



PICK & SHOVEL

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MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

General Meetings:

Monthly meetings are held on the **third Thursday** of the month during February, March, April, May, September, October, and November. The January meeting is held on the **fourth Saturday** and also includes the Mid-Winter Rock Swap followed by a Club Supper. The December meeting is held on the **first Sunday** and includes the annual Awards Presentations and Potluck Christmas Party.

Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m. and adult meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House.

Next General Meeting

January 26, 2019: No Program due to a hard day of swapping!

Board Meetings:

Most Board Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at the home of Vera Lyman, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Exceptions: If the first day of a month falls on Thursday, the meetings will be changed to the **last Wednesday** of the **previous** month. This allows a minimum of 10-days public notice of the meetings, per Corporation rules.

Next Board Meeting: February 6, 2019

Dues are due!

See page 2 for rates

Pay your dues by January 31

A late fee will be assessed as of February 1



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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Brian Beer
Linda Guenter
Cynthia Casselman

Activities:

January 26, 2019: Mid-Winter Rock Swap

Set-up and arrange tables according to floor plan: 11:00 a.m.
Swappers may enter to set up booth: 12:00 noon
Doors open to public: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Rearrange tables and cleanup: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Juniors Meeting: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Pizza Supper: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

NO MERCHANDISE MAY ENTER THE BUILDING UNTIL 12:00 NOON!



Community Outreach Project:

The Club relinquished Roadside Clean-up because the increase in speed limit made it too dangerous to walk the shoulders and ditches of the highway. The Board voted to instead serve a meal one day a month at the Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. Information for this project should be available at the January meeting.



2019 Zoetis-LPS-GSK Science Fair

February 28 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Lancaster County Event Center. This is the event's 24th year. The Fair will showcase all the wonderful science experiments and demonstrations from 5th - 8th graders in Lincoln Public Schools. Enter through the blue awnings.



Go to <https://home.lps.org/science/science-fair/> for more information, then see Carolyn Ashmore if you are interested in volunteering.



LGMC's 61st Annual Gem and Mineral Show

April 6, 2019 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 7, 2019 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln Room
Admission: \$6 per adult, children 11 and under free
Bring a donation for the Food Bank to receive \$1 off admission

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Jim Marburger

2 years: Pat Dvorak
Robert Gritmit

3 years: Charles Wooldridge
Sharon Marburger

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jayne Beer, Chairman

1 year: Jim Atkins
Andrew Tiedje

2 years: Linda Guenter
Vera Lyman

3 years: Brett Jurgens
Sharon Marburger

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

- Adults (age 16 and over) - \$20 per year or \$30 per couple (within the same household)
- Juniors - \$3 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 paying dues. Applications are available on the website: <https://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/about/> membership, or you may contact Treasurer Vera Lyman for a printed copy.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Audio/Visual:**

Jayne Beer

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Ed Dvorak, Jayne Beer
James Marburger

Christmas Party:

Edward Ridge

Door Prizes:

Corey Beer, Brett Jurgens, Charles Wooldridge

Facebook:

Andrew Tiedje, James Marburger,
Brett Jurgens

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Vera Lyman

Programs:

Charles Wooldridge, Brett Jurgens

Property:

James Marburger

Recognition/Awards:

James Marburger, Ed Dvorak,
Jayne Beer

Refreshments:

Vera Lyman

Scholarship:

Vera Lyman

Show—2019:

Jayne Beer

Swap—2019:

Sharon Marburger

Website:

Jim & Sharon Marburger

Youth Activities:

Carolyn Ashmore, Cindy Ramey

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Advertising by rock / hobby business or interest is permitted with the approval of the Board of Directors. Contact the Editor with your proposed ad. The rate is set at \$20.00 per full page; \$10.00 per 1/2 page; \$5.00 per 1/4 page (minimum) per issue, paid in advance to the Club treasurer. Ads will be placed throughout the newsletter as space permits.

2019 SHOW COMMITTEE

Chairman:.....Jayne Beer
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Demonstrators: Vera Lyman
Displays:Jayne Beer
..... Ed Ridge
Event Center Liaison..... Vera Lyman
Finance & Ticket Sales:Jim Atkins
..... Vera Lyman
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.....Jayne Beer
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and are looking forward to a great new year. Jackie, Hank and I spent lots of time sharing memories, playing games, and eating lots (too much) of wonderful foods with family (especially granddaughter, Willow) and many friends. I had hip replacement last fall and am walking better than I have for years, making me eager to get out in the field to make new discoveries.



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as president. I hope to continue the good work that Jayne has provided us. Under her leadership, the club has grown and flourished. I want to thank her for the commitment and guidance she has shown. I look forward to her and the Board's collective collaboration as we seek to guide the club forward in a way that makes it a positive learning experience for us all.

We need volunteers to step up and assist with club activities. You can help by hosting a Rock Party, lead or organize Field Trips, assist with the Swap and Show (including making a display), write articles for the Pick & Shovel newsletter, provide or organize Programs, and assist and show mentor-ship with the Juniors. We need your ideas and suggestions.

The Board has chosen to serve our community in a new way this year. Our members have continued to age. This makes it difficult to continue with Roadside Clean-up. Instead, this year we have decided to promote the Community Food Bank and the Matt Talbot Kitchen. To this end we are accepting donations of appropriate food and supplies at each of our functions. Please bring these items to meetings, Rock Parties, Swap, or Show. Also plan to sign up for serving a meal to the less fortunate at the Matt Talbot Kitchen. More information on this project will be made available soon.

Remember, our meeting this month is on Saturday, January 26th, after the Swap, instead of the third Thursday. I look forward to seeing all of you there, either at a swapper's table or assisting in some way. Don't forget to bring snacks for the swap and a food donation for the Food Bank.

MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

HAPPY NEW YEAR, JUNIORS!!

Saturday, January 26th is our Mid-Winter Swap from 1:00-5:00 p.m., at Bethany Park Shelter. Please come early and find me. I will be handing out your Monkey Bucks to be used to purchase material for your collections. There are lots of ways you can help out with the Swap, and you don't want to miss an opportunity to add to your collection. After the Swap, we will help get the shelter house ready for the pizza party and general meeting.

Our lesson will start at 5:30. This month we will be talking about the Moh's hardness scale. Cindy will teach this lesson and I will bring some examples of the differences between #1 Talc and #10 Diamond.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing all of you real soon!!!!

ROCK ON!

**DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

By James Marburger, Secretary

General Meeting December 2, 2018, Bethany Park Shelter

Meeting called to order by President Jayne Beer at 6:00 p.m. Members present: 15; Visitors: 3; Juniors: 7. No quorum so no official meeting business.

Reminder about January Swap.

Junior awards were given out. Adult awards and Rockhound of the Year were given out. President's award was given to Jayne Beer for her service.

Meeting adjourned to the Meal. Rock Bingo was played and gifts exchanged.

J J & L Rocks & Minerals

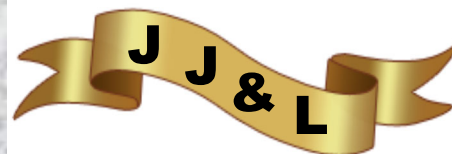
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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Published again because there was no business conducted at the December General Meeting due to lack of quorum.

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.

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DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, December 5, 2018. Meeting held at the Lyman residence.

Meeting Called to order by President Jayne Beer at 6:30 p.m.

Jayne Beer	President	Present
Charles Wooldridge	1 VP	Present
Ed Ridge	2 VP	Present
Vera Lyman	Treasurer	Present
James Marburger	Secretary	Present
Carolyn Ashmore	Board	Absent
Paul Ashmore	Board	Present
Corey Beer	Board	Present
Ed Dvorak	Board	Present

In attendance: Sharon Marburger, Pat Dvorak.

Minutes of last meeting were handed out. Motion to accept the minutes by Charles, second by Paul. Passed 7 yes.

Treasurer report given out. Motion to accept by Ed D., second by Corey. Passed 7 yes.

Old Business:

All 14 retail dealers have returned contracts and payment for the 2019 show.

Rock Party is set for December 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Marburgers in Hickman. Holiday Comfort Food.

A short discussion on the January Swap with no new business for it.

Motion by Vera to accept the Juniors' information trifold sheet. Second by Ed D. Passed 7 yes.

No other old business.

New Business:

No one has offered to host the January Rock Party and if no one comes forward, we will skip the January Rock Party since we will have the pizza party at the Swap.

Motion by Jayne to bring to the general meeting that the club might consider volunteering at Matt Talbot and serve food once a month in place of the roadside clean-up. Second by Charles. Passed 7 yes.

Suggested programs: February – Eric Fritzsich on minerals; March – Brett Jurgens on how to set up a display case.

Motion to adjourn by Jim. Second by Ed D. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A poem from the January 1964 Pick & Shovel, borrowed from Arrowhead Chips via The Treasure Chest; author unknown

Money Well Spent

You pay your dues and what do you get?
A year filled with fun and friends ... you bet!
You learn about rocks and minerals too,
There's oodles and oodles of things to do!

There's field trips and shows and programs galore
Now what do you mean ... Can't we offer you more?
Sure, there's scads of books for you to read
To keep your old noggin from going to seed.

There's auctions and door prizes ... raffles, too!
If you're lucky enough you can win a lot of loot,
You don't have to remember ... you're reminded to meet
By the cards and bulletins which we hope are a treat.

There are displays at each meeting for you to see ...
And hot coffee and cake for cake eaters like me.
You can visit with friends to your heart's content,
So DO pay your dues ... it's money well spent!

Did I hear you say work? Yeah, there's always that too.
But it can be fun if you work with the crew.
Just do your share ... don't leave it for others,
We'd all shirk the work if we had our druthers.

So plunk down your money and smile when you do,
Cause there's lots of pleasure in store for you.
Can't think of a way you get more for your dough
Than by joining a rock club with "git up and go".

Lapidary Hints

From the January 1964 Pick & Shovel, author unknown

To cut freeforms to make matching earrings and cuff links, glue the stones together with mounting glue, inserting paper between them. Shape them with one grinding. A light tap will separate them.

When using containers, be sure to remove all the old labels and relabel them as to their new contents for someone may think it still contains the original product. With some of the chemicals we use in our hobby, better all be safe than sorry. We have ways of removing scratches from our lapidary work but we know of no way to remove them from our hearts. Someone could be injured by our own carelessness.

To keep polishing felts and leather free from scratching agents, slip them into a clean plastic bag when not in use. Watch damp felts for mildew if to be stored any length of time.

Use epoxy? To dissolve epoxy from your stones, soak or dip in household vinegar.

NOVEMBER MINUTES—CONTINUED

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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.

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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DECEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger; Photos by Sharon & Jim Marburger

The December Rock Party was hosted by the Marburgers on Saturday, December 15. Twenty-one club members and one visitor attended.

We started off with sitting around and visiting while waiting for others to arrive. We proceeded to the potluck meal of holiday comfort foods. As normal, there was lots of good food, laughing, talking, and people having a good time enjoying one another.

Two Genies were set up in the living room for those wishing to do lapidary. Several people went downstairs to check out the new rock room Jim set up for Sharon. A co-worker of Jim's brought a prairie agate for Jim to cut. It was fantastic!

The Rock Parties are great fun and a wonderful way to connect with fellow hobbyists. Not only can you learn by just sitting around and talking, there are members willing to share their knowledge with hands-on projects. You can learn how to wire wrap, how to cut cabochons, how to do end polish of stone (otherwise known as polishing a window), how to do some simple basics of silversmithing, and other hobby activities. We talk about past field trips and brainstorm about future trips. I have heard people say that the best part of belonging to LGMC is the Rock Parties.

Sadly, there are only three families/entities that routinely host. It would be wonderful if we could get 10 host volunteers for the year, thereby having each volunteer host once a year. We typically don't have a Rock Party in January or April because of the Swap and Show, however, there's no reason we couldn't!

Additionally, although the December Rock Party was the best-attended party in history, overall attendance has been down. It is very discouraging for a host to prepare for a party, only to have six people show up. In a club of over 70 members, this is very sad.

I love getting together with our hobby friends. I'd hate to see the Rock Parties disappear for lack of interest. Please consider hosting a party or, if you don't have the space to host one, attend other hosts' parties. Share your knowledge



Judith, Wooly, Corey, Jayne, Paul, and Vera enjoying the meal and great company.



Sharon telling tall tales to Cindy, Pat, Evan, and Stjepan



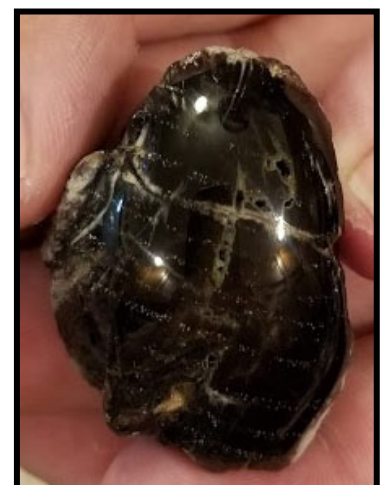
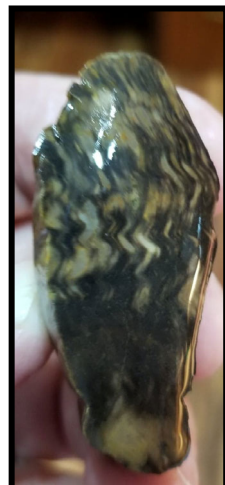
Left: Carolyn enjoying time on the Genie



Right: Corey and Evan grinding a polishing stones



Stjepan's Prairie Agate



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: 1/2 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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40th Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap

January 26, 2019

(See flyer on page 7)



61st Annual Show

Nebraska's Hidden Treasures

April 6-7, 2019

(Show postcards will be available in January)



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