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THE PICK & SHOVEL

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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: 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, October 1, 2026
at 6:30 p.m.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brett Jurgens

Hello LGMC. This will be a very quick message as it is a late night in Crawford and I will be up early making pancakes for many of you.

Most of the members already in Crawford headed south this afternoon to view Marty Patrick's private museum. We have done this several years now and it was great to see the changes over the last year. Let's just say that Marty is actively expanding his collection and it does not disappoint.

I plan to see many more of you during the next few days of Crawford. The Lincoln Club has a long history of attending the Crawford Rock Swap and are becoming known for how many members make the journey from Lincoln. I hope you all find what are looking for whether it is Nebraska Blue or Fairburn agate.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLUB FUN

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 17 -First meeting back after summer break

One Sunday in October (not yet determined)
Field trip to Malcolm, NE



October 15, 2026 - Halloween Meeting

October 18, 2026 - Rock Party at Wooly's

November 19, 2026 - Annual Business Meeting and Elections

November 22, 2026 - Rock Party at Hidden Gems

December 6, 2026 - Christmas Party and Awards

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Terry Anderson
Brett Jurgens
Stefanie Lancaster
Dick Lieb
Vera Lyman
Steve May
Brad Nielsen
Tom Sawyer



October Rock Party

October 18, 4 p.m. at Wooly's & Jackie's
6115 Huntington

Bring your potluck food item(s) and plan for a fun evening eating and talking about rocks and field trips in Wooly's back yard (provided the weather cooperates!)

Wooly has some lapidary equipment for those who wish to bring a project to work on. This is always a fun time. Wooly may have a surprise for us, as he has in the past (no promises at this time).

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

(lgmc.editor@outlook.com)

or via Facebook Messenger to Sharon Marburger (<https://www.facebook.com/mamamar7880>).

2026 OMAHA GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

September 26-27, 2026

Saturday 9-6; Sunday 10-4

New Location:

**Papillion Landing Field House
1046 West Lincoln St, Papillion NE 68046**

There will be something for everyone!

Gems, Jewelry, Fossils, Rocks of all kinds, Rock Paintings, Kids activities, and Silent Auctions all day Saturday and Sunday!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE SHOW!

Proceeds from the show go to geology scholarships and geology related programs.

November Rock Party

November 22, 5 p.m. at Hidden Gems

3227 S. 13th St.

Indian Village Shopping Center

November's Rock Party is always in memory of former member Roger Pabian. The menu will be **Soups & Comfort Foods**. The club equipment will be available to those bringing projects. This event has tons of food and fun. See you there!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Several new members joined LGMC during the summer months. Let's give them a big welcome!

Dennis & Nancy Gulley

Ian Plumlee and junior Josephine

Juniors Eleanor and Lillian M.

Zeke & Kimmy Hartman and junior Kiah

Michael Thompson and junior Runa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONTINUED

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meetings. Please bring your summer finds to show off at the meeting. September is also the month when we are looking for nominations for the board of directors and officers. Our club runs on volunteers and we would love to have more members willing to run for board or office.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting.

JUNIORS

By Brett Jurgens

Hello Juniors.

Summer seemed to fly by even faster than usual. I hope everyone enjoyed summer and has been able to transition back to the school routine.

The rumor is several of you will be coming up to the Crawford Rock Swap. I look forward to being able to hang out with you and take you rock collecting.

I'd like everyone to bring their summer finds to the meeting for a quick show and tell. It's always exciting to see what others were up to during the summer.

Take care, and I will see you on the 17th.



IT'S TIME FOR NOMINATIONS!

Club elections happen at the November meeting, which is the annual corporation meeting. In order to have an election, we must have nominees to vote for.

Nominees for President shall have served on the Board of Directors for the previous term. Nominees for any other office shall have been a member of the club for the previous term.

The Board determines the direction the club takes, so having good leadership is essential. You may nominate any qualified person after getting their consent.

Remember, more than one person may run for any seat on the Board.

Here are the nominations to date:

President:	Brett Jurgens
First Vice:	Clyde Ogg
Second Vice:	Jayne Beer
Treasurer:	Sarah Nichols
Secretary:	Sharon Marburger
Board:	Corey Beer
Board:	Linda Hansen
Board:	Vera Lyman
Board:	Mike Stiles

Two nominees for the Nominating Committee three-year position will be accepted. Jayne and Brett will rotate off the committee (except Jayne is still chair and will remain so unless Brett is unseated as President). Wooly and Donitte will move up to the one-year position and Vera and Eddie will move up to the two-year position.

The same procedure happens with the Long-Range Planning & By-Laws Committee, but the three-year positions are appointed by the President instead of being elected.

2027 GEM & MINERAL SHOW PREP

By Sharon Marburger

Preparations for the Show keep moving forward. The Show theme was selected; thanks to Sarah Nichols for her suggestion of "Mohs 6-7". The Show flyer and postcard

have been designed, the flyer placed on the club website, and Jim Marburger will soon be ordering the postcards. (See page 5 for sample.)

All committee chairmen have been appointed. You can see the list on page 7 of this newsletter. A copy of the Show Recommended Operating Guidelines was distributed to each committee chairman. I created a month-by-month calendar, based on the Guidelines, so we don't overlook any tasks. The calendar is available to anyone wishing for a copy.

Jim M. has contacted the national rock magazines and placed ads for the Show.

The dealer contracts were sent out certified mail on August 25. At this time, one dealer has declined to participate due to discontinuing shows. This is basically all until dealer contracts are returned.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By Sharon Marburger, Secretary
June 4, 2026, Vera Lyman's Residence

ROLL CALL

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

Visitors Donitte Stiles, Jim Marburger, Ed Ridge

Minutes were distributed. Woolly moved to accept the minutes with correction, 2nd by Mike. Passed.

Treasurer's Report was distributed. Sharon moved to accept the report, 2nd by Corey. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Woolly talked with Sam at Ash Falls regarding field trips.

Limestone Days at Weeping Water. Bus tours of the mine are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and take approximately 20 minutes. Check their website for more information. If possible, we will try to arrange a road cut collecting trip.

We are planning to visit Odell to collect barite crystals called diamonds. Watch our website and your email for more information.

The Camp Creek Threshers event will be July 18 & 19. See Brett to sign up to volunteer.

The President's Field Trip will once again be at Crawford, Nebraska.

With Clyde's absence, we tabled his proposal at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Former member, John Abel, has donated his father's rock collection to the Club Rock Pile. Other donations were received from Greg Syslo and Jim Marburger.

SHOW BUSINESS

The 2026 Show report will be made available at the September meetings. As per the Show Operating Procedures, the 2027 Show Chairman was named.

Sharon Marburger accepts this honor. Sharon then named Brett as Displays Chair and Juniors Chair. Sharon will mail out dealer and demo contracts at the appropriate times and have Jayne follow up as Chairman. Finance will be handled by Vera and Sarah. Jeff and Tammy Kubitz agreed to oversee the Club Rock Pile.

Because Cedar Rapids, Iowa is holding their show the same weekend as ours in 2027, Sharon will send out a polling letter to dealers to see which show they plan to attend. She will also look into alternate dealers for any openings we may have.

GEM FEST BUSINESS

Gem Fest is coming June 20 & 21. So far we have 18 vendors signed up. Sharon was asked to send an email to the vendors, asking them to share and advertise the event. Brett will provide Sharon with the volunteer sign-up link to be put in club members' emails.

Woolly moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded. Passed.

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

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

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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.

BENCH TIPS BY BRAD SMITH

*See More of my Smart Solutions for
Jewelry Making Series*

<http://amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ>

LAYOUT TOOLS

Dimensions on some features of a design can be fluid while others must be accurate for the design to work. When precision on a piece is important, good layout techniques are essential. These are the tools that I rely upon to get holes in the right place, to achieve correct angles, and to cut pieces the correct length.



I like crisp sharp lines to follow, so I often coat surfaces with a dark marker and scribe my layout lines onto the metal. A square makes quick work of checking right angles or marking where to cut, and the thin centerpunch helps me mark a place to drill holes exactly where I want them.

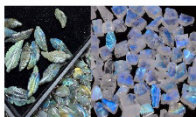
Finally, a good set of dividers is probably my favorite layout tool. They let me quickly mark a strip for cutting, swing an arc, and divide a line or curve into as many equal segments as I need. I keep at least one set of dividers in every toolbox.



Time for Board Nominations!



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Labradorite & Moonstone
Mohs Hardness 6

See our website for club information,
membership applications, and the
juniors club.

Sandhills Global Event Center
84th and Havelock
Lincoln, Nebraska
April 3 & 4, 2027
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm
Admission \$8 per adult
2-day Admission \$15
15 & under - free

Bring this card and receive \$1 off each
adult admission.

Allan & Tammy Jeanneret



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

By Appointment Only

402.873.6515 / 402.209.0747

306 O St, Union, Nebraska

Tjeanneret6515@gmail.com

Watch for **AerieRock** online rock auctions at

jbauctions.hibid.com

AerieRock.com

AerieArtwork on etsy

AerieRock on Facebook

We buy collections and estates

ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

If you would like to nominate someone for the election slate, contact Nominations Chair Jayne Beer, or one of the committee members, Brett Jurgens, Wooly, Vera, Donitte, or Ed Ridge. The initial slate will be announced at the September meeting.

Remember:

A color version of the Pick & Shovel is available at:

<http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/index.php/newsletters/current>

2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

1st Vice-President: Jayne Beer, 402.890.3307, JBeer60070@aol.com

2nd Vice-President: Clyde Ogg, 402.326.8682, clydeogg55@gmail.com

Treasurer: Vera Lyman, 402.464.6089

Secretary: Sharon Marburger, 402.429.3323, lgmc.editor@outlook.com

Board Member: Corey Beer, 402.466.6628

Board Member: Sarahlynn Nichols, 402.419.3913, sarahlynn.nichols@gmail.com

Board Member: Mike Stiles, 402.890.1760, mcstiles72@outlook.com

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

2027 MID-WINTER SWAP COMMITTEE

Chairman:.....Jayne Beer
Advanced Reservations:..... Sharon Marburger
Club Booth/Rock Pile Sharon Marburger
Club & Vendor Supper: Brett Jurgens
Finance & Admissions: Treasurer
Floor Chairman:Jayne Beer
Insurance: Vera Lyman, Jim Marburger
Publicity & Promotion: Jayne Beer, Jim Marburger
Web Master: Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities:..... Brett Jurgens

2027 SHOW COMMITTEE

Theme:..... MOHS 6-7
Chairman:Sharon Marburger
Dealers & Demonstrators: Jayne Beer
Displays:.....Brett Jurgens
Event Center Liaison Vera Lyman
Finance/Ticket Sales:..... Vera Lyman, Sarah Nichols
Floor Chairman:John Moss
Fluorescent Booth:..... Clyde Ogg
Forms.....Sharon Marburger
LGMC Club Booth:.....Barb & Clyde Ogg
Outside Rock Pile Charles Wooldridge
Plants: Ed Ridge
Publicity & Promotion:..... Jim Marburger
RaffleGene Mulinix
Ribbons & Recognitions:Sharon Marburger
Rock Pile/Silent AuctionSharon Marburger
Security:..... Vera Lyman
Show Flyer & Printed ProgramSharon Marburger
WebsiteSharon Marburger
Youth Activities:Brett Jurgens

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership dues for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club are as follows:

- ◆ Adults (age 16 and over) - \$20 per year or \$30 per couple (within the same household)
- ◆ Juniors - \$3 per year (with a responsible adult)

All new memberships must be accompanied by a written application. 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:
Sharon Marburger
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 - 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

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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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.