

Welcome Friends and Rockhounds



The Petrified Digest

February, 2024



Join us for PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA at the FEB Meeting!

Meet Your Fellow Club Members

Sarah Collomore



Sarah Collamore grew up in the picturesque town of Gig Harbor where boats come and go and riding the ferry is a common mode of transportation. Puget Sound provides postcard worthy views while storms formed offshore bring rain to keep everything green and lush. It seems like an idyllic place to me.

Sarah's father grew up in the Upper Wenatchee Valley. As a result, she spent a lot of time in her younger years, on the east side of the Cascades. In the late spring and summer, there was whitewater rafting on the Wenatchee River. In the winter, it was ice fishing up at Fish Lake. There was also camping, lots of camping. Sarah loved it all.

Along the way, there was always a love of rocks and minerals. Petosky Stones are her favorites. She told me that she always had an interest in rockhounding but that it really began to grow around age 12 or 13 and it's still growing.

She said that her grandfather on her mother's side was a big influence on her although she never got to know him as he passed away before she was born. He was a rockhound as well and Sarah's eyes took on a special shine when she talked about him. She said that when she was older, she was given some of his things which included mining tools as well as laminated maps and field notes.

Sarah went on to explain that she also laminates her maps. She prefers reading off a printed page or a printed map versus viewing from a screen. She also told me that the way her grandfather took field notes was very similar to the way she does it and that he collected things that she has either collected or has been interested in collecting. It was great to hear Sarah talk about how so much of her grandfather lives on in her. It struck a chord with me because my paternal grandfather died when I was six.

I am grateful that I got to spend time with him when I was a little kid but truthfully, I don't really remember him. Instead, my memories are from the stories my family have told me about him. I am especially grateful when they tell me that they can see part of him in me.

In case you haven't already surmised it, Sarah is an outdoor person. That's certainly not a unique trait amongst members of our club. I think most of us are lovers of the outdoors, maybe we all are. Sarah took it one step further however and decided to make a career of it by studying tourism and outdoor recreation while attending college in

Central Oregon. She also studied geology, which comes in handy.

She likes to travel to different places and experience new things. Over the years, in addition to Washington and Oregon, she has lived in Colorado, Utah, Hawaii, Montana, Alaska, and Spain. She told me she has rocks from all over the world.

North Central Washington must have been whispering in her ear because four and a half years ago Sarah returned to her home state. About a year and a half later she took a job with the Washington State Park Service. Her first position was at Wenatchee Confluence, shortly later she moved to Lincoln Rock where she now works as a Senior Park Aid which is one step below Park Ranger. She loves her job. I think the fact that she gets to spend so much time outdoors has something to do with it.

Sarah told me that she had been thinking about joining a rock club because she wanted to meet more people who shared her interest, learn more about rocks and minerals and to participate in field trips. She is also interested in branching out into lapidary. This past fall she was at the Chelan County Fair where she went through the Ginkgo booth. There, she met Thea and shortly after that, she joined the club.

Sarah is also a history buff with a special interest in exploring old mine sites. She now lives up Blewett where there are plenty of old mines to learn about and explore. When you get a chance, introduce yourself to her. You'll have to wait until the March meeting as she won't be at the upcoming one in February as she is travelling to Ireland.

From Atop the Rockpile

Hello fellow rock and mineral lovers! Coming up in February there will be a presentation at our monthly meeting about Washington Coast Fossil Localities. Washington has produced many beautiful museum-quality fossils for many years. Fossils are truly amazing and tell so much history about how the planet was long before recorded history.

We have had some suggestions from members about wanting to learn more about fossils in our state. If you will be attending the club meeting on February 16th, please feel free to bring any fossil specimen from any location to share with the group. We will be having the pizza party this month so be sure to bring an appetite!

Thea

From the Scribe

Kirk Laird presented a program on fluorescent minerals and phosphorescence. He talked about different wavelengths of UV light and showed photos of various minerals fluorescing. He also showed pictures of caves at Sterling Hill Mine in New Jersey where the walls have fluorescent minerals in green, blue, and orange.

He brought a box he had made with a 254-nanometer UV light placed inside and a viewing hole in the top where club members were able to see specimens of the following minerals fluorescing: Willemite (bright green), Calcite with impurities (gray), Wollastonite (yellow), and Scheelite (blue white).

Membership: We had four new members attend the December meeting: Megan Finley, Lisa LaFayette, Zach Porter, and the Hargrove Family (Tab, Laura, Ava and Aaron). We welcome you to the club.

Refreshments were provided by Trisha and David Stender.

Door Prize and Raffle: The door prize was won by Megan Finley (new member). The raffle was won by Rich Eisenhart.

Business Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Thea Stender. The treasurer's report was read and approved. There wasn't a business meeting in December therefore, no minutes were approved. Old Business: The updating of the web page is in process. One of our members, Sophie Campbell, will be working with Thea and Susan Oblebay to update the site. Sophie is currently out of the country. The project will move forward once she returns.

A workshop space is desperately needed but no new updates.

New Business: Thea announced that we are looking for a new space to have our monthly meetings because we are outgrowing the church. She is also working with the Icicle Foundation on a rent-free space in the old Koho Building where we can hold our executive board meetings.

There was discussion about creating a podcast in conjunction with the Icicle Foundation to talk about the club and build interest.

We are looking into the possibility of making a donation to The Friends of Minerology which could help us to get guest speakers to our meetings, allowing for more education.

The possibility of the club having a booth at The Mineral Market in Seattle was discussed. This would allow us to put our presence out there, sell patches, shirts and take donations. This would be for 2025 as it is too late for 2024. This show has drawn over 4300 people. Wow!

We would like to move forward with an educational program for kids called Ginkgo Pups that was proposed by Dan Hanson.

Thea is bringing the suggestion box back. She sent a notepad around asking people to write down what they would like to see from the club. The treat sign-up sheet was also passed around. Brenda Jackson will make follow-up calls.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Melisha Maxey, Secretary

Where's the Equipment

Several of our members have graciously provided homes for our shop equipment. They will make the equipment available to Club members by appointment so we can still cut and polish the stones we collect. Below is a list of equipment with phone numbers to call to arrange an agreeable time:

Marcia Summers: A Genie 509-860-7556

Dave Stender: A Genie and trim saw 509-630-1176

Jodi Rose: A Genie and trim saw 509-763-9402

Carl Pederson: 18-inch slab saw (\$2.00 per cut), 10 inch slab saw, faceting machine 509-630-8239

The Ginkgo Mineral Society was formed in 1949 to promote the education of mineralogy and geology; to encourage the collecting of rocks and minerals; to provide field excursion to mineral collecting areas and to promote interest in lapidary work.

We are a 501c7 organization and are not charitable in nature but are a membership organization formed to serve it's own members. 501c7 organizations do not solicit charitable donations.

As long as a social club is "organized for pleasure, recreation or other non-profit purposes" it can qualify as exempt from Federal Income Tax.

2023 Accounting Report

Income for year 2023		Expenses for year 2023	
90+ Memberships	\$1,761.00	Meeting room, 11 months	\$420.00
Meeting Raffles	\$926.00	Storage Unit Rent, 9 months	\$403.50
Gift Sales	\$324.00	Newsletter, printing, envelopes	\$1,563.91
Miscellaneous Rock Sales	\$179.00	Stamps	\$261.00
Annual Rock Auction	\$2,234.00	Chelan County Fair	\$239.15
Book Sales	\$220.00	Fair Passes	\$90.00
Equipment Sales	\$1,785.00	Meeting Program Supplies	\$49.50

Christmas Wrap Fund Raiser	\$1,441.56	Meeting Food and Treats	\$304.54
Kroger Community Awards	\$129.00	Equipment Rental	\$283.48
Total Income	\$8,999.56	Office Supplies	\$109.44
		P. O. Box Rental	\$176.00
Cashmere Valley Bank		Insurance, annual	\$632.00
Checking Account Balance	\$6,020.00	Website, Sec of State, annual	\$166.04
Savings Account Balance	\$1,800.00	Grit for Tumbling	\$122.30
CD	\$10,136.00	Books (rockhounding)	\$141.77
		Rocks	\$35.00
		Rock Auction Expenses	\$99.46
		Field Trip, McBones	\$130.00
		Christmas Wrap Supplies	\$113.73
		NCWP Gold Show Booths	\$160.00
		Total Expenses	\$5,500.82

From the Vault

As of 1-31-2024	
CD	\$11,577.44
Savings Account	\$1,800.00
Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$4,617.11
3 Deposits (memberships and meeting sales)	\$433.00
Christmas Wrapping Deposit	\$1,441.56
4 Checks Written	-\$259.70
Christmas Wrap Tranferred	-\$1,441.56
Ending Balance as of 1-31-2024	\$4,790.41

David's Notes

Ginkgo annual memberships can be paid now for 2024.

Individual: \$20.00

Family: \$40.00

Senior (one): \$15.00

Marketplace



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

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Annual Dues: Individual-\$20.00, Senior-\$15.00, Family-\$40.00, Lifetime (20 plus 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.

Next Meeting

February 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes or photos
to: Lizhemberry@hotmail.com Website:
www.wenatcheerockclub.org
Facebook page: Ginkgo Mineral Society

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