

THE PICK & SHOVEL



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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.

DUES ARE PAST DUE

A \$5 REINSTATEMENT FEE IS REQUIRED

GENERAL MEETINGS

Third Thursday of the Month, except for January, December and summer break.

**The February General Meeting is
CANCELLED.**

BOARD MEETINGS

Until further notice, Board Meetings will be held at 6:30 on the first Thursday of each month.

**Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Vera Lyman's Residence**

Persons of general membership are invited to attend Board meetings and offer agenda items.



**Please continue to do your part.
Wear a mask to meetings.**

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CLUB EVENTS

No club-organized **field trips** at this time.

The Mid-Winter Swap held the last Saturday in January has been **cancelled**.

The Annual Gem and Mineral Show is scheduled for April 2 & 3, 2022, at the Lancaster Event Center (indoor event). COVID directives will determine if the Show will be cancelled.

The Second Annual Summer Swap will be held at the Beer Family Farm on June 25 & 26, 2022. Outdoor event!! Watch for future flyers and information.

**Due to U.S. Postal Service changes,
the new deadline for submissions to
the P&S is the last Sunday of each
month. I look forward to your items.**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Ed Dvorak
Allan Gossman
Charles Wooldridge

**I'm still waiting!**

Please send your hobby-related photos with captions or explanations for publication in the Pick & Shovel. Field trips, lapidary projects, fossil projects, metal projects, wire wrapping, tumbling, or any other activity of interest to the club. Since we have limited meetings in person at this time, it is important to share with others what you are doing. Your project may inspire someone else.

Send via email (lgmc.editor@outlook.com) or via Facebook Messenger to Sharon Marburger (<https://www.facebook.com/mamamar7880>).

Dues are past due!! Dues are past due!! Dues are past due!! Dues are past due!! Dues are past due!! Dues are past due!!

- **Dues are now delinquent and subject to a \$5 late fee - per person!**
- Adults (age 16 and over) - \$20 per year or \$30 per couple (within the same household)
- Juniors - \$3 per year (with a responsible adult)
- Mail your dues to Treasurer Lyman, P.O. Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jayne Beer

Greetings! Can you believe that we are about 2 months from the annual gem show at the Event Center? April 2nd and 3rd! Save the date!

What can you do to help at the show, you say? Friday, April 1st (no foolin') is setup day and we could use some help covering tables, putting display cases together, putting the fluorescent display together, and other things.

Our show this year is focusing on agates! Do you have agates that you would like to display at our show? Contact me or Ed Ridge to reserve a case. Do you have a favorite agate? I would have to say that my favorite is Lake Superior Agates, AKA LAKERS! Speaking of lakers! Take a look at this heart shaped laker that Corey polished! A heart for February!



Is anyone interested in Lapidary or Jewelry classes? We have openings in both. Lapidary is on Saturday and jewelry is on Tuesday or Wednesday. Contact me for more info.

If you are not already on our Facebook page, please add yourself to our page. I hope you have noticed that Jim and Sharon have been sharing pictures of stones that they have been cutting. I love that, and I hope to see more people sharing rock related projects worked on this winter.

Did you know that we have auctions on our Facebook page on Sundays? Anyone can post hobby-related items for sale and anyone can bid on items.

Get involved with your club! Cheers!

TIDBITS FROM WOOLY

by Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge



A board member recently asked me to look into the possibilities of a field trip to Mexico to mine agates. I contacted Gene Mueller, owner of the Gem Shop in Cedarberg, Wisconsin for suggestions. Gene has a lot of experience mining agate in Mexico. He advised me that it would be fairly expensive and not entirely safe. He did contact a land owner and gave him my name. He is currently unavailable but will call me when he gets back. Because of the situation with COVID-19, and the money and planning required, this would not occur any time soon. I know this trip would not be appealing to many. I'd like to get an idea of who may be interested in such a trip. Please let me know if you are so I can get an idea whether this is feasible.

Many of you are aware that Hank, my four legged Rock Hound, and I discovered a very large petrified stump in the Northern Sandhills. The latest news from the UNL Museum is that Game and Parks has approved its removal. They have requested we wait to extract it until after the Spring Turkey season.



I intend to write a fairly regular article focusing on Lapidary tips and tricks I have learned over the years. I cut my first cabochon when I was ten years old. My father and I found an 11 pound piece of yellow onyx along the Mississippi River. Shortly thereafter, my father traded a postcard collection for lapidary equipment. I played around with the trim saw and horizontal lap managing to cut, grind and polish a rudimentary cabochon. It looked more like a miniature treasure chest in shape, but I was quite proud of it. We moved, my father got rid of the equipment, and eventually I lost my cab. I didn't do any more lapidary until over twenty years later, when I met Jim Null.

To be continued...



Bruno Jasper cabochons by Sharon Marburger

JUNIORS

by Brett Jurgens, Junior Co-leader

Hello Juniors. Due to the high number of COVID cases in our community, we will not be meeting in February. I hope everyone is able to stay safe, and to think about rocks!

When we do meet again, we will have several specimens for you, so bring your specimen kit. I know of a few kits that are starting to fill up; when the time comes, we have another kit to help keep your collection organized.

The big thing to think about is the upcoming rock show on April 2nd and 3rd, with setup on April 1st. The show is the biggest activity the club does. It is a great way to promote our hobby and interests to the community. The show is also the club's biggest fundraiser, helping to raise funds for club activities throughout the year. If you have not been to a show, you are in for a treat. The show has 14 dealers, numerous demonstrators, all sorts of displays including a fluorescent display, silent auction, and the youth booth! We also need help getting word out about the show. Tell your friends! We have show flyer postcards to be handed out. If you know of a business where you could set some out, that would be great!

It takes a lot of work to put on the show, and we can always use help! Juniors and parents, I will be reaching out sometime soon to ask for volunteers to help man the junior booth. Activities with the junior booth include the gem dig, rock spin, and rock race. We can use help Saturday and Sunday during the show, but also during setup on Friday. The show is one of my favorite events with all the activities and people with the same interests gathered.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon



Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's 62nd Annual Show!

April 2 & 3, 2022
Lancaster Event Center
Lincoln Room
84th & Havelock
Lincoln, Nebraska
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Youth Booth
Dealers
Exhibits
Demonstrators
Nebraska Gem Dig
Fluorescent Display



Get \$1 off paid admission with a can donation to the Food Bank!

Regular Admission:
\$6 per adult.
\$11 2-day pass.
Children 11 and under
free with paid adult.

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's 62nd Annual Show



Agates Around the World

SHOW PREPARATION

- ◆ Plan your display
- ◆ Call Ed Ridge to reserve case(s)
402.805.8248
- ◆ Get Show Postcards from Jayne Beer or Jim Marburger. Distribute Postcards!!!
- ◆ Tell everyone you meet about the Show
- ◆ Share show flyer on your Facebook page
- ◆ Gather your Nebraska rocks for the Rock Pile dig. Deliver them to the Event Center early Friday morning (April 1) or contact Wooly for coordinating
- ◆ Meet at the Event Center the morning of Friday, April 1 to help with setup. Setup includes
 - ◇ covering tables
 - ◇ preparing fluorescent display
 - ◇ assembling display cases
 - ◇ helping with Juniors Booth
 - ◇ Any other task that needs doing

JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

by Jeff Kubitz, Secretary

January 6, 2022 via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Jayne Beer..

Roll Call

President	Charles Wooldridge	Present
1 st Vice Pres	Jayne Beer	Present
2 nd Vice Pres	Brett Jurgens	Present
Treasurer	Vera Lyman	Present
Secretary	James Marburger	Present
Board:	Corey Beer	Present
	Sharon Marburger	Present
	Jeff Kubitz	Present
	Ed Ridge	Present
Visitors:	none	

Announcements

Possible trip to Mexico.

No general meeting in January because Lincoln Parks facilities are closed due to Covid.

Vera mentioned the new Liability Policy through Hartford Insurance and that the contract for the Lancaster Event Center are ready.

Midwest Federation dues and Nebraska sales tax are due.

Brett asked for show layout map; the Event Center will remove the large partition they added in the area where we have our show.

Old Business:

Online Auction was slow during the holidays.

The show postcards Jim ordered are in.

New Business:

Sharon will submit the N330 Federal Tax form.

Discussion about how to remove, and what to do with, the lapidary equipment stored at the Auld Center.

Brett will talk to Rowdy about removing the equipment.

Possibly move equipment to Beer Farm and sell to club members or sell at our shows to public. More discussion at the February meeting and announcement in the Pick and Shovel.

Brett, Jim, and Eddie will look into yard signs for the show.

Brett mentioned some Omaha club members may want to set up a display at our show.

We are down one dealer this year from 14 to 13 and that may work.

There was mention of a feature by Gene Mueller at the show.

The Omaha Club may want to borrow our fluorescent

lights, as long as one of our club members is responsible for getting them back and Omaha signs out for them.

Motion to adjourn by Vera, second by Charles. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Cancelled. Lincoln Parks and Recreation closed down all park shelter houses due to COVID.

A FIELD TRIP?
By Sharon Marburger

The last day of January was warm and beautiful. Jayne and Corey Beer, Aaron Grow, and Jim and I decided it would be a great day to go to Humboldt, Nebraska to retrieve Jim’s “early years” rock collection. Holy cow! We loaded up the back of the 15 passenger van (4’ by 8’) and the back of Jayne’s minivan, and we are still only halfway done! What a dirty job it was. Most of the rocks were covered with 40+ years of dust and dirt. There were basement stairs and loft stairs to traverse. Thank goodness for young backs and legs!

We will make another run at it when good weather is here. After that, we hope to have a Rock Party Field Trip to share the bounty. Stay tuned for future information!



As partial payment for the hours of hard work, the “boys” were rewarded with sorting through and selecting some of Jim’s OLD lakers. Although the work was hard, they seemed to enjoy themselves.

Omaha Rock Swap

Saturday, February 19, 2022

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grace Baptist Church Hall

205 E. Halleck St.

Papillion, Nebraska

If you would like to reserve a table,
contact Jim Schmidt at 402.980.6092

NEVER GIVE UP

by Jayne Beer

The ring shown here is proof that you should never give up and throw away pieces of a project.

The top piece was broken and in Roger Pabian's scrap silver. The backing behind the stone was super thin and broken out, so I added a sheet of silver on the back to make it good as new. Then I discovered a nice heavy strip of silver, also in Roger's scraps, so I split the ends and shaped it into a band for the ring.

Corey had this Ocean Jasper cabochon that he had polished. The other side was actually the top, but it had some issues with the surface, so he flipped it over and resized it to fit this bezel.

A very nice piece of jewelry from recycled parts!



J J & L Rocks & Minerals

After 45 years in business, Lee, Eric, and Jim are retiring.

Final Auction

Everything Must Go!

**Polished Specimens,
Slabs, Cabochons,
Findings, Faceted
Stones and more**

Spring of 2022

330 Locust, Hickman, NE

<http://www.fordford.net>

**(Watch for more information
as it becomes available)**

Silversmithing Classes

The Jewelry Connection Ltd.

Indian Village Shopping Ctr.

13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln

Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings

7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$150 plus \$30 supply deposit

Tuesdays

Session 1: Jan 11—Mar 1
Session 2: Mar 8—Apr 26
Session 3: May 3—Jun 21
Session 4: Jun 28—Aug 16
Session 5: Aug 23—Oct 11
Session 6: Oct 18—Dec 6

Wednesdays

Session 1: Jan 12—Mar 2
Session 2: Mar 9—Apr 27
Session 3: May 4—Jun 22
Session 4: Jun 29—Aug 17
Session 5: Aug 24—Oct 12
Session 6: Oct 19—Dec 7

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2022 LONG RANGE PLANNING & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Charles Wooldridge, Chairman

1 year: Charles Wooldridge
Sharon Marburger

2 years: Vera Lyman
Jim Marburger

3 years: Jayne Beer
Brett Jurgens

2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Charles Wooldridge, Chairman

1 year: Brett Jurgens
Sharon Marburger

2 years: Jim Atkins
Corey Beer

3 years: Jeff Kubitz
Vera Lyman

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.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Audio/Visual:**

Jayne Beer

Audit:

Ed Dvorak, Jayne Beer

James Marburger

Christmas Party:

Edward Ridge

Door Prizes:

Corey Beer, Brett Jurgens, Charles Wooldridge

Facebook:

James Marburger, Jayne Beer, Brett Jurgens

Field Trips:

James Marburger

Historian:

Sharon Marburger

Legislative Liaison:

Susy McMahan

Membership Record:

Edward Ridge

MWF Liaison:

Vera Lyman

Programs:

Charles Wooldridge, Brett Jurgens

Property:

James Marburger

Recognition/Awards:

Ed Dvorak, Jayne Beer, Charles Wooldridge

Refreshments:

Vera Lyman

Show—2022:

Jayne Beer

Summer Swap—2022:

Jayne Beer & Corey Beer

Website:

Jim & Sharon Marburger

Youth Activities:

Brett Jurgens, Corey Beer, Sampson Bayer

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

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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.

Mail Exchange Newsletters to:
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P.O. Box 5342
Lincoln, NE 68505-0342



Or e-mail newsletters to:
lgmc.editor@outlook.com

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2022 SUMMER SWAP COMMITTEE

Chairmen: Corey Beer, Jayne Beer
Vendors:
Finance & Ticket Sales: Vera Lyman
Floor Chairman: Corey Beer, Jayne Beer
Insurance Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger
LGMC Club Booth:.....
Publicity & Promotion: Jim Marburger
Silent Auction:..... Sharon Marburger
Web Master: Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities: Brett Jurgens, Corey Beer

2022 SHOW COMMITTEE

Chairman: Jayne Beer
Dealers:..... Vera Lyman
Demonstrators: Vera Lyman
Displays:..... Ed Ridge
Event Center Liaison Vera Lyman
Finance/Ticket Sales: Vera Lyman,
Jim Atkins
Floor Chairman: Corey Beer, Jayne Beer
Fluorescent Booth: Brett Jurgens
Forms..... Sharon Marburger
LGMC Club Booth:..... Charles Wooldridge
Nebraska Gem Dig:..... Charles Wooldridge
Plants: Ed Ridge
Printed Program: Sharon Marburger
Publicity & Promotion: Jim Marburger
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Security: Vera Lyman
Show Flyer Sharon Marburger
Silent Auction:..... Sharon Marburger
Special Features:
Web Master: Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities: Brett Jurgens, Corey Beer,
Sampson Bayer

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DEADLINE:

Last Sunday of the month.