

The Petrified Digest

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Wonderstone



Although Wonderstone is a trade name for a rock found in southern Utah, Washington has a similar stone found along the Columbia River where the Columbia Basin Basalts meets some of the sandstone structures of the Cascade foothills

December 2022

Special Meeting Time:

December 16, 6pm

Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes, or photos to:

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or to wonderstar@nwi.net

Web page: www.wenatcheerockclub.org

Face Book page: Ginkgo Mineral Society

From Atop the Rock Pile

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all you rockhounds.

The new year will bring some changes to our club with the closure of our lapidary shop. Dan Hanson has generously offered to store the majority of our equipment at his residence. The price of a monthly storage unit for our needs starts at \$175 monthly. So, a HUGE Thank You to Dan and Dena for helping us regroup and figure out a future location for our lapidary shop. Please, all members, be on the look out for a new location. Just call any board member with ideas, location, price, and we will check it out.



A reminder about our Christmas Party on December 16th. It will be at 6 P.M. instead of our regular start time of 7 P.M. Bring a side dish to go with a ham provide by the club. We will have a gift exchange (\$20 or under) for those who want to take part in the fun of "steal a gift" but only one steal this year!

Christmas wrap fund raiser at the Valley Mall starts Sunday, December 18 thru the 24th. Contact Pam Lander at 509-884-5135 to volunteer for a short shift of only four hours 1-5 P.M. There are still openings available, don't be left out! Call Pam!

A very SPECIAL Thank You to all who did the hard work of preparing for the move of our shop into storage. Pam Lander, David Lander, Carl Pederson, Jodi Rose and Chris Claussen. They did some really heavy work packing up rocks, draining oil from our saws and disposal of oil, garbage (lots of it) hauling tables, buckets of grit, and the list is long. It was hard work and I'm very grateful to them for all their volunteer hours to make this happen. Thank You!!

Carol Smith
President

From the Scribe

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Smith at 7:16 pm.

Program

The program for the evening was "How to tumble stones" by Carol Smith. She talked about the steps involved and provided a handout for everyone.

Show and Tell

by Rick Lechner

Miscellaneous

Carol Smith had free rockhounding magazines.

There was a lively auction for one of the beautiful rocks donated by Chuck and Betty Mosher. Rex Bordrero had the high bid of \$20. Congratulations Rex.

Refreshment break (Thank you Pam Lander and Margie Porterfield!)

The Business Meeting was called to order by Carol Smith at 8:05.

Minutes

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was moved, seconded and passed to elect the Club officers as nominated by the nominating committee.

President – Carol Smith

Vice President – Pat Russell

Treasurer – David Earhart

Secretary – Michelle Giard and Pam Lander

It was moved and seconded to have professional movers relocate the contents of the workshop. Discussion followed and the motion passed. The last day to use the shop will be November 23rd. Movers will be scheduled for November 30. Grit for tumbling will be available by calling Pam Lander or Carol Smith.

Committee Leader Reports

Christmas Wrap Project – Pam Lander is still accepting volunteers for gift wrapping at the Wenatchee Valley Mall. This is a great outreach and fundraiser for our club. The hours are 1-5 pm December 18 through December 23. Please consider volunteering for this positive and fun activity.

Christmas Party – Our next meeting is December 16th with a special start time. Come early for a potluck dinner starting at **6 pm**. The Club will provide the entrees. Bring a side dish or a dessert. There will also be a fun and exciting gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a white elephant of \$20 or less. Remember dinner starts at **6 pm**.

Door Prize/Raffle Tickets

Door prize winner was Susan Oglebay.

Raffle Ticket winners were Melisha Maxey, Tammy Liebert, Brenda Jackson, and Michelle Giard. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Michelle Giard
Scribe

From the Vault

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| CD | As of 11/30/2022 | \$10,079.05 |
| Savings Account | 11/30/22 w/ interest | \$1798.13 |
| Checking Account | 11/01/22 Beginning Balance | \$2,311.23 |
| | 3 Deposits: 5 Memberships, shop fees, raffle, grit | 377.00 |
| | 5 Checks: Newsletter, shop rent, postage potty, moving supplies | <u>(531.02)</u> |
| | 11/30/22 Ending Balance | \$2,157.21 |

It is time to renew your membership. Pay your dues in person at a meeting or mail a check to me.

David Earhart
Treasurer

The Move – David's Note

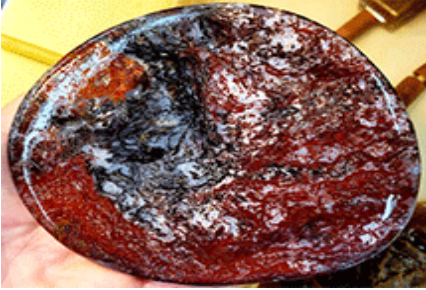

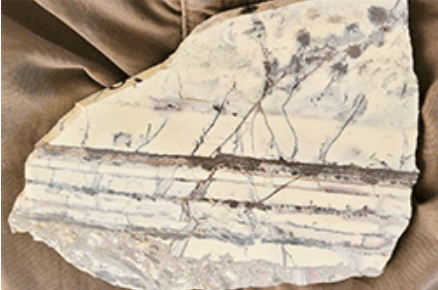
Dues to heavy snow, the move was delayed until December 5. The equipment is now in storage and secured. The movers were paid \$475.00. Thank You to Carol, Pam, and helpers for packing and moving all the small totes early in November. That really helped hold down the cost of the move.

Christmas Gift Wrapping


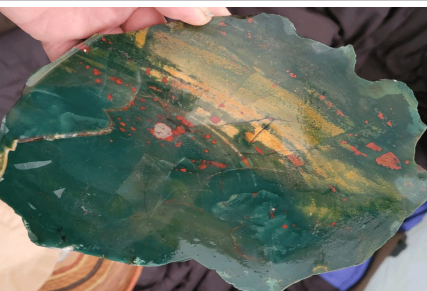

Don't miss the Gift Wrapping event at the Wenatchee Valley Mall. Pam Lander is the head elf for this event so please consider volunteering for a 4-hour shift December 18th to the 24th. It's from 1 to 5 pm each day and it is a wonderful chance to share our commitment to serving our community. This is a great fundraiser for our Club also. Folks from around the Valley appreciate having someone wrap their last minute gifts and it's fun to share the season with everyone. Pam has secured 3 tables providing more room to spread out and help shoppers. And more volunteers mean more fun swapping Christmas tales with each other. Please call Pam to sign up for a shift: 509.884.5135

The Rockhound Challenge

Last month's rocks were:

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|  <p data-bbox="168 1171 557 1205">Red flame agate - Washington</p> |  <p data-bbox="623 1178 1000 1211">Chicken track jasper - Oregon</p> |  <p data-bbox="1094 1178 1435 1241">Porcelain jasper – Sonora, Mexico</p> |

This month's Challenges

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Member News

Spokane member Gregg Stanford has spent the fall on the Oregon coast collecting agates and pounds of other rocks. He met with a fellow rock collector who owns the largest known Oregon Beach Agate. Imagine the slabs that can be cut from this behemoth.



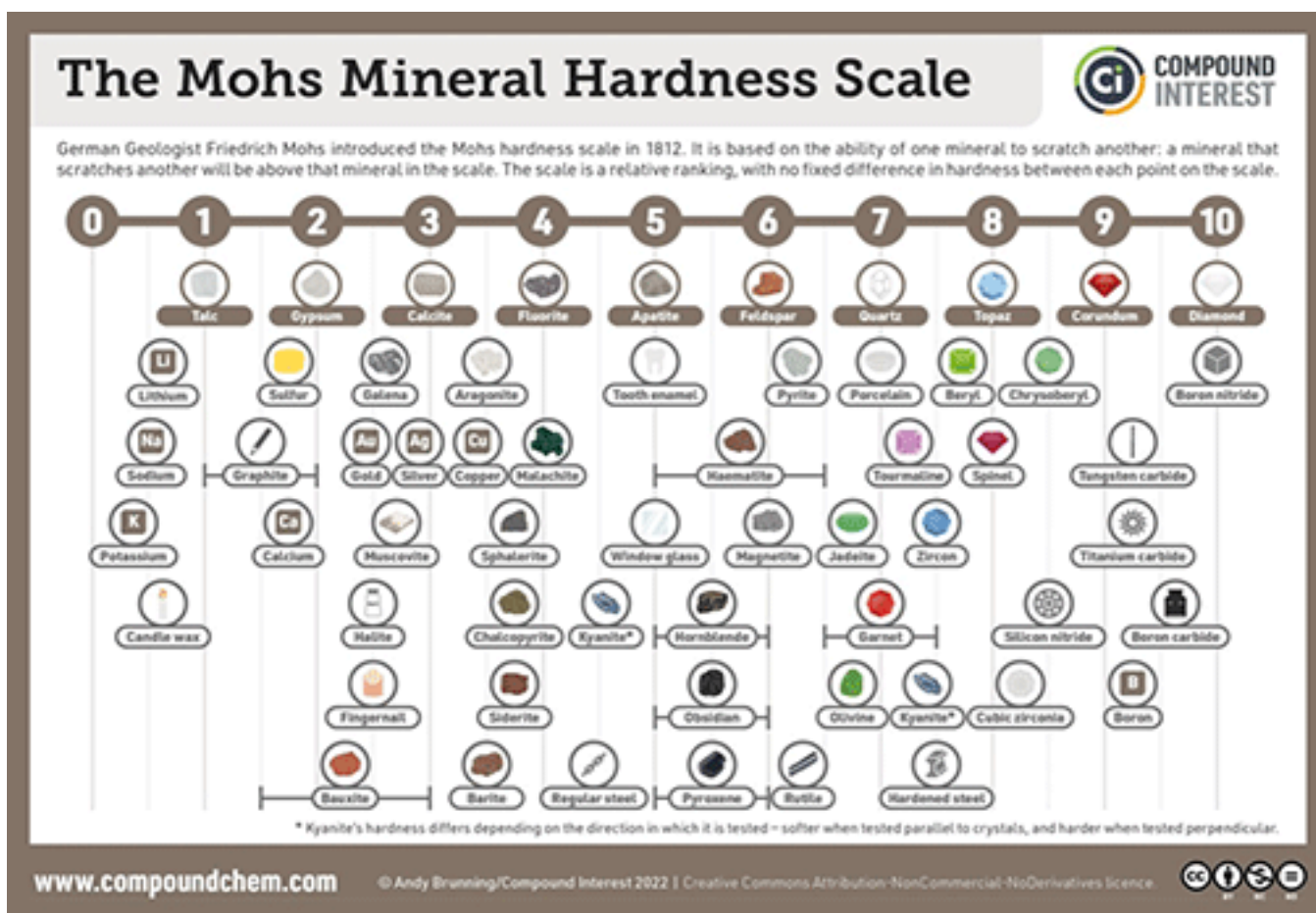
It's a good time to sign up for Community Rewards with Fred Meyer by Marcia Summers

At the current time we have 10 people signed up for the rewards program. Way to go! Please update your Fred Meyer account and sign up again or enroll for the first time. If you have problems, call Marcia 509-886-7295.

1. Go to www.fredmeyer.com
2. Click Sign in (if you have an account) or click Create Account. You need to enter your Email Address and a Password and your account number (all those #'s on your card).
3. Enter log in and password.
4. Find My Account under your name and click
5. On the left side scroll down to the Community Rewards section.
6. Click enroll.
7. Enter organizations name (Ginkgo Mineral Society) or the first 3 letters and click search.
8. Select the organization by clicking on the circle next to Ginkgo.
9. Click Enroll.

It will take from 7-10 days after registering to have the rewards put on our account. This does not impact your personal rewards. It is a way that Kroger/Fred Meyer gives back to the community. We get a check each quarter if we have \$25 or more in rewards funds. You can see this will increase greatly with more of us signed up.

Mohs Scale



Officers

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| President | Carol Smith | 509.884.3349 |
| Vice President | Pat Russell | 509.421.1307 |
| Secretary | Michelle Giard | 509.424.2161 |
| Treasurer | David J. Earhart | 509.860.0988 |

Coordinators

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| 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.

Washington State Mineral Council

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| February 2023 11th 9am—5pm 12th 9am—5pm | Whidbey Island Gem Club | 57th Annual Sweetheart of Gems Show | The Center in Oak Harbor 51 Jerome St. Oak Harbor WA |
| March 2023 4th 10am - 6pm 5th 10am - 5pm | East King Co | Annual Rock & Gem Show | Pickering Barn 1730 10 th Ave NW Issaquah, WA |
| April 2023 29th 10am - 5pm 30th 10am - 4pm | Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club | 26 th Annual Rock & Mineral Show \$5 adults, 12 & under free | Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds Building 2 1500 S. Oak Kennewick, WA |
| April 2023 29th 10am - 5pm 30th 10am - 5pm | West Seattle Rock Club | 55 th Annual Rock Show | Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Ave SW Seattle, WA |