

# The Petrified Digest

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## Petrified Palm wood

Palm wood is the Louisiana state fossil. 30 million years ago the coast line of Louisiana was 100 miles farther inland than it is today. The palm trees grew in the coastal swamps and some fell into the mineral rich sediment and eventually were silicified. Petrified palm wood usually shows the distinctive vascular structure which appears as small dots.



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## March 2023

<p><b>Next meeting:</b> <b>March 17 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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## From Atop the Rock Pile

Happy shamrocks to all "Rockers". We had snow last night so it will be a while before we can venture up to Red Top. Jodi Rose & others tried Saddle Mt. last week and they were surprised with nice weather and found some nice pieces of petrified wood. Don't forget the Rock-&Rollers Spokane gem show this March 24-25-26 at the Spokane Fairgrounds. Lots of venders offer great buys at reasonable prices.

Our search for a new location for our lapidary shop is ongoing. Two prospects didn't turn out to be reasonable for us, so the hunt is still on.

Well... "No news is good news" so on that thought I'll close for now and pray for Spring!  
 All for now,  
 Carol Smith  
 President

## From the Vault

CD	As of 3/1/2023	Int \$11.30	\$10,090.35
Savings Account	3/1/23	w/ interest	\$1799.24
Checking Account	1/31/23	Beginning Balance	\$2,239.61
		4 Deposits: Memberships, raffle	644.93
		2 Checks: Meeting room, Pizza,	<u>(114.77)</u>
	2/28/23	Ending Balance	\$2,769.77

## David's Notes

It is time to renew your membership. Pay your dues in person, at a meeting, or mail a check to me. We now have 75 Individual/Family memberships. If you don't see your name on the following list, please contact David.

B. Allen	D. Earhart	S.&J.Hilliard	S. Molena	L. Silva
S. Anderson	S. Eisenhart	B. Jackson	C.&B. Mosher	D.Sly
K. Arkwright	J. Engley	K.Johnson	S. Oglebay	K. Sly
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C. Clausen	R.&M. Gill	T.&T. Liebert	M. Porterfield	M. Sullivan
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M. Davidson	R. Hammer	D. Mattioda	R.&C. Prevett	C. Turner
J. Davis	G. Lybbert	M. Maxey	O. Reeves	P. Tvergyak
M.&P.Davis	The Hamptons	D.& M.Morse	D.&R.Rhoades	V. Wright
L. Day	D.&D. Hanson	D.&V.McGregor	J. Rose	
A.&D.Deycous	K.&L.Hemberry	C. McMillan	P. Russell	

**Ginkgo has a booth at the North Central Washington Prospectors "Gold and Treasure" show in Cashmere on April 15 and 16. Our members are invited to sell their rocks and treasures at this show. It's fun and enjoyable. Contact David for more info.**

David Earhart - Treasurer

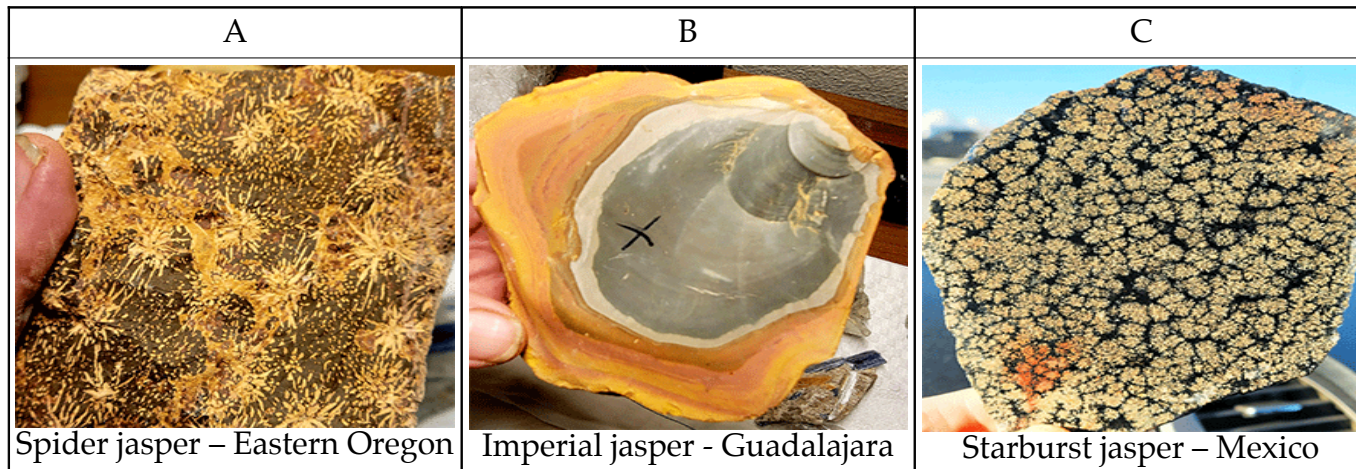
## Member news

Rick and Carol Lechner gave me permission to go onto their gold claim southwest of Quartzsite, Arizona. I wandered around their claim for about an hour and a half picking up rocks and looking for gold! Actually I wasn't looking for gold but just looking for unusual rocks to bring back home. I took a few pictures of their neighbor's claim and one video from the road of their claim. I had used my phone to find the GPS coordinates Rick gave me and unfortunately ran out of battery and didn't get detailed pictures of their claim.

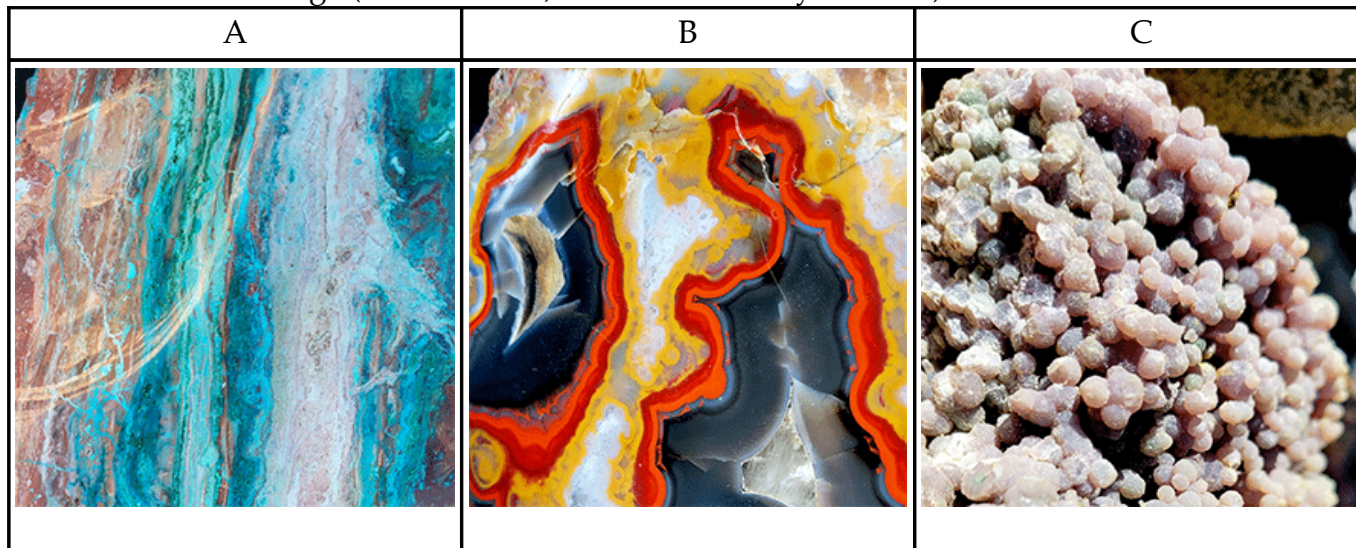


## The Rockhound Challenge

Last month's rocks were:



This month's Challenge (After Tucson, there are so many choices!)





## More Member News

Tracie Powney has opened a business in Twisp in her garage. She has specimens, lots of rough and finished items!

She also has a gallery space in the Wisdom Tree Healing Arts building, 109 N. Glover, across from “Cinnamon Twisp” and the “Thrifty Fox” and walking distance from the farmers market. The hours are very limited right now and available by appointment only. 360-791-9336

She will be participating in the Methow Valley Arts Walks (4 times a year) and Saturdays June – August. Put Twisp on your list of places to visit this year!!

## Final item! We need a new shop location!

**Dena and I return from Arizona the first of April and we'll need our garage and carport back. If any of you have any suggestions – no matter how impossible or improbable – please contact an Executive Board member.**

## Club Coordinators

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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

April 2023 29th 10am - 5pm 30th 10am - 4pm	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rock & Mineral Show \$5 adults, 12 & under free	Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds Building 2 1500 S. Oak Kennewick, WA
April 2023 29th 10am - 5pm 30th 10am - 5pm	West Seattle Rock Club	55 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rock Show	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW Seattle, WA