



# PICK & SHOVEL

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Editor: Brett Jurgens

## 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: February 5, 2020**

### Upcoming Activities:

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

Setup for Sellers– 12 noon

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.**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Brian Beer**  
**Cynthia Casselman**  
**Linda Guenter**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge

Hello fellow rock hounds, and welcome to a new year with the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. Although the year is new, the club is not. When do you think it was founded? 1950, 1955, 1960 or 1965? (answer at the end of this message). The point is, we have been around a while. It is comforting to know some things last.



No one has gotten back to me about programs that they would like to see, so I took it upon myself to arrange for Rob Bozell to return and talk about some new projects he has been working on in the Sandhills. Rob is the State of Nebraska Archaeologist. He always has a good presentation. I beseech you once again to please let me know your interests and/or possible programs you might be able to arrange.

This month on Saturday, the 25th, we will be holding the 41st Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap (see flyer on page 6 for details). We generally have a very good turnout for this event. Some things you can do to assist: help with table set up and tear down, bring items to snack on, i.e. finger foods (no cakes or pies), and items you wish to donate to the silent auction. If you have not attended before, it is not so much a swap as a sale. There will be a room full of tables with hobby-related items for sale. You purchase them with "swapper bucks" that you pay for at the door. There is a 10% surcharge to buy swapper bucks, this way the club raises money for ongoing projects such as supplies for the Lapidary Class. Everyone is welcome to rent a table and sell.

If you did not get a sale list of supplies and equipment that Jim Marburger is getting rid of, be sure to ask him about it.

Many of you are aware that Jackie has developed a Holiday called "9 by 13 Day". The January/February edition of the Food Network Magazine refers to her by name as a "Culinary Enthusiast" and mentions the Holiday. Ask her about it.

One of my favorite musicians, Tyler Childers, has a song on his album "Creek Sessions" entitled BANDED CLOVIS ... check it out on YOU-TUBE.

Well, the answer to the quiz is 1955. I believe this means we will be celebrating our 65 year anniversary at the meeting following the Swap on the 25th. Congratulations!

## JUNIORS

By Brett Jurgens

With the new year comes a new beginning. And for this year, we start with new leaders in our junior program. Corey Beer, Sampson Bayer, and Brett Jurgens (me) will be taking joint leadership. First off, I would like to thank Carolyn Ashmore for her years of service to the club and to our junior program. Under her guidance, the program has grown.

A quick introduction of the new leaders. I joined the club as a junior when I was roughly eight years old. When I was a junior member, we did not have the Future Rockhound program, but did have monthly lessons and activities. I was active in the club through high school. Work and school kept me busy for a while, but I soon realized how much I missed the club, mainly the people and friendships.

Corey Beer grew up in the club as well. Corey went through the junior program, as well as the Future Rockhounds Program. Corey eats, breathes, and sleeps rocks and is looking forward to sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm.

Sampson Bayer is a new addition to our Club, and we are better to have him. Sampson has experience working with youth from working several summers at Camp Kitaki.

The annual rock swap is right around the corner, and our next meet up. Throughout the year, juniors earn "Monkey Bucks" by attending meetings and club activities; the swap and the rock show are the two events where Monkey Bucks can be spent to buy specimens for your collection. If you are coming to the swap (and I encourage it), please find me, and I will hand out any monkey bucks that you have accrued.

We had a good turnout of juniors at the December rock party. Those juniors in attendance had the opportunity to polish a stone. We encourage everyone to attend the rock parties. It is a great way to meet other members of the club and to try your hand at the lapidary arts.

The swap is open from 1-5 p.m., with club activities including a pizza party and quick meeting following. We will not have a formal meeting for the juniors, but I would like to meet up after the swap to meet everyone and to check out what everyone found at the swap.

I am looking forward to getting to know everyone, and figuring out everyone's interests so we can plan lessons and activities accordingly.

It was brought to our attention at the January Board Meeting that Susan Taylor passed away on December 16, 2019, with services being held on December 20. Susan, known as "Susie" to fellow members, had been a long time member of the club. Susie was preceded in death by her parents, Howard Sr. and Marie Taylor, and brother Howard Taylor, Jr. (all long time and active club members). A tribute and memorial display was assembled by club members and shown at the 2019 show in honor of the Taylor family's contributions to the club over the years. Our condolences to her friends and family for her passing.

## LAPIDARY CLASS

By Brett Jurgens

As most members are aware, the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club has had a long time partnership with Southeast Community College and Lincoln Parks and Recreation regarding the lapidary classes offered in the basement of Auld Pavilion. The club owns and funds the maintenance and upkeep of the lapidary equipment used for the class. It is not exactly known how long the club has been doing this, but it is mentioned in the January 1970 issue of the Pick and Shovel of the continued interest in the class, so apparently at least 50 years. The class has a long and continued history of attendance. As a club, we are hoping to be able to continue this partnership at another location.

Rowdy Cropp, the current class instructor, recently shared an e-mail from the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department that the current session will be the last offered at the Auld location due to a construction project and accessibility. Several board members, along with staff of SCC, have sent e-mails expressing their hopes that another location will be found so that the classes can continue. The discussion is continuing, and this is a developing story, so there will be updates when available. Stay tuned.

## 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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Article from *Rock & Gem* magazine, Vol. 50, Issue 1, January 2020

Note the reference to LGMC and the photo of our very own Nick Lytle and Sampson Bayer!

## CLUB CORNER

COMPILED BY ANTOINETTE RAHN

# Partnerships and Parties Benefit All

**T**he Southwest Gem and Mineral Society (SWGMS) of San Antonio recently shared news of a collaborative program between the group and a local school district to promote the study of rocks and minerals.

As part of the club's outreach program, SWGMS received a proposal from the Northside Independent School District (NISD) to help fund its program activities. The support serves 79 elementary schools and 20 middle schools with an enrollment of about 13,500 students, as reported by the SWGMS.

The proposal included a request for ten basic rock and mineral sets with 15 specimens for use by elementary classes and five rock and mineral earth science sets, with 75 specimens, for the middle school curriculum. In addition, the proposal included 20 meteorite kits each containing one iron and one stony meteorite.

The project was coordinated by Laura Barrera, curriculum specialist, After-School Enrichment Programs, NISD; Tiffany Moreno, coordinator of Community Education, NISD; and John Speck, SWGMS.

The rock and mineral kits were selected from several that are offered by Home Science Tools ([www.homesciencetools.com](http://www.homesciencetools.com)). Finding twenty quality iron and stony meteorites for a price within the club's budget was much more challenging. Brian Barnett of Lonestar Meteorites was able to find the desired meteorites at a price within the club's budget.

The proposal was presented and approved during the club's September meeting. The kits were purchased and in early October were presented to the coordinators of the NISD after-school program.

The Southwest Gem and Mineral Society (SWGMS) of San Antonio is affiliated with the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies (<http://www.scfms.net/>), which is part of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (<http://www.amfed.org/>).

### MAKING THE MOST OF 'ROCK PARTY' GATHERINGS

*"This is the power of gathering: it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive." — Alice Waters*

There are many ways to explain the importance of gathering with others, but this quote from Alice Waters sums it up nicely.

Something that appeared in the October 2019 issue of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's Pick & Shovel newsletter inspired this focus on 'gathering.' Within the



SWGMS member John Speck presents the rock and mineral and meteorite sets to Laura Barrera, of the NISD. SWGMS



Left to right, club members Sampson Bayer and Nick Lytle working with the the Genie gem making equipment. BRETT JURGENS

newsletter, mention is made of upcoming 'rock parties.' Sometimes the location of these gatherings is the home of a club member, while other monthly parties are held at local businesses. Regardless of the location, there's no question these rock parties are enjoyed by all.

According to the post-October rock party report, members gathered at the home of Jackie and Charles "Wooly" Woolridge for a potluck-style meal, great conversation, camaraderie, and the opportunity to use various pieces of lapidary equipment.

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska (<https://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/>) is affiliated with the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies (<http://www.amfed.org/mwf/>), which is part of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (<http://www.amfed.org/>).

## DECEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger

Wow! Did we have a blowout for the December Rock Party held at the Marburgers' on December 14. I believe we had a Rock Party record of at least 21 people! Thank you to everyone who attended and made the party fun.

Jim showed the juniors who attended how to do an end polish on a stone. He dug into his personal stash of Lake Superior Agates and gave one to each kid to grind and polish. The kids were thrilled!

Some of the adults also went downstairs to the "rock room" to observe and then work on their own projects once the lesson was done. I was busy and did not get many photos of the gathering. I did manage to get this photo with some finished cabochons.



The attendees were well-fed with smoked chicken and a variety of other foods brought for the potluck. There were only a couple of pieces of chicken left over, but there was so much other food, no one went hungry.

I want to acknowledge and thank the group of new members who attended the party, in addition to the usual folks. It was very nice to get to know you better in a relaxed environment. I truly enjoyed visiting and sharing stories of club exploits.

# 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 service ware.
- ◆ 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!



Sheryl Olson, Brett Jurgens, Judith Bay, John Moss, Arvid Olson

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting December 4, 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	Present
Brett Jurgens	Board	Present
Ed Ridge	Board	Present

In attendance: Sharon Marburger and Pat Dvorak.

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

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

### Old Business:

E-mail replies were sent to Joy Pribil and Evan Guan that they are accepted as members once the dues are paid and they attend a meeting or club event. Motion by Jayne to accept them, second by Ed R. Passed 7 yes.

Sharon has accepted the Swap Chair, January 25, 2020. Will need the signs from the trailer.

Jim will look into rough gem seed for the gem dig. Small size but usable. Needed for the Science Fair and Show.

### New Business:

Rock party December 14 at the Marburgers'.

March 5, 2020 is the date for the Science Fair. Jayne will need to know the workers so they can sign up.

Vera will have the club's birthday cake for the meeting after the Swap.

The MWF dues are due January 15.

Motion to adjourn by Vera, second by Ed D. Passed 7 yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club Inc., Christmas Meeting, December 1, 2019 at the Bethany Park Shelter  
Minutes recorded by Jim Marburger, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Wooldridge.

No minutes or treasurer report.

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

Reminder of the Mid-Winter Rock Swap on January 25, 2020.

The next Rock Party will be at the Marburgers' in Hickman on December 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Carolyn Ashmore presented All American Junior awards to the Mineral Monkeys.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by James Marburger, second by Paul Ashmore. Passed.

Meeting adjourned to some wild and exciting bingo games. Thank you to all that provided prizes. Gift exchange after Bingo.

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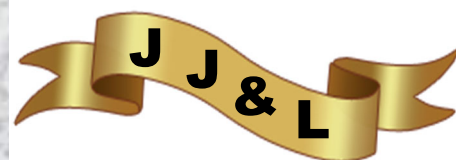
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LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S  
**41st Annual Rock Swap**

**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  
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Forms ..... Sharon Marburger  
LGMC Club Booth: ..... Charles Wooldridge  
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Youth Activities: ..... Brett Jurgens,  
..... Corey Beer, Sampson Bayer

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Jayne Beer

**Audit:**

Ed Dvorak, Jayne Beer  
James Marburger

**Christmas Party:**

Edward Ridge

**Door Prizes:**

Corey Beer, Brett Jurgens, Charles Wooldridge

**Facebook:**

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**Membership Record:**

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**Refreshments:**

Vera Lyman

**Scholarship:**

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**Show—2020:**

Jayne Beer

**Swap—2020:**

Sharon Marburger

**Website:**

Jim & Sharon Marburger

**Youth Activities:**

Brett Jurgens, Corey Beer, Sampson Bayer

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- 1 year: Pat Dvorak  
Robert Gruit
- 2 years: Charles Wooldridge  
Sharon Marburger
- 3 years: Vera Lyman  
Jim Marburger

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Jayne Beer, Chairman

- 1 year: Linda Guenter  
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- 2 years: Brett Jurgens  
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- 3 years: Jim Atkins  
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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.