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Mineralogical and
Geological Societies



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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.

Current club by-laws can be found at [www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/About/General Information](http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/About/General%20Information).

GENERAL MEETINGS

Third Thursday of the Month, except for January (3rd Sunday), December (1st Sunday), and summer break (June, July, August).

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

Next meeting: September 19, 2024

Program: To be determined

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, September 5, 2024 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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1 year: Jayne Beer & Brett Jurgens
2 years: Sharon Marburger & Clyde Ogg
3 years: Vera Lyman & Jim Marburger

2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jayne Beer, Chairman

1 year: Jeff Kubitz & Vera Lyman
2 years: Jayne Beer & Brett Jurgens
3 years: Charles Wooldridge & Donitte Stiles

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLUB FUN

Attention New Members!

(and old members if you haven't yet provided the information)

Please let Editor Sharon know your birth month so your special day can be acknowledged in the newsletter.

You may send it in an email (lgmc.editor@outlook.com), text (402.429.3323), or let me know at any meeting.

JUNE 22 & 23 SUMMER GEM FEST SEE FLYER PAGE 4

JULY 14 ACTIVITY NIGHT HIDDEN GEMS

5:00 TOUR OF ROBBERS CAVE

JULY 20 & 21 CAMP CREEK THRESHERS MORE INFO IN JULY P&S

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CRAWFORD ROCK SWAP SEE INFO ON PAGE 9

JUNE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Jayne Beer
Annette Ford
Ellie Lynn
Ed Ridge



Alexandrite Pearl Moonstone

(photo from gia.edu)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Brett Jurgens

Hello.

Summer has arrived. And with it lots of rain! One plus side of that is the local creeks and rivers will scour and there will be new material to be found.

Our next big event is right around the corner. The Summer Gem Fest is on June 22nd and 23rd. We need you to help spread the word! Tell your friends. Tell your neighbors. Tell the grocery clerk (you are doing good if you actually find one vs self checkout). We have a perfect location thanks to the Beer family. There are currently over 20 vendors signed up and we still have space for more. In the past there has been a vast assortment of material from our vendors; this year we have a nice blend of both returning and new vendors. Pim's Thai of Omaha will have a food truck on site for both days; their menu looks fantastic. On Saturday, directly following the close of Gem Fest, we will have a picnic for both club members and vendors. The club will provide hot dogs and brats. I will have a large batch of both macaroni salad and potato salad. We do ask members to bring items to contribute to our spread of food. Refrigeration and power are somewhat limited so please reach out ahead of time to Wooly or me to make arrangements. Then on Sunday morning, I will prepare a breakfast of pancakes or waffles (I'm still waffling on which one to prepare).

After Gem Fest, our next scheduled club event is on Sunday, July 14th. We are once again combining a potluck at Hidden Gems with a tour of Robber's Cave. The tour will start promptly at 5:00 p.m. Please meet at Robber's Cave, in the parking lot, five to ten minutes before. If you are wanting to drop off your food at Hidden Gems ahead of time, please do so by 4:45 p.m. as they will be closing the shop and joining the tour as well. Tour cost is \$19.99 per adult, \$8.99 for kids age 6-12 and \$3.99 for ages 1-5. We had a great time last year and many have requested to visit again. After the tour we will meet at Hidden Gems for a potluck and to make use of the lapidary equipment. I hope to see you there!

I am also looking for volunteers to help out at Camp Creek Threshers on July 20 and 21. I will provide more information in the July Pick & Shovel.

Then don't forget the Crawford Swap over Labor Day Weekend. More information is available on page 9 of this newsletter.

Gem Fest! Flyer on page 4.

JUNIORS



by Brett Jurgens, Junior Leader

Hello Juniors.

I hope you all have been enjoying the start of your summer!

June 22nd and 23rd is our Summer Gem Fest at the Beer Farm. I hope to see you all there. It is a fantastic time with many different vendors with all sorts of rocks and minerals to add to your collection.

The juniors will be selling drinks to help fund juniors activities, including the specimens handed out at our monthly meetings. I will also be giving out specimens as rewards for helping out at the Gem Fest.

Don't forget about our club grill out supper on Saturday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m. This is a great time to meet other club members, along with our different vendors. The club will provide brats and hot dogs and we ask members to bring other food items for the meal.

Sunday, July 14th is club potluck at Hidden Gems along with a tour of Robber's Cave. If you have never seen Robber's Cave, I highly recommend it. This will be my third tour and I can't wait! More information including times and tour cost are in the president's message.

I am still working on the details of a local collecting field trip but can say it will be later in the summer. More info will be posted when available.

I hope to see you at Gem Fest!

Silicate Minerals Word Search

Find the silicate minerals listed below. They can be found left to right, right to left, top to bottom, bottom to top, or diagonally.

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The Silicate Minerals Word Search is borrowed from Diamond Dan's Mini Miners Monthly, May 2024 - Volume 16, Number 5. Thanks Diamond Dan!

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB
 HOSTS ITS FOURTH ANNUAL

Summer Gem Fest

June 22 & 23, 2024

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 12 and under FREE

Help the Lincoln Food Bank replenish its shelves.

Bring canned items for the Food Bank.

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

**Family
 Friendly**

Jewelry

Fossils

**Rocks
 &
 Minerals**

**Buy
 Sell
 Trade**

**Lapidary
 Supplies
 &
 Equipment**

**Club Rock Pile
 (formerly Silent Auction)**

If you are interested in being a vendor, go to
<https://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/happenings/summer-gem-fest>
 for more information and to fill out the Advanced Reservation form (available Feb. 24).
 All Advanced Reservations must be made through the website.

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This flyer may be photocopied and distributed.
 Quarter-page flyers are also available from Jayne Beer at Hidden Gems.

MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Note: These minutes have not yet been accepted and approved by the Board. They will be presented at the September Board meeting. Any corrections or changes will be published thereafter.

Thursday, May 2, 2024
Home of Vera Lyman
by Sharon Marburger, 2024 Secretary

Roll Call

President:	Brett Jurgens	Present
1st Vice Pres.:	Corey Beer	Present
2nd Vice Pres.:	Jayne Beer	Present
Treasurer:	Vera Lyman	Present
Secretary:	Sharon Marburger	Present
Board:	Charles Wooldridge	Absent
	Mike Stiles	Present
	James Marburger	Present
	Clyde Ogg	(via telephone)

Visitors: Ed Ridge and Donitte Stiles.

President Brett Jurgens called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. Minutes from the April meeting were distributed. Jim moved to accept the minutes, second by Vera. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report was distributed. After some discussion about the different sub-accounts, Wooly moved to accept the report, second by Corey. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion about all the new members ensued. Sharon reported that 22 members/families have joined since the Who's Who was published. She is printing up new member pages to be added to the Who's Who.

Brett was asked to remind members that dues are due every January, no matter what month an individual may have joined. Dues are delinquent after January 31 of each year. Also, membership renewal does not require a new application; only new members need to fill out an application for membership.

A reminder to all members that the club by-laws are posted on the website (lincolngemmineralclub.org).

NEW BUSINESS:

A delegate is needed to attend the MWF Convention in Peoria, Illinois on August 24, 2024. No Board members volunteered so it will be taken to the general membership. Sharon reminded the Board that she and Jim could not be delegates because of holding chairman positions in the Federation. Delegates attend meetings on Saturday of the Convention and report the business back to the club.

There will be a Board meeting on June 6 to wrap up last minute items before the Summer Gem Fest, and to address any new issues arising at the May general meeting.

Brett is looking to arrange a day trip to collect Odell diamonds, and possibly explore road cuts known to have specimens. Jayne asked if anyone wanted to participate in the Memorial Day Weekend traveling driveway sales. Her driveway will be packed with rocks, plants, and garage sale items May 23-26. Others will state their intentions at the general meeting.

The July Rock Party will be at Hidden Gems. Included in this event is a possible tour of Robbers Cave. Brett will try to reserve a tour for July 13 or 14. Hopefully he will have more information at the general meeting.

It appears at this time that Brett, Wooly, the Marburgers, the Beers, and maybe Eddie will be going to the Crawford Rock Swap over Labor Day weekend. Anyone planning to go should get their accommodation reservations now because they fill up fast.

The Camp Creek Threshers' event will be July 20 and 21. See Brett if interested in participating.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

Vera does not yet have the Show Report completed as she is waiting for all of the bills to come in. Discussion about hiring practices for Show setup and tear down. Sharon proposed that hired people should be identified and retained prior to the Show. Wooly added that if we are running short on volunteers, other paid people can be hired on the spot. It should be stated clearly if someone is to be paid. Volunteers are just that; they volunteer and therefore should not expect to be paid. It is contrary to by-laws for any member to be paid.

The Show appeared to be successful. Dealers were happy; attendees were happy.

Jim asked Wooly if there was any way we could get "washed" rocks for the Nebraska Rock Pile, as opposed to the muddy rocks we have received the last couple of years. Wooly said he would ask.

GEM FEST:

Jayne was reminded of the \$200 budget to obtain signage for Gem Fest, which should include the words, "Rocks, Minerals, Fossils" so it is clear what the event is. She stated that the old signs will have to be repainted because they say Rock Swap instead of Gem Fest. Wooly has some sign "easels" he can loan to raise signage up above the road shoulder weeds.

Porta Potties and tables have not yet been lined up. Jayne will get on that right away. The food truck for both days will be Pim's Thai.

Jayne asked about more advertising with the hopes of reaching more people. She created a Facebook event; Jim plans to take out a \$75 ad with Thrifty Nickel and a \$75 ad for a Facebook boost. Jim was asked to also provide advertising with Instagram. Wooly made a motion to double the META (Facebook) budget to \$150 and keep the Thrifty Nickel at \$75. Second by Sharon. Motion passed.

MWF 2025 CONVENTION

Sharon updated the Board on the preliminary Convention plans. She, Vera, and Jim met with the Event Center event planner to get questions answered. An Event Rental Application was submitted to reserve the Lancaster Room for

MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

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MWF meetings and banquet. If the application is accepted, the room cost for the day would be under \$700. The exact amount is not yet known because the 2025 price list has not been published. The room comes with 8 tables and 64 chairs. We may have to rent additional tables and chairs.

Doughnuts and coffee have historically been provided to the visitors attending the meetings, at the club’s expense. Sharon will order 5 dozen doughnuts and at least 3 gallons of coffee. Water will probably be provided, also. This cost will be at least \$150, but hopefully not more than \$200.

Because of the high cost of lunch provided by the Event Center catering, we will provide a list of nearby fast food restaurants for attendees to have lunch. The concession stand will also be available for lunch to those not wanting to leave the site.

The Awards Banquet menu will be Stuffed Chicken, Applewood Pork Loin, Garden Salad, California Veggie Blend (cauliflower, broccoli, carrots), Scalloped Potatoes, dinner roll with butter, coffee, iced tea, water, and lemonade. This cost will be between \$30-\$35 per person (again, dependent on 2025 pricing). This expense will be recouped by the per plate/person cost.

Sharon asked Donitte Stiles to update the list of local hotels that will be included in the Convention packet. Brett offered to update the restaurant listing which will also be included in the Convention packet. We will find a volunteer at the general meeting to update the ground transportation list for those people flying in to Lincoln or Omaha. These lists are due to Sharon by June 15.

Wooly offered to lead a river field trip on Thursday, April 3, 2025. A possible Friday field trip to the Rose Clay Pit to collect fishtail selenite and marcasite fossils (petrified wood) south of Fairbury, followed by collecting on road cuts. A leader and details are not yet available.

At 8:36 p.m., Wooly moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mike. Meeting adjourned.

2025 MWF CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman:	Sharon Marburger
Area Hotels.....	Donitte Stiles
Area Restaurants.....	Brett Jurgens
Banquet.....	Sharon Marburger/Vera Lyman
Competitive Displays	Brett Jurgens
Editors’ Breakfast.....	Sharon Marburger
Field Trips	Charles Wooldridge/James Marburger
Finance:	Vera Lyman
Ground Transportation	Sharon Marburger
Host Hotel.....	Sharon Marburger
Meeting Rooms	Sharon Marburger
Publicity & Promotion:.....	Jim Marburger
Web Master:	Sharon Marburger

MAY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2024
Bethany Park Shelter House
by Sharon Marburger, 2024 Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Brett Jurgens. There were 32 adults, 8 juniors, and one guest present.

Minutes were published in the Pick & Shovel. Wooly moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Vera Lyman. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report was read by Vera. Sharon M. moved to accept the report, second by Jeff Kubitz. Motion carried.

Announcements:

A volunteer to act as delegate for the club at the Midwest Federation Convention on August 24 was sought. No one volunteered.

Reminder of Gem Fest happening June 22 & 23.

Omaha will hold its annual auction on June 9 at Zorinky Park.

Reminder of the 2024 President’s Field Trip to Crawford, Nebraska over Labor Day weekend. It is held at the City Park, will have an auction Saturday night, and planned field trips on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Wooly attended a news fest where he reported on the Crawford Rock Swap, and also shared a little about LGMC with hopes that it may generate some interest in the Journal Star.

Brett reminded us that the By-laws are found on the website, as well as the newsletters. Every newsletter published by the club can be found there.

New Business:

Brett has made arrangements for the club to tour Robbers Cave again this year. It is scheduled for Sunday, July 14 at 5:00 p.m. After the tour, we will meet at Hidden Gems for a potluck activity night. Food dishes may be dropped off at Hidden Gems no later than 4:45 p.m. (prior to the tour).

Camp Creek Threshers will hold its annual event July 20-21.

The Beers will have a driveway sale Thursday through Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. They will have rocks, plants, and general garage sale items. Ed Ridge will hold his driveway sale on Saturday and Sunday only.

Sharon provided an update on the 2025 Midwest Federation Convention being hosted by LGMC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 on a motion by Vera, second by Jayne Beer. Motion carried.

The program was member Show & Tell. See photos on page 10.

MAY ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger (photos by John Moss & Sharon M.)

The Rock Party was hosted by Wooly and Jackie on May 11, 2024. It was a perfect evening for a gathering; the weather cooperating. There were 13 adult members, one junior member, one adult visitor, and one junior visitor in attendance. Wooly grilled brats, and an assortment of yummy dishes were provided by attendees.



President Brett enjoying food and conversation.

After stuffing ourselves with the delectables provided, and conversations running from past field trips to rocks and minerals to personal histories, Wooly had the muscles of the group carry out 5-gallon buckets of specimens that his friend Bill Lentz shared from his father, Wiley Lentz's, collection. There was Nebraska blue agate, chalcedony, onyx, common opalized wood, plume agate, pseudomorph replacement of calcite, glass, barite sand crystals, South Dakota black agate, chalcedony roses, gypsum, selenite, rose quartz, obsidian, chalcedony birds' nests (geodes), and jaspers. After taking first pick, Wooly shared the remainder with the rest of us. There were lots of oohs and aahs and, "What's that?" When all was said and done, fewer than the 12 buckets brought out were put away.

Thanks for hosting and sharing, Wooly and Jackie!



John Moss empties a bucket while Wooly and Kevin look on.



Danny and Jayne examine a specimen.



Elisha, Kevin, Sarah, Jayne, and Eddie choosing their pieces.



A sampling of specimens from one bucket.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

By Heather Kully (photos by Platte Basin & Heather Kully)

My son Oliver recently joined the Gem & Mineral club. He is a 4th Grader at Sheridan Elementary.

I thought that the club might enjoy learning about the Destination Imagination (storytelling and problem solving competition) team that he is part of. This year his team competed in the Scientific Challenge with the theme Blast from the Past. It has an Archeology focus, and they had to learn a little about Paleontology, Archeology, Geology, and Salt.

For their solution to the Scientific Challenge “Blast from the Past” they brainstormed, conducted research, wrote a script and crafted a puppet, costumes, props and a set. They also performed and executed all production roles.

In their story, they created characters that use both Science and History to try to prove the existence of Bigfoot. Two students from the prestigious Saltmore University don't believe in Bigfoot. The school's janitor, Larry Poppins, tells them Bigfoot is real and that he can prove it. He shows them a Bigfoot Tooth Spear that he found when he was a kid. As he tells the students his theory of where the spear came from, they imagine the events of the past. First, the spear is made by



Daniel Boone after he knocks out Bigfoot's tooth at a salt lick in Kentucky (Bigfoot LOVES salt. “If salt’s there, he’s there.”). Then Thomas Jefferson decides he wants a Bigfoot tooth, too and sends Lewis & Clark on an expedition to find him one. Lewis is given the spear by Boone, but he loses it at the mouth of the Platte River. Berry the Beaver knows Bigfoot and recognizes the tooth so he takes it from the Platte River to Salt Creek and finally to the Saline Wetlands in Lincoln, Nebraska where he recently saw Bigfoot (the saltiest place in Nebraska). 150 years later Larry Poppins finds it as a young boy. He researches the spear for 70 years and comes up with his theory, but he still can’t seem to prove Bigfoot exists. (All the while, FBI agents work to keep Bigfoot a secret.) The students help him by using Faunal Analysis to compare the tooth to other specimens, discovering that the tooth belongs to an unknown species, possibly Bigfoot. But before they can conduct further tests, Bigfoot steals his tooth back and his existence remains a mystery! His team created a story in which characters try to prove the existence of Bigfoot by studying a found artifact that appears to be a spear made with a Bigfoot tooth. The tooth is 240 years old and was found in the Saline Wetlands. The artifact has some clues that lead the characters to their theory of the spear's origins. They then use Scientific Analysis to try to prove what species the tooth came from. They begin by using Faunal Analysis and compare the tooth to other teeth specimens. They come to the conclusion that it is a tooth from an unknown species. They decide to do further testing such as DNA, but Bigfoot steals the tooth back and the testing cannot be completed ... he remains a mystery.

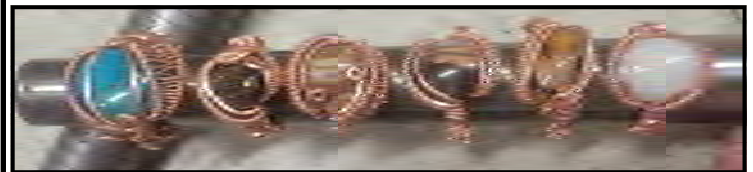
Oliver’s team placed first at both Regional and State Competitions and earned the spot to represent Nebraska at the Global Competition at the end of May. They also performed at the Nebraska Bigfoot Conference in Grand Island in April. To fundraise, they have made tiny bigfoot figures.



NYKKY’S WIRE WRAP CLASS

By Sharon Marburger (photos by Marburgers & Jayne Beer)

Nykky’s class on making a ring was hosted by Hidden Gems on Monday, May 20. It was a small class this time, which allowed Nykky more one-on-one time. There was one first-timer and the rest of us were seasoned wrappers.



The classes are lots of fun. The next class is scheduled for Thursday, June 27. Contact Jayne at Hidden Gems to reserve your spot in the class. We will make pendants with veracruz amethyst points.



38th Annual CRAWFORD ROCK SHOW 2024

CRAWFORD CITY PARK - CRAWFORD NEBRASKA



LABOR DAY WEEKEND AUG. 30 - SEPT 2

NWNRC
PO Box 569
Chadron, NE 69337



Northwest Nebraska Rock Club
Welcomes You To The

38th Annual Crawford Rock Swap
26th Annual Fairburn Agate Collectors Gathering

Public Welcome - Open 8 a.m. - FREE ADMISSION

EVENTS :

- Daily - 8 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Field Trips to Agate Gravel Beds -
Meet at Information Booth
- Saturday - 2 p.m. Agate Collectors Meeting
with guest speakers at the
Cameco Pavilion
- 7 p.m. Rock Auction - Cameco Pavilion

Labor Day Weekend

For more information, contact:

Aug. 30, 31 - Sept 1 & 2

Valerie - (308) 430-4404

Wade - (308) 430-1399 - wadebeins87@gmail.com

Check us out on Facebook at Crawford Rockswap

GENERAL MEETING SHOW & TELL

Photos by Jayne Beer



Gene Mulnix with his Fairburn agates and petrified wood



Ed Ridge with an assortment rocks and minerals



Clyde Ogg's finds from a recent field trip to Michigan



Jim Marburger brought tumbled stones to hand out & a vibrasonic tumbler to demonstrate tumbling.



Corey Beer always brings items for show & tell. If we all had his exuberance ...



Norm Boettcher brought agate finds

Sharon M. shared fluorescent spheres from her sphere collection.

Jayne Beer showed her silversmithing skills and some finished jewelry.

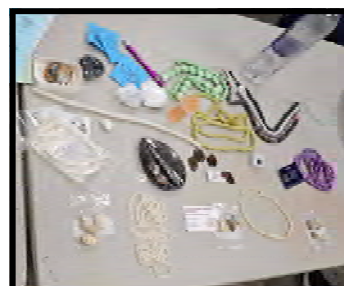
Wooly showed fossil specimens



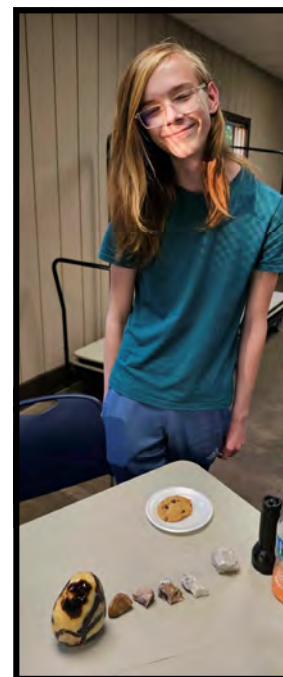
Mike Stiles showed off his fluorescent calcite specimens



Brett Jurgens displayed a variety of petrified wood and some collecting tools



CENTER (top to bottom):
Slabs cut by Allan Gossman
Bolos & belt buckles by Kevin Schwartman
Items purchased at Tucson by new member Mary Ellen Raines



Newer member, Blake Marljar, showed his septarian and other finds

2025 MID-WINTER SWAP COMMITTEE

Chairmen: Jayne Beer, Sharon Marburger
Advanced Reservations: Sharon Marburger
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Floor Chairman: Jayne Beer
Insurance Vera Lyman, Jim Marburger
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Web Master: Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities: Brett Jurgens

2025 SHOW COMMITTEE

Theme: American Petrified Woods
Chairman: Charles Wooldridge
Dealers & Demonstrators: Vera Lyman
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Jayne Beer, James Marburger, Clyde Ogg
Christmas Party:
Edward Ridge
Door Prizes:
Corey Beer, Brett Jurgens, Charles Wooldridge
Facebook:
James Marburger, Jayne Beer, Brett Jurgens
Field Trips:
James Marburger
Gem Fest (Summer) 2024:
Jayne Beer & Corey Beer
Historian:
Sharon Marburger
Membership Record:
Edward Ridge
MWF Liaison:
Vera Lyman
Programs:
Clyde Ogg
Property:
James Marburger
Recognition/Awards:
Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger
Refreshments:
Vera Lyman
Show - 2025:
Jayne Beer
Summer Gem Fest:
Jayne Beer
Swap (Mid-Winter) 2025:
Jayne Beer & Sharon Marburger
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:

A color version of the Pick & Shovel is available at:

<http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/index.php/newsletters/current>

PICK & SHOVEL

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Jayne Beer - Jeweler
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Lapidary Classes

(Stone Cutting)

\$75 for 5 3-hour classes

Choice of session:

Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

If you can't attend a session,
let us know by Friday noon, or
you will be charged as if you
were there.

Drop-in students welcome
when openings are available,
\$15 for 3 hours.

Check Lincoln Gem and
Mineral Club Facebook page
for openings.

Silversmithing Classes

Tuition: \$150 plus \$30 supply deposit

Choice of Tuesday or Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

Session 1: Jan 9—Feb 27

Session 2: Mar 5—Apr 23

Session 3: Apr 30—Jun 18

Session 4: Jun 25—Aug 13

Session 5: Aug 20—Oct 8

Session 6: Oct 15—Dec 3

Wednesdays

Session 1: Jan 10—Feb 28

Session 2: Mar 6—Apr 24

Session 3: May 1—Jun 19

Session 4: Jun 26—Aug 14

Session 5: Aug 21—Oct 9

Session 6: Oct 16—Dec 4

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