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Meetings Are Cancelled Until Further Notice

**Ginkgo Club Meetings and
Location:**
To Be Determined

Email ideas, trip notes, or photos to:
ginkgonews@yahoo.com
or to wonderstar@nwi.net

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	Carl Pederson	509.884.6940
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Museum	Richard Congdon	509.886.2410
Newsletter	Dan Hanson	253.318.6616
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



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.

Shop Talk

The Ginkgo Club workshop is located at Christy Price's home: 4325 Squilchuck Rd., Wenatchee. Take the Squilchuck road toward Mission Ridge and turn left on Cranmer Road then an immediate left to the driveway. Check the Ginkgo Mineral Society Facebook page to see if someone may be opening the shop. **Club officers and the shop foreman have a key to open the shop.**

Washington State Mineral Council For info contact Ed Lehman at wsmced@gmail.com h#425.334.6282 c#425.760.2786

April 2021 23 rd 10am-4pm 24 th 10am-5pm 25 th 10am-4pm	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	59 th Parade of Gems Adults - \$6 \$5 w/ coupon Students - \$2 K-12 years free with paying adult	Central Washington State Fair Modern Living Building 1301 S. Fair Avenue Yakima, WA 98901
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From Carol Smith VP

"I'd like to thank all of you for continuing to "hang in there", and with our limited interaction it has been difficult to share stories. We WILL figure out this coming year how to safely spend some time together and have field trips. Try to be optimistic, keep your glass half full, (of your favorite drink) and dream of rocks, rocks and more rocks.

P.S. Since April 2020 I have painted approximately 960 Columbia River gravel rocks! Guess what you'll see at future shows!
Happy Days to you and have a good holiday season."



Secretary's Comments "Hi everyone there has not been much going on. I had foot surgery in February and they said 3 months pretty much in bed then 3 months starting to move around and then therapy. it's been 10 months now and it's almost better, I just have a couple areas to strengthen back up. Cheri has been very helpful through this whole process and patient being it is such a long process. I'm happy to see light at the end of the tunnel. I'm looking forward to some rockhounding this spring. And also, when we can have meeting again. I've been starting some cabs for jewelry and have several finished."

Treasurer's Report for November

Savings Account

November Interest	0.51
Ending Balance	\$11,797.16

Checking Account

11/01/20	Beginning Balance	\$1,388.89
	2 Deposits	91.89
	(Shop fees, memberships and Fred Meyer Reward*)	
	No checks written	
11/30/20	Ending Balance	<u>\$1,480.78</u>

*Each quarter of the year we receive a check from Kroger. It is their way of giving back to the community for shopping at Fred Meyer. Our 3rd quarter reward was \$27.89. At this rate they give Ginkgo over \$100 each year. We have around 10-12 members who have signed up with Fred Meyer as a Ginkgo shopper. This reward does not effect your individual rewards. Marcia Summers can assist you if you want to sign up with Fredgies to get us this free money. Call Marcia at 509.860.7556.

Also: Memberships for the year 2021 can be made now! Family \$30.00, Individual \$20.00, Senior \$15.00 Mail your check to Ginkgo P.O. Box 303 Wenatchee, WA 98807 Or hand cash to David at 1255 S.E. 1st St. East Wenatchee.

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

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.



Hand painted
Columbia River Stones
by Carol Smith
509.884.334



Christmas ideas:

For Pebble Pups - **Rocks and Minerals Spotter's Guide** \$4-6 Factual information for beginning rock hounds, be they 5 or 105! Great illustrations and readable descriptions of the rocks and minerals including things to look for to distinguish them. It has a rockhounding list in the back so you can keep track of which rocks and minerals you've found.

For Rockhound Families – **Roadside Geology of Washington** \$45-70 Generations of geologists have studied the wild assortment of rocks in the Evergreen State, from 45-million-year-old sandstone exposed in sea cliffs at Cape Flattery to 1.4-billion-year-old sandstone near Spokane. In between are the rugged granitic and metamorphic peaks of the North Cascades, the volcanic flows of Mt. Rainier and the other active volcanoes of the Cascade magmatic arc, and the 2-mile-thick flood basalts of the Columbia Basin. With the help of this brand new, completely updated second edition, you can appreciate spectacular geologic features along more than forty of Washington's highways. Roadside Geology of other states are also available.

For Washington Rockhounds – **NWRockhounds.com** and/or NW Rockhounds Shop on facebook. \$Free NW Rockhounds is not just a store – it started as a community of like-minded rockhounds dedicated to the joys of exploring and seeking out the natural wonders of the Pacific Northwest. Folks on the Facebook page share ideas, tips, techniques, and much more.

A Night Before Christmas



From the Gem News
1972
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T'was the eve a'fore Christmas
And there in the night
The desert was quiet
Not a rockhound in sight.

Our socks were all hung
By the fire's ruby glow
In the hope that Mama
Would sew up the toe.

The kids were all stacked
In their warm little bunks
With visions of agate--
Slabs, boulders, and chunks.

Me in my long johns
And Ma in her sack
Had jumped into bed.
It was cold as a tack.

From out in the sage
Came a hullabaloo:
I sprang to the window
To throw out a shoe.

I strained my eyes
'Til my brow was a furrow
Along came a geezer
A-leading his burro.

By the size of his belly
And his face full of hair
I knew it was Santa
Or an old grizzly bear.

“Go Rudolph, go Rudolph
You stubborn old mule,
Get moving there Rudolph
You lop-eared old fool.”

Then quick as a polecat
I heard him on top
That durn red-nosed burro
Goin' clip-pity clop.

Santa's trip down the chimney
Was something uncanny,
The fire was burnin'
And scorched his poor fanny.

He was dressed all in denim
From his head to his toes
And his nose was all red
Like he drunk too much booze.

He has a middle age spread
That just wouldn't quit,
And a rock bag so big
It was ready to split.

He spied my old trim saw
The one that was broke.
“By golly you're rockhounds,
You're my kind of folk.”

He sat down at the table
And we both had some java
And threw bull about agate
And opal and lava.

He told me of old times –
Of Horse Canyon agate,
Of good times at Boron,
Of jasper from Daggett.

He told of deliveries to
What now are ghost cities –
Of Bullfrog and Bodie
They're dead, what a pity.

Then from out of his pack
For me and for Ma,
What did he pull
But a big slab saw.

There was a hammer for Dougie,
And a black light for Ginny,
And a bag of rock candy
So we wouldn't get skinny.

Then lookin' at the fire
And feelin' his sore
He decided it was best
To leave through the door.

But I heard exclaim
As he fell in the mine
“Merry Christmas, you rockhounds
And Auld Lang Syne.”

News of Note

COVID 19 pain in the rear

In October, the Tuscon Gem and Mineral Show website said the show was canceled. Now the website says the show is Jan 30 – Feb 14.

The Quartzsite Pow Wow is still a GO! Dates are January 20 – 24.

The accompanying Gem and Mineral Show is January 16 – 24.

Rockhound Ailments

From the Clear Lake Texas Gem and Mineral Club bulletin comes this list of ailments peculiar to rockhounds:

Cabochon Convulsions – fits commonly associated with the grinding of fingertips and knuckles

Faceter's Fever – an uncommon brightness of the eyes characterized by symmetrical refraction of the light emitting therefrom

Lapidary Lament – also known as Post-polishum Depression; condition is brought on by the discovery of an unseen fracture after the cab is completed

Stone Tumbler's Tinnitus – a ringing of the ears, curable only by permanent removal of the tumbler (Tumblerectomy? Tumbleotomy?)

Hobby Pocket – the most common ailment of all, one that is rapidly becoming endemic. It is a deep seated emptiness of wallet brought on by over exposure to rock shops, supply catalogues, and gem and mineral shows.

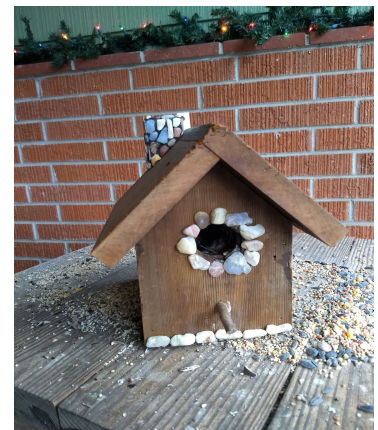
Marconi Rockhound Trip

Tony and Susan Marconi took a rockhounding trip up the Palisades. Tony didn't report on any rocks they found but did send in this picture of deer in a pasture.



Marcia Summers Squirrels

We have had a squirrel or more chewing on the bird house so I filled in the damage and hopefully, this will deter them!



Merry Christmas from Dan & Dena Hanson. May we all have a better and **Happy New Year**. Taken at Happy Trails RV Resort in Surprise, Arizona.

