

The Petrified Digest

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Poppy Jasper



Poppy Jasper is one of the most sought after sub classification of orbicular jasper. It is frequently found on Puget Sound and Pacific Ocean Beaches.

June 2022

Next Meeting: June 17, 7pm
Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky East Wenatchee
See page 2 for coming program

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What's Coming at the next meeting

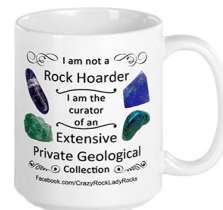
After cutting, shaping, polishing, or tumbling our stones, what to do with them? Susan Oglebay will talk about the wire wrapping she does with her stones. There will be an “interested” survey sheet at the meeting Friday. Class(es) would potentially take place in July. To the right are some less complicated samples that demonstrate the skills she will teach.



From Atop the Rock Pile

Well, in the words of the Old Farmers Advice: "Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got."

We have had a little of each lately but all in all we're doing fine. The Fire Station meeting room that we used for meetings was remodeled and opened up to the public this June. I visited with the staff and the layout was different, no storage available & the club would have to set-up and take down each meeting. We will continue to meet at the Faith Presbyterian Church at 200 S. Kentucky. Pastor Jim Deal had heard of the mix up with our club and a wedding planner. He was very apologetic and will put our club dates in his monthly newsletter. Our program will be presented by Susan Oglebay about wire wrapping with a demo and lots of information. If there is interest in learning how to wrap a stone, she will schedule a class. Till then...don't "get got."



Carol Smith
President

From the Scribe – *this is a reprint of the minutes from the April meeting*

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Smith at 7:10 pm.

Carol Smith welcomed new members and visitors.

Program for the evening:

Richard P. brought samples and reported on petrified wood of many colors, crystals, and jasper from Hampton Butte and Smokey Butte. They are located about an hour from Prineville, Oregon. A map of the area can be purchased through the Prineville Chamber of Commerce for \$4 plus shipping. Obsidian and mahogany obsidian can be found by digging but float is also readily available on the ground. Richard uses a kit which is a backpack with tools. *Gem Trails of Oregon* has good information on this site. Spring is the best time to go (6,000 ft elevation). Smokey Butte is about 1.5 miles from Hampton Butte. Caution: the area contains clay so is treacherous driving when wet.

Bob G. showed samples and gave information on obsidian materials from the Glass Buttes area in Oregon. Great material can be found on Mahogany Hill. He was able to fill 2 packs in a short period of time from material picked up from the ground. While there, Bob got some instruction and bought some tools to make arrowheads. He reported that anyone can go at anytime. There is a map where private claims are marked and many are posted in the area.

David E. reported on the trip he and Marcia S. took to Arizona early this spring. They purchased several samples from a rock shop in Holbrook and he even got some stone eggs.

Pam L. brought samples of leaf fossils found on the field trip to Dry Gulch.

Pat R. showed samples of pistachio aragonite she obtained from a rock show. The material is beautiful but is a mixture of hard and soft so it is hard to work and to shine.

After a break for refreshments the **Door Prize and Raffle** drawings took place.

Prizes were won by Helen H., Richard P., Rex B., Michelle G., and Ed H.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the March minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. David stated the Executive Board approved an increase of \$5 per membership type for next year. There will be an April 30th cut-off date for the payment of annual dues.

Committee Leaders Reports

Shop: There was a general discussion on what days and times the shop will be open. It was suggested there be a minimum of two trained workers in the shop when open. (Ed: A revised schedule of when the shop is open will be published on the Facebook page.)

Nason Creek: David E. gave an update on the Nason Creek fundraiser. Volunteers are encouraged to carpool and the driver will be given a \$20 honorarium for fuel.

Field Trips/Activities: Helen H. said several April field trips had to be cancelled because of (poor) weather conditions. Everyone needs to be flexible on scheduled field trips this time of year. She will publish the May trip calendar soon.

Old Business: Carol S. has checked with the Fire Station several times to see if we can hold our monthly meetings there again. They will keep her informed.

New Business:

Carol S. said there will be a Porta Potty installed at the shop.

There was general discussion about the possibility of changing the monthly meeting day from Friday to a week night. If the day is changed, meeting location availability will also have to be considered. No decision was made at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm

Carol Turner
Scribe

From the Vault

CD	As of 5/31/2022	\$10,067.63
Savings Account	5/31/22 w/ interest	\$1,798.55
Checking Account	5/01/22 Beginning Balance	\$1,870.32
	2 Deposits Memberships, shop fees,	100.00
	Nason creek fundraiser	558.00
	7 Checks: Newsletter, shop rent, stamps	
	Nason Creek & office supplies	<u>(548.56)</u>
	5/31/22 Ending Balance	\$1,979.76

David Earhart
Treasurer

David's Notes

Here is the list of folks who have paid. If you don't see your name on this list, contact David.

Allen, B	Feiten, W	Lechner, R	Reynolds, B
Anderson, S	Findley, M	Marconi, T	Reynolds, L
Ballinger, M	Frederick, A	McGaha, C	Rhoades, D
Beach, C	Giard, M	McGregor, D	Rose, J
Bodrero, R	Gill, R	McKay, S	Russell, P
Bramlette, D	Glenn, L	McMillen, C	Shaw, L
Burke, J	Godfrey, W	Merriel, L	Silva, L
Clark, N	Grant, R	Montgomery, R	Sly, D
Clausen, C	Griffith-Schnelle, J	Mosher, C	Sly, K
Congdon, R	Hall, H	Nelson, G	Smith, C
Conrad, A	Hammond, T	Oglebay, S	Smith, P / Ward, M
Dambacher, L	Hampton, P	Payne, R	Spurrier, B
Danielson, C	Hansen, D	Pederson, C	Stanford, G
Day, L	Hanson, D	Pinger, K	Summers, M
Deycous, D	Jackson, B	Porterfield, R	Trepanier, P
Douglass, S	Jones, A	Powney, T	Turner, C
Earhart, D	Jones, G	Prang, T / Pinnix, J	Tvergyak, P
Engley, J	Kissler, A	Price, C	Watkins, C
Everhart, D	Lander, P	Reeves, O	Witt,

This will be your last newsletter if your name is not on the active membership list by June 30.

Off the Beaten Path

Greetings Everyone,

I graduate June 10th with my Bachelor's Degree in nursing. Now it's time to retire and enjoy life which was not in the original plans. I will have more time to focus on rockhounding adventures. June is the month to explore Oregon and what it has to offer. There are events Club members have requested for outings. We will be going to the Prineville Pow Wow June 16th to the 19th. Free admission and several field trips to collection sites. We will also have a trip to Red Top on Blewett Pass. I asked Jodi Rose to be an event coordinator to help with trips and she accepted. Please watch Facebook and WhatsApp for upcoming events. New members, please sign up for the WhatsApp app and send in a request to join our Ginkgo Mineral Society Facebook page.

Happy Hounding.
Helen

Chelan County Fair

It's time to start planning for the Ginkgo booth at the Fair. I've already heard from a few folks who have either started or finished some polished rocks to give to the kids who come through our booth. We expect a larger crowd this year so we will need more polished rocks than we had last year. Also, there are 8 display cases to fill with your special collections and we need lots of exhibited items for the judges to evaluate. We've been asked to bring a Genie to demonstrate the capping process.



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Market Place

I was contacted by a lady in Chelan who has a large piece of jade she would like to sell. She said the stone is about 50 pounds. She is moving and can't take the stone with her. Her name is Tommy and this is a contact number if you are interested: 509.929.2944

Member News

The Wild Turkey Mine opened for another weekend May 21 & 22 for rockhounds to collect the many colors of Noble Serpentine in the mine. Cheney member Gregg Stanford sent in this picture of the event. Before the weekend, I told him to be selective since he always brings home way too many rocks! He said he and his friend were selective. They selected to fill his trunk with about 200 pounds of the “really good stuff!”



Shop News

There is a \$2.00 fee to use the shop – that includes the Genies, trim saws, and the blue slab saw. There is an additional \$2.00 per cut for using the large slab saw.

Several folks are being trained to operate the equipment at the shop so the shop can be open more days and times. Here is the list so far for the month:

Wednesday, June 29 4-8 Jodi Rose

Check the Ginkgo Facebook page for any updates on openings.

As more folks are trained and have keys to the shop, here are some reminders of the responsibilities. If you open the door:

You are responsible for all activities in the shop.

You are responsible for collecting the shop fee, grit purchase fees, and any fees for the big saw.

You are responsible for making sure folks clean up after themselves.




You are responsible for recording on the yellow tablet any issues that need fixing.

You are responsible for locking the door.

The Ginkgo Club workshop is located at Christy Price’s home: 4325 Squilchuck Rd., Wenatchee. Christy asks that we don't use the shop on holidays but any other time is fine. 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.

The Rockhound Challenge

Introducing a new feature of the Ginkgo newsletter. Each month will feature three rocks for you to identify. The first person to email me the correct identification of all three rocks will win a prize. The prize will be awarded at the next month's meeting. Answers will be published in the next month's newsletter along with the winner's name. Send answers to: wonderstar@nwi.net

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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.

Washington State Mineral Council For more information:

mineralcouncil@zoho.com or <https://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com>

July 2022 22 nd & 23 rd 9-6 24 th 9-5	Washington Agate & Mineral Society	2022 Rock & Gem Rendezvous	Tenino City Park Park Avenue Tenino, WA
August 2022 13 th 9-5 14 th 10-5	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	Rock & Mineral Sale	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196 th St S. W. Edmonds, WA
August 2022 20 th 10-6 21 st 10-4	Cascade Mineralogical Society	Annual Show	Green River College 12401 S.E. 320 th St Auburn, WA
August 2022 19 th & 20 th 10-6 21 st 10-4	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	2022 Gem Show In the Trees	Tacoma Sportsmen's Club 16049 Canyon Rd East Puyallup, WA