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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.

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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: **January 18, 2026**
Following 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, February 5, 2026 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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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 18, 2026 - Mid-Winter Swap & General Meeting
 February 19, 2026 - General Meeting
 March 19, 2026 - General Meeting
 April 3, 2026 - Show Setup
 April 4 & 5, 2026 - Annual Gem & Mineral Show
 June 20 & 21, 2026 - Gem Fest

Membership Dues for 2026 are due by January 31, 2026. See Treasurer Vera Lyman to pay with cash or check, or mail check to P.O. Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505. Your promptness is appreciated.

Club member, Kathy Schwartzman, wife of Kevin Schwartzman, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2025 due to multiple system failures. The memorial service will be on Sunday, January 25, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Unadilla Community Center, 770 G Street, Unadilla, Nebraska. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and various snacks such as cookies and brownies will be available. It will be an informal open house where those that knew Katherine or want to support the family can visit and possibly share their memories and stories about her. Kathrine was a very private person and so a formal funeral would not have suited her. This setting, with people just visiting and sharing memories would have made her very happy. The family hopes that those who knew and loved her are able to come and share time with them.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brian Beer
Sunner Burnham
Kevin Schwartzman



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.

Arvid Olson offers a sincere thank you to those who donate door prizes and Bingo prizes. He also wishes to thank those who work tirelessly for the good of the club, including setup and tear down of our meeting room.

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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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Brett Jurgens, President

Hello LGMC.

I hope everyone had relaxing holidays. My Christmas was very low key and splendid. I spent New Year’s Eve amongst friends at Hidden Gems. This has become a tradition of Jayne’s. In true LGMC fashion, there was quite a spread of food and some great conversation.

Our Mid-Winter Swap is right around the corner on Sunday, January 18. If you have not already, please mark yourself as going on the Facebook Event page and invite some friends. If enough people mark interested or going, Facebook will mark it as “trending” and will promote it even more. We also have flyers available on our website to download and print. The swap is a great opportunity to both socialize and add to your collection. I encourage all members to attend. It looks to be a great swap; our spaces are sold out and there is a wait list. Lunch is being offered by World Plates food truck. World Plates was a crowd favorite at Gem Fest last year and we asked them to provide food at the swap. They will be serving from the kitchen area so no need to venture outside in what is traditionally a cold day. Speaking of food, stick around after the swap closes as we will be having a pasta dinner for all club members and vendors. This is not a potluck but you may bring non-refrigerated desserts if you want. Afterwards we will have a very brief business meeting and awards. No program on the 18th; your educational experience is the swap! We could use some volunteers during the swap, helping with the admission gate, club rock pile and prepping the dinner (to my kitchen crew of last year’s swap, don’t worry, way less work this time). Please let me know if you are able to help.

I previously mentioned my New Year’s goal of polishing a limb a day. I am already behind but hope to get back into the rhythm. Did anyone else have a hobby related goal for the year? I’d also like to challenge you to make posts to the club Facebook page, showing us what you are doing in the hobby.

The onset of the new year also means we are less than three months from our main event of the year, our show on April 4 and 5. It takes a combined effort of many for the show to be a success, and I will be asking once again for volunteers. This year I will try using an electronic volunteer sign up form. I’ll still have it at meetings but will also send out in emails. I already have a good start on the list of people signed up for display cases at the show, but we still have empty cases. Please let me know if you are interested.

The juniors are looking for donated material for specimen handouts for our members and for our junior table at the show. Tumbled stones are always very popular. We are also looking for smaller specimens to put in a small (3"x3") bag with a printed label. Multiples of the same specimen are helpful.

A friendly reminder that membership runs from January to January and it is time to renew. We eliminated the late fees, but make sure your dues are paid up before our February meeting so you can participate in the Members Raffle for all paid up members. I’ll be picking up some of the prizes at the January swap and can guarantee there will be some good items. I look forward to seeing everyone at the swap! Please spread the word!



JUNIORS

by Brett Jurgens, Junior Leader

Hello Juniors.

I hope you had some great holidays! It was wonderful to see so many of you at the club activity night and at the Christmas party.

Our Mid-Winter Swap is coming up on Sunday, January 18. We will have a club pasta supper after the swap and a quick business meeting but no junior meeting or program. Make sure to stick around for the meal! Junior members attending the swap will earn a credit to pick something out from our vendors. Please come find me at the swap.

Make sure your dues are paid up for 2026. We will have a Members Raffle at our February meeting for all up-to-date members. We will also have some prizes for just our junior members!

Our big show is April 4 and 5. We will need help staffing the junior booth during the show. It can be a lot of fun and helps promote both our club and hobby. I will have signup sheets at the upcoming meetings. I am also looking for juniors to set up display cases. We had two members do it last year; I would like to have more this year.

If you have questions, let me know. See you at the swap!

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2025 at Vera Lyman’s Residence
by Sharon Marburger, 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 6:31 p.m. by President Brett Jurgens.

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed. Wooly moved to accept the minutes as amended, second by Vera. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Jayne withdrew her request for funds to purchase post cards for the Mid-Winter Swap.

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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING (CHRISTMAS PARTY)

December 7, 2025 at Bethany Park Shelter House
By Sharon Marburger, 2025 Secretary (photos by John Moss, Donitte Stiles, & author)

We did not have an official meeting because of the Christmas Party. At one point, I counted 30 adults and 8 juniors. There may have been more later.

We started off with the social hour while the juniors met to receive their Christmas booty. Among the food choices were crackers and dip, spinach dip, hamburger cheese dip with tortilla chips, bread and butter, and others.

Food abounded at the potluck. There were so many food items that all of them could not be fit on a plate. The club provided fried chicken; members brought potatoes and gravy, scalloped potatoes, sweet potatoes, curry and rice, a variety of salads and jello, rolls and butter, enchiladas, beans, stuffing, fruit, pickles, cranberry sauce, and other items too numerous to name. Desserts included fruit cocktail jello, many pies, brownies, numerous kinds of cookies, cheesecake, coffee cake, finger treats (petit fours), homemade caramel, and more.

It was Mike Stiles' birthday, so we sang Happy Birthday to him. He was very happy.



After eating, Sharon handed out Editor Awards to those present who had offered articles and pictures for the Pick & Shovel during 2025. Those not present to receive their awards will be presented at the Mid-Winter Swap.

A large number of members participated in the Gift Exchange. There were lots of smiles.

The highlight of the night was ROCK BINGO! Santa Wooly called the numbers. An unprecedented 70 Bingo prizes were donated! I'm not sure that everyone got a Bingo, but it wasn't for lack of trying. I finally got my Bingo when there were 6 prizes left.

I think everyone had a good time and no one went home hungry.

More photos on page 5.



Gift exchange with juniors



What better gift to give and get at a rock gathering than rock candy?



Santa Wooly calling Bingo numbers



What to choose, what to choose. Hey! Leave one for me!



Total blackout winners Brian and Jayne Beer. They had hot cards!

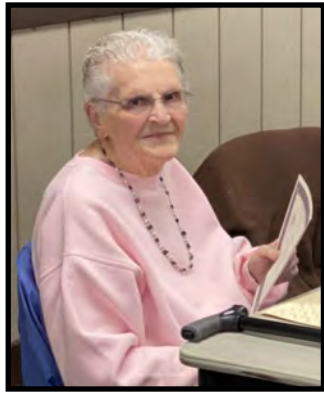


Donitte waiting for Sterling to make his selection.



2026 Board member elect, Sarah, happily claiming her specimen.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING (CHRISTMAS PARTY) - CONTINUED



Some of the Pick & Shovel contributors in 2025. The other four contributors will be honored following the Mid-Winter Swap.



DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Clyde will design club business cards with our three big events listed on the back. A QR code will be added to the front.

Jim has purchased the Show postcards. As a benefit, we will receive 1,000 business cards (mentioned above) for free.

The Christmas Party is coming this Sunday. Board members listed what food items they plan to take to the party, with hopes of no duplicates.

The Marburgers will host the December Rock Party on the 14th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Corey reported that we need to replace some of the Genie wheels. Sharon moved and Wooly seconded that Corey should send in 20 wheels to be recharged. Motion passed.

MID-WINTER SWAP:

Jayne printed a bunch of 4-to-a-page swap flyers for members to distribute. All vendor slots are filled; a waiting list is started to fill in cancellation spots.

SHOW:

Jayne and Brett presented the Proposed Show Budget. The numbers look good. Wooly moved to accept the Proposed Budget, second by Clyde. Motion passed.

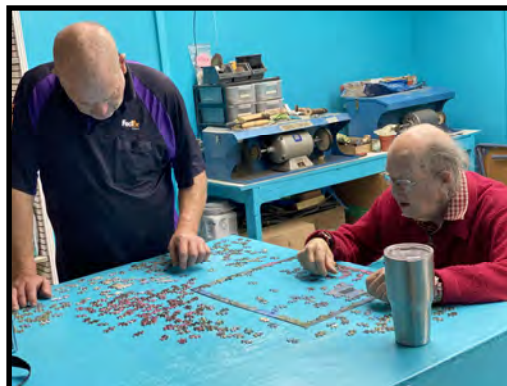
Six dealers have returned their signed contracts. One

dealer stated they would not be able to attend the 2026 Show. Vera moved that Hidden Gems and the Stileses be allowed to share the empty booth as a one-time situation, paying \$300 each for booth rent. Second by Sharon. Motion passed. Monarch will be moved to the booth of the absentee vendor.

Since the advertising contains a request for food items for the Food Bank, it was discussed to add a free will donation jar for the Food Bank, which will allow attendees \$1 off admission, just as the food items do. We discussed to possibility of switching to only a free will donation jar in 2027 since the Food Bank prefers cash.

Brett is shooting for 60 cases at the Show.

Wooly moved for meeting to be adjourned at 7:49 p.m., second by Corey. Motion carried.



Brian and Eddie working on a jigsaw puzzle during the New Year's Eve party at Hidden Gems. (Photo by John Moss.)

DECEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger (photos by author and John Moss)

The Marburgers hosted the Rock Party on Sunday, December 14. The doors opened at 3:00 p.m. for those wishing to participate in a “patio field trip”. Due to the biting cold weather, the field trip was moved inside, rocks being strewn all over the living room rug.



While waiting for attendees, we, of course, had to watch the Nebraska Girls’ Volleyball playoffs. There was much hand-wringing and nail biting, then tears as the girls couldn’t pull off the needed wins.

At 5:00, lots of good food was piled onto plates, then eaten with gusto. Below, Corey demonstrates how this is done while John learns how.



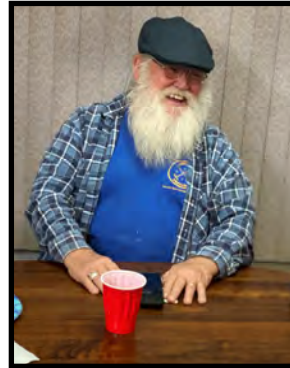
Once everyone had their fill, Sharon had everyone grab a seat at the table. She brought out a Saran Wrap ball with numbers buried within. Each person had 30 seconds to unwrap the ball before passing it to the next person. Any numbers they came across were theirs to hold onto. After the ball made it around the table, each person then had 10 seconds each to unwrap, garnering more numbers. We kept going until all the numbers were found.

The numbers hidden in the Saran Wrap ball corresponded with 98 prizes in the next room. Each person, in turn, collected their prizes. In addition to the prizes, Jim awarded them with a

handy-dandy brown paper bag in which to put said prizes.

Here Jayne is shown trying to loosen the Saran Wrap while Corey looks on and Kai protects his stash of numbers.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and no one left hungry.



In addition to the Marburgers, those attending were Mike & Donitte Stiles, Ed Ridge, Sarah Nichols, Wooly, John Moss, Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Carol Roston, and junior Kai.



Left: Former student, Pablo, traveled from Omaha to attend the New Year’s Eve party at Hidden Gems.
Right: Judith, Erica, and Corey take a break to pose for a picture.
(Photos by John Moss.)



RECYCLING IN THE MINERAL MARKET

By Eric Fritsch



This is one of my latest acquisitions, a topaz from Adun-Cholon Range, Zabaykalsky Krai, Russia. The specimen is approximately 4 x 6 x 2 inches thick. It is slightly blue from natural radiation. Practically all of the faceted blue topaz you see at rock shows and jewelry stores are radiated artificially to create a blue color.



One of the neat things about these topaz is that they were mined in the 1800s. How did I manage to get one of these today? The reason is that mineral specimens are often recycled. Often when a collector dies, their heirs sell off the collection to a dealer. The dealer then resells them. This practice can go on for many years, even centuries.

This specimen doesn't have such a long tradition of being passed down from dealer to collector to dealer. When the Soviet Union fell in the 1980s, Russians were desperate for cash. Many specimens like this probably came out of museums under less than ethical means (note: I do not specifically know this to be the case with this specimen. Just as likely it could have also come out of a private collection desperate for cash).

The West had cash and many Russian specimens became available on the mineral market in the 80s and early 90s. This was a great time to acquire such minerals, but I was a college student and didn't have a lot of disposable income at the time. I did manage to purchase some Russian (and Chinese) minerals when their markets suddenly opened at the end of the twentieth century. This specimen was purchased at Tucson in the 1980s by a private collector, whose collection was private until he passed. His collection was then sold to a dealer to recycle whereupon I acquired it.

Many of the collectors acquiring these specimens 30-40 years ago themselves have begun to pass. These treasures are being reintroduced to the mineral market now, but not at the bargain prices once known. Some may have even been passed more than once from collector to dealer.

Last year at Tucson I obtained a large datolite crystal which came from a collector's collection through a dealer. It had the original dealer's label, and I know the woman who imported it. She's told me stories about being one of the first mineral dealers in Russia after the fall of the iron curtain, often swapping things like chain saws for minerals or export certifications. It was a wild time back then.

At about the same time, other Soviet Union block countries were also desperate for cash and began selling minerals. China opened shortly after the Russian opening and a flood of cheap Chinese minerals started appearing on the market. Afghanistan and Pakistan were opening up, too. This was the golden age of modern minerals and a feat likely not to be repeated. Countries may retreat into a closed market and reopen but the late 80s and 90s were wild times in the mineral market.

There are still a couple of closed off countries, notably North Korea and Iran. North Korea doesn't really have many great mineral deposits. A few North Korean specimens show up at the Hong Kong show, but they are mostly novelties.

Iran has some good mineral deposits. Not all countries are as restrictive to Iran as the United States and Iranian minerals get smuggled out through Turkey, ending up in many of the European shows. They even make their way to the U.S. from time to time.

Minerals can't be recycled forever. After each generation passes there is collection loss. Some specimens are lost due to lack of labels (always properly label your specimens). Some heirs aren't appreciative of collections and let them fall into disarray or abandon them. Surprisingly, fire destroys many specimens and there have been several scholarly articles on the loss of great collections due to fires.

Thousands of Herodsfoot Mine tetrahedrites were collected in England in the mid 1800s. Every decade there are fewer and fewer of them. The list of old mineral finds goes on and on, losing a few more specimens each year. These often one-time finds of spectacular minerals increase in value over the years compared to something like Herkimer Diamonds which have been found for over 100 years straight, showing no sign of decreasing (in fact, production is way up in modern times).

Sometimes locations are "rediscovered", especially in remote locations. There will always be finds but as mining is becoming more mechanized, fewer specimens will be recovered. I doubt we'll ever see another convergence of opening closed off mineral producing countries again like we saw in the 80s and 90s. Tariffs are closing off overseas mineral markets today.

The next mineral frontier frenzy opening will probably take place when space opens to collecting. Many of the processes we know on earth to create great minerals (such as oxidation and secondary enrichment) do not occur in space. Countries can change trade policies and become isolationist, like reestablishing iron curtains. Advancements in underground mining and construction may also yield new surprises. Until then, we've got a planet surface to collect and recycle.



From your 2026 Board of Directors

NEW YEARS GATHERING AT HIDDEN GEMS

By Jayne Beer

This gathering has become an annual thing at the shop. We thoroughly enjoy hosting New Year's Eve at the shop! We hope others enjoy this laid back way to move forward into the new year.

We had all the lapidary and jewelry equipment at hand and ready for anyone to use. This year we had a puzzle going that several people enjoyed putting together. We didn't get the games out; I guess we were just too distracted. There was plenty of good homemade food for everyone.

We had a fantastic turnout of club members, friends, family, and customers! It seemed as if all people had a very enjoyable time. Some folks stopped by for a short visit and some stayed most of the evening. Either way, we loved seeing one and all!

I do want to let all of you know that we have to install a new policy regarding children. We love to see kids show up and use equipment and learn to cut stones or make simple jewelry or just hang around and look at rocks. We need to strictly enforce that kids be supervised at all times and not be allowed to run around the store and shop area. We have security cameras and there have been a few incidents where unsupervised kids were doing things in the shop that they shouldn't have been doing. Please supervise your kids! Thank you!

We will continue to have events here at the store. We truly enjoy hosting the club! We will also continue to host New Year's Eve at the shop, perhaps because we don't usually get invited to New Year's Eve things or those New Year's Eve gatherings are a little too crazy for my current tastes. Keep us in mind as you are thinking about your end of the year plans!

CHEERS FROM THE BEERS here at Hidden Gems Rock Shop!



Becky is a regular customer at the store. (photo by Jayne Beer)



Ja-zeil taking a break (photo by John Moss)



Judith & Jayne (photo by John Moss)

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JOHN A STAHL LIBRARY, WEST POINT, NEBRASKA MINERAL DISPLAY

By Eric Fritsch

The small town of West Point, Nebraska has a small mineral collection on display in the John A. Stahl public library (330 North Colfax Street). The display is from a local collector whose daughter knows my wife, so I probably would not be aware of this collection otherwise. I've driven past this library dozens of times not knowing what was located inside. It is a charming library, a focal point of the small town, and the mineral display adds a touch of class to the books, computers, and other resources.

One of the first things that catches your eye is the Great Seal of the United States of America, over the checkout desk at the front of the library. The seal is actually made of shovels, butter knives, spoons, chain link, and other hardware pieces. It isn't until you stop and study it that you realize it is composed of all these ordinary items assembled into an extraordinary piece of art.



The mineral display is located nearby and is one display about 12 feet long, 3-4 feet tall, and a foot or so deep. This collection was painstakingly assembled over many years. Our friend recalls how their father stopped at every rock shop he could find during family trips around the west.

The collection is a mixture of minerals, fossils, agates and curiosities. Several items have labels which expand on what the item's use is.

The most outstanding specimen, in my opinion, is a botryoidal hematite specimen from England. These are often called "kidney ore" because they look like a kidney. These came out of the iron mines of Cumbria which have long since closed and they are scarce on the mineral market today. This specimen is smoothed naturally with crystal growth and has not been polished. There are no discernable dings on this classic specimen.

Some of the specimens the collector has left old dealer labels attached to the specimen or box. An old "Rocksmiths" label interests me as it has a Bisbee address. When Eldon Smith first started Rocksmiths in 1970, he worked out of Bisbee but later moved to Tombstone, suggesting the specimen of Dioptase from Tsumeb, Namibia is from the 1970s when this mineral was remarkably produced from the mine.

There is a specimen of molybdenite labeled as from Queensland, Australia which is likely from Wolfram Camp. Again, exploration of this deposit was on-going in the 1970s and is now ceased. This location is now receiving renewed attention so new specimens may someday come from this mine again.

The collection is well represented by other sulfides including a Felsobanya (Romania) stibnite, galena with sphalerite from Picher, Oklahoma, an acicular jamesonite from Mexico (likely from Zacatecas or even the Noche

Buena Mine), and a variety of pyrite specimens. Looking at the age of the collection these might be Eagle Mine pyrite from Colorado.

There are several rhodochrosite on display including classical Capillitas, Argentina stalactite section, a large Colorado (likely American Tunnel), and a fine Hotzel, South African thumbnail.

Quartz was another favorite of this collector, and it features quartz from Herkimer County, New York (so called "Herkimer diamonds"), Little Rock, Arkansas, amethyst from Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, and other localities. There are agates and other minerals.

The collection also features some nice fossils like a couple of turtle shells from the Oligocene (likely South Dakota badlands), a mastodon tooth, a plate of Orthoceras, and a whale vertebra. There is a lot packed into this single display case.

The library posts its hours on its website and is not open Saturday afternoon or Sundays. If you have the time and you're up in the West Point area, I suggest checking out this display. It is free and shows that such exhibits are important and well received. I always encourage people to check out mineral displays and museums. If you know of one in the area, please let me know as I'd like to review more. In Nebraska, I'm aware of the following public mineral displays: Concordia College - Seward; Morrill Hall and Geology Department at UNL; UNO Geology Department; Midland University Science Hall; Hastings Museum; West Point Library; and Petrified Wood Museum in Ogallala.

Sadly, our premier natural history museum, Morrill Hall, is very lacking in minerals. You're better off wandering the geology building next door to see minerals in the hallways. I'm also in the process of looking into mineral collections that may not be on display at several colleges, historic houses, etc. Again, if you know of any, please let me know and I'd love to visit them.



LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S
45th Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap



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

Sunday, January 18, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Recognition/Awards:

Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger

Refreshments:

Donitte Stiles

Show - 2026:

Jayne Beer, Brett Jurgens

Summer Gem Fest:

Jayne Beer

Website:

Sharon Marburger

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)

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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P.O. Box 5342
Lincoln, NE 68505-0342



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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

2026 Schedule

Lapidary Classes

(Stone Cutting)

\$100 for 5 3-hour classes

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

Choice of session:

Open Shop to Jan 11 (\$20 per use)

Session 1: Feb 8 - Mar 15

Session 2: Mar 22 - May 3

Session 3: May 17 - Jul 5

Session 4: Jul 12 - Aug 16

Session 5: Aug 23 - Oct 11

Session 6: Oct 18 - Nov 22

Open Shop Nov 29 & Dec 6 (\$20 per use)

Silversmithing Classes

Tuition: \$160 plus \$30 supply deposit

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

Choice of Tuesday or Wednesday session
(8 classes):

Session 1: Tues, Jan 13 - Wed, Mar 18

Session 2: Tues, Mar 24 - Wed, May 20

Session 3: Tues, Jun 2 - Wed, Jul 29

Session 4: Tues, Aug 4 - Wed, Oct 7

Session 5: Tues, Oct 13 - Wed, Dec 2

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