

The Petrified Digest  
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## *Early Edition*

**Unfortunately Meetings Are Cancelled Until Further Notice**

### **Ginkgo Club Meetings:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
200 S. Kentucky Ave  
East Wenatchee

Next meeting  
**Soon we hope!**

Email ideas, trip notes, or photos to:  
[ginkgonews@yahoo.com](mailto:ginkgonews@yahoo.com)

or to [wonderstar@nwi.net](mailto:wonderstar@nwi.net)

Web page: [www.wenatcheerockclub.org](http://www.wenatcheerockclub.org)

Face Book page: Ginkgo Mineral Society

## Officers

President	Steven Douglass	509.885.2213
Vice President	Carol Smith	509.884.3349
Secretary	Bob Spurrier	509.881.8096
Treasurer	David J. Earhart	509.860.0988

## Coordinators

Field Trips	Open	
Shop & Equipment	Open	
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Website	Val&Paul Hampton	509.884.3578
Rock Auction	Bob Spurrier	509.881.8096
Christmas Wrap	Pam Lander	509.884.5135
Nason Creek	David J. Earhart	509.860.0988

### Grit for club members



Graded 30	\$4.00 lb
Ungraded 60/90	\$4.00 lb
Graded 220	\$4.00 lb
Graded 600	\$4.00 lb
Polish	\$7.00 lb



## Ginkgo Club Shop

The shop is located at Christy Price's home: 4325 Squilchuck Rd., Wenatchee and is usually open on Saturdays. **Please call Pam Lander at least 24 hours in advance to see if shop will be open.** Check the Ginkgo Mineral Society Facebook page to see if someone else may be opening the shop at other times during the week. **Also all of the officers have a key to the shop.**

Directions: from the intersection of Mission & Crawford Streets at Lincoln Park in Wenatchee, it is 4 miles up Squilchuck Road. Turn left on Cranmer Road and take an immediate left onto Christy's long driveway. The beige building with garage doors is the shop.

## Cancelled events ! ! !

Club meetings until further notice  
All Northwest Rock shows and field trips  
Gold, Treasure and More Show

The Ginkgo Mineral Society was formed to promote the education of mineralogy and geology; to encourage the collecting of rocks and minerals; to provide field excursions to mineral collecting areas; and to promote interest in lapidary work.

Dues: Individual—\$20.00 Senior—\$15.00 Family—\$30.00 Lifetime (20+ years) - Free

It's OK to bring your dues to the meeting or mail them to Ginkgo P.O.Box 303, Wenatchee, WA 98807

Club information cards are available to handout to folks who show interest in our hobby. See David Earhart for cards to carry with you.

## President's Message

Hello Rockhounds.

It looks like we might have our spring held hostage. It's a bit challenging to say when we will be able to start gathering as a club again. I have been sifting thru lots of data and statistics and it looks like what is happening will remain a block for many until at least 4/12-ish. It could definitely be longer.

For now...

tumbling, cutting, polishing and creating works of art seem to be our options. Props to all of you that have all the tools at home to do this.

I leave you with the following words of warning...

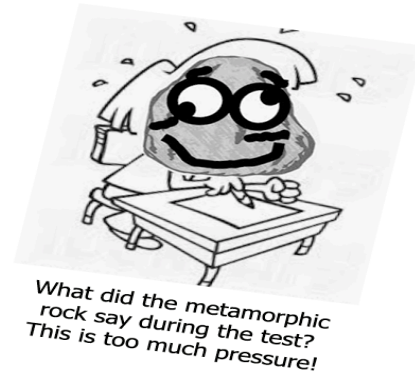
Please take care of yourselves and be cautious about letting any fearful/negative thoughts into your minds.

- Experiencing psychological/emotional aspects of stress, worry, fear...
- Experiencing poor quality sleep or an insufficient amount sleep...
- Consuming a poor quality diet...
- Slumbering in inactivity...
- Being in a chronic state of dehydration brought about by drinking beverages other than water, like coffee/sodas/alcohol, while avoiding drinking optimum amounts of water...

These things all have a tremendous immune suppressing effect on the body. If we take part in them regularly, it's like our actions are saying that we want to be a victim of poor health. So please be vigilant in committing to your health at this time. We enjoy your membership and presence in our club. My prayers go out for all of you and your loved ones to come thru this spring unscathed.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Douglass DC



## Treasurer's Message

The Petrified Digest may be our only avenue of contact at this time due to COVID-19. The Ginkgo meetings are cancelled as you may know until further notice. March has come and gone. April's meeting will not take place and the rest of the year is still unknown.

However, you may pay your 2020 membership by mailing it to P.O.Box 303 Wenatchee, WA 98807. We'll still be sending out the monthly newsletter and maybe additional information throughout the month. I'll list our "paid up" members and if your name is NOT listed, this is your reminder to send a check.

Ballinger  
Bordrero  
Bramlette  
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Douglass  
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Earhart  
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Laird  
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Mayer  
McGregor  
McFarland

McMillan  
Meier  
Pederson  
Porterfield  
Price  
Reynolds, B  
Reynolds, L

Rhoads  
Russell  
Silva  
Smith  
Schmidt  
Sly  
Spurrier

Summers  
Trepanier  
Turner  
Witt

OKAY, as of this writing there are 38 unpaid 2020 members. We love you all and need you. Let's do some mountain field trips. See you in the digs. If you have a question, call Dave at 509.860.0988

## Market place

Have something other club members might like and you want to sell?

Send picture(s) and description(s) to Dan Hanson – [wonderstar@nwi.net](mailto:wonderstar@nwi.net)

*Ellensburg Blue*  
*by Carol Smith*  
*509.884.3349*

Pendants, traditional cabs and freeform in 14k gold or sterling silver wire wrap. A few select rings and several pieces of the rare lavender blue. Prices vary by carat weight and color.



## Did you know

A great many of the plants we cultivate in NCW (apples, cherries, raspberries, rhododendrons, dogwood, juniper, thyme, fir, pine, cedar, and others) were here 50 million years ago, although looking a little different. The fossil beds at Republic, WA. and Princeton, B.C. show us that Washington's agricultural economy is firmly rooted in the geologic past of the region. The world's oldest well-documented fossils of the apple, cherry, red raspberry, gooseberry, elderberry, and service berry families come from these areas. The fossil beds in the Republic area represent the earliest known records of the rose family and the maple family also. Paleobotanists (folks who study plant fossils) have called the area the Eocene\* Orchards and Gardens because the presence of over 450 fossil species of plants is a record of diversity unmatched by any other known fossil locality in western North America. And the superbly preserved



Stonerose Interpretive Center's world famous "rose" fossil.

And the superbly preserved



leaves and plants from this area allow these folks to study the fossils microscopically to compare cell structure of the fossils with the cell structure of modern plants for better identification. The Stonerose Interpretive Center and Fossil Site in Republic is currently closed due to the corona virus restrictions but hopefully will reopen this coming summer. <https://stonerosefossil.org>

\*The Eocene Epoch was some 48-50 million years ago

## Other stuff of interest

**Thanks to Carl Peterson** for replacing the bent blade on the small trim saw earlier this month. Hopefully we'll all get a chance to use it soon.

**Nick Zentner videos and live streams.** Nick is a friend of Ginkgo and is a well-respected and award-winning geology instructor at Central Washington University. He has an excellent series of videos on YouTube about geology of the Pacific Northwest. And he currently does a live stream on YouTube several times a week. You can see his live streams at “Nick at Home” on YouTube. Check out his website at <http://www.nickzentner.com> for more information.

**Ticks are out in First Creek. Philip Trepanier made the trip March 21 and came away with several on his shirt! Be careful!**

**Saddle Mountain field trips** Before the current order by Governor Inslee “To Stay Home, Stay Safe” a few folks had the opportunity to do some rockhounding. Several Ginkgo folks made the trip to Saddle Mountain to collect petrified wood.



Thanks Marcia Summers for the pictures

The Maxey family also took a quick trip to Saddle Mountains the other day. “Only one other rig up top & tons of ORV riders in the distance, passed plenty of 30+ foot trailers on the way up. Aurora was able to learn what petrified wood is & filled her bag in about an hour, she also learned filling your hole back in can be the most work of all but very important. It was a great day in nature!”



Thanks Maxey family for the pictures

#### Editor's Note:

In these unprecedented times, it is vitally important to keep communicating with each other. If you have any activities you are doing at home and would like to share or ideas for me to research, please send me an email. Also if you have questions about anything in the newsletter, I would like to know that also. I am open to any comments, questions and criticism. Stay safe!

A few groans to help with your confinement:

**What do you call a can of soda in a conglomerate?**

Coca-Cola Clastic.

**What did Darth Vader tell the geologist?**

May the quartz be with you!