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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: Thursday, September 17, 2026

Program: Eric Fritsch - Minerals of China
Eric will share his experiences during visits to China.

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, September 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello LGMC.

It was great to see so many of you and so many different interests and facets of our hobby at our last meeting. While I really enjoy the great programs that Clyde has been arranging for us, I also love the club member show and tell. Seeing what people bring to the show and tell really showcases the diversity of our club. And our club has a wide variety of interests.

It was also great to see some new members joining us. We all love sharing our hobby and knowledge and



need to continue to grow to keep the club active and functioning.

A reminder that we do not have summer monthly meetings. Our next regular meeting will be September 17. Please don't think because we don't have summer meetings the club goes inactive. In fact, we are likely more active in the summertime. Our next big event is Gem Fest on June 20 and 21. This is a great family event that grows more popular every year. Please help spread

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLUB FUN

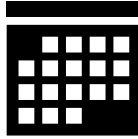
DATES TO REMEMBER

June 20 & 21, 2026 - Gem Fest

July 18 & 19 - Camp Creek Threshers

July 12 - Odell Diamonds Field Trip

September 17 - First meeting back after summer break



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jayne Beer
Donna Farlow
Annette Ford
Ellie Lyman
Ed Ridge



Gem Fest

Saturday, June 20
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 21
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Come out to volunteer or
just have a great time!**

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Brett Jurgens will be seeking volunteers for the “Rock Building” at Camp Creek Thresher’s 49th Annual Antique Machinery and Threshing Show in Waverly on Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19.

Although this isn’t an official LGMC activity, the club provides displays, a touch table, Gem Dig, and hobby demonstrations for the public.

Informal surveys at previous Camp Creek activities have determined that the Rock Building was the favorite place for kids and parents.

You may volunteer for the whole weekend, one day, or a two-hour shift on either day. Stay tuned for more information.

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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the word by marking yourself as going on the FB event page. Also be sure to share with friends and family. On the event page you can also click on invite to send to people in your contacts. We do have online sign up for a few volunteer spots during Gem Fest; we need help with the admission gate as well as the Rock Pile.

Don't forget our club/vendor grill out immediately following the close of Gem Fest on Saturday at 6 p.m. The club will provide grilled items and I will have potato salad and macaroni salad. Feel free to bring items to contribute but make note that refrigeration space is very limited.

The weekend after Gem Fest we have a field trip to Weeping Water on Saturday, June 27 for Limestone Days. I have yet to see a schedule of events for this year but typically the parade starts at 10 a.m. I confirmed with Martin Marietta that they will be giving tours of their mine that day as well. The current plan will be to meet up at the mine at 11:30 a.m. to go on the tour. Participants will board a bus which takes us underground into the mine; the tour lasts about 20 minutes. I have not been able to scope it out yet but have been told of a few road cuts where some collecting could occur. There will be an email sent out when more info is available.

A field trip is also scheduled for Sunday, July 12 to collect "Odell Diamonds" near Odell. These crystals are actually barite and rarely exceed 3/8" but are fun to collect. There will be a sign-up sheet for both field trips at Gem Fest. Remember, you must be a paid

member of the club to attend any field trip. Later in the summer we are planning another trip to the Little Nemaha River. More info to come.

July 18 and 19 is the Camp Creek Threshing show east of Waverly. There is an online sign-up sheet for this as well. The club staffs a rock display that typically has around 1,000 people come through in two days. We have a touch table, gem dig, fluorescent display, lapidary table, and display cases. Volunteers are needed to man the different stations and answer lots of questions. Lunch is provided and volunteering gets you free entry into the show. There are TONS of other events going on at the show. This will be the fourth year we have done this event and we are hoping new volunteers will sign up so that everyone has a chance to see the rest of the show.

Several members of the club are planning to attend the Crawford Rock Swap over Labor Day weekend. While it is a bit of a drive from Lincoln, this is an excellent time to add to your collection with both self-collected and purchased items. There are field trips on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Last year there were over 100 vendors.

I am sure I am forgetting something. Keep an eye out for emails on updates.

JUNIORS

By Brett Jurgens, Co-Leader

Hello Juniors.

It feels like summer has officially arrived. Please read my president's message for info on our different field trips this summer. A reminder that junior members must have a parent or guardian with them to attend field trips. There are some great opportunities for collecting this summer. Also, please try to attend Gem Fest. Each junior member attending will have an allowance to spend on specimens for their collection. Remember the rules we went over at the last meeting for field trips. (See the AFMS Code of Ethics in this newsletter.)



Also, make sure to wear appropriate shoes: closed toe tennis shoes with good traction or boots. Light weight long sleeved clothes to prevent overheating and sunburn are best. And a hat is often very useful. A canvas bag or bucket are ideal for carrying your finds; the Odell trip the crystals are very small so a bucket is not needed. A Ziploc bag or empty medicine bottle would work. And especially on the Odell trip, don't forget your tick spray!

Bring all of your questions to Gem Fest, and bring your appetite for the cookout on Saturday night.

I hope to see you all at Gem Fest.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Sharon Marburger, Secretary

May 20, 2026, Bethany Park Shelter House

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Brett Jurgens.

New member Dennis attended. 25 adults, 8 juniors, and two guests were present.

The minutes of the April meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Clyde Ogg moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Jeff Kubitz. Passed.

Sharon read the Treasurer's report in Vera Lyman's absence. Jim Marburger moved to accept the report, second by Mike Stiles. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A reminder of the Camp Creek Threshers annual show on July 18 & 19, 2026. Brett is looking for volunteers. He would like to see volunteers who have not worked this event in the past.

AerieRocks hosted a field trip/picnic at its shop in Union, Nebraska. Although Tammy and Allan are Lincoln club members, their primary club is the Omaha club. It was noted that more Lincoln club members attended than Omaha club. Way to support our hobby!

NEW BUSINESS

June 13 will be the Omaha Rock Auction. Check the club Facebook feed or contact Tammy Jeanneret for more information.

June 27 will be Limestone Days at Weeping Water, Nebraska. Check their website for details.

Brett has set July 12 for the Odell Diamonds field trip. Check the club Facebook feed for more information as the date nears.

The President's Field Trip will once again be on Labor Day weekend, meeting at Crawford, Nebraska for their annual show/rock swap.

Several club members will have garage sales/rock sales over Memorial Day weekend and the following weekend.

GEM FEST

Fourteen vendors have signed up so far. Food truck will be there both days. Two barn spaces remain as well as nearly unlimited outside spaces. Jayne has ordered tables and porta potties for the event. As usual, there will be a grill out/potluck for vendors and club members on Saturday following the close of business. Brett will provide a light breakfast on Sunday morning. We need

volunteers to work the admission gate; shifts would be two hours.

The next meeting will be September 17. Watch the website and Facebook feed for summer activities.

Donitte Stiles moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mike Stiles. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Program was member Show & Tell.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By Sharon Marburger, Secretary

May 7, 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, Ed Ridge.

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

There were no minutes to approve due to no meeting in April. The Treasurer's Report was distributed. Clyde moved to accept the report, second by Mike. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Field trips were discussed. The trip to Odell is being postponed until we hear from the state herpetologist. There have been reports of an abnormally large quantity of snakes in the area. Safety first! Other trips discussed were Ashfall Fossil Beds, Nemaha River to Broken Bridge (Corey will lead and let us know when), Concordia College to see the Bartels Museum (wonderful rock collection - may schedule for fall), Fairbury for fossils, Little Blue River (if we can get "the Nikkies" to lead us), Schram Park, and Limestone Days at Weeping Water on June 27. Watch email and the club Facebook page for last minute notifications.

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NEW BUSINESS

Sharon moved to send a \$75 memorial to APACE in honor of Vera's sister, Susan, who passed away. Jayne seconded the motion. Carried.

In addition to the food donations at the Show (thanks to Kelly Beer for delivering them), Clyde moved and Mike seconded that we send a \$25 check to the Food Bank to cover what we collected and a little bit more. Motion carried.

Clyde started a discussion on club operating procedures, asking that each officer and board member be assigned specific duties, instead of everything falling to the secretary and treasurer. The Long-Range Planning and By-Laws Committee will need to meet to discuss this. Standing Committee chairmen are President-appointed. Some jobs overlap and it makes sense for the same person to do the jobs. However, other jobs can and should be reassigned to enlist the help of the general membership. This, too, will be discussed.

The Show also needs an updated operating procedure. Brett instituted an online sign-up for volunteers this year. It was suggested that each job on the sign-up contain a detailed description so everyone knows what is expected. We also need to reinforce the job description of the Show's Floor Chairman. At setup and tear down, there needs to be one person to direct the flurry of activity.

For ease of accounting, Clyde proposed that the club do away with the various treasury funds. Vera has already simplified the books by showing only the checkbook (which covers all sub accounts) and the CD and Money Market accounts. The funds to which Clyde refers occur only on paper; however, the Juniors and Property Maintenance Funds need to be kept separately on paper due to their complexity and tax purposes.

The club rock pile needs donations. See Sharon or Brett.

SHOW BUSINESS

We do not yet have a Show report because of some outstanding bills. Those statements should arrive soon and a report will then be generated.

Rock for Rock Pile is needed. The Nebraska Rock Pile will need to be revisited for 2027.

Brett pointed out that we are paying our security team for hours during which ranking club members are present. He suggested requesting police officers to start at 9:00 p.m. on Friday and leaving around 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. For Saturday, make the hours 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa has changed the dates of their 2027 show, which now conflicts with our show. This will be problematic because many of our dealers also work the Cedar Rapids show. We may have to offer one year only dealer booths to replace our usual vendors.

GEM FEST BUSINESS

The food truck has been reserved for both Saturday and Sunday. Jayne will order tables and potties. Jayne will also order double wide signs for the highway as they are easier to read. Brett reminded that there will be a grill out on Saturday after close.

Sharon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m., second by Sarah. Carried.

2027 GEM & MINERAL SHOW PREP

By Sharon Marburger

During the June Board Meeting, I volunteered to be the 2027 Show Chairman. I believe that Jayne Beer and Brett Jurgens have too much on their plates to take on this job again. They both seemed happy with my decision.

My plan is to give monthly updates so everyone can see what it takes to put on the Gem Show. I will be asking people to serve on the various show committees. Please be an active member of the club and say yes to my requests. If there is a particular committee you would like to be on, let me know that.

I asked for suggestions for the Show Theme. Two given were "Opals" and "Quartz & Calcites". Wooly asked for a list of previous show themes so we don't duplicate them too soon. Starting in 2010 and ending in 2026, here are the themes:

Gems Galore - and More; Wonders of the Earth; 2012 - A Rock Odyssey; Our Emerald Anniversary; Stones and Bones; Discover the Beauty of Rocks; Nature's Glorious Wonders; Nebraska Rocks!; Diamond Festival; Nebraska's Hidden Treasures; Agates Around the World; All that Glitters is not Gold;

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REASONS WHY MINERALS ARE RESILIENT TO COLLECTING FATIGUE



In the April 2026 LGMC newsletter, I wrote an article about why people stop collecting. It featured five (5) ideas that were taken from a psychologist perspective and six (6) ideas that I have observed. There are plenty of distractions and reasons for not continuing with a hobby.

Mineral collecting offers something that many other hobbies don't offer, and that is a never-ending learning journey. This never-ending learning journey provides insulation to many of the reasons outlined in the article on why we stop collecting.

Beginners Mind Addiction is a common gateway to mineral collecting. It comes from the thrill of learning something new. The problem many people have is they learn a little and think they've mastered the hobby. Minerals can never be totally mastered. There is literally so much to learn about the hobby and science, there aren't enough lifetimes to master it or enough brain power to contain it. It is an endless journey if you give it a chance. Being knowledgeable isn't knowing facts, it's a pliability to learn more. Plutarch states the mind is not an empty vessel to be filled, but rather a fire which must be stoked.

Identity Threat Response is the idea that you lose your personality to the hobby. Most mineral collectors embrace the title; however, some are more private and can hide or minimize the hobby. Soren Kierkegaard argues it's easier to go along like characters in a choreographed dance than to go it alone. Be different, take the more challenging path.

Loss is a driving factor in many hobbies; the hobbyist's fear that it could be taken away by natural disaster or another event. I've known people who have this response for pets. They love dogs but would rather not have one for the fear and knowledge that someday they will have to say goodbye to a loyal companion with a shorter life span. For us dog owners, we know we are better off for having them for a short period of time than not experiencing the love they give. Collections can always be rebuilt, and knowledge is generally not lost.

Negative comments by others often influence our behavior more than positive ones. We are social beings and negative comments from others can really wear on our self-resolve. The key to fighting this is confidence in what you are doing. Being an introvert

helps in generally not caring what other people think about you. You'd also be surprised at how little other people actually do think about you. Some people like fancy cars, clothes, watches, etc., which they think make themselves more likeable. The truth is, from many psychological studies, other people really don't care that much about what you think is important. To sum it up, T. Swift once said, "that don't impress me much."

No social connection dooms many a collector as they feel no connection between people and their hobby. This is where rock and mineral clubs come into focus. It can be hard in a state where there aren't many collectible minerals, but you can find social connections at clubs and other venues. The internet also made the world a lot smaller in terms of finding our people.

Comparison or frustration with progress stymies many collectors. This can be a big problem for many people. I encourage people not to compare themselves with others because everyone, and everyone's situation, is different. Mineral magazines are filled with pictures of glamorous specimens. I know of a collecting couple with millions of dollars that 15 years ago decided to get into collecting, and way more minerals, and better minerals than I'll ever have. It's not a competition. It's a journey of discovery. It's self-paced. Keep in mind that adding 30 specimens to a collection per year isn't going to result in a 1,000-specimen collection overnight. It will take 30 or more years, but if you follow a plan, it reveals itself.

Finances: Hobbies cost money and most hobbies are money pits; you put money in but it doesn't come out. This is something everyone should realize about a hobby. You put money in because you enjoy it. Mineral collecting is an expensive hobby, even if it means you field collect everything. Tools, gas, travel, and cleaning display, all take money. Yet despite this, I have met several people of very modest means who create wonderful collections. The best are the ones who know a lot about what they are doing and therein lies the knowledge factor again in the hobby.

John Lennon said, "Life is what happens when you're making other plans." Life commitments stymie many collectors. I see a lot of mineral

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collectors who liked the hobby when they were young, return to the hobby in retirement. Basics like food, love, raising families, putting a roof over your head, work, and other distractions take priority. Safety and self-esteem must be mastered before we can reach for self-actualization needs (mineral collecting and other self-development).

Our minds shape who and what we are, and our minds are always developing, changing, and reinventing us. There isn't much we can do about this. I think rock or mineral collecting is often looked upon as a child's hobby. Many kids have rock collections. We somehow see this as a childish pursuit and don't follow through in adulthood. Hobbies like mineral collecting enhance and grow our minds.

Many people have trouble following through and boredom sets in. This may be organic, such as ADHD, or from distractions. Today there are more distractions than ever with all the electronic media and consumables. Your hobby should excite you such that boredom never sets in.

Sometimes collecting is a phase (Exploration). Mineral collecting allows unlimited exploration, however, it is understandable how some people simply get into it as part of a phase. A collector may even go through phases collecting minerals of a particular group, habit, size, fluorescence, etc.



Juniors lesson at meeting on May 20, 2026

(Photo by Donitte Stiles)

Hey Juniors! Talk to your friends about how much fun it is to be a part of LGMC. Here is an article from *Mini Miners Monthly* by Diamond Dan. (Volume 18, No. 5, May 2026)

EVERY KID MUST JOIN A MINERAL CLUB!

Most of our "Mini Miners Monthly" readers already belong to a mineral club or society. So, take this article to school and share it with your friends!

Joining a mineral club or society can turn a fun hobby into a real adventure. Kids who love rocks, crystals, fossils, and gems get to meet other young collectors who enjoy the same things. Club members often go on field trips to places where they can search for real minerals, sparkling crystals, and interesting stones. Instead of only seeing minerals in books or online, kids can hold them, study them, and sometimes even find their own treasures in nature.

Mineral clubs are also a great place to learn new skills. Members can discover how minerals are formed, how to identify different rocks, and why certain crystals have amazing colors and shapes. Many clubs have shows, contests, games, and hands-on activities that make science exciting. Older collectors and experts are usually happy to teach beginners how to safely collect, clean, and display minerals. Kids can build confidence by sharing their collections and talking about what they have learned.

Another great benefit of joining a mineral society is friendship. Children and teens can make new friends who enjoy exploring, collecting, and learning together. Some clubs even have junior programs made especially for young people. Being part of a club helps kids spend time outdoors, practice observation skills, and develop patience while searching for special finds. A simple rock picked up on the ground could become the start of a lifelong hobby full of discovery and excitement.

ROCK PILE DONATIONS

By Sharon Marburger

A huge thank you to Greg Syslo and Jim Marburger for their donations to the Rock Pile. Their generosity has made it so we won't need to beg for donations for probably five years!

Now I have to organize it all, and price it, so I know what we have.

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Proudly Brings Its Sixth Annual

Summer Gem Fest

June 20 & 21, 2026

Saturday 9 a. m. – 6 p. m. / Sunday 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Held at the Beer Family Farm

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Admission: Adult \$3.00 / Kids 15 and under FREE

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AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

- ◆ I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- ◆ I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- ◆ I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- ◆ I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- ◆ I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.
- ◆ I will leave all gates as found. I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- ◆ I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- ◆ I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.
- ◆ I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
- ◆ I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- ◆ I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- ◆ I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- ◆ I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- ◆ I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- ◆ I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- ◆ I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.

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Nebraska's Geologic Treasures; Petrified Woods of America; and Discover Chalcedony.

If you have a suggestion for the 2027 Show Theme, please let me know as soon as possible. The Show Flyer will need to be drafted soon after Gem Fest. The Show Committee will choose the theme from the offered suggestions. (The one I thought of this morning was "Fun for 66 Years".)

In 2027, a different issue has come up. Both the Lincoln show and the Cedar Rapids, Iowa show will be on the same weekend. Several of our vendors do the Cedar Rapids show, so we will be losing some of our vendors for this year. I will be speaking to those vendors attending Gem Fest to see which show they plan to work. The remaining vendors will receive a letter shortly thereafter, asking the same question. This will allow us ample time to find replacement vendors for this year.

If you have any suggestions for a one-time replacement dealer, please let me know. They must be able to fill 32 feet of front tables and 32 feet of back tables (a total of 64 feet). I have had some vendors mentioned already. I will send out interest letters to those potential vendors before sending out contracts.

A month or so before the Show, Brett will post an electronic volunteer sign-up sheet, like he did in 2026. There will be reminders of this later.

Please watch each issue of the Pick & Shovel for my updates.

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meeting:
Different types
of petrified
wood

(photo by
Donitte Stiles)

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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- ◆ 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/>

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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 - 2027:
 Sharon Marburger

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

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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
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