

The Petrified Digest

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Sequoia

This wood is relatively easy to identify with its distinctive dark wide growth-ring impressions. Specimens of petrified sequoia have been found throughout the western US. This easily polished rock can be found from the depths of Hells Canyon to the top of Saddle Mountain and from North Dakota to Arizona.

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July 2023

**Next meeting:
Club Picnic & Auction
Saturday, August 19
Noon until ???
2421 Lester Rd
Wenatchee**

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Special Announcement

The Executive Board met Wednesday, July 12th to consider a couple serious situations.

First, for serious health issues, Carol Smith and Dan Hanson need to give up their various responsibilities to the Club. Carol is giving up the positions of Club President, Program Committee, and Rock Auction Committee. Dan is transitioning out of Newsletter Editor, Web Editor, and Chelan Fair Booth Superintendent. Along with these positions, there will be an election in November for Vice President and Secretary. David Earhart has indicated a willingness to continue as Treasurer and Marcia Summers will continue as Membership Coordinator. Please consider supporting the Club in one of these positions.

Second, based on the advisory vote at the last meeting and other input, the Board decided to “farm” out our equipment to various members who would make it available to Club members. The specific details are still being worked out but for example: if a Genie was farmed out to your garage, members would need to call to schedule a mutually agreed time to use it. Some items will be surplussed as it makes no sense to keep book cases or card tables or other such items in storage.

Coming Events

Annual Club Picnic and Rock Auction – Saturday, August 19 at noon until the last rock is sold at Dan & Dena Hanson's yard. *There is no meeting Friday night August 18th*. The club will provide chicken, water, utensils, and napkins. This is a potluck so bring your favorite salad, side dish, or desert. Bring your own chair and drinks if you want something other than water. There will be a competitive corn hole challenge for those who want to participate with prizes for 1st and 2nd. There will be a silent auction for multiple boxes of special rocks and a live auction for some bigger pieces. Also there will be several buckets of material suitable for tumbling for sale. All the proceeds go into the Club treasury. The address is 2421 Lester Rd in Wenatchee. NO MORE ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR. Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables and move the rocks on Thursday, August 17! Contact Dan or Carol to help.

From Atop the Rock Pile

Hello fellow rockhounds,

July is here and the weather is warming up. Red Top is clear of any snow, but the trail to the digs has a lot of fallen trees over it. Pam Lander, Marcia Summers, & David Earhart braved the elements last week and got to the site with not too much trouble. They brought home some good finds and were happy to have the outing. I have been working on auction rocks that the club purchased for a “song”. No I didn't dance! Darrel and I have finished washing all of them and will move them to Dan's home next week. There are some nice pieces to bid on, so save a few \$ for ROCKS. We will list more information on the auction and August picnic soon. All for now, don't dig too deep a hole that you can't crawl out of!

Carol

From the Scribe

The meeting started with a wonderful presentation by Thea Stender. This was a more detailed follow-up to the presentation she did in April on how to use online resources to locate potential locations for special rocks and crystals. She also suggested a possible field trip in the fall to one of the locations she demonstrated at the meeting.

Refreshments Provided by the Club

Door prize and Raffle The door prize was won by Dan Hanson. Raffle winners were Melisha Maxey, Derek Corder, Tony Marconi – two, Bob Spurrier, and Aurora.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order by President Carol Smith at 8:05 pm.

It was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to approve the previous minutes as published.

It was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to approve the Treasurer's Report as published.

Committee Reports and Announcements

A Thank You note was received for our donation to the McBones project. Fifteen members made the trip and enjoyed the visit to the archeological dig site.

A Thank You note will be sent to Al Kissler's family for their donation of rocks and equipment to our Club for the auction.

Dan Hanson reminded members he has set up a mini-workspace in his carport for members to use. There is a slab saw, a trim saw and a Genie.

Pictures and stories are needed for the Club newsletter. Thank you to Cort Danielson for the picture and information he sent about collecting garnets in Nevada.

Old Business

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

After a short explanation about the difficulty of locating an appropriate workshop, an advisory vote was taken to determine if members wanted a workshop. The results will be discussed by the Executive Board and more input will be sought.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Dan Hanson, Acting Secretary

From the Vault

CD	As of 7/8/2023	\$10,113.01
Savings Account	7/8/23 w/interest	\$1799.53
Checking Account	6/1/23 Beginning Balance	\$3,004.57
	3 Deposits: Nason Creek, raffle, book sale	696.50
	11 Checks: Meeting room, storage rent, newsletter, Nason Cr supplies	
	McBones donation, postage	<u>(806.46)</u>
	6/30/23 Ending Balance	\$2,894.61

David's Notes

We have memberships of 95 paid family/individuals for the 2023 year. Thank you all for continued memberships. Many members have gone on field trips around Oregon and Washington. Summer is still with us. Keep on hounding. See you all soon.

A personal note

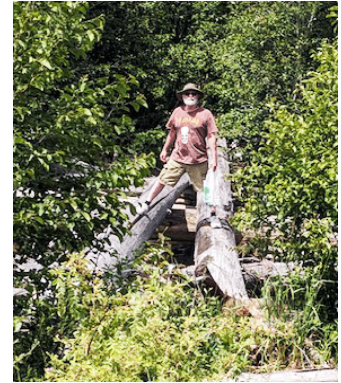
Due to serious health issues, I will not continue as Chelan Fair Booth Superintendent after this year. I hope someone will step forward and be an assistant this year to learn the job for next year and going forward. It is not a difficult job and does not require much time except during the actual Fair days. It is very rewarding to see the kids' faces when they get their polished rocks. And it is fun to talk with Fair visitors about our hobby.

Also I will not be the newsletter editor after November. I have all the documents and support material files to make the job straight forward. Please consider this job and contact me or one of the Board members if you want more information.

Member News

Several of our members made ventures into the hills and valleys to search out rock treasures. I received a few pictures and comments from some of the outings.

First, Tony and Susan Marconi took a day trip in mid-June to Plain for a festival there. They had corn dogs and doughnuts at Papa Zs. The owners have been married 50+ years. While in the area, they did some exploring along the river. Tony sent in this picture of him standing on some logs above the water. He said that a few seconds after the photo his hat blew off and he fell into the water trying to catch it. He did bring back a few sample to try to identify.



The second outing was the mega trip to central Oregon planned by Jodi Rose. Here are pictures from Jodi, Pam Lander, and Gregg Stanford.





The third set of pictures is from the Wild Turkey Mine trip north of Spokane.



It was a busy place.



Ken Hemberry



Liz Hemberry



Another mine nearby.

The final field trip picture was taken by Pam Lander when she, David Earhart and Marcia Summers made the trek to Red Top. After a lot of hard digging it was time for lunch!



Market Place



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

The Club is surplussing Green Bertha. It saw little use in the shop since most folks used the Genies. But it is a good all-in-one machine. It has a 100 and a 220 hard wheel, an expandable sanding wheel with various grit belts and a buffing wheel. It is on a cart with wheel and uses water for coolant. \$500 Call Dan Hanson to see the machine if you didn't see it at the shop.






Chelan County Fair September 7 – 10

It's time to start planning for the Chelan County Fair in September. The theme for this year's Fair is "Let the Good Times Grow." We have 8 show cases to fill with your collection or projects. We need about 40 pounds of tumbled and polished stones to give away to kids as they visit our booth. And we want to fill our exhibitor case with those special projects you have created over the last year. Put on your thinking cap and start your grinders and tumblers. Remember cash is given for exhibited projects that win ribbons.

The Rockhound Challenge

Last month's rocks were:

A	B	C
 <p data-bbox="207 1115 521 1178">Olive Green Opalized Petrified Wood</p>	 <p data-bbox="630 1104 997 1167">Indonesian Blue Opalized Petrified Wood</p>	 <p data-bbox="1125 1104 1393 1167">Apache Black Gold Jerome Arizona</p>

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—\$40.00 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.

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