



The Official Publication of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

# THE PICK & SHOVEL

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The Midwest Federation of 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).

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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: Due to circumstances beyond our control, the next meeting will be April 30 at Bethany Park Shelter House.**

**The Program will be Phil Geib presenting Stone tools: How they were made and used.** Phil will discuss the use of stone tools and will include information about how they were made and used, along with demonstrating various outstanding examples of stone tools.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are usually held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Vera Lyman's Residence.

**Next Board Meeting:**

**Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello LGMC. Please stand up and give yourselves a pat on the back. As I have said in the past, it takes a combined effort to put the show on, and we did it! This year was especially hard for people to find time to volunteer with the show being on Easter weekend. I totally understand those who were unable to help out due to family or other prior commitments. But I must give a shout out to those who did step up. We had multiple new members sign up for volunteering. And we had multiple members sign up for every single time slot for the show. This was the first year we did online signups, and it seems to have worked well. We had great help for set up; dealers were allowed in at 9:30 a.m. and we had most display cases set up by 10 a.m. Same with tear down; members really showed up and got to work. Again, a big shout out to all of those who helped during set up, tear down and during the show.



Early counts show we had around 1,450 attendees on Saturday and over 500 on Sunday. While this is down from the past few years, considering it was Easter weekend, I am very pleased. Every dealer I spoke with was very happy with sales; it seems those who came to the show were there to buy.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLUB FUN

### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 19, 2026 - Club Activity Night  
April 30, 2026 - General Meeting  
May 7, 2026 - Board Meeting  
May 20, 2026 - General Meeting  
June 4, 2026 - Board Meeting  
June 20 & 21, 2026 - Gem Fest



### BIRTHDAYS

**Marites Aulner**  
**Timothy Aulner**  
**Corey Beer**  
**Anne Malone**

### YOUR INPUT TO PICK & SHOVEL CONTENT

The Pick & Shovel is YOUR newsletter. 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

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or via Facebook Messenger to Sharon Marburger  
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#### **Deadline:**

Last Sunday of the month.

## **Club Activity Night**

### **Early Cinco de Mayo**

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Hidden Gems Rock Shop**

**3227 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St.**

Come celebrate an early Cinco de Mayo with potluck Mexican dishes.

Bring your projects to work on one of the many grinders and polishers. A rock saw is available for minor slabbing and trimming. Remember to share equipment. There will be lots of chatting and sharing stories as well as checking out the Beers' Rock Shop.

**See you there!**

### 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.

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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

By Sharon Marburger, Secretary

March 19, 2026, Bethany Park Shelter House

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Brett Jurgens.

We welcomed new member Rebecca Hueske. A new family joined the day before the meeting, but they were not present tonight.

The minutes of the January meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Norm Boettcher moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Mike Stiles. Passed. There were no minutes from February because the meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Treasurer’s report was read by Vera Lyman. Jim Marburger moved to accept the report, second by Gene Mulinix. Passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The 2025 Rockhound of the Year was Norm Boettcher. Congratulations Norm!

Reminder that the Pick & Shovel will be distributed by electronic means only, except to those who do not have electronic capabilities. The juniors will no longer receive a paper copy; parents make sure we have your email address. This change is due to the exorbitant price of \$4 an issue.

The Mid-Winter Swap did great. We are loving the venue; thanks to Clyde Ogg for locating it.

Reminder that April and May general meetings will be on different dates than usual. Thursday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 20.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Beers will host a club activity night at Hidden Gems Rock Shop on Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m. The theme will be Mexican food in honor of an early Cinco de Mayo.

Corey ordered the new Genie wheels. They should arrive prior to club activity night.

**SHOW BUSINESS**

We need more volunteers at the Show. Please sign up for extra shifts if you can. We have a good number of volunteers for setup on Friday.

Get your yard signs out. Advertising is key to a successful show.

Still looking for juniors to set up an exhibit.

**GEM FEST**

Member signup tonight for vendors. The advanced reservations go live on the website on March 31.

Jayne Beer moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Jan Amberg. Passed.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

By Sharon Marburger, Secretary

March 6, 2026, Vera Lyman’s Residence

**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	Absent
	Mike Stiles	Present
	Sarah Nichols	Present
	Corey Beer	Present

Visitors Donitte Stiles, Jim Marburger, Ed Ridge

Minutes were distributed. Clyde moved to accept the minutes with correction, 2nd by Mike. Passed. Treasurer’s Report was distributed. Sharon moved to accept the report, 2nd by Sarah. Passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Science Fair was held at the Event Center on March 5. Those attending and promoting the club were Brett, Eddie, Jayne, Corey, Brian, and the rest of the Beer Family.

Corey further researched the purchase of new grinding wheels for the shop. It was decided that he purchase five sets of four grinding wheels. Sharon moved that Corey be allotted an additional \$500 for miscellaneous parts for the shop, Clyde seconded. Passed.

A new Brother laser printer and a set of spare toner cartridges were purchased. The printer has been set up in Sharon's home office where club printing will happen. The printer works nicely.

A reminder that the April and May meeting dates are changed for 2026. April 30 and May 20. This is due to another group reserving Bethany Park Shelter House before us.

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## SHOW RECAP

By Sharon Marburger

The 2026 gem and mineral show is now behind us. The many hours of planning made the show a huge success. So many people, members and non-members alike, deserve special thanks and kudos for helping to pull off this event. A special thanks to co-show chairmen, Jayne Beer and Brett Jurgens who pulled it all together.

The show was dedicated to Vera Lyman, our long-time treasurer and past secretary. Vera has given so much time and energy to the club, helping to make it a great organization in which to be involved.

One of our usual vendors was unable to participate in this year's show. In its place, we had two vendors share the space, giving us 15 vendors instead of the usual 14.

So many hobby-related items were for sale. I did not get the chance to visit the vendors because I was demonstrating sphere making. Several people came by my booth, sharing with me their purchases. Spectacular items! I was saddened that I hadn't gotten around the show. Oh well; next year.

Lots of volunteers manned the various stations of the show: entry booth, club booth, club rock pile, fluorescent display, and juniors booth. Volunteers are what made the show run smoothly.

Clyde and Barb did a nice job of updating the storyboard for the Club Booth. I pointed it out to a non-member who stopped and said, "Hey, that's my daughter," upon seeing one of the photos. It was a picture from about 15 years ago, showing how our youth interact with the adults in the club.

The volunteers working the club Rock Pile did a great job selling specimens. At the end of the show, it appeared that half of the inventory had been sold. Yay! This means that we will be looking for replacement items for the Rock Pile. Think about your collections; is there anything you would like to donate to the club Rock Pile? The funds generated are divided between the Juniors and lapidary supplies for the club equipment. Donations can be given to Brett Jurgens or Sharon Marburger at meetings or our next event - Gem Fest.

I offer a special thank you to two of our newest members, Karen and Michael, for packing up the Rock Pile at the end of the show. Their thoughtfulness saved me from having to do it.

The fluorescent display was a hit as always. Some people viewed it repeatedly, then ran around the show looking for fluorescent material. *Continued on page 5*

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

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The sound system needs to be present at all general meetings. The Beers will see to this task.

### NEW BUSINESS

Vera handed the books to the Audit Committee. They will get back with their decision.

After cancelling the February meeting due to weather, Shane's talk will be rescheduled. Clyde is working on this.

The Beers will host an Activity Night at Hidden Gems on Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m. The planned theme is Mexican Food in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

### SHOW BUSINESS

Brett says he will have the electronic volunteer signup ready by the March meeting. He would like people to sign up for 2-hour shifts at the various stations. Jim will contact the Food Bank for collection barrels and pick up.

It has been confirmed that rock for the outside, Nebraska Rock Pile, will be delivered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on a motion by Sharon, Corey seconded. Adjourned.

## JUNIORS

By Brett Jurgens, Co-Leader

I want to give a big shout out to all who helped at the show. Millie, Alex, Chloe, Gracie, Ezekial, Asher, and Jonah. Having junior members staffing the junior booth is the best way we can show the public we have a junior club.

The show went well, and the junior booth was popular as always. We had several people who came straight back to the booth to do the gem dig.

This year we added a touch table. It was popular with both youth and adults. We also added a youth passport. Guests were given the passport at the admission gate and had six stations throughout the show to visit and self-stamp. Upon completion, the passport was taken to the youth area to claim the prize of a selection of tumbled rocks. Feedback from parents was very positive as it was another free activity and it encouraged different parts of the show to be visited.

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The dealers all seemed very happy about their sales. That’s what we want, happy dealers and happy customers.

The juniors booth had a slow start on Saturday, but around noon, the kids started filtering in. The gem dig, a favorite among attendees, was a success. There were other games to play where prizes were won. The clatter of the Rock Race made it clear that, “the race is ooonnnnn!” The juniors raised a nice amount of money at the booth to support their ongoing activities.

Demonstrators shared their knowledge and expertise in the hobby with wire wrapping, cabochon cutting, flint knapping, stained glass, fossils, minerals, jewelry making, sphere making, and mineral identification.

According to Eddie, there were 50 display cases. Displaying is one of our strong points and we outshine many other shows in the Midwest. Members of the public were given the opportunity to vote on their favorite cases in the areas of Best Educational, Best Show Themed, and the general People’s Choice.

The outside Nebraska Rock Pile was visited by many. Adults and kids alike always enjoy this hunt for something interesting, cool, or shiny.

There were several new volunteers working the entry booth, alongside veteran workers. Good job, everyone!

The vendor gift certificate drawing was a hit as always. The holder of the winning ticket, drawn twice an hour, receives a \$20 gift certificate to one of our dealers. The dealers are happy and the winners are thrilled.

Attendance was excellent for Easter weekend.

Saturday Adults:	1,193
Sunday Adults:	499
Saturday Kids:	249
Sunday Kids:	73
GRAND TOTAL:	2,014

It is a concerted effort to pull off a successful show. Everyone did a great job! Let’s do it again next year!

- Best Educational: Eric Fritzsich with *Axinite*
- Best Show Themed: Ed Ridge with *Chalcedony*
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place People’s Choice: Nykky Lytle with *Wire Wrap/Weave Jewelry*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place People’s Choice: Mike & Donitte Stiles with *Easter*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place People’s Choice: Corey Beer with *Ocean Jasper*

SHOW HONOREE - VERA LYMAN



*Brett, Vera, and Jayne*

The text for the dedication read:

*This 66th Annual Show is dedicated  
to long-time member  
Vera Lyman*

*Vera has been a member of Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. for 52 years. She has worked on many of the club’s committees and most notably, she was Secretary for 22 nonconsecutive years and Treasurer for 26 years. She opened her home to the Board of Directors’ monthly meetings when we lost our meeting location.*

*Vera has been an exemplary member and volunteer, putting in countless, unrecognized hours of work for the good of the club.*

*Thank you, Vera!*

THANK YOU FROM VERA LYMAN

It was a surprise and honor that the 2026 Gem & Mineral Show was dedicated to me. It has been my pleasure to serve the club throughout the years. I have enjoyed all the activities and friendships made during my time in the club.

Best of luck to Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club in the future.

## WHY PEOPLE STOP COLLECTING

By Eric Fritzsch



A couple of years ago I got very interested in why people collect. Not just rocks and minerals, but everything and

anything. I gave a couple talks on this subject to the local clubs in Omaha and Lincoln. I like psychology, economics, history as it relates to minerals, and other subjects.

Recently I came across a presentation where a psychologist tried to explain why people stop collecting. He came up with a list of three (3) reasons (number 1-3 on the list below), but he obviously wasn't a collector because he didn't see the many other reasons why people stop collecting.

### 1. Beginners Mind Addiction

In Beginners Mind Addiction (BMA) the collector is first thrilled with learning something new. You get a shot of dopamine learning something new. You chase the dopamine high like a crack junkie. Problem is, once you've gotten through some of the beginners high, and start to develop a little mastery, you become bored and the dopamine is no longer there. Mastery is a subjective concept. In music it might mean learning the notes on an instrument or playing chess, knowing the basics of the game. It's not being a world class violinist or being national ranked in chess. It is small mastery, as true masters takes the proverbial 10,000 hours.

### 2. Identity Threat Response

In Identity Threat Response (ITR) the collector fears the hobby will become part of the collector's identity. You are no longer Michael or Alice, you are the art collector or butterfly collector. It comes with additional pressures and expectations. Failure becomes a real anxiety. People with ITR often feel it is better to quit while you're ahead, rather than confront failure at what you are identified at. Art collectors feel such shame when they get duped for buying a forgery. To misidentify a butterfly in front of your peers is something some people would be incredibly embarrassed by and not worth the effort. Everyone misidentifies items. This is similar to not raising your hand in school when you are pretty sure you know the answer, but fear is holding you back in case you get it wrong in front of your peers.

### 3. Fear that it could be taken away (Loss)

Play is a nature childhood (and adult) activity. When you play there is often no right or wrong. When you played "cops and robbers" there were no consequences and it didn't matter if you were a "cop" or a "robber". You weren't going to jail and you couldn't lose your badge. Fear of caring about something like a hobby that could disappoint you may cause you to quit. One might fear competition with other collectors, not living up to what you envisioned, or even your brain convinces you that you're buried in reality, scared of having something to lose. The brain rationalizes this by quitting rather than losing.

### 4. Negative comments by others

We are very social animals, and what other people think is very important to us. Are you the middle-aged man who collects children's toys? What do other people think about this. I have a friend who is a Lithuanian Dancer. He dresses in traditional costume and enjoys dancing traditional Lithuanian dances. I was with him once with other professionals and we were talking about hobbies and he brought this up. One of the people in the group instantly thought it was funny and made fun of this. I could see in my friends eyes, the hurt, remorse, sadness, and regret that he brought this up.

### 5. No social connection

If you are isolated and the only collector of your hobby, having no other contact with other collectors, it can be isolating. People talk of "food deserts" where there are areas without grocery stores or healthy eating options, but hobbies can have "hobby deserts." If you like trap shooting in Nebraska, you're in luck and there are plenty of other people and places to trap shoot. If you live in New York City, maybe not so much.

HBO has a fascinating TV show on called "How to with John Wilson". It's a quirky look at people and their activities. He once featured washing machine and vacuum collectors. Did you know that they are almost entirely male? It is a very small community, and they do have small conventions or gatherings to share the social connection.

### 6. Comparison or frustration with progress

Many collectors simply want a full collection instantaneously. It is usually a time driven process to

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## WHY PEOPLE STOP COLLECTING - CONTINUED

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develop and build a collection. Impatience is infuriating and sometime people will give up.

Some people also compare their collections to others or the minerals in magazines. That glossy cover mineral on magazines is often a \$10,000 specimen. People who make more than you can build a better collection, faster, and you likely don't have a chance against them. Go at your own pace and within your means and ability. I often say "Collect what you like; like what you collect."

### 7. Finances

Hobbies are generally expensive and finances play a big role. Even something as simple as collecting bugs in Nebraska has costs. You need pins to mount your specimens, specimen boxes, drawers, gas to travel, etc. Hobbies are money pits too. You put a lot of money into them but really don't get money out of them.

### 8. Life commitments

Life is complicated. It has a way of taking over control of us. We have lawns to mow, driveways to shovel, jobs to go to, wives to placate, children to raise, and so on. There are millions of distractions and other things that demand our time and commitment. These things can also consume finances (#7 above). Sickness and injury can complicate our plans. Age slows us down. So many people think they'll get more active in their hobby when they retire, only to find they don't have additional time, additional energy, additional finances. It might be futile to keep collecting when you get to a certain point in your age and you no longer enjoy it.

### 9. Our minds

Some people have difficulty in committing to a hobby due to ADHD. They are constantly changing their attention. Some people have manias associated with collecting and go from highs to serious lows with their hobby. I wrote an article in this newsletter about a year ago about the potential impact of the GLP-1 drugs for weight loss. One of the side effects is a mellowing of interests. Taking GLP-1 drugs may cause one to lose interest in one's hobbies. Our minds also change over time. You find things that you might have enjoyed 30 years ago no longer interest you. The movement to declutter is popular right now and maybe you overcome to the idea that things that don't bring you joy need to be expunged.

### 10. Boredom

If you collect Micky Mouse figurines, you can get tired of them. People often line every shelf in their house with figurines, but maybe after a while, you have every single Micky and Minnie Mouse salt and pepper shaker ever made. You might be tired of having them take up all that space in your house. You might have even started your hobby in a response to boredom but now find other activities more exciting and essential. Many people box up their collections and put them away in deep storage.

### 11. Exploration

Especially when you are young, you often find yourself exploring hobbies. Many of us have had several hobbies before finding rock collecting. Some people have multiple hobbies. Sometimes a hobby sticks, sometimes it doesn't. You often don't know the reason why you abandon it, you just do.

I'd love your comments and thoughts about abandoning hobbies. Have you abandoned one or thought of another reason why people abandon hobbies? Drop me a line at [eric.fritsch@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fritsch@gmail.com) or find me at a show or club meeting to discuss. Also, in next month's newsletter, I'll talk about why rock/mineral collecting is a resilient collecting activity that is immune to many of these reasons and also prime for many of these reasons.



The ever-curious John Moss in deep conversation with Greg Syslo.

John is the club's prolific photographer. Without his help, your P&S would be a boring bunch of words. So give John your thanks the next time you see him.

(Photo by Sharon Marburger. I love this photo! It is so JOHN!)

SHOW PHOTOS



Kim Nielsen interacts with a young customer  
(Photo by John Moss)



Allan Gossman helps out at the Juniors Booth  
(Photo by John Moss)



Jeff Kubitz assists a young lady at the Juniors Booth  
(Photo by John Moss)



Jim Atkins and Gene Mulinix selling tickets for the Dealer Gift Certificates  
(Photo by John Moss)



Tammy Kubitz waits for some mini miners at the Juniors Booth  
(Photo by John Moss)



Kay Jurgens helps out at the Juniors Booth  
(Photo by John Moss)



Cathy Talmadge shows fluorescent minerals  
(Photos by John Moss)



SHOW PHOTOS



Ellie Wagner & Robin Leuty at the fluorescent booth  
(Photo by John Moss)



Corey explains to Nykky & customer how he would approach the project  
(Photo by S. Marburger)



Jayne Beer & Judith Bay pose with former member Ed Dvorak  
(Photo by John Moss)



Jim Marburger captivates show attendees  
(Photo by John Moss)



Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge  
(Photo by John Moss)



Sharon Marburger explains to Bob & Pat Grimit how the sphere machine works while Wooly looks on  
(Photo by John Moss)



Steve May helping to take down cases after the show  
(Photo by John Moss)



Justin & Brett running power to display cases  
(Photo by John Moss)



Jim M., Arvid Olson, and Wooly doing what all rockhounds do - telling tall tales about the rocks they've collected - and the ones that got away  
(Photo by John Moss)

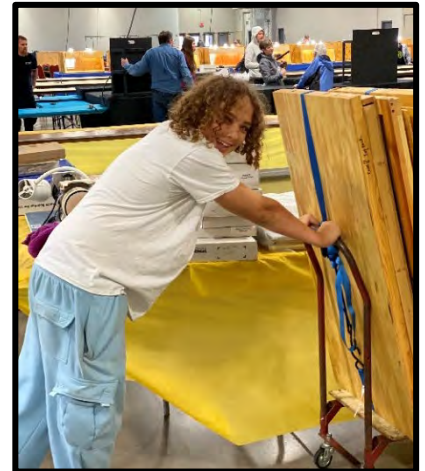


SHOW PHOTOS



CLUB BOOTH  
Kevin Schwartman (left), Tiffany Edwards and Barb Ogg (top left),  
and Kevin S. and Carol Roston (top right)  
(Photo by John Moss)

SOME OF THE GATEKEEPERS  
Linda Hansen & Norm Boettcher (bottom left)  
Robin Leuty & Tiffany Edwards (bottom right)  
(Photo by John Moss)

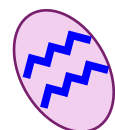


Ja-zeil helping Jim M. with  
display cases  
(Photo by John Moss)

ROCK PILE  
Kim and Don Kosmacek (below),  
and Terry Anderson (right)  
(Photo by John Moss)



Jim & Sharon setting up display cases  
(Photo by John Moss)



SHOW PHOTOS - WINNING DISPLAYS



**Best Educational**

Eric Fritzsich's case of Axinite.

(Photo by Jayne Beer)



**Best Show Themed**

Ed Ridge's case of Chalcedony.

(Photo by John Moss)

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS**

**First Place**

Nykky Lytle's "Wire Wrap/Weave Jewelry" (Photo by Jim Atkins)

**Second Place**

Mike & Donitte Stiles' "Easter" (Photo by John Moss)

**Third Place**

Corey Beer's "Ocean Jasper (and blue flower agate)" (Photo by John Moss)



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONTINUED

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A big thank you to those who helped promote our show. Whether you distributed postcards and flyers, shared on Facebook, or put up a yard sign, we appreciate your help.

We had exactly 50 members cases on display. Adding in club displays, the Roger Pabian displays brought by Jayne Beer, and the Wally Boden displays brought by Jim Marburger, we topped 60. I heard multiple compliments from attendees and dealers on the quantity and QUALITY of our displays. Take it as a point of pride that we are becoming known for our displays. It really helps make the show and I truly appreciate it.

Overall, I am ecstatic over the success of the show. I am also relieved that it is over and we have another year before our next one.

### JUNIORS - CONTINUED

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Don't forget about the activity night at Hidden Gems on Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m. Each junior attending will get a small gift. Remember that Hidden Gems is a business and you should not mess around with or move their displays.

Also, please remember that our regular meeting is not the regular date this month; it is Thursday, April 30th.

Again? Thank you to all that helped at the show.



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**2026 SHOW COMMITTEE**

Theme:..... Discover Chalcedony  
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**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. Printable applications are available on the club website and should be mailed with appropriate dues to the address listed. Application may also be completed electronically through the website paying via PayPal. <https://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/>

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Audio/Visual:**  
Clyde Ogg

**Audit:**  
Jayne Beer, James Marburger, Clyde Ogg

**Christmas Party:**  
Edward Ridge

**Club Rock Pile:**  
Andrea Kolodziejczyk

**Door Prizes:**  
Corey Beer, Brett Jurgens, Charles Wooldridge

**Facebook:**  
James Marburger, Jayne Beer, Brett Jurgens

**Field Trips:**  
James Marburger

**Historian:**  
Sharon Marburger

**Membership Record:**  
Edward Ridge

**Mid-Winter Swap**  
Jayne Beer

**MWF Liaison:**  
Vera Lyman

**Programs:**  
Clyde Ogg

**Property:**  
James Marburger

**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

**2026 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

**2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Jayne Beer, Chairman

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

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# THE 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

### 2026 Schedule

Jayne Beer - Jeweler  
402.890.3307

#### Lapidary Classes

(Stone Cutting)

**\$100 for 5 3-hour classes**

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

Choice of session:

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.**