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Mineralogical and
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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: **January 19, 2025**

Program: **None. Mid-Winter Swap**

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, January 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Vera Lyman's Residence

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

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Brett Jurgens, 402.850.3256, quartz89@aol.com

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Board Member: Charles Wooldridge, 402.975.0416, charles.wooldridgeii@gmail.com

2025 LONG RANGE PLANNING & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Jayne Beer, Chairman

1 year: Sharon Marburger & Clyde Ogg

2 years: Vera Lyman & Jim Marburger

3 years: Jayne Beer & Brett Jurgens

2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jayne Beer, Chairman

1 year: Jayne Beer & Brett Jurgens


2 years: Charles Wooldridge & Donitte Stiles

3 years: Vera Lyman & Ed Ridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLUB FUN

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 19, 2025 - Mid-Winter Swap
 March 15, 2025 - Rock Party at the Marburgers'
 April 3, 2025 - Field trip to Fairbury area
 April 4, 2025 - Show setup
 April 5 & 6, 2025 - Annual Show & Midwest Federation Convention
 June 21 & 22, 2025 - Summer Gem Fest



**ALL 2025 DUES
 ARE DUE BY
 JANUARY 31.**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Oliver (junior)
Jim Atkins
Sheryl Olson
Mike Stiles
Janette Van Butsel



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.

Attention Members!

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.

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

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>).

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

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DEADLINE:
 Last Sunday of the month.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brett Jurgens

Hello LGMC.

The last few weeks were a flurry of club activities; our November meeting, November Rock Party, and Christmas party all happened within two weeks of each other.



At our Christmas party, everyone enjoyed great food and conversation, followed by rock bingo. It was my pleasure to hand out the Rockhound of the Year award to Mike and Donitte Stiles. While fairly new members to the club, they have actively been an integral part of the club. Every month they set up and tear down the tables for our meetings. Both Mike and Donitte volunteer their time helping at the rock display at Camp Creek Threshers. It takes a lot to keep this club going, and Mike and Donitte are definitely doing their part.

Now we have a bit of a break. Our next club activity is the Mid-Winter Swap on Sunday, January 19th. This break gives everyone a chance to relax and spend time with family, and keeps you from getting tired of seeing my face all the time! During the break I ask that you ponder on what you are going to display at the show, and how you can help make the show a success. Our website has forms to fill out for show displays. We are hoping to have at least 70 this year so we need to account for every case.

The word is getting out about our show and theme. I just received an email from a well known petrified wood collector from California asking about how many wood displays we would have. We already have some signed up, and I am looking forward to both the quantity and quality of displays. There is a bit of friendly competition between Norm Balliet and Mark Villareal of Monarch Minerals. Mark has challenged that he is going to have a nicer display than Norm. Norm has simply said, "No way!" I look forward to their displays. Helping to spread the word helps with the show as well. As we get closer to the show, we will have postcards and flyers to distribute. As always, we will need lots of volunteers to help with the show setup, manning the show, and tear down.

With the coming New Year, please think about a New Year's resolution relating to the hobby. I'd like to post some here next month. This year I resolved to polish a limb a day, and display at our show. I am a bit behind as of right now, but am planning to have my display ready for the show in April.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and I'll see you next year!

Don't forget!
Dues are to be
paid by January 31!

JUNIORS

by Brett Jurgens, Junior Leader

Hello Juniors.

We had a whirlwind of club events the last few weeks. It was great to see some of you at the meetings and rock party.



At our November meeting we worked on earning the fluorescent badge. Our next club event is the Mid-Winter Swap on Sunday, January 19th. This will be a great opportunity to add to your collection! Each time you come to a meeting or club event, you earn some credit to spend at the Swap, Show, or Gem Fest. If you come to the swap (please do), find me and we can see what you have banked. I will also have a specimen for every junior in attendance.

Our show is coming up in early April. Please be ready to help staff our junior booth. Also consider showing off your collection in a display. I'd like to see displays of all levels and it will also help you earn a badge.

See you at the swap!

Mid-Winter Swap
January 19, 2025
Open to the public
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Club setup 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Vendor setup 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Lincoln Firefighters
Reception Hall
241 Victory Lane
(off Sun Valley Blvd.)
Spaghetti supper to follow
for vendors and club members.



MEETING ETIQUETTE

The Board of Directors would like to remind everyone to be respectful during and at our meetings. We are supposed to follow Robert's Rules of Procedures during meetings. Simply put, a person is allowed to speak only when recognized by the president or whoever is leading the meeting at the moment. This eliminates the confusion of multiple people speaking at once. Others in the meeting room must refrain from having side conversations that cause distractions and make it difficult to hear the business at hand. Additionally, be kind.

Adult members should be mindful of the juniors' lessons in progress from 6:15 to 7:00. Socializing should **quietly** take place on the other side of the room from the juniors. It is difficult to keep the kids' attention without the adult distractions and interruptions. Please do not try to assist the junior leader by adding comments without advance permission. A lot of effort is put into the curriculum and side comments from bystanders are not necessary.

Parents or responsible persons for children are to remain in the area, near their child, to maintain responsibility for their safety and protection. The leader is not a babysitter, nor are other club members.

Please kindly comply with meeting etiquette. The Board thanks you.

LAPIDARY CLASSES

By Jayne Beer

Lapidary classes will be held at Hidden Gems, 3227 S. 13th Street, in the Indian Village Shopping Center.

Lapidary Classes

Lapidary classes will be held on Sunday afternoons in 2025, with seven 6-week sessions scheduled. Sessions are \$100 (pre-paid) for five 3-hour classes, with the 6th week available for make-up of a missed class. Classes run from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. You must sign up for a session; no walk-ins allowed. Below is the session schedule:

Session 1: Jan 26 - Mar 2

Session 2: Mar 9 - April 20

Session 3: Apr 27 - Jun 1

Session 4: Jun 29 - Aug 3

Session 5: Aug 10 - Sep 14

Session 6: Sep 21 - Oct 26

Session 7: Nov 2 - Dec 7

First Time Students (Club members)

\$25 for a 3-hour session to learn the basic operation of the machinery, and a live demonstration of a stone being cut and polished. You will then cut and polish a stone on your own, with supervision. According to LGMC's contract with Hidden Gems, supervised cutting and polishing of 3 stones is required before unsupervised use of club machinery is allowed. Materials are included for the training session.

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please welcome the elected 2025 club officials. Congratulations!

President	Brett Jurgens
First Vice	Jayne Beer
Second Vice	Clyde Ogg
Treasurer	Vera Lyman
Secretary	Sharon Marburger
Board Members	Corey Beer
	Jeff Kubitz
	Mike Stiles
	Charles Wooldridge

The following poem was printed in the MWF News, December 2024, Issue 637.

MESSAGES IN STONE

By Steven Wade Veatch
Second Place, Adult Poetry, 2008
AFMS Bulletin Editors Contest

Those who are gone once came to this sacred place
of remote canyon walls now quiet with grace.
They made circles of stones to pray and to fast,
to seek a vision for guidance and unite with the past.

Here seekers waited for their spirit guide to appear
who came in many forms to give strength and end fear.
The seekers knew this place where others once prayed
and had visions of power as long as they stayed.

They left sacred images to last upon the cosmic rocks:
Dancers, flute players, lizards, and birds left as marks.
An eternal art on canyon walls of symbols, visions, and
more
From those who have gone but came here before.

Now the clouds grow dark and are messengers of rain,
They bring a breeze scented with sage over the terrain.
An eagle soars as a guardian above the canyon below
Over messages in stone only the ancients truly know.



Petroglyphs near Moab, Utah. Photo by Jim Bouldin, via Wikimedia Commons.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 7, 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	Present
	Mike Stiles	Present
	James Marburger	Present
	Clyde Ogg	Present

Visitors: Ed Ridge and Donitte Stiles.

President Brett Jurgens called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Minutes from the October meeting were distributed. Wooly moved to accept the minutes, second by Mike. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report was read. Clyde moved to accept the report with noted typographical changes, second by Jim. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clyde made arrangements with Shane Tucker to have a field trip to Nebraska Hall. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time. Shane made such a wonderful presentation that it was decided to present him with a gift card to his favorite restaurant, Lazlo's, as a thank you.

The Audit Committee was given the financial paperwork to review. The group consisting of Jayne Beer, Jim Marburger, and Clyde Ogg, reviewed and signed off on the report.

Vera and Jayne are still working on getting t-shirt information.

Sharon has printed ballots for the election.

Wooly reported that the Rock Party went well. Lot's of rocks were given away.

Renewed discussion about getting the roof of the trailer recoated and creating a new ventilation system for the fluorescent display. After much talk and various opinions, it was decided that Brett's small air conditioner and a small squirrel cage fan to exhaust the heat should be sufficient.

Clyde reported difficulties with having UNL professors cooperate with providing student information for the MWF and AFMS scholarships. He spoke with Shane Tucker, who offered to spread the word to other colleges in Nebraska.

NEW BUSINESS:

New shutoff valves are needed on the club's lapidary equipment. Jim pointed out that some of the plumbing needs to be updated for aesthetic purposes. There have been issues with equipment users forgetting to turn on the grinding wastewater pumps and the buckets have overflowed. Corey said it would be nice if we had an automatic system. Jim said

it could be fixed with the purchase of a sump pump. Mike said we need to make sure that each machine has its own GCFI outlet for safety purposes. Corey said some of the machines need belt adjustments; Wooly also suggested using a belt treatment on the newer belts to keep them in good shape. With all this in mind, Sharon moved that we initially allocate \$300 from the lapidary class fund for repair and upkeep of poly arbors in the lapidary room at Hidden Gems. Second by Wooly. Motion passed. Corey, Mike, Brett, and Jim will schedule a time to work on this.

SWAP BUSINESS:

All of the vendor spaces have been reserved. Sharon printed out new flyers, without the vendor information, in three formats: full page, two-to-a-page, and four-to-a-page. They will be provided at the general meeting for whoever wants to take one to copy for distribution.

Wooly suggested we keep a list of backup vendors in the event someone needs to cancel. At this time, no one else has contacted Jayne or Sharon.

Sharon displayed the 24x36 framed floor plan that Mike Stiles drew up for the Firefighters Hall. It will be used to help with setup at the Swap.

Setup of the building will begin at 8:30 a.m. on January 19, 2025. Vendors will be allowed in at 9:30 a.m., giving them 1½ hours to set up. The Swap opens to the public at 11:00 a.m.

SHOW BUSINESS:

Wooly would like to have show committee meetings once we get past the Swap, however, he will be gone all of February.

Wooly encourages all club members to plan on attending the Midwest Federation banquet at the Event Center. The cost is slightly more than eating out at an average restaurant. Start saving your pennies and plan to attend. He would like a good showing of our membership.

Wooly suggested that those involved in Thursday's field trip could have supper at a restaurant in Fairbury following collection.

Vera plans to mail out the demonstrator contracts as soon as the last two dealer contracts are received.

Brett is still looking for commitments to display. Please complete your form(s) as soon as possible. Get the form at lincolngemmineralclub.org/happenings/2025-midwest-federation-convention and click on the Non-Competitive Exhibit Form. Three dealers have agreed to provide displays.

Wooly requested we have ribbons for the Show Committee and MWF attendees. Sharon will look into it.

GEM FEST:

Gem Fest will be June 21 & 22, 2025. Nothing to report at this time.

At 8:11 p.m., Wooly moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Jim. Meeting adjourned.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2024
Bethany Park Shelter House
by Sharon Marburger, 2024 Secretary

Meeting called to Order at 7:06 p.m. by President Brett Jurgens. Twenty-four adult members and 8 juniors were present. Brett asked newer member Andrew Courtright to stand and introduce himself.

Minutes of the October meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Mike Stiles moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Norm Boettcher. Motion carried.

Vera Lyman read the Treasurer's Report. Sharon Marburger moved to accept the report as read, second by Sheryl Olson. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wooly mentioned that member Kathy Schwartzman is having cancer surgery. The family is asking for prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Rock Party at Wooly's was fun, and a lot of rocks were given away.

The field trip to Nebraska Hall was well-attended. The report was that it was a great trip. Shane Tucker, who provided the tour, refused a stipend for his time. Clyde Ogg discovered that Lazlo's is Shane's favorite restaurant, so the club gave Shane a gift card as a thank you. He was tickled.

NEW BUSINESS:

The November Rock Party will be on the 24th at Hidden Gems. The fun starts at 5:00 p.m. Remember to bring your pot luck items and projects to work on.

The club Christmas Party will be on December 1 starting at 5:00 p.m. No meetings for juniors or adults, but gifts will be given to the kids. The meal begins at 6:00 p.m., awards at 7:00 followed by the voluntary gift exchange and Rock Bingo. Cleanup will begin at 8:30.

SWAP BUSINESS:

The Mid-Winter Swap will be on Sunday, January 19 at its new location, the Lincoln Firefighters Union Reception Hall located at 241 Victory Lane. Instead of a pizza supper following the Swap, Brett plans a spaghetti supper, with members bringing pot luck items.

SHOW BUSINESS:

The Show will be held April 5 & 6, 2025 at the Sandhills Global Event Center. This will be the club's 70th anniversary as well as the Midwest Federation's Show and Convention. See the website for applicable forms to complete for participation.

ELECTIONS:

Brett handed the meeting over to Jayne Beer, Nominating Committee Chair, to conduct election of officers and board members. The ballots were distributed and Jayne called for further nominations from the floor, three times for each position. Wooly nominated Arvid Olson for board member, and Arvid's name was written onto the ballots. Hearing no

further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. Members were asked to circle, check, make a pretty flower, or some other sign to indicate their choices for office. Jim Atkins and Judith Bay, having no personal interest in the election outcome, collected the ballots and tallied the votes. The vote for board members was very close. The final outcome was:

President - Brett Jurgens

First Vice - Jayne Beer

Second Vice - Clyde Ogg

Treasurer - Vera Lyman

Secretary - Sharon Marburger

Board Members - Corey Beer, Jeff Kubitz, Mike Stiles, and Charles Wooldridge

Wooly moved that the ballots be destroyed, second by Jim Marburger. Motion carried. Vera will shred the ballots.

The Silent Auction of some of Alan Eastman's donated specimens was set up by the Marburgers. Everyone was allowed to make bids before and after the meeting. The auction was ended at 8:15 p.m.; those winning bids gave their money to the Treasurer and happily took their specimens home. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. on a motion by Mike Stiles, second by Corey Beer.

AFTER NOTE:

This first Silent Auction generated \$170 for the education fund and juniors. Sharon will share this information with Alan Eastman.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

There was no general meeting in December due to the club Christmas Party.

NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger (photos by Jayne Beer)

Hidden Gems by The Jewelry Connection Ltd. hosted the November Rock Party on the Sunday the 24th. Lots of people attended and there were plenty of soups and comfort foods to satisfy all appetites.

The two lapidary work rooms were bustling with activity as members ground and polished rocks. There was also some sawing; Oliver got to open a prairie agate that was a beautiful red inside. How exciting!

I know it is hard to believe, but with all of our usual photographers in attendance, only a few pictures were taken! I guess we were all having too much fun to think about

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NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY - CONTINUED

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documenting the event with pictures. Dare I say the event was a success?



Arvid talking with Oliver with others looking on.



Alex and dad



John Moss talking to Oliver and mom Heather about the youngite Oliver got at the October Rock Party and the prairie agate he cut.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Sharon Marburger (photos by John Moss & Jayne Beer)

The 2024 Christmas Party is in the books! Twenty-four club members, one adult visitor, and one junior visitor met at Bethany Park Shelter House on December 1 to share in a pot luck supper, receive awards, and play ROCK BINGO!!

The club provided fried chicken, coffee, and pop while club members each brought and hot dish and a cold dish. I believe there were no duplicated dishes, so a wide variety of food was available.

Editor awards were given to those who had kindly submitted articles and/or pictures for the Pick & Shovel. As with most things, "it takes a village," and I appreciate all offerings to the club newsletter.



CHRISTMAS PARTY - CONTINUED

President Brett Jurgens then announced the club's Rockhounds of the Year, presenting the plaque to Mike and Donitte Stiles. This couple attends nearly all meetings and functions of the club, arriving early to meetings to set up tables and chairs, and being the last out the door after putting tables and chairs away and making sure the facility is cleaner than when we arrived. They also helped out at the Camp Creek Threshers' festival in July, helping Brett with construction and setup of displays and the fluorescent booth. Donitte usually supplies treats to all events. They share their love of fluorescent minerals with everyone. Mike serves on the Board as a Director and Donitte attends the meetings with him as a visitor. If something needs done, they are usually on the spot volunteering their talents. Congratulations Mike and Donitte!



President Brett presents the 2024 Rockhounds of the Year plaque to Mike and Donitte Stiles.

Editor Sharon hands out appreciation certificates to contributors to the Pick & Shovel.

Eric Fritsch also received a certificate, but he was not in attendance.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY - CONTINUED

Thank You!

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Contributors to the Pick & Shovel

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PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Michele Yamanaka, Editor
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN)

Sometime since our October show, our club storage trailer was stolen. Please be on the lookout for items from the trailer being offered for sale. Here are some of the items:

- Trailer, VIN 56JTE1428JA161187
- 5-foot 18" white folding tables
- Display cases-may be in blue or red cloth covers
- Fluorescent rocks
- Glass (Plexiglass?) display case (for fluorescent rocks)
- Black folding tent for fluorescent room
- Voice amplifier for fluorescent room
- Rock, mineral, fossil, and fluorescence posters
- Lighted three-shelf glass case (our memorial case)
- Polished amethyst crystals in matrix
- Lights to fit tables for the silent auction
- Dino wheel
- Plinko game
- Indoor and outdoor banners and signs
- Collapsible banner and sign stands
- Three Squares for accepting money
- Molds for fossil rubbings

I have taken several photos to show some of what was inside the trailer, what the display cases look like, what the tent looks like and some of the rocks at Touch and Feel. *[Editor's Note: Due to space considerations, only one of the photos is included here.]*

If you see any of this being offered for sale, please get a screenshot right away with the name of the seller shown. Then call the Fort Wayne Police Department at 260-427-1340 with Control Number 24F135103. Please also let the club know via email, 3riversgms@gmail.com. Thank you.



Santa Wooly calls Bingo numbers.



Vera and her visiting sister, Joyce, pass out Bingo cards and markers



Treasurer Vera, Secretary Sharon, and Board Member Jim



Black tent for fluorescent room.
Photo by Michele Yamanaka.

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S
44th Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap



New Location!
Lincoln Firefighters Reception Hall
241 Victory Lane, Lincoln
(off Sun Valley Blvd)

Sunday, January 19, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Adults \$3.00; 15 and under FREE

FAMILY FRIENDLY
Fun for All!



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

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**Lapidary
 Supplies
 &
 Equipment**

Jewelry

Fossils

**Cash and
 Credit Card
 Sales**

**Rocks
 &
 Minerals**



**ALL VENDOR
 SLOTS ARE FILLED.**

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 Box 5342
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2025 MID-WINTER SWAP COMMITTEE

Chairman:Jayne Beer
 Advanced Reservations:Sharon Marburger
 Club Booth/Rock PileSharon Marburger & helper
 Finance & Admissions: Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger
 Floor Chairman:Jayne Beer
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 Publicity & Promotion:Jayne Beer, Jim Marburger
 Venue Layout DrafterMike Stiles
 Web Master:Sharon Marburger
 Youth Activities: Brett Jurgens

2025 SHOW COMMITTEE

Theme: Petrified Woods of America
 Chairman:Charles Wooldridge
 Dealers & Demonstrators: Vera Lyman
 Displays:Brett Jurgens
 Event Center Liaison..... Vera Lyman
 Finance/Ticket Sales:Jim Atkins, Vera Lyman
 Floor Chairman:Clyde Ogg
 Fluorescent Booth:Clyde Ogg
 FormsSharon Marburger
 LGMC Club Booth:Charles Wooldridge
 MWF ConventionSharon Marburger
 Outside Rock Pile..... Charles Wooldridge
 Plants:Ed Ridge
 Publicity & Promotion: Jim Marburger
 Raffle.....Gene Mulnix
 Ribbons & Recognitions:Sharon Marburger
 Security: Vera Lyman
 Show Flyer & Printed Program.....Sharon Marburger
 Youth Activities:Brett Jurgens

2025 MWF CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman:Sharon Marburger
 Area Hotels..... Donitte Stiles
 Area Restaurants Brett Jurgens
 BanquetSharon Marburger/Vera Lyman
 Competitive Displays Brett Jurgens
 Field Trips Charles Wooldridge/James Marburger
 Finance: Vera Lyman
 Forms:Sharon Marburger
 Ground TransportationSharon Marburger
 Host HotelSharon Marburger
 Meeting RoomsSharon Marburger
 Publicity & Promotion: Jim Marburger
 Web Master:Sharon Marburger

STANDING COMMITTEES

Audio/Visual:
 Clyde Ogg
Audit:
 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
Historian:
 Sharon Marburger
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 Edward Ridge
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 Clyde Ogg
Property:
 James Marburger
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 Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger
Refreshments:
 Vera Lyman
Show - 2025:
 Charles Wooldridge
Summer Gem Fest:
 Jayne 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:
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A color version of the Pick & Shovel is available at:
<http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/index.php/newsletters/current>

PICK & SHOVEL

Hidden Gems by The Jewelry Connection Ltd.

Indian Village Shopping Ctr.

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

Corey Beer - Lapidary
402.890.9155

Jayne Beer - Jeweler
402.890.3307

2025 Schedule

Lapidary Classes

(Stone Cutting)

\$100 for 5 3-hour classes

Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Choice of session:

- Session 1: Jan 26 - Mar 2
- Session 2: Mar 9 - April 20
- Session 3: Apr 27 - Jun 1
- Session 4: Jun 29 - Aug 3
- Session 5: Aug 10 - Sep 14
- Session 6: Sep 21 - Oct 26
- Session 7: Nov 2 - Dec 7

Silversmithing Classes

Tuition: \$160 plus \$30 supply deposit

Choice of Tuesday or Wednesday

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

Tuesdays

- Session 1: Jan 21 - Feb 18
- Session 2: Feb 25 - Apr 15
- Session 3: Apr 22 - Jun 10
- Session 4: Jun 24 - Aug 12
- Session 5: Aug 19 - Oct 7
- Session 6: Oct 14 - Dec 2

Wednesdays

- Session 1: Jan 22 - Feb 19
- Session 2: Feb 26 - Apr 16
- Session 3: Apr 23 - Jun 11
- Session 4: Jun 25 - Aug 13
- Session 5: Aug 20 - Oct 8
- Session 6: Oct 15 - Dec 3

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