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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.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Third Thursday of the Month, except for January (4th Saturday), December (1st Sunday), and summer break (June, July, August).

New Meeting Times: Juniors meet at 6:15 p.m.
Adults meet at 7:00 p.m.

April 20, 2023 Program: Award winning Paleontologist Joseph "PaleoJoe" Kchodl. PaleoJoe presents Trilobite Treasures: Arthropods of the Ancient Seas. He presents these fine Paleozoic creatures in a way that tells a story of the prehistoric life in the ancient seas. He provides a unique snapshot of life in the ancient seas from 250 to 500 million years ago. Finally, he explores the life and death of these creatures once so plentiful during the Cambrian period that it was called the Age of Trilobites.

BOARD MEETINGS

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

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Vera Lyman's Residence

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

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3 years: Sharon Marburger & Clyde Ogg

2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jayne Beer, Chairman

1 year: Jim Atkins & Corey Beer

2 years: Jeff Kubitz & Vera Lyman

3 years: Jayne Beer & Brett Jurgens

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLUB FUN

ATTENTION!!!!

We have a club member with a severe peanut allergy. Please bring peanut-free foods to Club functions. Please provide any nut information on your foods.

Follow us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/223555904325876>

FIELD TRIP

A field trip to the specimen barn at the Messenger's old residence is scheduled for April 16. We may take any and all specimens within the structure. The plan is to meet at the Shell station at I-80 and Rt. 15 at 1:00 p.m. We will then travel as a group to the farm. The property has new owners and tenants; please be aware and respect parking instructions. As always, follow the AFMS Code of Ethics.

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB
 HOSTS ITS THIRD ANNUAL

Summer Rock Swap

June 24 & 25, 2023
 Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.




Beer Family Farm
 18701 Ashland Road, Ashland, Nebraska

See full flyer on page 10.

You may copy the full flyer to distribute, or see Jayne Beer or Sharon Marburger for quarter page flyers.

April Rock Party and Field Trip Rolled Into One! **Sunday, April 23**

Meet at Robbers Cave at 5:00 p.m. for a tour.
\$18 per adult, \$9 per child.
Hidden Gems at 6:00 p.m. for rock party.

LGMC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

No meeting minutes for March since Jeff and Sharon were sick and did not attend the meeting. ☹️

May Rock Party

Sunday, May 21

Picnic Lunch @ 1:00 p.m.

Jackie's & Wooly's

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DEADLINE:
 Last Sunday of the month.

APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



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. 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>).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Brett Jurgens

Well, we made it through another show. And we could not have done it without club members' help. Not counting the months of planning and prep work, it takes a great deal to physically set up and tear down the show. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered for setup and tear down. Special shout out to Kelly Beer and Justin Wait for bringing the muscle! We may still be loading if the Stilese had not brought family who jumped in and helped with tear down. Special thanks to Barb and Clyde Ogg for playing an excellent game of Tetris with getting everything to fit in the trailer. A big thank you to the Omaha Club members who stepped up and helped staff areas at the show. Tim and Marites Aulner, Amy and Leland Peterson, and Michael Holley all helped at the Juniors Booth. Janet Jackson helped at both the club booth and silent auction. And I saw both Richard Farlow and Jim Schmidt selling raffle tickets by the front door. We need to return the favor as a club by helping out with Omaha's show this fall. There will be sign up sheets as the time approaches.



We had great attendance and lots of compliments on the quality and diversity of items our dealers were offering. There were also many compliments on both the quality and number of displays. Counting our club displays, we ended up with 50 display cases this year. We had so many that Jayne's sister, Judy, had to drive me to pick up two more cases, just so we had enough. Our club is keeping up the tradition of being known for our display area. While on the topic of displays, congrats to Arvid Olson for winning 1st place in "People's Choice". (See photo on page 8.) This was Arvid's first year setting up a display; hopefully he will continue to do so in the future. I would love to continue to have the issue of finding enough cases to house everyone's displays.

Don't forget our upcoming meeting on April 20th. Our program for the meeting will be a Zoom presentation by Paleo Joe. It should be very interesting. Please bring your river fossil finds for show and tell.

Sunday, April 23rd is our rock party with the tour of Robbers Cave. The tour begins at 5:00 p.m.; please be at Robbers Cave by 4:50 p.m. The tour will take approximately 45 minutes. We will head to Hidden Gems afterwards for the rock party. If you have food you would like drop off at Hidden Gems beforehand, please have it there by 4:30 p.m. If you are skipping the tour and just joining for the party and potluck, we should be back to Hidden Gems by 6:00 p.m. Reminder that the tour is \$18 for adults and \$9 for kids; please bring cash. The tour is limited to 30 people; please let me know (402-850-3256) if you plan on attending the tour. Reserving a spot is not necessary, but will guarantee a spot.

TIDBITS FROM WOOLY

by Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge

By now, you will have attended the LGMC annual show. What a wonderful time! A big shout out to Jayne Beer and her crew!

I have a few thoughts about flat lapping. When tumbling rocks, you can start with coarse and just let it run for several weeks. Not so with flat lapping. In the tumbler, the grit gets finer and finer over time. On the lap, coarse grit will keep sneaking out from the edge or off the rocks and mar the surface. It's important to go through the various grits, washing everything completely between steps. I usually include the following steps: first, 80 grit silicon carbide; then 220 grit; 600 grit; and finally polish. I find it best to use straight grits, not the cheaper 60/90, 120/220. I think 600 and finer is ok for the third step and occasionally I will use 500 aluminum oxide. Everyone has their favorite polish. I like TXP in the rotary tumbler, but prefer tin oxide when flat lapping. I know a lot of folks use micro aluminum or cerium oxide. Tin oxide is more expensive, but it seems to work best for me.

When polishing slabs on a flat lap, it is necessary to add weight on the top. I use the smaller weights from an old iron weight lifting set. Adhering the weight to the rocks has been a trial and error process. What I have found that works for me is "Alien Tape". It is one of those "as seen on TV" products. It is a thick, super sticky double sided tape. I'm sure there are other similar products available. The tape has the stickiness and flexibility to survive the vibration.

One problem I continue to struggle with is cleaning the polish off the piece when done. I have tried everything I can think of including ammonia, acid, acetone, mineral spirits etc. Dish soap, a stiff brush and a hose is the best I found but it requires a ton of elbow grease. I'd love to hear what works for you.

Happy Spring! Let's go rockhounding!!!

**JIM'S ADDENDUM TO WOOLY'S TIDBITS**

by Jim Marburger

This is what I use to clean rocks when using a vibrating lap. I use it between grit steps and especially between grit and polish. After polishing, it will blast the polish compound off of the rock. It also does a good job cleaning cabochons that get polish caught in pits or drusy quartz. The unit works great with just water in its tank. I use it without attachments so just a blast stream is used. Wear safety glasses and use a leather glove on the hand holding the specimen to protect against the steam.

Pressurized Handheld Multi-Surface Natural Steam Cleaner with 12 pcs Accessories, Multi-Purpose Steamer for Home Use, Steamer for Cleaning Floor, Upholstery, Grout and Car



LGMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

by Sharon Marburger, Acting Secretary

Friday, March 3, 2023 at the Lyman Residence

The meeting was moved to Friday to accommodate the Science Fair on Thursday.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Brett Jurgens.

Roll Call

President:	Brett Jurgens	Present
1st Vice Pres.:	Corey Beer	Present
2nd Vice Pres.:	Jayne Beer	Present
Treasurer:	Vera Lyman	Present
Secretary:	Jeff Kubitz	Absent
Board:	Charles Wooldridge	Via phone, in part
	Sharon Marburger	Present
	James Marburger	Excused
	Ed Ridge	Present

The minutes of the February meeting were distributed. Vera moved to accept the minutes, second by Corey. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was handed out. Sharon moved to accept the report, second by Eddie. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Beers have removed the lapidary water drainage system from Auld Pavilion and relocated it to Hidden Gems. Steve May assisted in setting the system up. He will further assist in setting up the plumbing for water to the equipment. As a side note, Mike Stiles will assist with moving the meeting room wall at Hidden Gems.

The by-laws changes and the suggestion of purchasing club baseball caps continue to be tabled.

The field trip to the Messengers' previous residence is scheduled for April 16. We will meet at the Shell station at I-80 and Rt. 15 at 1:00 p.m., then travel as a group to the property.

New Business:

Clyde Ogg, Program Chair, participated via telephone. He is preparing a series of programs, one for each meeting except December and January. He has been working with Brett and Wooly. There will be live speakers and video programs. He plans to engage membership in the process, asking for short talks on how involvement in the hobby came about, favorite specimens in a show and tell, and field trips. Clyde and Brett will start it off with each speaking at the March meeting.

Clyde has lined up speaker Paleo Joe to present via Zoom at the April meeting. Paleo Joe requests \$125 to present. Sharon moved to pay Paleo Joe, second by Vera. Motion carried.

Clyde stated the Bartel Museum at Concordia College has a nice video online. He thought we could use that as a

program prior to having a field trip to the museum. No date has yet been set.

Discussion ensued regarding offering stipends to speakers. They may decline to accept, but the offer should be made.

Clyde plans to test the AV equipment with his laptop at the next general meeting. He also offered to be responsible for equipment, seeing that it gets to each meeting, as needed.

The Science Fair was on Thursday, March 2. Brett, Eddie, Jayne, Corey, and Ja-zeil represented the club. They demonstrated stone cutting, grinding, touch table, gem dig, and a small fluorescent display. They reported that the Science Fair was smaller than usual, after not having one for the past two years, due to COVID. However, those in attendance appeared to have a good time. The event organizers had the wrong contact information for the club, which is why we weren't notified this year. Sharon suggested that Brett provide them with the web master's email address so that the club will always be notified.

Brett offered to pay for each junior's membership this year. Vera stated the memberships should be paid with funds from the junior's account, and moved we do so. Corey seconded the motion and it carried. This is a one-time deal.

Vera contacted Rixstine's regarding prices on name tags. There will be a one-time \$30 setup fee, and the first nametag would cost \$13.95. Each nametag, or multiples of nametags thereafter, reduces the individual cost. Several members have requested nametags; make sure Vera knows if you want one. She would like to get them ordered, with as many as possible in one order.

Jayne has offered to host the March Rock Party at Hidden Gems on March 19 at 5:00 p.m. The potluck theme is "Food Your Grandma Used to Make".

Jayne has also offered to host the April Rock Party at Hidden Gems on April 23 at 6:00 p.m. Prior to the Rock Party, those wishing to attend a tour of Robbers Cave will meet at the Cave for a 5:00 p.m. tour. The cost is \$18 per adult, \$9 per child. (925 Robbers Cave Rd. Lincoln, NE, 68502. From downtown, take 9th Street south (it turns into 10th Street) just past Van Dorn Park and turn right/west onto Robbers Cave Rd.) Food may be delivered to Hidden Gems before attending tour.

Show Report:

The Show plans are in order. The majority of post cards have been distributed and other advertising is in place. Eddie has assigned most of the display cases. Vera will be sending the application for security to the Lincoln Police Department in the next few days. Insurance has been handled. It appears all that is left to do is set up the show, have the show, then tear down. Kelly Beer and Justin have been retained to help with show breakdown.

Eddie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m., second by Jayne. Motion carried.

SHOW REVIEWS

by Clyde Ogg

This year’s show was awesome! My time was split between volunteering, buying, looking, learning, and just plain enjoying myself. I was able to add some great fossils and fluorescent minerals to my collection, and met and talked to nearly all the dealers. Every single person I talked to was excited to be there; the dealers were happy with the show, and most of them were experiencing better than expected sales. The demonstration booths looked to be busy, fun, and educational for everyone both days of the show. The participants were genuinely excited about the show and were full of questions and enthusiasm. This electric environment made everything more fun and was easy to be part of.

I spent several hours each day relieving Cathy Talmadge at the fluorescent demonstration and display. This experience was rewarding for me because of the learning, education, and fun that we all enjoyed. And, the close proximity to the Stiles’ fluorescent demonstration booth to the fluorescent display worked beautifully; in part because we were both able to send participants to one another in order to answer all questions and enhance learning.

As we all know, events like this are only possible with the help of our volunteers. I wish to add my thanks to all the devoted and hard working volunteers. It was evident to me that, because of the volunteers, the show ran much smoother than what I saw last year. The setup was much faster and easier, and the clean-up and packing of the trailer was better by far.

Looking forward to next year!



Clyde visiting one of the dealers (green shirt, back left)
photo by Jayne Beer

by Jim Marburger

Recovering from COVID, our plans changed for the show, but Sharon and I knew the slack would be taken up by other club members. Most of my responsibilities were things done prior to the show. Advertising contacts were set up and scheduled three to nine months before the show. This involved notices sent out to the Midwest Federation, post cards for the show (5,000), Visitors’ Bureau, Rock and Gem magazine, Buy Nebraska magazine, Channel 8 TV, internet

calendars, Thrifty Nickle, and Facebook ads, just to mention a few. We are also responsible to move the club trailer from its storage location to the show site, then return after the show. There was upkeep and repair of the black lights and other items for the show. Materials for the Silent Auction were rounded up and transported to the show site. Our show display case items had to be gathered and then presented for display at the show. Jeff Kubitz stepped up and ran the Silent Auction in our place since we were going to be absent from the show. (Thank you, Jeff!)

Sharon got a call Saturday afternoon saying that information sheets, membership applications, and junior information sheets were all used and handed out. Sharon printed the replacement items and we went to the show on Sunday. Although we were no longer contagious, having served our 14 day isolation, we wore masks for everyone’s safety. We sold raffle tickets for the pyrite grand prizes. At 4:00 Sunday afternoon, the two winners were drawn. Stephanie from Wilber won the 3 pound pyrite, and Charlotte from Malcolm won the 1.5 inch square pyrite crystal with a baby crystal on top. Congratulations to them!

Upon arriving before the show opened, everyone we encountered said that we missed a crazy day on Saturday. Wall to wall people ALL day!

Sunday gave a good steady stream of people coming in. The aisles were full of people with packages, or bags full of precious items purchased from the dealers. Walking around the show, it was very evident that the dealers presented spectacular items for sale. My budget was blown.

This year the attendees were different from past shows. The makeup of the crowd was younger families with kids along with the seasoned collectors. There was much interest in all aspects of the hobby. Excitement about the show oozed out of everyone.

This show ranks in the top four shows we have ever sponsored. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare for and worked at the show. Many new friendships were formed.

On to the next club project, the Summer Swap.

by Donitte Stiles

Last year Mike and I were a one display case “winner” and attendees. This year, putting together three display cases and being fluorescent demonstrators was quite stressful, but so rewarding at the actual event.

Attendees that had never seen UV reactive “rocks” were amazed and almost overwhelmed with their inquisitiveness. Seeing the children’s wide eyes and hearing all the “oohhs, aahhs, and wows” were so satisfying. (Children's ages from 1 to 90 years old!)

Our new involvement in the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club is a true enjoyment in our “almost” retirement lives. We are looking forward to learning more in the hopes of being able to share knowledge in the future as well.

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SHOW REVIEWS - CONTINUED

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We have great appreciation for all the hard work involved in putting this great event together, and we are looking forward to next year's show and the many other events throughout the year.



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Mike & Donitte
photos by Stiles Family

by Jayne Beer

Thank you all for attending the 2023 63rd annual show! It was such a successful show. We had great attendance and I think the dealers went above and beyond to bring their very best merchandise for us to see.

I thought the show looked better than ever this year. Brett worked so hard to get all the displays lined up and Eddie made sure they all had a case to fill. We had fantastic help setting up, working the show, and taking down. It all went seamlessly. We worked so well as a team.

I noticed that by the time people got back to the demonstrator area that they were not worn out as you might think they'd be, but excited by everything they had seen. I got to see lots of show and tell; some amazing things were purchased.

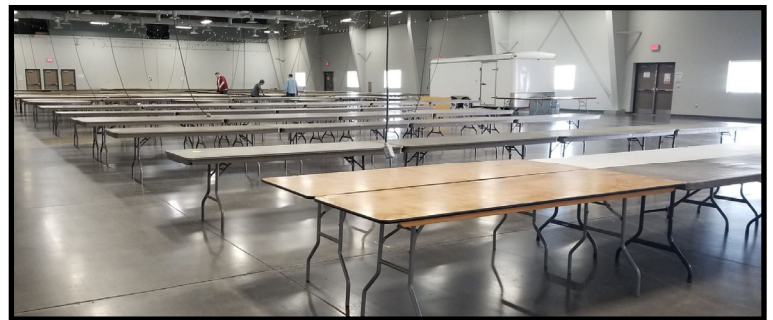
People are excited about the upcoming swap at the Beer farm and cannot wait for that event.

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3 photos by
Jayne Beer

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Photo by Stiles Family

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED!



Fluorescent display
photo by Clyde Ogg

SHOW REVIEWS - CONTINUED

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by Sharon Marburger

As Jim mentioned in his review, we did not attend the show on Saturday as we were still trying to get our strength back following a bout of COVID. I heard that Saturday was fabulous! Attendance topped out at nearly 1,730 on Saturday and a little over 1,100 on Sunday. It truly comes down to advertising. Several people mentioned hearing about the show on Facebook; Jim really pushed the Facebook ads.

As always, on both days, our intrepid team of Vera Lyman and Jim Atkins sold admission tickets. That job requires keeping your wits about you. Gene Mulinex sold Dealer Gift Certificate raffle tickets like they were hotcakes going out of style. Several different volunteers sold Pyrite Specimen raffle tickets on Saturday, and Jim and I took over on Sunday. The specimen was donated so all money from the ticket sales went to the club. Eric Fritsch (Omaha club) provided specimen identification, and Jeff Kubitz manned the Silent Auction with several different helpers. Cathy Talmadge (Omaha club) ran the fluorescent display in the trailer. As Brett mentions in the Juniors article, he had lots of volunteer help in the Juniors booth.

The fourteen dealers had a magnificent selection of items for sale. I confess; both Jim and I spent our budget on new specimens. Now to get to the basement to work on them.

Our demonstrators provided a nice array of fun things to do in the hobby. There was lapidary, polishing, carving, flint knapping, wire wrapping, how to flat lap, mineral identification, learning about fluorescent rocks, and silversmithing.

Gene Mulinex announces hourly winner in Dealer Raffle, and draws attention to various activities at the Show. Jim and Sharon sell Pyrite Raffle tickets
photo by Clyde Ogg

For those not familiar with the Dealer Gift Certificates, they are a \$20 credit to each one of the two dealers selected that hour. The certificates are the same as cash to the dealer. There are 28 certificates raffled off during the show. At the end of the show, each dealer is reimbursed for its gift certificates, using the proceeds of the raffle.

The Pyrite Raffle was a raffle specific to this show, “All That Glitters is Not Gold”. The 3 pound specimen was donated; and a second, 1½ inch square pyrite crystal with a baby crystal sitting on top, was donated during the show. Both specimens were very nice. The winner of the larger specimen was Stephanie from Wilber. Her 14-yr-old son was very excited to win. The second place winner was Charlotte from Malcolm. As a side note, we met her cousin from California at the Pittards’ auction last year. Charlotte

was thrilled to be able to send the pyrite specimen to her cousin.

The displays were exceptional this year. As mentioned in Brett’s President’s Message, there were 50 displays this year. Wow!! Compared to other shows that have none, or just a couple displays, well, we blew them out of the water! Displays are really what the show is about. It’s a show, not a market. As we did last year, we asked the visitors to vote for their favorite display case, including one as Most Educational. It was surprising to me that the Most Educational display chosen, by a factor of 5, was the Club’s

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JUNIORS

by Brett Jurgens, Junior Leader



Hello Juniors. A big thank you to everyone who helped at our junior booth during the show. I am hoping you had fun. I sure did. It was a great show and the funds raised help with our activities throughout the year.

The show and our junior booth also help promote our club and the junior program. We had a lot of people express interest at the show; hopefully we will get some new members.

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 20th. Please remember our new start time of 6:15 p.m. Make sure to bring your specimen boxes as I have some specimens for you to pick out as a thank you for helping at the show. Our lesson will be on local geology and paleontology. This will tie in with the upcoming tour of Robbers Cave on the 23rd (see President’s Message for details) and the program with Paleo Joe during the general meeting. Please plan to stick around for that program as it is going to be fantastic.

Again, thanks for helping at the show!



Slow period at the Juniors Booth

photo by Jayne Beer

SHOW REVIEWS - CONTINUED

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“Gems On Location”. How exciting for the club to win by a landslide!

The top three displays chosen as “Best of Show” were: 1st - Lapis by Arvid Olson; 2nd - Specimens Collected During LGMC Field Trips by Jim Marburger; and 3rd - Mixed Specimens by Mike & Donitte Stiles.

The club put together a show themed display of pyrite. Several members offered up personal pieces to display. The specimens showed some of the many ways that pyrite can manifest itself.



1st Place - Lapis (Arvid Olson)

photo by Sharon Marburger



2nd Place - Specimens Collected During LGMC Field Trips (Jim Marburger)

photo by Sharon Marburger



Back in 1964, a club member discovered a large marine reptile near Valparaiso, Nebraska. It was later determined to be a plesiosaur. Many club members helped to excavate “Pleezy” and once excavated, the fossilized bones were given to the State Museum. A plaster cast was given to the club, and after all these years, Wooly asked Lynn Borysenko of Ainsworth, Nebraska to prepare the cast to better show the fossilized structure.



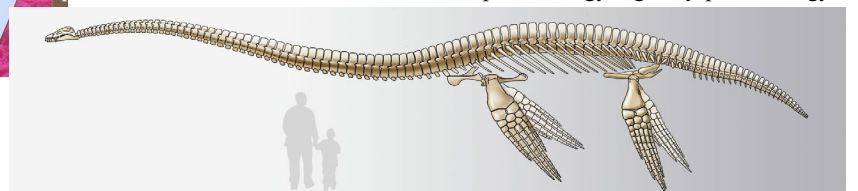
3rd Place - Mixed Specimens (Mike & Donitte Stiles)

photo by Stiles Family



photo by Sharon Marburger

<https://museum.unl.edu/collections/vertebrate-paleontology/highway-paleontology/>



SHOW REVIEWS - CONTINUED



A very nice, show themed display by Mike & Donitte Stiles
photo by Stiles Family



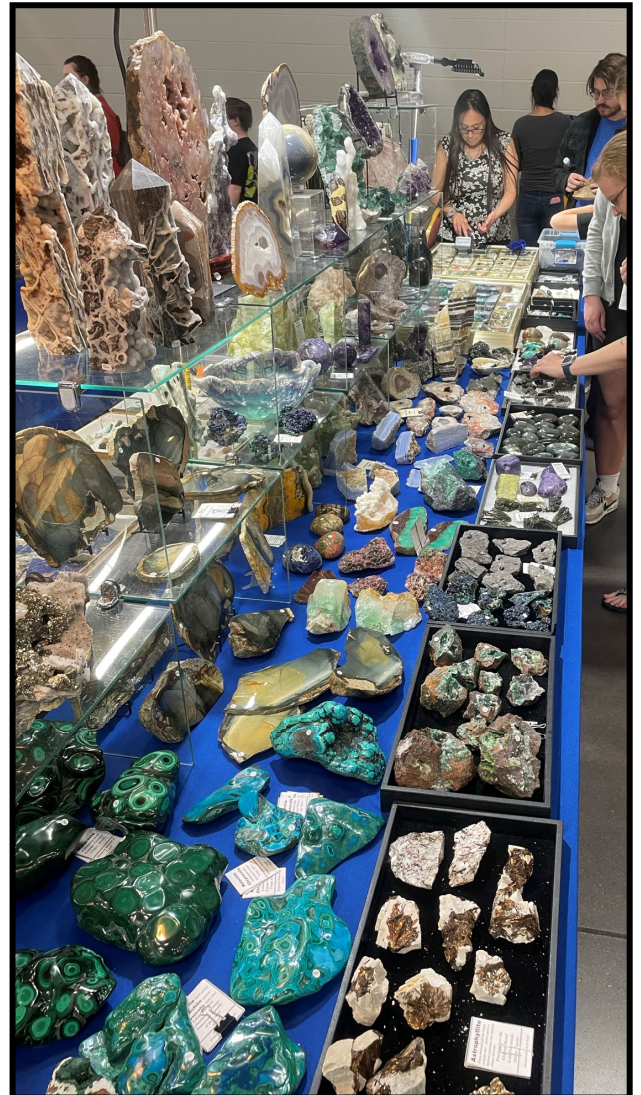
One of the editor's favorite cases, by Corey Beer
Photo by Jayne Beer



Club member and one of the show dealers, Brad Nielsen, shows off a tusk
photo by Jim Atkins



photo by Jayne Beer



A sample of some of the beautiful items
offered by the dealers

photo by Clyde Ogg

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB
HOSTS ITS THIRD ANNUAL

Summer Rock Swap

June 24 & 25, 2023

Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Beer Family Farm

18701 Ashland Road, Ashland, Nebraska

Admission: Adult \$3.00; Kids 15 and under FREE

Help the Lincoln Food Bank replenish its shelves.

Bring canned items for the Food Bank.

Swap is open to the public, for both selling and buying.
Everyone is welcome!

**Family
Friendly**

Jewelry

Fossils

**Silent
Auction**

**Buy
Sell
Trade**

**Lapidary
Supplies
&
Equipment**

**Rocks
&
Minerals**

If you are interested in being a vendor, go to
<https://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/happenings/other-events>
for more information and to fill out the Advanced Reservation form
or let Corey or Sharon know at the contact info shown below.

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2024 MID-WINTER SWAP COMMITTEE

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 Web Master: Sharon Marburger
 Youth Activities: Brett Jurgens

2024 SHOW COMMITTEE

Theme:
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2023 SUMMER SWAP COMMITTEE

Chairmen: Corey Beer, Jayne Beer
 Vendors: Corey Beer, Sharon Marburger
 Finance & Ticket Sales: Vera Lyman
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 Publicity & Promotion: Jayne Beer, Jim Marburger
 Web Master: Sharon Marburger
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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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 James Marburger
Recognition/Awards:
 Jayne Beer, Charles Wooldridge
Refreshments:
 Vera Lyman
Show—2023:
 Jayne Beer
Swap (Mid-Winter) 2024:
 Jayne Beer & Sharon Marburger
Swap (Summer) 2023:
 Jayne Beer & Corey Beer
Website:
 Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities:
 Brett Jurgens

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 or club event 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:
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 5342
Lincoln, NE 68505-0342



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

A color version of the Pick & Shovel is available at:
<http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/index.php/newsletters/current>

PICK & SHOVEL

Lapidary Classes

(Stone Cutting)

Regular student

Pay \$75 for 5 3-hour classes

You get first choice at the session you choose.

If you cannot be there, let me know by noon on Friday and you won't be charged for the class (this is how drop in openings happen). If you don't call and don't show up, you will be charged as if you were there.

Drop in student

Pay \$15 for 3 hours

This is only when openings are available.

I will post on Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club Facebook page when there are openings.

Hidden Gems

by The Jewelry Connection

3227 S 13th
Lincoln Ne

Class Times

Saturday 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday 2 pm - 5 pm

Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm

Jayne Beer - Jeweler
402-890-3307

Corey Beer - Lapidary
402-890-9155

Silversmithing Classes

The Jewelry Connection Ltd.

Indian Village Shopping Ctr.

3227 S. 13th St., Lincoln (next to LaundrOmat)

Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings

7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$150 plus \$30 supply deposit

Tuesdays

Session 1: Jan 10—Feb 28

Session 2: Mar 7—Apr 25

Session 3: May 2—Jun 20

Session 4: Jun 27—Aug 15

Session 5: Aug 22—Oct 10

Session 6: Oct 17—Dec 5

Wednesdays

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

Contact: Jayne Beer 402-890-3307 or look up “Hidden Gems by the Jewelry Connection LTD” in Facebook and send message