



# 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 25, 2020**  
**Following Mid-Winter Swap**

### 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: January 8, 2020**

### Upcoming Activities:

**Rock Party**– Sunday, December 14th at the Marburgers' residence in Hickman. More details on page 2.

**41st Annual Rock Swap**, Saturday, January 25

Setup for Sellers– 12:00 p.m.

Open To Public 1-5 p.m.

Pizza Supper 6 p.m.

General Meeting (no program) 7 p.m.

**No Merchandise May Enter Building before NOON.**

**Jim Atkins**

**Paul Ashmore**

**Mia Eno**

**Janette VanButsel**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge

Another year is about to pass. I hope it was a good one for all of you. It certainly has been a good year for Jackie and me. Among all the other blessings in our life have been the many activities we have been able to share with LGMC. The Rock Swap, Annual Show, meetings, Science Fair, rock parties, and field trips. The Wyoming Field trip was especially enjoyable, with all the great camaraderie and wonderful finds. I would like to thank each of you for your contributions that make the club such a success.



Looking forward to the New Year, I encourage you to participate in all the activities the club provides, either as a participant, host, or volunteer. Not only does your participation benefit the club, it increases your enjoyment.

A thought occurred to me recently. Over the past year, I have seen Jackie's excitement and interest in collecting skyrocket. I took her to the Nemaha River a few times to hunt LAKERS. She enjoyed going, but would get frustrated at not finding any LAKERS and sometimes I stayed out too long (many of you know how hard it is to quit). This year during the trip to the Blue Forest, she found plenty and I was able to be a little better about not staying in the field all night. She really got into it. Recently on a trip to Morocco, a Berber guide in the Sahara took us to a spot where we could find ammonites. They were seemingly everywhere. Jackie found lots of them. When it was time to go, I thought I was going to have to drag her back to the 4x4. It was then I realized, she had the bug! I remember her commenting in Wyoming how much fun it is when you can actually find something. My thought is: as we introduce folks to this hobby of rock hunting, it is important to start with something they can actually find. After many years of hunting, I still have days where I find few, if any, LAKERS, but I generally can find petrified wood, jaspers, fossils, and maybe a honey agate or two. If I take people out to look for these, and am willing to leave after a decent time, maybe I will have even better results giving folks "the Bug".

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

## MINERAL MONKEYS

By Sharon Marburger

It is with sad hearts that we say good-bye to retiring Junior Leader, Carolyn Ashmore.

Carolyn did a fantastic job working with our youth, spending countless hours to make sure our Mineral Monkeys had fun and educational projects to work on. Utilizing the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America ("FRA") program and under her guidance, LGMC added 10 graduating Rockhounds to the program. The graduates; Corey Beer, Leahh Anderson, Jayden Eno, Ian Williams, Ellie Lyman, Brooklyn Blazek, Mia Eno, Logan Guenter, Ja'zeil Travis, and Lauren Ramey are the only Nebraska FRA graduates. What a proud accomplishment for Carolyn and our Mineral Monkeys!

We cannot give enough thanks to Carolyn for her years of service. We also cannot ignore her right-hand-man, Paul, for his behind-the-scenes assistance. Thank you both for your dedication to our youth.

As we move forward, please welcome our new juniors co-leaders, Brett Jurgens, Corey Beer, and Sampson Bayer. They have large shoes to fill. Thank you, gentlemen, for stepping up to continue the education of our youth.

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### Future Rockhounds of America

Badges and certificates were given out during the Awards portion of the Christmas Party. Welcome badges were given to new junior members Maxwell, Andrew, Bella, Luigi, and Felix. Ja'zeil and Lauren both completed their Fossils and Collecting lessons, thus earning badges and certificates. Elayna was not present to receive her Field Trip badge. Graduates Ja'zeil and Lauren each received their Rockhound Badge and certificate of completion. They also received a special gift from Carolyn for completing the program.

Congratulations Juniors!

# December Rock Party

**Saturday, December 14, 2019**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Marburgers in Hickman**

**Jim is planning to smoke  
chicken thighs and legs.**

**Bring your complementary side dishes.**

**Remember to bring your hobby projects.  
Lapidary equipment is available for use.**



## Silversmithing classes

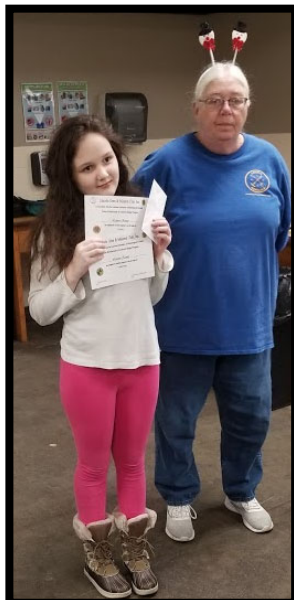
**Tuesday Evenings  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**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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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting November 6, 2019.  
Meeting at the Lyman residence.  
Minutes recorded by Jim Marburger, Secretary.

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

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

In attendance: Sharon Marburger.

Minutes of last meeting were handed out. Motion to accept the minutes by Vera, second by Ed R. Passed 6 yes.

Treasurer's report given out. Motion to accept by Corey, second by Jayne. Passed 6 yes.

### Old Business:

Motion by Jayne with a second by Vera. Motion the board suggest to go to year round meeting with the summer meetings (June – August) will be special meetings for location to be announced. Could be at a rock party, field trip, or meeting in the park. Notice will be given by publication in the Pick and Shovel. This suggestion to be taken to the club general meeting for discussion or acceptance. Passed 6 yes.

Jayne has a trip to Florida in January during the swap. Sharon Marburger will step in to chair the Swap if Carolyn does not want to do it. Sharon will check for sure with Carolyn. Sharon will also develop a swap flyer.

### New Business:

Motion by Ed R. to accept new members from webpage applications for Arthur Pribil and Waneta Larios contingent on attendance of a meeting or function along with payment of dues. Second by Vera. Passed 6 yes.

Jim M. to email them and invite them to join us.

### Show Committee:

“Agates Around the World.” All Dealer contracts have been executed and returned. Demo contracts to be sent out soon. Sharon will design the Show postcard and Jim will order them.

Motion to adjourn by Jim, second by Vera. Passed 6 yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.  
November 21, 2019 at the Bethany Park Shelter.  
Minutes recorded by Jim Marburger, Secretary.

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

Members present 24, Juniors 10, and Guests 2. Wanetta Lang Olson and Noreen Samson.

Minutes of last meeting were printed in the Pick and Shovel. Motion to accept the minutes by Vera Lyman, second by Sharon Marburger. Passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Vera Lyman. Motion to accept Sharon Marburger, second by Ed Dvorak. Passed.

### Announcements:

Rock Party November 24 at 5 p.m. at The Jewelry Connection. Christmas Party is December 1; main course furnished by the club, and side dishes provided by members. December 14 Rock Party at the Marburgers' in Hickman. Jim to smoke something good (meat, that is!). Starting at 5 p.m.

Mid-Winter Swap flyers are available. January 25, set up at noon, open to public from 1 to 5 p.m. Pizza supper at 6 and meeting at 7.

### Old Business:

Election of Officers.

Nominating committee had Gene Mulinex call for nominations from the floor 3 times for each position on the Board. Once the call was completed, a motion to end nominations for that office, with a second, was passed. No nominations from the floor for any of the positions. We had a complete slate. Motion by Vera Lyman to accept the slate of officers by acclamation, second by Sharon Marburger. Passed by vote of the general members. Slate accepted.

The 2020 Board of Directors is President Charles Wooldridge; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Jayne Beer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Brett Jurgens; Treasurer Vera Lyman; Secretary James Marburger; and Corey Beer, Ed Ridge, Sharon Marburger, and Jeff Kubitz complete the Board seats.

### New Business:

Motion by Jim Marburger to go to 12 month meeting with the 3 summer months to be announced in the Pick and Shovel as to location and time. Might be a rock party, field trip or outside park adventure. Second by Sharon Marburger. Passed.

Motion by Ed Dvorak to adjourn the meeting and have refreshments and program; second Corey Beer. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Program was a video on Agates Close up by Doug Moore. The program is a National winner.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members enjoyed an early Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1st. The club provided fried chicken, with members bringing a large and plentiful assortment of side dishes and desserts. The food was tempting enough that no one seems to have taken a photo of the large spread. It was enough to cover three eight foot tables, with overflow on the counter. After the meal and a quick meeting, members enjoyed Rock Bingo called out by Wooly. Members who had brought a gift also participated in the gift exchange.



Wooly came dressed for the part. Photo by Jim Marburger.

The Christmas Party has been a favorite of the editor's, with memories spanning back to my childhood. It was a great pleasure to see familiar faces, as well as new club members participating.



Bingo winners had a wide variety of prizes to choose from, courtesy of club members. Photo by Sharon Marburger.

# Dues are due!

See page 7 for rates

Pay your dues by January 31

A late fee will be assessed as of February 1



### HOST A ROCK PARTY

- ◆ Let the Board know if you would like to host February, March, April, or May.

#### Hosting a party is easy!

- ◆ Pick a date and time.
- ◆ Determine what the theme or main dish will be.
- ◆ Provide plates and serveware.
- ◆ Have room (inside or outside) to set up equipment.
- ◆ You don't have to own your own equipment. Members will bring what they have.
- ◆ Rock Parties provide great opportunities to learn something new in the hobby.
- ◆ Don't worry if you think you don't know enough about the hobby. There is usually someone in attendance who knows stuff, or knows where to find the information.
- ◆ Rock Parties provide the opportunity to get to know your fellow hobbyists and new club members.
- ◆ That is pretty much it! Now, get ready to have some fun fellowship with other rock, mineral, and fossil enthusiasts!

### NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Brett Jurgens

The Beer Family and Judith Bay hosted the November Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection on November 17. As always, there was plenty of food to be had. Rock parties are a great way to meet other members of the club, and to get to experience working with lapidary equipment. See the next page for pictures of rocks cut and polished, and some wire wrapping done, at the Rock Party.

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By Jayne Beer

I would like to say that I appreciate everyone who came to the November Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection. We had a great turnout! So much creativity in one space. It was so great and encouraging to see young club members taking advantage of the use of the equipment and getting together and talking about rocks. They put up with us old members so kindly, almost like they liked being around us, too. I believe

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**NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY—CONTINUED**



Attendees are captivated by Jim Marburger's knowledge



Evan, Eddie, Nick, and Sampson enjoying the equipment at TJC. (photo- Sharon Marburger)



Jim, Jayne and Brian discuss how to rewire a motor (photo - Sharon Marburger)



Nycky whipped out these two wire wraps for Evan in no time flat. Amazing! (photo- Sharon Marburger)



Evan's Aztec purple lace



Eddie's little tiger eye

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we had 13 people show up and they kept the machines in the back room humming the whole evening.

There was a great amount of food as always. We made Hot and Sour, Potato, and Chicken Noodle soups. There was KFC chicken and sides, corn bread, cookies, rolls, bars, and more. I don't think anyone went home hungry.

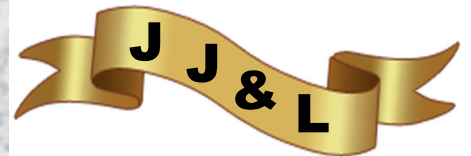
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LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S  
**41st Annual Rock Swap**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

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



**!Free Admission!**

**Help the Lincoln Food Bank replenish its shelves after the holidays.  
 Bring canned items 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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**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.

**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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Demonstrators: ..... Vera Lyman  
Displays: .....Jayne Beer  
..... Ed Ridge  
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..... Vera Lyman  
Floor Chairman: .....Ed Dvorak  
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Jayne Beer

**Audit:**

Ed Dvorak, Jayne Beer  
James Marburger

**Christmas Party:**

Edward Ridge

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Corey Beer, Brett Jurgens, Charles Wooldridge

**Facebook:**

Andrew Tiedje, James Marburger,  
Brett Jurgens

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**Legislative Liaison:**

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**MWF Liaison:**

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**Programs:**

Charles Wooldridge, Brett Jurgens

**Property:**

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Jayne Beer

**Refreshments:**

Vera Lyman

**Scholarship:**

Vera Lyman

**Show—2020:**

Jayne Beer

**Swap—2020:**

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**Website:**

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**Youth Activities:**

Carolyn Ashmore, Cindy Ramey

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Jim Marburger

2 years: Pat Dvorak  
Robert Grit

3 years: Charles Wooldridge  
Sharon Marburger

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2 years: Linda Guenter  
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3 years: Brett Jurgens  
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## LGMC's 62nd Annual Gem and Mineral Show

April 4, 2020 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 5, 2020 - 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

All articles, tidbits, and photos not individually identified as being contributed to this publication are provided by the Editor.

Start thinking about our upcoming Gem and Mineral Show, and how you can participate as a club member. Help is always needed for setup and tear down, but also for manning booths and stations during the show. Also, start thinking about putting together a display. More information and tips will be in future issues of the *Pick and Shovel*.

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.