 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 Only!

**All sales must be completed using
SWAPPER DOLLARS which are available from the
Club Treasurer at a 10% surcharge, payable by the buyer.**



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- Adults (age 16 and over) - \$20 per year or \$30 per couple (within the same household)
- Juniors - \$3 per year (with a responsible adult)

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40th Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap

January 26, 2019

(See flyer on page 6)



61st Annual Show

Nebraska's Hidden Treasures

April 6-7, 2019

(Show postcards will be available in January)



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