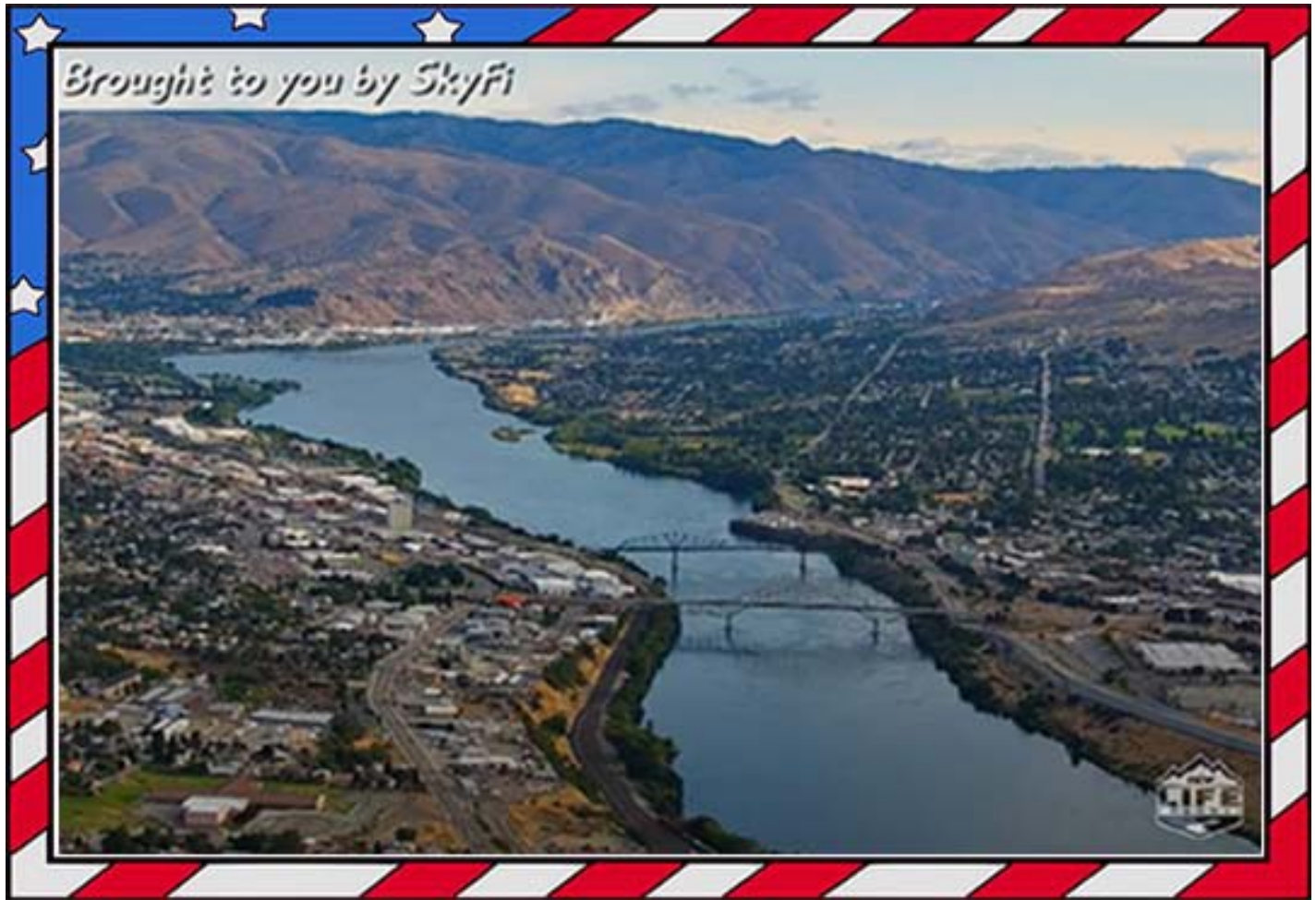


The Petrified Digest

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Wenatchee Valley on a July morning.

Average high temp - 89

Average precipitation - 4 inches

Population of East Wenatchee 2019 (est) 14,219

Ginkgo Club Meetings:

July 16, Friday 7 pm

Presbyterian Church

200 S. Kentucky, E. Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes, or photos to:

ginkgonews@yahoo.com

or to wonderstar@nwi.net

Web page: www.wenatcheerockclub.org

Face Book page: Ginkgo Mineral Society

From Atop the Rock Pile

Greetings Rockhounds!

I had hoped to tell you that the club had an official trip planned to Emerald Creek for star garnets. Who knew they would completely sell out all their reservations for the whole season in June?

So...

We are looking for a new trip for August. Preferably somewhere new to us if at all possible. I am asking all you club members to do some research and help us find a new place or 2 for our August/September activities. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Wild Turkey Mine in our quest for noble serpentine this month!

President,
Steven Douglass



From the Scribe No Minutes submitted.

(From my limited notes: It was moved, seconded and approved to purchase 6 canvas prints for the Chelan County Fair booth. Steven reminded everyone that the Club Facebook page has the most up-to-date info for Club members. Carol Smith is working on securing the fire station meeting room for September and beyond.)

From the Vault

CD including 2 nd quarter interest of \$11.35	\$10,022.45
Savings Account with interest of \$.07	1797.74
Checking Account 6/01/21 Beginning Balance	\$473.10
6 Deposits - memberships	982.50
grit sales, auction, t-shirts	
6 checks – shop supplies, rent	
Meeting treats, newsletter	<u>(437.15)</u>
6/30/21 Ending Balance	\$1,018.45

Auction Notes from David

On June 19th we had our first Club meeting of the year at Dan and Dena Hanson's yard. This was also a Club fundraiser - Rock Auction - with plenty of rocks to bid on. Two tables were loaded with shoe box containers of rocks of all types for the silent bidding. Bob Spurrier conducted the live auction of larger specimens (12 in all) along with a book and a display case. Thank you to Ron Payne for keeping a tally of the bidding and winners. Also Dan had 7 buckets of miscellaneous rocks at \$5.00 each for the fastest runners to haul away.

Results:

Live auction	\$246.00
Silent auction	252.00
7 buckets	35.00
Miscellaneous equipment and rocks	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$593.00

We also sold 2 Club t-shirts

Two membership renewals and one new membership was also paid.

Money was literally flying off the table due to the 30 mph winds. Thanks to all who donated items and to all you bidders and to Bob Spurrier auctioneer and to Dan and Dena for hosting.

Dues are past dues for 2021. This may be your last newsletter if dues are unpaid after July. Dues may be paid now. Send to Ginkgo P.O.Box 303 Wenatchee, WA 98807

Paid members as of 7/08 - if there is a discrepancy, please contact David

Allen	Summers	Jackson	Pauli	Sherwood
Aumell	Everhart	Kissler	Pederson	Sly, D
Beach	Elf	Lander	Powney	Sly, K
Bodrero	Engley	Latimer	Prang	Smith
Ballinger	Feiten	Lechner	Pinnix	Stanford
Bramlette	Frederick	Marconi	Price	Watkins
Burke	Garver	McGregor	Reynolds, B	Witt
Congdon	Gilbert	Morash	Reynolds, L	Payne
Danielson	Gill	Spurrier	Rhoads	Deycous
Day	Glenn	McMillan	Russell, L	Deahl
Douglass	Hanson	Montgomery	Russell, Pat	
Earhart	Holman	Mosher	Shaw	

Welcome new members

Gregg Stanford is from Spokane but has a connection through the Happy Trails Resort rock club in Arizona. He and Dan Hanson are officers of that club and have shared several events together including our Saddle Mountain petrified wood field trip in May.

Christi and Hiram Beach have joined our Club. They've already made a trip to First Creek for an outing and look forward to more adventures.

Angela Deahl has already made a trip to Red Top and is excited to go on more outings with our group.

July meeting

The regular July meeting will take place Friday, the 16th at 7 pm at the Presbyterian Church on S. Kentucky in East Wenatchee. There will be time for lots of show and tell so come with your stories and with projects to show. There will be a raffle table with some crystal specimens donated by Chuck and Betty Mosher as well as a door prize. We don't have a Refreshments List yet so maybe bring a small fruit plate to share.

August Club picnic

The annual Club potluck picnic will be at Tedford Park in East Wenatchee on Saturday, August 14th at 3:30 pm. The Club will provide the fried chicken with members providing side dishes and/or desserts and personal drinks, plates, cups, and cutlery. There will be picnic tables but it might be comfortable to bring your own chair for visiting and conversations.

Chelan County Fair

Wahoo, we will have a Fair this year! The theme is **Pride in our Past – Faith in our Future!**

Dates are September 9 – 12 with gates opening at 9 am. Set up for our booth will be September 8. I will be asking for volunteers to be hosts for our booth, to enter displays for our cases, and for items to enter for judging. More information will be coming as soon as I get it from the Fair management.

Field Trip

As mentioned previously in Steven's message, our Club has been invited to dig or collect Noble Serpentine at the Wild Turkey Mine north of Spokane on July 17. Several folks have already made

plans to go. Noble Serpentine is a very striking yellow-green that polishes very well. There is no entry fee - \$1.00 per pound to buy. There are accommodations close by for those who want to stay overnight. Take the usual tools of our hobby and plenty of water. Go to www.washingtonrocks.net for more information.

Club website

The Club website has been revised and now includes a downloadable membership application form. Please visit the site and if you see anything that needs added or corrections that are necessary, please let me know via email. What resources (links) do you think should be listed on the Resources page? Visit www.wenatcheerockclub.org

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



Ruby - Birthstone for July – Both Traditional and Modern Lists

Ruby is one of the most popular traditional gem stones because of its bright red color and its durability. It is one of the four cardinal gems together with sapphire, emerald, and diamond. It is a variety of the mineral corundum (aluminum oxide) and gets its color due to the element chromium in its composition. Rubies makes fine jewelry with a hardness of 9 on the Mohs scale – similar to sapphire. There are vast reserves of millions of rubies in Pakistan but there is only one working mine due to lack of investment and political strife.

Major sources: Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Nepal, and Vietnam.



The Auction

We were finally allowed to have an outside gathering for a short meeting and our annual Rock Auction in June. Donated rocks have been collecting at the shop for over two year so there was plenty to drool over. I don't remember all the donations and winners but here are a few. There were dozens of halved and beautifully polished geodes donated by Chuck and Betty Mosher. There was a very large piece of spectacular green petrified wood from Hampton Butte along with several other great rocks donated by James Engley. Bob Spurrier scored an autographed book of designing and making Indian jewelry. And newcomer Steve Anderson grabbed up buckets and bins of petrified wood donated by Maxine Anderson's family. They also donated a halved and polished geode for the live auction. I think I saw Pam Lander loading her car with several things and Cheri McMillan was a lively and winning bidder. It was so much fun, maybe we should have another auction in the fall.



Call to order



Lots to choose from for the silent auction



Browsing the selection of goodies



Ready to sell t-shirts and collect money



Consultation on identifying a rock



A fun time for Ginkgo

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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

July 23-25, 2021	WA Agate & Mineral Society	Rock & Gem Show	Tenino City Park Tenino, WA
August 6-10 2021	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	Annual Show	The Mill Casino North Bend, WA