

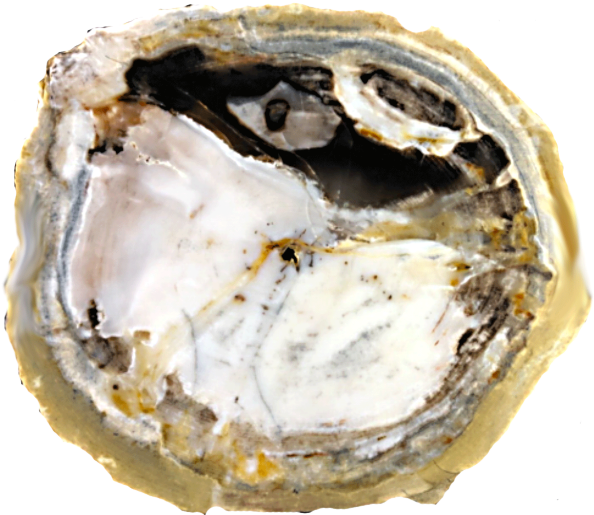
# The Petrified Digest

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	<h2>Petrified Maple</h2> <p>This wood was petrified approximately 15 million years ago. It is found locally in the Vantage area but has also been found in several other areas in North America. It is also common to find this wood opalized - the alignment of the hydrated silica spheres during petrification can cause the rainbow effect of opal.</p>
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## Club Officers

President	Carol Smith	509.884.3349
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Treasurer	David J. Earhart	509.860.0988

## June 2023

<p><b>Next meeting:</b> <b>June 16 at 7 pm</b> Presbyterian Church 200 S. Kentucky East Wenatchee</p>	<p>Email ideas, trip notes, or photos to: <a href="mailto:ginkgonews@yahoo.com">ginkgonews@yahoo.com</a> or to <a href="mailto:wonderstar@nwi.net">wonderstar@nwi.net</a></p> <p>Web page: <a href="http://www.wenatcheerockclub.org">www.wenatcheerockclub.org</a></p> <p>Face Book page: Ginkgo Mineral Society</p>
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## Coming Events

Hampton Butte, Glass Butte Field Trip June 15 – 22 This field trip to central Oregon should be a good one. The planned stop at the Polka Dot mine has been dropped from this field trip. There are lots of great rocks to be found at the various stops Jodi Rose has planned. Contact her if you want to join in to start the trip or to join in along the way. Please let her know if you are leaving the group at any time during the trip.

## From Atop the Rock Pile

Hello to all "Rockers" & especially our new members.

We have had a busy Spring this year with field trips to Saddle Mt. (individual groups), others have braved the biting bugs up on Red Top, a member group to the Mammoth digs in Tri-Cities, a hunt for those darn hard to find CBA's off Fir Road on Columbia River Drive and a trip to Biggs Junction, Oregon for their famous jasper.

Also in June some folks are heading to Prineville Oregon for the big Pow Wow held there annually. The Nason Creek fund raiser netted us \$935, and a big Thank You to all who volunteered to man the booth, you guys made it happen. Again Thanks! There were lots of interesting people stopping for a coffee break and a bit of visiting, plus road-map directions given. (I hope they made it where we sent them!)

I have no Farmers' Advice this time....(thank goodness!) so just be kind and we'll see ya'll at our meeting.

Carol

## From the Scribe

The meeting started informally with the "Towel Show" about 7 pm. Many members brought various items to display. (Ed: pictures and comments are included later in the newsletter.) Lea Glen passed around a nut or shell shaped rock she picked up in Mexico. Most members thought it was a petrified shell.

Refreshments Provided by Dan and Dena Hanson

Door prize and Raffle The door prize was won by young man named Silas. Rex Bodrero must have rigged the raffle drawing winning 4 of the 10 raffled slabs. Other raffle winners were Melisha Maxey, Derek Corder, Margie Porterfield, Susan Oglebay, Carol Turner, and Roger Gill.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order by President Carol Smith at 7:30.

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

David Earhart presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to approve his report.

Upcoming events

Nason Creek Rest Stop fundraiser. A sign up sheet was passed around. Cookies and volunteers are needed for June 3, 4 and 5 with 2 people needed for 8 am to 2 pm and 2 pm to 8 pm shifts each day.

Committee Reports/ Announcements

Dan Hanson passed out information about a mini workshop he has set up for members in his carport. There is a Genie, a 6-inch trim saw and a 10-inch slab saw.

He also reminded members about the Chelan County Fair September 7 – 10. The Club has 7 display cases so be thinking about what special collection you could display.

The Club picnic is August 19<sup>th</sup> at Dan and Dena Hanson's place. The annual rock auction will also take place there. If you have any donations for the auction, bring them to the meetings

or drop them off at the Hanson's.

### Old Business

The field trip to Biggs, Oregon May 20<sup>th</sup> was firmed up.

The Mammoth Dig trip on May 27<sup>th</sup> was also firmed up. The carpool will leave Hobby Lobby at 8 am sharp. Jodi Rose passed out maps with driving instructions to the McBones site and to the second stop on Fir road for agates.

The Prineville Pow Wow was also discussed. It starts June 15<sup>th</sup> and end June 18<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business

A wire wrapping class was announced and quickly filled. The class will be taught by Susan Oglebay at Pam Lander's home June 7 at 2 pm. Another class will be announced in the near future.

Rick and Carol Lechner have invited any members visiting or traveling close to them in Lander, Wyoming this summer to stop for a visit and possible rockhound field trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. Pam Lander, Secretary for this meeting

## From the Vault

CD	As of 6/10/2023	\$10,101.55
Savings Account	6/10/23 w/\$ .08 interest	\$1799.46
Checking Account	5/1/23 Beginning Balance	\$2,964.88
	3 Deposits: Memberships, raffle, equip sale	584.70
	3 Checks: Meeting room, storage rent, newsletter, saw oil,	<u>(545.01)</u>
	5/30/23 Ending Balance	\$3,004.57

## David's Notes

Nason Creek Rest Stop Fundraiser.	Total Donations	\$632.55
	Expenses	(113.47)
	Supplies left over	<u>\$50.02</u>
	Net Income	\$570.00

Thanks to the crew for manning the booth at 6 hours per day: Pam Lander & Lea Glenn, Carol Smith & R. John Montgomery, Dan & Dena Hanson, Roger & Mary Gill, and David Earhart & Marcia Summers. Thanks also to the "cooking crew" for the cookie and brownie donations: Jodi Rose, Brenda Jackson, Chuck Watkins, Nate & Jan Clark, Carol Turner, Ozzie Reeves with Franz Bakery, and Glaze Bakery for many boxes of donuts.

## Community Partnership with Fred Meyer

If you shop at Fred Meyer, our Club can receive free money. All you need to do is create an account at [www.fredmeyer.com](http://www.fredmeyer.com) and then choose My Account > Community rewards. A window will pop up where you can select Ginkgo Mineral Society. It costs you nothing to participate. You keep any of your other Fred Meyer rewards and prices are the same. It just benefits the Club when Fred Meyer sends the Club a check every quarter. If you have questions, please call Marcia Summers for answers and assistance.

## 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 7 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.

# Mammoth Dig Field Trip

Saturday, May 27 several Club members made the trip to the McBones Research Center at the Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site near Tri-Cities. There was a very informative presentation at the site with lots of facts about the archaeological dig. Photo by Jodi Rose



The group then moved on to the Columbia River Agate collection area close by. Members brought home some great specimens and interesting rocks . Although Pam Lander collected a few agates, she brought home several other colorful and very interesting rocks from the site.

Photos by Jodi Rose



An optimistic bucket



A spray bottle is important



Pam's colorful collection

# Biggs Jasper field trip

May 20<sup>th</sup> several Club members made the trip to Biggs Junction to collect the famous Biggs Jasper.



Photos by Jodi Rose

# Wire Wrapping Class

Photos by Pam Lander

Thank you to Pam Lander for hosting the wire wrapping class at her home June 7. Here are photos of the finished projects. We will announce another class soon. Well done ladies!



Carol Smith



Diana Rhoades



Kristi Johnson



Margie Porterfield



Pam Lander



Sue Oglebay

## Other news

Cort Danielson, Sheila and Curt's son sent in this report of a field trip for garnets in Nevada.

"I am doing a college summer internship at an open-pit copper mine in Ruth, Nevada just outside of Ely. There is a Bureau of Land Management rock-hounding site nearby called Garnet Hill. There are garnets everywhere! I don't have any of my rockhounding tools with me and I was able to get all of these garnets on my trip last Saturday. I spent about three hours looking. I can see many places where others have used drills or rock hammers to extract garnets. The garnets here are almandine garnets which are really dark red in color.

The location is easy to get to and there's plenty of parking. I am finding larger garnets when I hike further down the hill. There is the potential for both rattlesnakes and scorpions here. I did see one scorpion last weekend. Garnet Hill is at about 7,000 feet elevation so the temperatures aren't as extreme as other areas in Nevada."


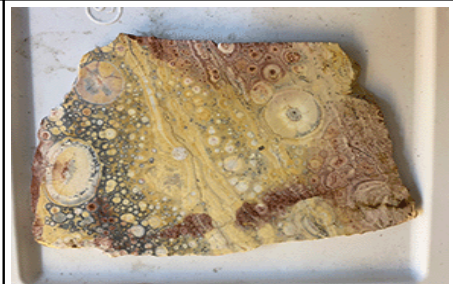
Photo by Cort Danielson

(Ed: Cort sent this link [www.blm.gov/visit/garnet-hill](http://www.blm.gov/visit/garnet-hill) )



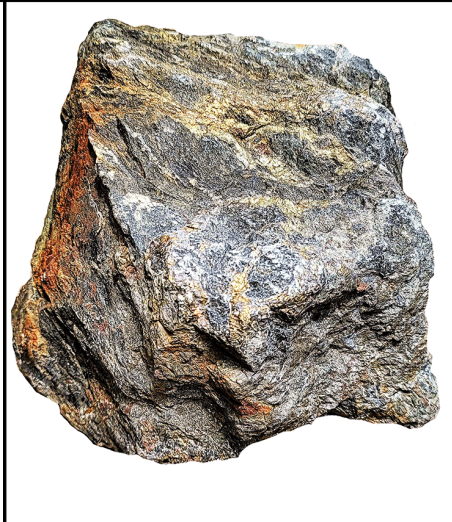


## The Rockhound Challenge

Last month's rocks were:

A	B	C
		<p>Both of these were identified by the sellers as "bird's eye rhyolite." They have similar hardness and both polish well. However, when polishing the one on the left, some of the little eyes fell out and left star shaped holes. Luckily it didn't cost much. BTW it looks very much like spiderweb jasper.</p>

This month's Challenge Two of these should be fairly easy but they are unique in color.

A	B	C
		

## Market Place

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

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.**

### Coordinators

Membership	Marcia Summers 509.860.7556	Nason Creek	David J. Earhart 509.860.0988
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### Washington State Rock and Gem shows

Date & Time	Club	Show	Location
June 2023 15th 9am—5pm 16th 9am—5pm 17th 9am—5pm 18th 9am—4pm	Prineville Rockhounds	Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow	Crook County Fairgrounds 120S Main Street Prineville OR
July 2022 21st 9am—6pm 22nd 9am—6pm 23rd 9am—5pm	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	2023 Rock & Gem Rendezvous	Tenino City Park On Park Avenue (next to the Quarry House and swimming pool) Tenino WA
August 2023 12th 9am - 5pm 13th 10am - 5pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Summer Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA