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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). Bethany Park Shelter House, 65th & Vine

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

Next meeting: **November 20, 2025**
Program: Member Show & Tell

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, December 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Vera Lyman's Residence

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

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLUB FUN

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 20 - General Meeting
 November 22 - Rock Party at Hidden Gems (5:00 p.m.)
 December 7 - Christmas Party at Bethany Park Shelter
 December 14 - Rock Party at Marburgers' (3:00 p.m.)
 January 18, 2026 - Mid-Winter Swap

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Josh Brown Kramer
Patricia Grimit
Nick Lytle
Gene Mulinix
Clyde Ogg



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).

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NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 @ 5:00 P.M.

Hidden Gems Rock Shop

3227 S. 13th St.

Indian Village Shopping Center

Soups and Comfort Foods
Prepare your favorite recipes to share with the group.
Bring your projects - the lapidary equipment will be available to use at no charge, and teachers willing to help.

See page 9 for article.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Adults:

Rachel Miller



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Last Sunday of the month.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brett Jurgens, President

Hello LGMC.

I'm completing my president's message while resting my feet after a long a couple of days helping out at the Omaha rock show. Many thanks to Ed Ridge and Clyde Ogg for volunteering their time and helping out at the show. It takes a lot to put on a show and I have been trying to get more participation between the two clubs.

Next year, the Omaha show will be in a new location and they will once again have room for displays. This will require more volunteers so please consider volunteering in the future. One of the most popular features at the Omaha Show was Cathy Talmadge's fluorescent tent. Cathy had a wonderful array of specimens and about every imaginable color vividly represented. It's great to hear both children and adults gasp in awe when seeing the rocks respond to the UV lights kicking on.

Speaking of shows, ours is fast approaching. We are now less than five months away from it. Start thinking about what you are going to display as I will be asking soon and taking reservations for display cases. The show theme is "Discover Chalcedony".

We have a gauntlet of club activities spread over the next few weeks. The first event of November is our club meeting on Thursday, November 20. We will have a quick business meeting, including elections, followed by a member show and tell. Elections this year are especially important as we have officers wishing to retire after holding seats for a long time. To be eligible for an officer position, one must have been on the board for at least one year; we need to make sure we have candidates who are willing to take on officer positions after meeting board requirements. To be on the board of directors, one must be a club member for one year.

Two days after our regular meeting, on Saturday November 22, there will be a rock party and activity night at Hidden Gems. The potluck theme is soups and comfort foods, and the equipment will be open for use by club members free of charge that night.

We do not have our regular third Thursday meeting in December. Instead we have our annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 7. The club will provide fried chicken and we ask members to bring one hot and one cold dish. We will have rock bingo with prizes, as well as a gift exchange for those interested. See page 10.

The Marburgers will host the December rock party at their home in Hickman. The date has been changed to Sunday, December 14 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The early time is to accommodate the shortened days and, if weather allows, attendees may be allowed to collect a few rocks from the patio. The theme will be announced later. Two genies and two rocks saws will be available for gentle use.

My feet are now rested, so I am heading back inside to help the last dealers finish loading. Take care and I will see you on the 20th!

**JUNIORS**

by Brett Jurgens, Junior Leader

Hello Juniors.

It was great to see so many of you at our October meeting. I had fun guessing everyone's hobby related costume.

Don't forget our November meeting on November 20. Please bring your specimen boxes as we will have another specimen or two for you to add to your collection.

Also, please add to your calendar our November Rock Party and Activity Night on Saturday November 22. Per tradition, the Beer Family is hosting the November rock party at their rock shop Hidden Gems. This is typically a fantastic night; we have both a potluck and open equipment night where members can use the equipment at no hourly cost. I've seen many juniors cutting and polishing their first stone in an activity night. As a bonus, all junior members attending will get a store credit to spend at the shop that night.

Hoping we haven't tired of seeing each other, plan to attend our annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 7. Due to everyone being busy during the holidays, we do not have our typical meeting on the third Thursday, but instead the first Sunday of December. The Christmas party includes fried chicken provided by the club and we ask that members bring at least one hot dish and one cold dish for the potluck. We will also play rock bingo with many prizes, and have an optional gift exchange for those wanting to participate. See page 10.

The final 2025 activity will be the December rock party at the Marburgers' in Hickman. It will be an early party, starting at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14. The potluck theme will be announced later. Bring your projects; Jim has two genies and two rock saws.

I look forward to seeing you all of our next meeting. Take care and I'll see you then.

ROCK COLLECTING VS. ROCK ENTERTAINMENT

By Eric Fritsch



So you've decided you like rocks and minerals and you want to start a collection. That's good. It doesn't matter if you are a young kid or an adult rediscovering (or discovering) a passion for rock collecting.

I think one of the first things you need is a good rock and mineral book. There are several good ones out there. I like the Golden Guide series, those introductory books you used to buy at Scholastic Book Sales. What I like about the Golden Guide series on rocks and minerals is that it shows mostly good examples of the specimens you might find and they are water color paintings, not glossy photographs. The reading level of this book is good for children as well as adults and it has a lot of facts without drowning the reader in facts.

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

October 16, 2025 at Bethany Park Shelter House
By Sharon Marburger, 2025 Secretary (photos by John Moss)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Brett Jurgens. New member, Rachel Miller, was welcomed. Visitors Olivia, Will, and Don were acknowledged.

The minutes of the September meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Wooly moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Donitte. Motion carried.

Vera read the Treasurer's Report. Sheryl moved to accept the report as read, second by Patrick. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Rock Party will be Sunday, October 19 at Wooly's and Jackie's. Wooly will provide brats and polish dogs, others to bring sides. Wooly will have a "box o rocks" from which attendees may select specimens. The plan is to take turns, going in order from youngest to oldest. The party will start at 4:00 p.m., selecting rocks at 4:30, then eating at 5:30.

Hidden Gems will host the November Rock Party, disguised as an Activity Night, on Saturday, November 22 starting at 5:00 p.m. The theme will be comfort foods and soups. Equipment will be available to use at no charge.

After polling the attending membership, the Marburgers will host the December Rock Party on Saturday, December 13, start time to be determined. Of course, if there is a blizzard, the party will be cancelled, so not to endanger club members.

Omaha club's rock show will be on November 1 and 2, at Liberty First Credit Union Arena, 7300 Q Street, Ralston. Volunteers are needed to help out with this show, in reciprocation of Omaha members helping with our show. See Brett to sign up.

The Stileses will hold a garage sale with rocks on Friday and Saturday this week. Friday 9-5; Saturday 8-5. Address was given.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Odell, Nebraska field trip is tabled until the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vera contacted the Parks Department to reserve meeting dates for 2026. The third Thursday for February, March, September, October, and November were reserved; the first Sunday in December for the Christmas party. January meeting will be following the Mid-Winter Swap at the Firefighters Reception Hall. The dates for April and May were reserved by someone else so, after polling the membership, those dates will be Thursday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 20. The option of keeping the third Thursday and holding the meetings at a different location was not approved.

Some concern about including addresses in the Who's Who, the club's internal roster of members not to be shared outside the organization, was discussed. It was not determined if the Who's Who is to be redesigned to exclude

member addresses; will discuss at the November meeting. Going hand-in-hand with this discussion was to decide if an opt-out checkbox should be added to the membership application. Mike moved, and Jayne seconded, a motion to add an opt-out checkbox to the application. The motion passed with two negative votes.

MID-WINTER SWAP

The Swap vendor spaces are all filled and a waiting list has been established. Vera confirmed with the Reception Hall that club sponsored tables may be placed in the hallways, as long as no exits are blocked. Brett has arranged for a food truck to be on the premises for the day (the same company that provided for the 2025 Summer Gem Fest).

SHOW:

The 2026 Show theme is "Discover Chalcedony". Now is the time to start planning your display cases and reserve said cases from Brett.

Jackie pointed out that the show dates should be placed on the front of the show postcard; this way the cards don't have to be turned over in order to see the dates.

Motion to adjourn the meeting to refreshments and program by Norm, second by Carol. Meeting adjourned.

Jim Marburger provided a program on where to find rocks in Nebraska.



A full house for the October meeting!



Corey explaining cabochon cutting and carving to Carol and Kai.

OCTOBER "HALLOWEEN" GENERAL MEETING

(photos by John Moss)



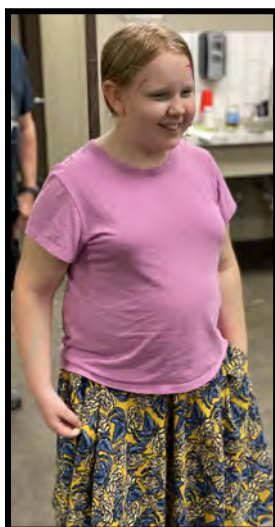
Arvid sharing rock stories with kids



The kids love to huddle around Corey



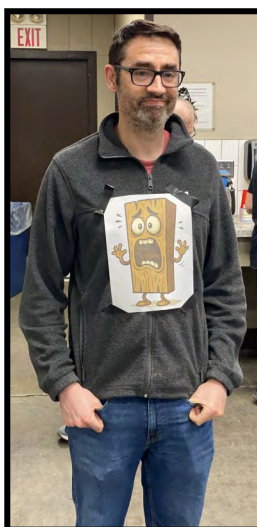
Donitte's Scary Good Brownies



Andi said she was a zombie, but I think she was Frankenrock.



Tiger Eye Alex



Petrified Wood Josh



Fairburn Agate Norm



Basalt Jackie

Allan & Tammy Jeanneret



Rough Rock, Slabs, Specimens, Gemstones,
Jewelry, Rock Paintings

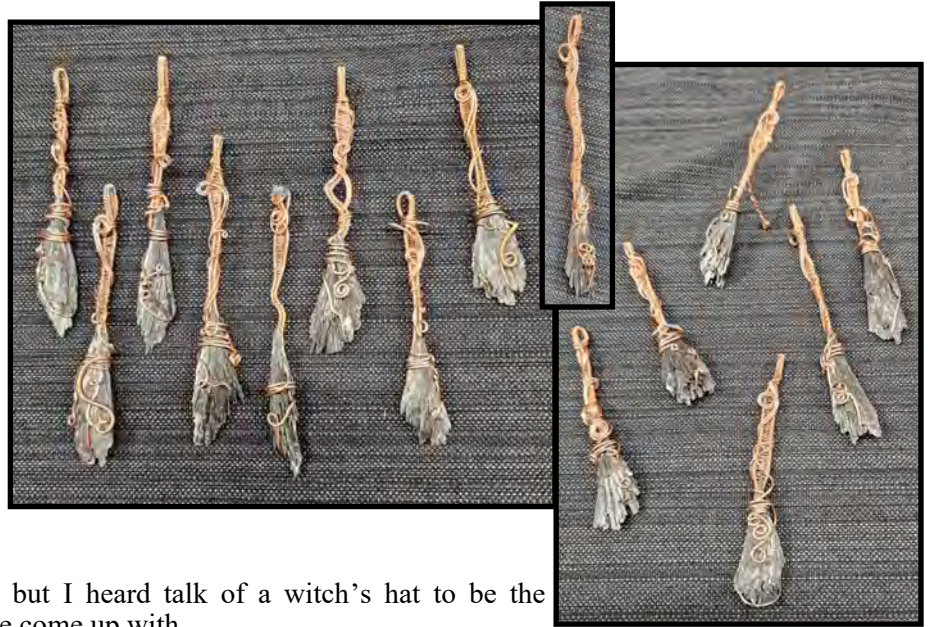
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NYKKY'S OCTOBER CLASS

By Sharon Marburger (photos by Jayne Beer and author)

Thursday, October 9 brought 16 Halloween witches together to create new brooms on which to fly away. Nykky's and Jayne's really cool idea of using kyanite for broom bristles was inspired. It was a very simple and clever design; even first time class attendees were able to complete the project. It is so fun how each broom is different, with each artist's flair.



The date for the next class was not finalized, but I heard talk of a witch's hat to be the potential project. We will see what Nykky and Jayne come up with.

Thanks, Nykky, for teaching and Jayne for hosting the class!

By Jayne Beer (photos by Jayne)

Nykky held a second class in October to create owls. We had a full class of 14 students. Everyone's owl turned out great with Nykky's help. This was a long class. We were there till 10:00. It seemed like everyone had a great time.



2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SLATE

President: Brett Jurgens
 1st Vice: Jayne Beer
 2nd Vice: Clyde Ogg
 Treasurer: Vera Lyman
 Secretary: Sharon Marburger
 Board (Vote for 4):
 Mike Stiles
 Charles Wooldridge
 Jeff Kubitz
 Corey Beer
 Arvid Olson
 Sarah Nichols

Contact Jayne Beer if you would like to nominate someone. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the November meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving!

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2025 at Vera Lyman’s Residence
by Sharon Marburger, 2025 Secretary

Roll Call

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

Visitors: Jim Marburger, Ed Ridge and Donitte Stiles.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Brett Jurgens.

The minutes of the September meeting were distributed. Wooly moved to accept the minutes, second by Jayne. Motion carried.

Vera distributed the Treasurer’s Report. Sharon moved to accept the report, second by Clyde. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The field trip to Arkansas on October 8 - 12 has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

There was no update on the Odell field trip.

Clyde wants to continue working on the new member onboarding. The contents of a welcome letter is not agreed upon but, at this time, Clyde moved to accept the welcome letter Sharon provides via email, along with a copy of the Who’s Who, General Information sheet, and the latest newsletter. Second by Sharon. Motion carried. For new members submitting a paper application, they will be told to watch their email for the welcome packet. If they do not have email, paper copies will be provided.

Clyde would like to reinstitute generic club membership/business cards. He will work on a format to offer at the next meeting.

Sharon has updated the paper membership application to clearly state where to send application and dues. She has tried to update the website to accept dues payments via PayPal, but is having issues with getting the submission button to work. She will continue to troubleshoot the issue.

It was suggested to add a checkbox on the application if a member does not want their contact information published in the Who’s Who (club’s internal document). In this technological age, perhaps dropping the street address of all members, but including telephone and email addresses should be considered. The matter will be discussed with the rank and file at the October general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wooly obtained a copy of the dinosaur footprints article

from Matt Joeckel of the Conservation & Survey Section of UNL. He made copies for distribution and requested reimbursement. The article will be placed in the Resources section of the club website.

Wooly and Jackie will host the October Rock Party on Sunday the 19th. It will be a weenie roast.

The Midwest Federation ballot for the 2026 Executive Committee was presented for offering the club’s votes. Selections were made; Vera will mail in.

Vera was able to reserve the usual meeting dates at the Bethany Park Shelter House for general meetings, with the exception of April and May. Discussion of keeping the usual third Thursday meeting dates at a different location. No decision has been made. As it stands now, the meetings will be Thursday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 20.

The Omaha Gem & Mineral Show will be November 1 and 2. Brett will have sign-up sheets at the general meeting.

When communications are received via the website, Sharon is to forward the messages to Board members with email. Sharon asked that all responses include cc’s to the Board so it is clear the message has been addressed.

MID-WINTER SWAP

There has been great response to the Swap. Only five of the 29 spaces are still available. Once all the spaces are reserved, Sharon will set up a waiting list on the website to cover any potential cancellations. We will check with the Reception Hall to confirm we may have club sponsored tables, such as the rock pile and a juniors’ booth, in the hallways. It was agreed that having a food truck this year will be beneficial since we do not have a food services license and cannot sell food to the public.

SHOW:

Sharon shared the design she mocked up of the Show postcard. It was liked a lot, but Brett would like to submit another idea before the cards are printed. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. on a motion by Clyde, second by Mike. Motion carried.



ROCK COLLECTING - CONTINUED

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Another good book is Pough's Field Guide to Rocks & Minerals. The most recent ones have good photographs by Jeff Scovil, but older copies are fine. There are other good introductory books and field guides (Joel Aerems books, Simon & Schuster, etc.), but I like these two to start. If you think these are a bit simple for you, perhaps consider Sinkankas' book "Mineralogy" for a start. It is out of print but would make a good college textbook. Stay away from any book that describes a mineral's healing properties. Such books are pure nonsense, in my opinion. The internet is sometimes good or bad for information but having a tactile book at hand is most important. I'm often more interested in a person's mineral book collection than their minerals. You don't need dozens of these introductory guides, one good copy will do. As you advance your collection, you'll want to invest in other rock and mineral books which convey different and more advanced information.

Step 2: Read the book. You don't have to read it cover to cover or in one sit-down session. It's perhaps better to peruse the book: keep it next to your desk or TV stand and look through it often. Perhaps you hear about a mineral - now look it up. You'll likely read over the same sections several times and that's good...that's how you familiarize yourself with specimens. You don't have to memorize formulas or hardnesses of every mineral, but you'll soon find you recognize cuprite as a mineral that contains copper.

I also encourage people to pay special attention to the beginnings of many of these books where they often describe how to collect. These books often stress labeling and gathering information about every specimen you have. Information is key and too many people think, "I'll remember where that specimen is from," when in a year or two, they have no idea. Even if you don't know what it is, you can write down on a sheet of paper or label where you found it, when, and other things you note about the specimen. The better the detail the better the specimen. These books also describe cataloging, wrapping/protecting, and organizing your collection.

Probably all collectors first start out buying rocks that they find pretty but are they "important"? Yes, rose quartz is pretty but there are many mountains of it. Towers are a particular bane of mine, as they are simply rocks which have been cut into an artificial shape and I cringe when I hear people call them "crystals." You want your specimens to be unique and show the properties which make that mineral special. Your book will describe the features and characteristics of the mineral. You'll start to see that minerals often come in crystal shapes and crystal shape is important in describing the mineral. A polished lump of obsidian is just a polished lump of obsidian (again, mountains of it).

Step 3 is to look at lots of rocks and minerals. What does a good fluorapatite look like? How big do they get? What colors do they come in? Shape? Where do they come from or how are they used? If you don't know about the mineral, then how will you select one for your collection? Is it better to have a lump of blue rock from Brazil or a hexagonal crystal of green fluorapatite in salmon colored calcite from the Yates Mine, Otter Lake, Quebec, Canada? In 20 years, will that blue rock you can't remember be worth anything or will the crystal specimen hold its value or increase in value?

Where do you look at a lot of rocks and minerals - field collecting, shows, museums, books, and I'll add the internet here (caution, there's a lot of junk on the internet including artificial intelligence minerals which are overly stylized and not real).

I recently heard a good radio program on hobbies and how they differ from entertainment. A hobby has you learning something, always making continuous improvement. Perhaps you've heard it takes 10,000 hours to master something. Same is true in a hobby. Entertainment is just a time occupier. You sit in front of the TV or play a video game. There is not the learning, improving, self-betterment that you get in a hobby.

Lastly, there are no rules to collecting. If you want to buy a dozen towers or a candy dish of pretty polished rocks, with no books, no improvement, that is fine. That is rock entertainment, not collecting.

OCTOBER ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger (photo by author)

The Rock Party was hosted by Wooly and Jackie on October 20. We started gathering at 4:00 p.m., enjoying the chatter and the fire pit.

Brats, polish dogs, and marshmallows were roasted over the fire pit. Wooly also grilled dogs for those who didn't want to DIY. There was a nice assortment of foods, all yummy, of course.

Wooly provided a "box o rocks" from which attendees could select a treasure. We started with the youngest, who were allowed a minute each to make their selection. The adults were reduced to 30 seconds each. There was lots of laughter and encouragement from all ages.



HIDDEN GEMS BY THE JEWELRY CONNECTION AND NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Jayne Beer (photos by Beer Family)

Hello fellow rock friends. I would like to share with you that during the time of this November publication of the Pick & Shovel, our store - Hidden Gems by The Jewelry Connection - will turn 3 years old. My business is 34½ years old.

We got our key to the new shop on October 31, 2022 and opened for business on December 9. With the help of many friends and family, we got the place painted and set up just enough to host the late November Rock Party. We have hosted the November Rock Party ever since 2012. That was the year that Roger Pabian had the Rock Party at his house, with the theme of soups and comfort foods. We have continued that theme of soups and comfort foods ever since. November is a great time to come together and be thankful for the camaraderie of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. Soups and your favorite comfort foods is a warm way to transition to the cooler weather of fall and winter. I hope you will join us for the Rock Party on Saturday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m.

We are very excited to share our expanded space with you. On August 15 this year, we took on an additional space right next to our current classroom space. We spent much time painting, building tables, putting down carpet, and setting up our new space. Now we have all of our silversmithing equipment in a single room. This move has allowed us to have a bit more space to set up more lapidary equipment.

We are looking for someone who is skilled at working on lapidary equipment. It seems that there are always motors that need re-wiring and fine tuning. We have discovered that we have a lot to learn in the maintenance department of a business. It would be great if we could find someone that would be willing to trade shop time for their time spent repairing machines. If this interests you, PLEASE talk to us ASAP.

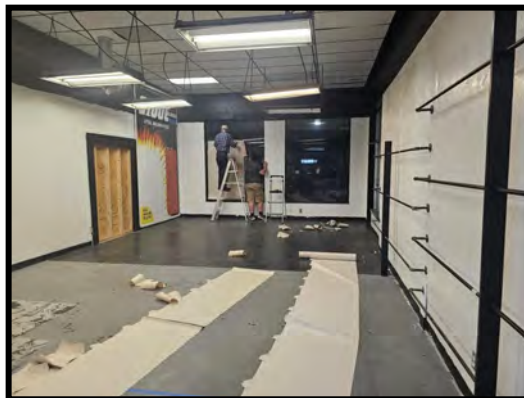
We hope to see you on Saturday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. for the rock party. You are welcome to bring rock or jewelry projects to work on. One thing that was important to us when we started this business was to make the equipment available to the club. CHEERS! (Jayne and Corey Beer and the Beer family)



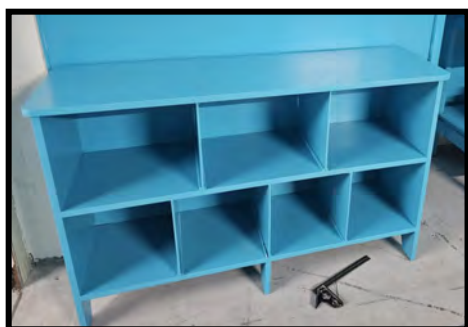
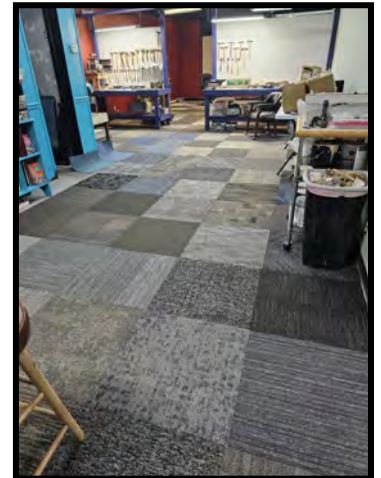
We got the key (October 31, 2022)



The first Rock Party at the new shop



Following demolition, the work begins to make it "home".





**Sunday,
December 7**

**LGMC
Christmas Party
with Potluck Supper, Awards,
and Rock Bingo!**

**5:00 Youth Group Activities & Adult Social
6:00 Potluck Supper (club provides fried chicken and beverages)
7:00 Short Meeting and Awards Ceremony
!! Rock Bingo !!**

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring an inexpensive (\$10 max) gender-neutral gift for exchange. Bingo Prize Donations Welcome.

ROCK PARTY PICTURES



2026 MID-WINTER SWAP COMMITTEE

Chairman:Jayne Beer
Advanced Reservations:Sharon Marburger
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Finance & Admissions:Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger
Floor Chairman:Jayne Beer
Insurance Vera Lyman, Jim Marburger
Publicity & Promotion:Jayne Beer, Jim Marburger
Web Master:Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities: Brett Jurgens

2026 SHOW COMMITTEE

Theme:.....Discover Chalcedony

Chairman:Jayne Beer/Brett Jurgens
Dealers & Demonstrators: Vera Lyman
Displays:.....Brett Jurgens
Event Center Liaison Vera Lyman
Finance/Ticket Sales: Vera Lyman, Brett Jurgens
Floor Chairman:
Fluorescent Booth: Clyde Ogg
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LGMC Club Booth:..... Barb & Clyde Ogg
Outside Rock Pile..... Charles Wooldridge
Plants:Ed Ridge
Publicity & Promotion:Jim Marburger
Raffle..... Gene Mulinix
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Rock Pile/Silent AuctionAndrea Kolodziejczyk
Security:Vera Lyman
Show Flyer & Printed Program Sharon Marburger
Website..... Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities:Brett Jurgens

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

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

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Youth Activities:
Barb Ogg & 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)

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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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