



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
November 21, 2019**

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: December 4th, 2019

Upcoming Activities:

November 21st - General Meeting

The program will include the video "Agates Closeup" by Doug Moore, with discussion and displays following. "Agates of the World" is the theme for next year's show, so it is fitting to get us in the agate "mindset". Please bring different examples of your favorite agates for show and tell after the video.

Sunday, November 24th– Rock Party

At The Jewelry Connection starting at 5pm

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Sunday, December 1st– Annual Christmas Party and Potluck at Bethany Park Shelter

Details on page 3

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge

Thinking about what to say this month it dawned on me that Thanksgiving is coming up. I decided to express some of the many things I am grateful for:

My wonderful partner Jackie is so understanding and encouraging. Her support enables me to go rock-hounding with or without her. It is such a joy to have someone intimate to share adventures with.

All of my rock-hounding friends have a wealth of knowledge about rocks, fossils, and artifacts. When I go with them, not only is there the thrill of finding some "treasure", there is the added bonus of jointly figuring out what it is: is it a fossil? or just a bone, is it an agate? or jasper, or what the heck, I've never seen anything like it!

I am thankful for relatively good health. I am slower than I used to be, but that allows me to look closer.

I can't make a rock-hound gratitude list without thanking the maker of the heavens and earth for the wonderful rivers, creeks, fossil beds, and so forth to explore. I feel most connected to the universe when I am standing on a gravel bar or crossing a river or resting on a fallen log.

The annual swap and show are always an opportunity to meet new folks and reconnect with old friends. There are so many new exciting things to see and so much to learn. Most importantly is the camaraderie shared with planning, setting up, making sure things run smoothly, educating attendees about our wonderful hobby, tear down, and planning for next year's event.

Rock Parties have become one of my very favorite club activities. They are so much fun! It is wonderful to gather together to work on projects with others in a relaxed atmosphere and join in conversations with others who share a common interest and experience. It was a joy to watch several newer members work together on the genie last month (see picture elsewhere in the newsletter).

The synopsis of all this is to say I am grateful for all of YOU! Thank you.

Remember to attend the November meeting because it is time to vote. We will need a quorum. Brett will have a good video for the program. Jackie and I will not be there as we will be exploring Spain and Morocco.

See you at the Christmas Party in December.



MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

Greetings Juniors:

This November meeting we are going to continue our study of fossils. We'll talk about our own state fossil mammoth, named at the 100 year anniversary of our state on March 1, 1967. We will also look at the differences between a mammoth and a mastodon. Woolly Mammoth and Mastodon both have been found in 90 out of the 93 counties in Nebraska as well as many other fossils. Do some research and see what other fossils Nebraska is known for.



ROCK ON !!

SLATE FOR 2020 ELECTIONS

By Jayne Beer, Nominating Committee Chair

Nominations were accepted at the September General Meeting. Nominations will again be accepted at the November General Meeting, immediately preceding the elections. At this time, this is the slate of nominees for the 2020 Board of Directors:

President:	Charles Wooldridge
1st Vice:	Jayne Beer
2nd Vice:	Brett Jurgens
Treasurer:	Vera Lyman
Secretary:	James Marburger
Board:	Corey Beer
	Jeff Kubic
	Sharon Marburger
	Ed Ridge

UPCOMING ROCK PARTIES

Sunday, November 24th @ 5:00 p.m. at The Jewelry Connection. Hosted by the Beer Family and Judith Bay.

Sunday, December 14th. Hosted by the Marburgers at their residence in Hickman. More information to follow.

November Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection

13th and Arapahoe

**Sunday, November 24
5:00 p.m.**



Soup Supper and Comfort Foods



**Bring your equipment and projects.
If the weather is cool, dress warmly,
especially if you plan to work with water!**

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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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**Patricia Grimit
Gene Mulinex
Nick Lytle**



LGMC

**Christmas Party, Potluck Supper,
and Awards Ceremony
Sunday, December 1, 2019**

5:00 Youth Group Activities & Adult Social
**6:00 Potluck Supper (club provides fried chicken
and beverages)**
7:00 Short Meeting and Awards Ceremony
!! Rock Bingo !!

*Bring an inexpensive gender-neutral gift for exchange (\$10 max)
Bingo Prize Donations Welcome*

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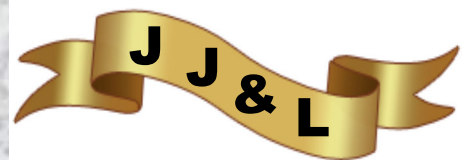
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

October 2, 2019 at the Lyman Residence

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Charles Wooldridge.

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

In attendance: Sharon Marburger

Minutes of last meeting were handed out. Motion to accept the minutes by Vera L., second by Jayne B. Passed 7 yes.

Treasurer report given out. Motion to accept by Jayne B., second by Ed R. Passed 7 yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder that Carolyn will be retiring from the leadership of the junior program. Brett and Corey will be co-chairs after December 2019.

Nominating Committee is wanting to get new blood to run for office if possible. November meeting will accept additional people before the election. Jayne Beer is the Chair of the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Recognition Committee members are Ed D., Jayne, Charles, and Jim M. They will have a meeting to review program rules for recognition.

A discussion on changing to 12 month meetings for the club. It was suggested the issue be taken to the Long Range Planning and By-Laws Committee to adopt the changes needed to accommodate the change to a 12-month schedule.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

The 2020 theme is "Agates Around the World". Dealer contracts are out.

Motion to adjourn by Vera, second by Jim. Passed 7 yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Have an idea for a field trip?
Let Jim Marburger know!**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

October 17, 2019 at the Bethany Park Shelter House

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Wooldridge. Members 24 present, Juniors 7, and Guests 0.

Minutes of last meeting were printed in the Pick and Shovel. Motion to accept the minutes by Allan, second by Jackie. Passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Vera Lyman. Motion to accept by Jayne, second by Jeff K. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Des Moines, Iowa Show, October 19 & 20.

Also a general question on who did not receive a Pick and Shovel in the mail. Copies were given out to three people.

OLD BUSINESS:

Halloween dress up was judged and prizes given out to those that participated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Show flyers for close-by shows are on the front table.

Rock Parties that have been set up are as follows: October 20 - Charles Wooldridge. November 24 at The Jewelry Connection, Soups of the seasons. December 14 at the Marburgers', something smoked.

Nominating Committee led by Jayne Beer will be looking for nominations from the floor at the November meeting before the election of the officers for 2020.

Slate as of now: President, Charles Woolridge; 1st Vice, Jayne Beer; 2nd Vice, Brett Jurgens; Treasurer, Vera Lyman; Secretary, James Marburger; for the Board, Corey Beer, Ed Ridge, Sharon Marburger, Jeff Kubic.

Motion by Jayne to adjourn the meeting and have refreshments and program, second by Corey. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Program by James Marburger on "How to flat lap polish with a Vibro Lap or Recipo Lap."

**November is the Club's
annual business meeting.
Come make your final
nominations for the
Board of Directors and
participate in the election.**

OCTOBER ROCK PARTY

Members of the club met on Sunday, October 20th at the home of Jackie and Wooly for the monthly rock party. Hot dogs and brats were provided by the hosts with members bringing pot luck items. As always, the Beers brought an abundance of food. A good meal was had by all, followed by great conversation. Multiple members made use of Wooly's slab saw and lapidary equipment. The monthly rock parties are a great way to get to know fellow club members and to explore different interests within the hobby.



Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge instructed Evan Hutchison, Allan Gossman, and Brett Jurgens on how to set up the slab saw, and they kept it busy a good portion of the night. Pictured here is Allan Gossman end cutting some of his Blue Forest finds. (photo-Brett Jurgens)



Members brought some of their recent finds and creations for others to view. Here Allan Gossman, Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge, and Jayne Beer are looking at some faceted stones of Wooly's, along with wire wrapped pendants by Nykky Lytle and cabochons of Corey Beer's. Rock parties are a great way to both socialize and get creative feedback from other lapidary enthusiasts. (photo- Brett Jurgens)



Sampson Bayer (bottom left) and Nick Lytle helped to keep the Genie going late into the night.



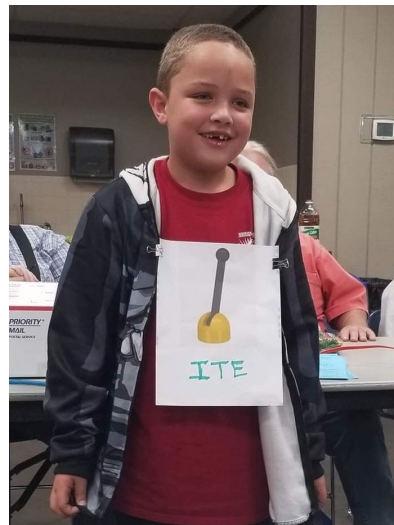
The next generation - Corey Beer, Sampson Bayer, and Evan Hutchison working on both the trim saw and Genie. I had never thought of the Genie as a two person machine but was proven wrong. (photo- Jayne Beer)



Jim Marburger gave the October meeting program on vibrating flat laps and it was well received. Jim brought a 16" Covington lap and demoed to the group how to properly load the machine with the correct amounts of water, grit, and rock. Jim had printed handouts that outlined the steps and tips. Multiple members were attentively watching and taking notes. Brett Jurgens does have a 12" vibralap available to borrow for club members. If interested, speak with him. (Currently it is humming away at Evan Hutchison's home.)



Carolyn Ashmore, surrounded by members of her junior group at the October meeting. Each month, the junior club members have activities to earn badges from the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America program.



"Leverite" was a popular costume at the Halloween Costume contest, but the editor thinks Ja-zeil Travis pulled it off best. (photo-Jayne Beer)

SCOTT J. WILLIAMS: MINERAL DEALER WHO LIVED IN NEBRASKA

by Eric Fritzsich

Several well known mineral dealers have lived in Nebraska or have Nebraska connections. I came across this information while doing a little bit of research on perhaps Nebraska's most famous mineral dealer, Scott Williams, who, from what I am gathering, did little selling of minerals when he lived in Nebraska.

Scott Williams was born in San Francisco and started *Minerals Unlimited* in 1948. Scott ran *Minerals Unlimited* until 1954 when he sold his interest in the business, which still operates today. Many collections have old labels with the *Minerals Unlimited* labels.

Scott moved to Arizona in 1954 and started *Scott J. Williams Mineral Company* (which later became *Southwest Scientific*). For approximately 11 years, he purchased many large collections and resold them. He was also a prolific field collector, collecting many fine southwest minerals. It is said that Scott handled and sold more fine minerals than probably any other mineral dealer in the Western United States during the 1950s and into the early 1960s.

In 1965, he gave up the mineral business to pursue a teaching career at Peru State College. Scott taught geology and geography for 25 years before retiring in 1990 as Professor Emeritus. After teaching, Williams decided to get back into mineral dealing and restarted *Scott Williams Mineral Company* out of his retirement house in Oberlain, Kansas. He helped his daughter establish *Julie's Minerals and Art* in Peru, Nebraska. Scott Williams died on Halloween in 1997 at age 73. Halloween was canceled in eastern Nebraska that year due to an early blizzard.

I have several dozen *Scott J. Williams* and *Minerals Unlimited* specimens in my collection that have been recycled through other collectors and dealers. If anyone has any additional information about Scott J. Williams, or remember him, I'd love to chat with you about it.

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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)

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.

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.

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..... Ed Ridge
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Edward Ridge

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2 years: Pat Dvorak
Robert Grit

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Reminder!



**The Club Christmas Party
is Sunday, December 1, which is
Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend.
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The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily limited to Geology, Paleontology and Mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, especially to youth and student groups.