

# The Petrified Digest

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## *Picture Jasper*



*Picture Jasper, also called Landscape Jasper or Scenic Jasper is found in many of the streams and rivers on the west side of Washington.*

## August 2022

**The Next Meeting is the Club Picnic at Kenroy Park in East Wenatchee, on SATURDAY August 20 from noon to 3 pm. More details inside!**

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## From Atop the Rock Pile

Howdy "rockers",

It's our August fried-baked chicken, plus pot luck PICNIC! It will be at Kenroy Park in East Wenatchee, Saturday August 20th from 12 noon to 3 P.M. at the south shelter. There will be 4 picnic tables in the shelter, but you might want to bring a chair and your favorite drink. We will have bottled water, chicken, serving plates and such provided. Pam Lander is bringing a game called "corn hole" and anyone can choose to play and WIN a prize. There will be 1st & 2nd place winners.



We have had a change in some of our Club positions since last month. Our field trips will be handled by Jodi Rose and our Vice President will be Pat Russel.

Don't forget to let Dan know if you can host a shift at the Chelan County Fair. Also any tumbled rocks would be greatly appreciated for our fair give-a-away to children.

The Old Farmer's Advice I love quoting is getting to be thin pickens. But here goes: "The best sermons are lived, not preached." I'll close with that thought.

See ya at the picnic, August 20th.

Carol Smith

President

## From the Scribe

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Vice President Helen Hall due to the absence of President Carol Smith who had COVID.

There were 3 young visitors

### Program

Tom Prang gave a program on meteorites which was very informative. They can basically be found anywhere on Earth. There is a constant "bombardment" of meteors that arrive at about 16 miles per second. Most burn up before hitting the ground. He displayed 10 different kinds of space-related rocks. Some were meteorites and some were rocks that formed from the energy of the impact of a meteorite. (Ed: Tom and Julia are moving to the west side. We are certainly going to miss his expertise and enthusiasm for our Club and for rockhounding in general. Thank you!)

### Show and Tell

Helen Hall told of their recent trip to Prineville, Oregon where they collected several pounds of different material. The Prineville Chamber of Commerce has an excellent brochure that includes a map for rockhounding in the area with GPS coordinates.

Marcia Summers showed some small samples of lava and coral she found on a recent trip to Hawai'i (Ed: Lucky girl!)

### Miscellaneous

The trip to Red Top was marred by lots of mosquitoes! The lower dig site had fewer. And a large bone was found which local authorities identified as from an elk. Whew – not human!

Hansen Creek did not produce any 7" crystals but lots of small ones were found. The owner of the claim did not show up so access was not available where the large ones were supposed to be.

There are now several maps of the First Creek area and a trip is planned for July 21. There is an option to join another club for a field trip in the Mt. Rainier area on Sunday, July 17.

**Refreshment Break** (Thank you to Dena Hanson and Carol Turner)

### Door Prize/Raffle Tickets

The Door Prize was won by David Earhart

Raffle Prize winners were Jodi Rose, Tristan, Aurora, and Melisha (visitors).

The **Business Meeting** was called to order by Helen Hall.

### Minutes

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the June minutes as amended. (The Auction is in October.)

### Treasurer's Report

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. David Earhart reported there was a counterfeit \$1 bill in the deposit of shop fees! Be aware. Someone said that play money is available online and looks very real.

### Committee Leader Reports

Hospitality: David Earhart read a thank you note from Will Fieten. The Club sent a card wishing him well after his accident.

Field Trips: Helen Hall asked for more members to sign up on WhatsApp. Also that purchasing a few walkie talkies might be very useful on field trips, Dough McFarland said he has two he will donate to the Club.

Wire Wrapping Classes: Dan Hanson reported that the beginning wire wrapping classes in September will be provided at no charge. If there are advanced classes, there will be a charge for materials.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend up to \$400 for supplies for the beginning wire wrapping classes.

Fair: Dan also reminded everyone about the Chelan County Fair, September 8 – 11, and he would like some suggestions for decorating our booth for the theme “A Fair to Remember”. He is willing to pick up tumbled rocks from members.

Club picnic: Our annual picnic (and brief business meeting) is to be held Saturday, August 20 (from noon to 3 pm at Kenroy Park in East Wenatchee).

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Good of the order: Brenda Jackson has extra plants from her yard to give away, 509.884.5320.

Marcia Summers for Carol Turner  
Scribe

## From the Vault

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| CD               | As of 7/31/2022  | \$10,067.63     |
| Savings Account  | 7/31/22 w/ interest  | \$1798.71       |
| Checking Account | 7/01/22 Beginning Balance                                    | \$1,903.09      |
|                  | 4 Deposits Memberships, shop fees,<br>raffle, equipment sale | 530.00          |
|                  | 4 Checks: Newsletter, office expenses<br>Potty, shop rent    | <u>(366.74)</u> |
|                  | 7/31/22 Ending Balance                                       | \$2,066.35      |

Club membership is now at 92 families/individuals

David Earhart

Treasurer

## David's Notes

Our Club benefits from the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this year, Fred Meyer donated \$29.81 to our treasury. This may not sound like much but it represents “free money” since it does not cost you as a consumer and it does not require any effort on our part. If you shop at Fred Meyer and have not done so already, contact Marcia Summers to see how easy it is to sign up for this program. Every little bit helps.

## Chelan County Fair

The Fair begins Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 9 am and our booth closes at 9 pm. We have 8 display cases to share our hobby with visitors. Six are spoken for and it is important we fill the remaining 2 with special collections. Please contact me if you have can fill one of those display cases. We also need hosts for our booth to answer questions and hand out rocks to our young visitors. Shifts are 9 am to 1 pm, 1 pm to 5 pm, and 5 pm to close at 9 pm. We need hosts for Friday from 1-5; Saturday all three shifts, and Sunday morning from 9 to 1. Please call me if you can help our Club with this great outreach program. And finally, I am asking for exhibitors to enter objects to be judged. We have a lot of fantastic artists in our Club and we need to showcase what you all are doing. Included with this newsletter is a sheet with the entry classes. This is NOT competitive judging. Our judge will be evaluating your pieces individually against a criteria to determine Blue, Red, or White ribbons. Each individual may enter up to three (3) items in each class. And cash awards are given out by the Fair for each ribbon awarded – although adults must have earned at least \$5.00 total to get a check.



Our Fair schedule:

Set up display case – Wednesday between 9 am and 8 pm

Complete exhibitor's entry forms – Wednesday between 9 am and 8 pm

Be a Host in our booth – Thursday 9 to 9, Friday 9 to 9, Saturday 9 to 9, Sunday 9 to 5

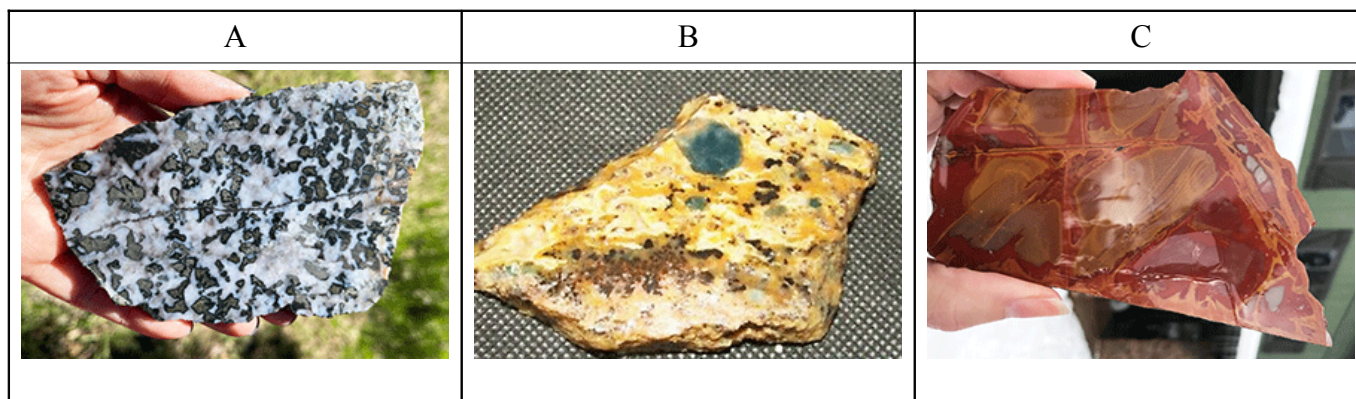
Pick up displays and exhibits – Sunday 5 to 6 pm

Thanks, Dan Hanson 253.318.6616

## The Rockhound Challenge

The first person to email me the correct identification of all three rocks below will win a prize. The prize will be awarded at the picnic. Answers will be published in the next month's newsletter along with the winner's name. Send answers to: [wonderstar@nwi.net](mailto:wonderstar@nwi.net)

Last month's winner was again Cheri McMillen who was the first to identified wonderstone (or banded rhyolite), Tiffany stone, and pudding stone. Her prize was a large slab of serpentine.



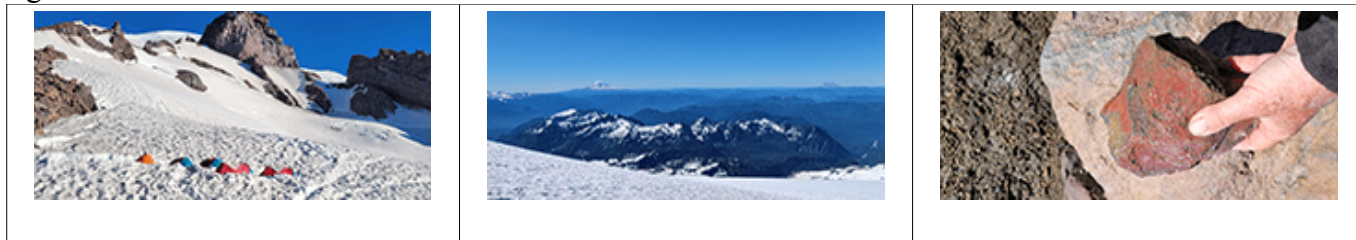
## Club Picnic

Our annual Club picnic is SATURDAY, August 20th at Kenroy Park in East Wenatchee from noon to 3 pm. There is no meeting Friday night August 19<sup>th</sup>. The club will provide chicken, water, utensils, and napkins. This is a potluck so bring your favorite salad, side dish, or desert. There are picnic tables but you may be more comfortable in your own chair. Brink your own 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The address is 600 James Ave East Wenatchee and we'll be on the south side of the park.

## Member News

Our Spokane member, Gregg Stanford sent in this report about his efforts to climb Mt. Rainier. “Reporting back on my efforts to climb Mount Rainier this past week, - I didn't summit, - which is unfortunate as I now have to go back and try again. Anyway you look at it the climb carrying a full pack is grueling, but I did make it high enough up for some amazing views and camped on a glacier for two nights at Camp Muir.

And, as always, I was keeping an eye out for quality rocks and actually found a nice piece of red rhyolite which looks like it might slab out nicely. If interested I can provide you GPS coordinates as to right where I left that damn rock.”



Friday, August 5 Pam Lander, Gregg Stanford, Dena Hanson, and I trekked to Marysville for a Rockhound Estate sale. We all came home with some great rocks for future projects. While on the west side we detoured to Bow, Washington to look at a slab saw for me. We pulled into the yard of Dave Culver and immediately the discussion focused on his metal work art that he creates to sell at local markets. I had a difficult time getting the discussion back on track about saws. Dave has at least 10 saws in various states of repair but I only wanted one. While I was negotiating with hm about a 14-inch slab saw, Pam and Dena found a 5 gallon bucket of rocks to purchase. We all came home happy!



## Rock Auction

Start saving your bucks for the annual rock auction at the October meeting. Carol Smith, Pam Lander, Jodi Rose, and Dena Hanson have been cleaning the buckets and buckets of donated rocks. There will be numerous shoe boxes for the silent auction and some wonderful pieces for the live auction. The auction will take place immediately following the short business portion of our meeting October 21.

## Shop News

**There is a \$2.00 fee to use the shop – that includes the Genies, trim saws, and the blue slab saw. There is an additional \$2.00 per cut for using the large slab saw.**

Check the Ginkgo Facebook page for any updates on openings.

## Officers

|                |                  |              |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| President      | Carol Smith      | 509.884.3349 |
| Vice President | Pat Russell      | 509.670.0174 |
| Secretary      | Carol Turner     | 509.424.2161 |
| Treasurer      | David J. Earhart | 509.860.0988 |

## Coordinators

|                   |                   |              |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Membership        | Marcia Summers    | 509.860.7556 |
| Field Trips       | Jodi Rose         | 509.763.9402 |
| Shop & Equipment  | Carl Pederson     | 509.884.6940 |
| Program/Education | Carol Smith       | 509.884.3349 |
| Social            | Marge Porterfield | 509.679.3440 |
| Chelan Fair       | Dan Hanson        | 253.318.6616 |
| Museum            | Richard Congdon   | 509.886.2410 |
| Newsletter        | Dan Hanson        | 253.318.6616 |
| Website           | Dan Hanson        | 253.318.6616 |
| Rock Auction      | Carol Smith       | 509.884.3349 |
| Christmas Wrap    | Pam Lander        | 509.884.5135 |
| Nason Creek       | David J. Earhart  | 509.860.0988 |

**Grit for club members**



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|----------------|-----------|
| 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 |



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

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.**

## Looking ahead

September 16 meeting

Recap of our Fair experiences

Ask for a members for a nominating committee

October 21 meeting

Present nominations for Officers

Recap of wire wrapping classes and Show and Tell projects

Annual Auction

November 18 meeting

Craft Sale – bring anything you want to sell. Christmas is coming!

Election of Officers for next year

December 16 meeting

Christmas party

January 20, 2023

Pizza party

## Department 290 – Lapidary

All lapidary work such as tumbling, faceting, carving, cabbing, and flat lapping must be done by the exhibitor. Each exhibit must be suitably boxed or attached to a card and labeled. Exhibits will be judged on workmanship, attractiveness, neatness, quality, variety, and accuracy. See scoring sheets for each particular class.

**Group:** A. Youth B. Beginner Adult C. Experienced Adult

**Class A:** Cabbed or faceted stone using setting made by exhibitor

1. Ring 2. Pendant 3. Earrings 4. Buckle 5. Other

**Class B:** Cabbed or faceted stone using commercial setting

1. Ring 2. Pendant 3. Earrings 4. Buckle 5. Other

**Class C:** Tumbled stone using setting made by exhibitor

1. Ring 2. Pendant 3. Earrings 4. Buckle 5. Other

**Class D:** Tumbled stone using commercial setting

1. Ring 2. Pendant 3. Earrings 4. Buckle 5. Other

**Class E:** Collections (8 or more different specimens collected by exhibitor. Each specimen labeled and mounted in a single case not over 18" by 24")

**Class F:** Other (i.e. spheres, gem tree, pen set, clock, cut geode, novelty, etc)

Exhibitors may enter up to 3 items in each class except Class E. Any questions regarding which Class an item should be in will be decided by the Clerk at the time of registration.