

The Petrified Digest

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	<h2>Cottonwood</h2> <p>This petrified wood is from the Paleocene Epoch (66 to 56 million years ago). Petrified cottonwood is found primarily in the western part of the North American continent. This piece was mined near Sweet Home Oregon.</p>
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Club Officers

President	Carol Smith	509.884.3349
Vice President	Pat Russell	509.421.1307
Secretaries	Michelle Giard	509.679.4605 & Pam Lander 509.884.5135
Treasurer	David J. Earhart	509.860.0988

August 2023

<p>Annual Club Picnic & Rock Auction Saturday, August 19, 2023 Noon to ??? 2421 Lester Rd Wenatchee</p>	<p>Email ideas, trip notes, or photos to: ginkgonews@yahoo.com or to wonderstar@nwi.net</p> <p>Web page: www.wenatcheerockclub.org</p> <p>Face Book page: Ginkgo Mineral Society</p>
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Coming Events

Annual Club Picnic and Rock Auction – Saturday, August 19 at noon until the last rock is sold at Dan & Dena Hanson's yard. *There will be no meeting Friday night August 18th.* The club will provide chicken, water, utensils, and napkins. This is a potluck so bring your favorite salad, side dish, or desert. Bring your own chair and drinks if you want something other than water. There will be a competitive corn hole challenge for those who want to participate with prizes for 1st and 2nd. There will be a silent auction for multiple boxes of special rocks and a live auction for some special pieces. Also there will be 11 buckets of mixed material for sale. Well over \$100 worth of rocks and slabs in each bucket. One bucket per person unless there are unsold ones left. All the proceeds go to the Club treasury. The address is 2421 Lester Rd in Wenatchee. NO MORE ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR. Volunteers are needed at 11 am to help set up the tables and move the rocks on Friday, August 18! Contact Dan or Carol to help.

From Atop the Rock Pile

Hello to everyone and welcome to our newest members.

August is a busy month for the club. We are having our annual picnic and also our annual rock auction Saturday August 19th at Dan and Dena's home. (There will be no meeting Friday night the 18th.) However ON Friday we could use all the help we can get to set up tables, place bins of rocks and just general help. If you are able to do this please call Dan and get information on when, what, where, and time. Several people have donated lots of beautiful rough and polished rocks for this event. Anthony Eastman of Wenatchee donated his rockhound Grandfather's collection to the Ginkgo Club in hopes someone would finally give the pieces a home! (They will !!!) Chuck Moser is moving to Hawaii and gave beautiful polished rocks from different places around the world. Al Kissler's family donated much of his rock collection. Gregg Stanford donated many buckets of rocks from his collection. Thank you everyone.

Thea Stender volunteered to help Dan with the Cashmere Fair this year and take over for next year. So many openings will be available to fill for 2024 - Club officers and committees leaders - please consider filling these vacant positions.

I have no special advice this month... just be kind,
Carol

From the Scribe

Dan Hanson started the evening with a presentation on faceted stones. He handed out a couple of sheets with various characteristics of gem stones and how to use those characteristics to identify stones and guess at their values.

Thea Stender displayed a massive plate of crystals she discovered while hanging by a rope on a mountainside.

Ron Payne shared specimens from a field trip to central Oregon and from the Keystone mine in northeast Washington.

Ken Hemberry also showed specimens he and Liz collected on their recent field trip to Oregon with Club members.

Refreshments Provided by Bob Spurrier and Cheri Mc Millen

Door prize and Raffle Winners were Nathan & Janet Clark, Tony Marconi, Kristi Johnson, and Ken Hemberry.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order by President Carol Smith at 7:45 pm.

It was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to approve the previous minutes as published.

It was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer David Earhart.

Committee Reports and Announcements

Dan Hanson reported on preparations for the Chelan County Fair booth. Hosts are needed for 4-hour shifts, tumbled rocks are needed to give to kids, there are 4 display cases yet to be filled, and everyone is encouraged to submit exhibits to be judged. This is not a competitive judging but a recognition of workmanship. And there are cash prizes for ribbons awarded.

Old Business

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Carol Smith announced that all board positions will be open January 1, 2024. Please consider running for office to keep our Club running successfully. It takes a village.

Sue Oglebay will be teaching another wire wrapping class Saturday, July 29 at the East Wenatchee Fire Station. There are 3 openings left for this class. The class will run from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

Thea Stender volunteered to step into a leadership roll for the Chelan County Fair next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm. Pam Lander, Secretary

From the Vault

CD	As of 7/28/2023	\$10,113.01
Savings Account	7/28/23 w/interest	\$1799.53
Checking Account	6/30/23 Beginning Balance	\$2,894.61
	Deposits: raffle, book sale, membership	197.00
	8 Checks: Meeting room, storage rent, newsletter, auction supplies meeting supplies, postage	<u>(406.65)</u>
	7/28/23 Ending Balance	\$2,684.65

David's Notes

Rock auction/ Club picnic 8/19, Chelan County Fair Sept. 7,8,9,10, Second Nason Creek Fundraiser Sept 19, 20, 21, 22. Big Thank you to Dan & Dena Hanson for offering their yard for the auction/picnic. Thank you to Carol Smith for helping with all the rock donations. Thank you to Pam Lander for helping to sort and categorize rocks for the auction. And a huge Thank you to Chuck and Betty Mosher for their donation of many fine specimens, rough material, equipment, and supplies. We have wonderful auction material for many auctions in the future.

Nason Creek Rest Stop Fundraiser

The Club is signed up for a second tour at the Rest Stop. Our Club is hosting September 19-20-21-22. This is a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. From some past reports, the weekdays have been as good as most weekends. Please contact David Earhart to sign up for this event. It really is a fun time to interact with travelers and share information about our hobby.

Member News

Sue Oglebay taught another successful wire wrapping class at the end of July. Five ladies and one brave man gathered at the East Wenatchee Fire Station to learn techniques and to chat. They turned out some wonderful pendants!



Chelan County Fair

Our Club has had a booth at the Fair for a couple decades. Before that, many of you know the Club put on a Gem and Mineral Show at the National Guard Armory during Apple Blossom. Times have changed and 5th graders no longer get a school field trip to see the crafts of our hobby. But the Fair does give us the opportunity to share as we hand out polished rocks and jewelry to kids and display our special collections to Fair visitors. We need volunteers to be hosts during the Fair dates and we need polished rocks to give to kids. There are 4-hour time slots open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Please give me a call (253.318.6616) if you can help. I am also collecting polished rocks for our give-aways. You can bring them to the Picnic or I can pick them up from your home. The other two aspects of our booth are the displays and the exhibits. We have 8 display cases with 4 of those already committed. Call me if you have a collection to share. The displays are set up Wednesday, Sept 6 between 8 am and 9 pm and must be removed Sunday, September 10 after 5 pm. Finally, we need our exhibit case filled with your craft work to be judged. Each piece will be evaluated on its own workmanship and appeal. You may enter up to 4 pieces in each category. Each piece will be awarded a ribbon (blue, red, white) and each ribbon is worth cash so the more you enter the more cash you will get to spend on more rocks later. There are 7 Classes with 8 to 10 categories in each Class:

- Class A Cabbed or faceted stone in your own setting
- Class B Cabbed or faceted stone in a commercial setting
- Class C Tumbled stone in your own or commercial setting
- Class D Jewel set – 4 or more stones ready to be set
- Class E Other i.e. book ends, carvings, clocks, etc
- Class F Special Collections i.e. fossils, minerals, crystals, etc
- Class G Beads hand stung by exhibitor

Exhibit entries will be accepted from 8 am to 6 pm Wednesday, Sept. 6 and judged that evening.

Where's the equipment

Because we cannot find a workshop space, our Club equipment is being farmed out to various members who have volunteered to set up various pieces of equipment and welcome Club members to use them. A complete list will be in the September newsletter but here are a few.

Pam Lander a Genie 509.884.5135

Dave Stender a Genie and trim saw 509.630.1176

Jodi Rose a Genie 509.763.9402

Market Place

		
Custom Ellensburg Blue Contact Carol Smith 509.884.3349 for some very reasonably priced items		

The Club is surplus Green Bertha. It saw little use in the shop since most folks used the Genies. But it is a good all-in-one machine. It has a 100 and a 220 hard wheel, an expandable sanding wheel with various grit belts and a buffing wheel. It is on a cart with wheel and uses water for coolant. \$500 Call Dan Hanson to see the machine if you didn't see it at the shop.

Also Dan and Dena Hanson are having a garage sale August 25-26. Many surplus Club items will be offered at this sale. There will be book shelves, tables, some supplies, and other miscellaneous lapidary items. 8 am to 3 pm each day. Money for Club items will go into the Club treasury.



Club Elections

As President Carol Smith pointed out earlier, Club elections are coming. In October, members may be nominated or volunteer for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We already know David Earhart is running for re-election to the treasurer's position. At this time, no other members have volunteered to run. A few members have volunteered (or will be volunteered) to call asking for nominations for each office. If you nominate someone please make sure they are willing to take the job if elected.

The actual election will take place at the November meeting with those elected assuming the duties January 1, 2024. Historically, there are many members willing to help with the Club projects and activities but most of these members wish to remain workers not leaders. There is a lot of help with each of the elected positions so don't be put off by the description of the duties for each office.

The President conducts the Club meeting and appoints or approves Committee Coordinators.

The Vice President take the place of the President if the the President is away.

The Secretary records the minutes of the Club meetings and sends them to the newsletter editor for publication.

The Treasurer collects all income, pays all the bills, and maintains the financial records of the Club.

Obviously this is a simplified description of each position but for each position there is plenty of help.

Volunteers

This is a Club of volunteers. The success of the Club is the result of many members sharing their expertise and time with other members. Along with the "official" election of officers, there are many positions as Coordinators that need to be filled and/or supported. Please look over the list of Committees on the last page of the newsletter to see if you can help with any of the projects and activities of the Club.

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—\$40.00 Lifetime (20+ years) - Free

Please mail your dues 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.

Coordinators

Membership	Marcia Summers 509.860.7556	Nason Creek	David J. Earhart	509.860.0988
Field Trips	Jodi Rose 509.763.9402	Christmas Wrap	Pam Lander	509.884.5135
Shop & Equipment	Carl Pederson 509.884.6940	Rock Auction	Carol Smith	509.884.3349
Program/Education	Carol Smith 509.884.3349	Website	Dan Hanson	253.318.6616
Social	Open	Newsletter	Dan Hanson	253.318.6616
Chelan Fair	Dan Hanson 253.318.6616	Museum	Thea Stender	509.630.1391

Washington State Rock and Gem shows

Date & Time	Club	Show	Location
August 2023 12th 9am - 5pm 13th 10am - 5pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Summer Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA
September 2023 9th 10am—5pm 10th 10am—5pm	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Annual show	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Center Building 831 Orchard St. Walla Walla WA
September 2023 16th 10am - 5pm 17th 10am - 4pm	Cascade Mineralogical Society	75th Anniversary show	Green River College 12401 SE 320th St Auburn, WA