

The Petrified Digest

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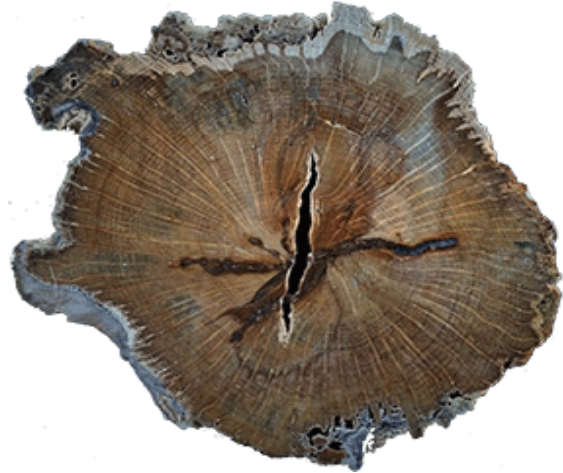
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Petrified Oak

The best samples of petrified oak come from a site called Stinking Water in Oregon. Highly polished slabs are in museums, rockshops, and personal collections. Many of these specimens are so well-preserved scientist have been able to identify actual rings and individual cells. Petrified Oak is identifiable by the dark colors and its ease of polishing.



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February 2023

<p>Next meeting: February 17 at 7 pm Presbyterian Church 200 S. Kentucky East 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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From Atop the Rock Pile

Hello to all of you anxiously awaiting Spring,

Ya have a bit longer before you can pack up and hit the "digs". However, keep in mind that the Spokane Rock-N-Rollers will have their big show on March 24th - 26th at the fairgrounds in Spokane.

Several of our club members have braved the cold weather and made a field trip to Saddle Mountain and reported the road "wasn't bad". The other trip was to look for Columbia Basin Agates, with not the best results. I am working on a outing for these agates on our Spring outing to the mammoth McBones site in Tri Cities on May 27th, at 11 AM.

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Al Kissler and Roy Porterfield. Our deepest sympathies go to Al's family and to Margie and her family.

I have no special advice to give at this time. (My Dad did quote rather often: "Carol, it's a difference of opinion that makes horse races".)

All for now,
Carol Smith
President

From the Scribe

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Carol Smith. It was our annual pizza party. There were 32 members in attendance with several visitors.

Program for the evening

Carol Smith did a presentation on Lapis Lazuli with beautiful specimens from Afghanistan. She explained the difference in quality with most pieces sold in the U.S. being the lesser quality of blue denim color. (Ed note: After seeing literally tons of beautiful lapis at Tucson this past week, I think there is a lot of marketing strategies used to increase its value.)

Show and Tell

Jodi Rose showed her latest handy work using craft string to macrame cabs into jewelry. She had several pieces with different techniques.

New member Thea Stender brought several specimens from claims she is mining. She is a great addition to our Club.

Refreshments

The Club provided pizza. Ken and Liz Hemberry brought cupcakes. Rex Bodrero brought cookies while Brenda Jackson and Jodi Rose provided drinks.

The Business meeting

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with an addendum. R. John Montgomery was also one of the Santa Helpers for the very successful Christmas Wrap project organized and managed by Pam Lander. Thank you all again, for volunteering for this special outreach event.

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

No other business took place at this meeting

Door prize was won by Rani Hammer. Raffle winners were Melisha Maxey, Carl Pederson, Jamie Hilliard family. Bob Spurrier won the special auction of a beautiful piece of petrified wood donated by Chuck and Betty Mosher.

Announcement

The Club is planning a field trip to the Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site and the agate beds in the Tri Cities area May 27th. We'll meet in the Hobby Lobby parking lot for departure at 9 am.

Notes submitted by Pam Lander

From the Vault

CD	As of 1/31/2023	Int \$11.30	\$10,090.35
Savings Account	1/31/23	w/ interest	\$1799.16
Checking Account	1/01/23	Beginning Balance	\$3,256.50
		2 Deposits: Memberships, raffle, grit	228.00
		5 more memberships, rock auction	<u>195.00</u>
		Total	\$3,679.50
		6 Checks: Meeting room, P.O.Box, Insurance, Xmas wrap, newsletter Gold Show booth	<u>(1,439.89)</u>
	1/31/23	Ending Balance	\$2,239.61

David's Notes

It is time to renew your membership. Pay your dues in person at a meeting or mail a check to me. We now have 60 Individual/Family memberships. If you don't see your name on the following list, please contact David.

B. Allen	S. Eisenhart	K.&L. Hemberry	S. Molena	P. Russell
K. Arkwright	J. Engley	S.&J. Hilliard	C.&B. Mosher	L. Silva
S. Backstrom	C.&A. Ericksen	B. Jackson	S. Oglebay	K. Sly
R. Bodrero	W. Feiten	D.&P. Lander	R. Payne	C.&D. Smith
C. Clausen	C. Garver	S. Lawson	C.&S. Pederson	B. Spurrier
R. Congdon	M. Giard	T.&T. Liebert	K. Pinger	J.&B. Stanfield
M. Davidson	R.&M. Gill	T.&S. Marconi	S. Rockwell	T. Stender
J. Davis	B.&P. Grant	D. Mattioda	M. Porterfield	M. Sullivan
M.&P. Davis	R. Hammer	M. Maxey	R.&C. Prevett	M. Summers
L. Day	G. Lybbert	D.& M.Morse	O. Reeves	C. Turner
A.&D. Deycous	The Hamptons	D.&V.McGregor	D.&R. Rhoades	P. Tvergyak
D. Earhart	D.&D. Hanson	C. McMillan	J. Rose	V. Wright

David Earhart
Treasurer

Member news

Christi and Hiram Beach sent in this report about their adventures to the other side of the continent.

“My husband and I just got back from Florida. We found fossilized shark teeth and a fossilized dugong rib bone fragment along the Peace River, and a bunch of fossilized coral in the Tampa area. We had to ship the fossilized coral to ourselves, because we found more than could fit in our luggage!

We were there for 6 days, and drove over 900 miles trying out different locations, and discovered that most of the rivers were running too high and fast to safely hound. A few months from now, the rivers will drop by 10+ feet and it will be safer and easier. The last 2 days of our trip, however, some locals shared their winter hounding locations with us, and that’s where we finally had success. Those first few days, though, were significant reminders to enjoy the immense beauty of the world around us, whether or not we found a rock or fossil worth



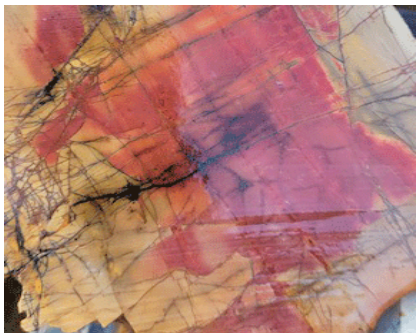
carrying home.

Overall it was a fantastic adventure, and we look forward to going back for more!"



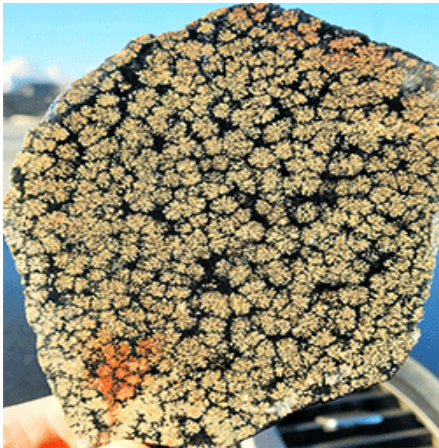


The Rockhound Challenge

Last month's rocks were:

A	B	C
		
Bambi jasper – Globe area, AZ	Wildhorse jasper_Owyhee OR	Cherry Creek jasper – China

This month's Challenge (After Tucson, there are so many choices!)

A	B	C
		

More Member News

Sheila Danielson passed along this information from the Columbia Basin Herald for any of you interested in the geologic features and structures around our Valley.

“The Wenatchee Valley Erratics, Ice Age Floods Institute will host a talk Feb. 14 on the Wenatchee Pinnacles, according to a statement from the organization. The speaker will be Dr. Ralph Dawes, an earth sciences professor at Wenatchee Valley College, who will discuss volcanic activity in the Wenatchee area. The Wenatchee Pinnacles are volcanic rock protrusions on the hillsides west of Wenatchee, including Saddle Rock, Castle Rock, Old Butte, the Wenatchee Dome and Rooster Comb. Over a century of controversy continues over their rock types, ages, origins, their role in the gold deposits in the Wenatchee Gold Belt mining district and tectonic history of the area, according to the statement.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, 127 S. Mission Street. Attendees are asked to wear a mask. The program will also be available via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84520197937>. Both the in-person and online presentations are free and open to the public. More information can be found at www.iafi.org.”

Final item! We need a new shop location!

Dena and I return from Arizona the first of April and we'll need our garage and carport back. If any of you have any suggestions – no matter how impossible or improbable – please contact an Executive Board member.

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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

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