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Ginkgo Club Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of each month
Faith Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky Ave
East Wenatchee

Next meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 7 PM

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

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Treasurer	David J. Earhart	509.860.0988

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Nason Creek	David J. Earhart	509.860.0988

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



Ginkgo Club Shop

The shop is located at Christy Price's home: 4325 Squilchuck Rd., Wenatchee and is usually open on Saturdays. **Please call Pam Lander at least 24 hours in advance to see if shop will be open.** Check the Ginkgo Mineral Society Facebook page to see if someone else may be opening the shop at other times during the week. **Also all of the officers have a key to the shop.**

Directions: from the intersection of Mission & Crawford Streets at Lincoln Park in Wenatchee, it is 4 miles up Squilchuck Road. Turn left on Cranmer Road and take an immediate left onto Christy's long driveway. The beige building with garage doors is the shop.

Calendar of coming events

March	17	Club meeting
April	20	Club meeting
March	27 - 29	Spokane Rock and Gem show - Rock Rollers Club of Spokane
April	4 & 5	NCW Prospector's Gold Treasure and More Show - Cashmere
April	24 - 26	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club Annual Gem & Mineral Show
May	12-15	Nason Creek - mark you calendar

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

It's OK to bring your dues to the meeting or mail them 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.

President's Message

Spring Greetings Rockhounds!

Fingers crossed . . . (We're getting close.)

We should have our full calendar up and available before our May meeting.

The belt sander purchase is on hold pending another vote as the results of the unforeseen costs associated with diamond belts.

We are looking forward to our trip to Idaho for the treasured star garnets sometime late spring or early summer.

Also we have a volunteer to be one of two shop foremen. But that is contingent on getting a second volunteer so that neither one is overburdened by the responsibilities of maintaining the machines. So . . . we are seeking one (1) shop maintenance person and one (1) field trip coordinator. Volunteer now.

See you at the next meeting.



Coming Program, Refreshments, and Events

Refreshments for the March meeting:

Pam Lander and Marcia Summers

Minutes of last meeting

We had two visiting couples and Brandon, a guest of Nick Silva.

Carol Smith provided the program which was titled "I don't know" aka Conglomerate Rocks. She had several nice specimens with written explanations. There are many of these to be found in the Columbia River near the 32nd St. parking lot in East Wenatchee.

Show 'n' Tell: Rex Bodrero had samples of rocks from Utah, including fossilized dinosaur poop and gastroliths (look it up). He told a story of dating a woman who gave him a large rock with the following message painted on it – "I'll be your Valentine if you'll be a little boulder!": Don Deycous showed how shapes other than regular cabbing can make very nice specimens when glued to black obsidian bases; David Earhart showed a very nice piece of Lapis Lazuli and a metal dragon glued to a piece of sodalite; Steve Douglass brought a nice fossil of trilobites and had a box of turquoise pieces for anyone to choose.

Refreshments were provided by Kirk & Tabatha Holman and Diane Everhart.

Door prize was won by Darrel Schmidt.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Committee Reports: Kirk Holman has resigned from being the shop foreman and Fair Superintendent. Carl Pederson fixed the crooked self-feeding saw. We need a field trip coordinator and a shop foreman. Dan Hanson has volunteered to be our Fair Superintendent.

New Business – We will have a booth at the NCW Prospectors show, April 4 & 5 at the Chelan County Fairgrounds. Members may bring items they want to sell, marked with \$ amount and name. We had several copies of WA & OR Rocks and Minerals but they sold out at the meeting! We'll order more. Seventeen people are interested in having Doug McFarland give a series of

talks about identifying rocks at our meetings.

Good of the order: Pam Lander brought a box of old Rock & Gem magazines(free) which were greatly appreciated.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Summers, subbing for Bob Spurrier who is recovering from foot surgery.

Treasurer's Report for last month

Savings Account	February Interest	<u>1.60</u>
	2/29/20 Ending Balance	\$11,789.17
Checking Account	2/01/20 Beginning Balance	\$1,501.05
	3 Deposits	312.31
	8 Checks Written	<u>(496.23)</u>
	2/29/20 Ending Balance	\$1,317.13

Deposits: membership dues, club raffle, shop fees

Checks written: Gold Show Booth, meeting supplies, shop rent

Additionally: Fred Meyer Rewards for the 4th quarter of 2019 came in at \$26.81. Thanks to 10 members.

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.



In Memoriam

One of our oldest members, Ruth Williams, joined many of her Ginkgo rockhounding friends (Bert, Gail, Marie, Maxine, Roger, and her husband Bill) on “the other side.” Ruth passed away February 20, 2020 from a stroke suffered February 10th. Her son Daniel notified Carol Smith of her passing. There will be a memorial on March 21st. Please call Daniel at 360.805.3598 for more information on arrangements.

Did you know

A **Tektite** is a rare natural glass formed when an asteroid strikes the Earth. **Tektites can** be found in at least five widely separated locations on the Earth. Not everything about how the glass **forms** is fully understood adding to the charm and mystery of this rare material. The most famous possible tektites are known as “Agni Gemma” (or Agni Mani). They are the fabled “fire pearls” of ancient myth and legend. One was given to Queen Elizabeth II on her wedding day for good luck by Baron Richard de Touche Skadding, a French nobleman and explorer. He discovered a quantity of Agni Gemma while shipwrecked on Billiton Island in the Java Sea. Rich black in color with a dark olive green tinge along the outer edges, the Agni Gemma is distinguished from all other meteoric stones by the natural etching on its surface and by its composition and weight. They have an extremely high melting point – at least 3,100 degrees Fahrenheit. A typical price for a 1 centimeter cube of this material is about \$100. The common name for these stones is Javanite.



For more information, click or type in this link: <https://www.aboutmoldavites.com/summary-tektites/>

Other stuff of interest

2020 WSMC SPONSORED FIELD TRIPS

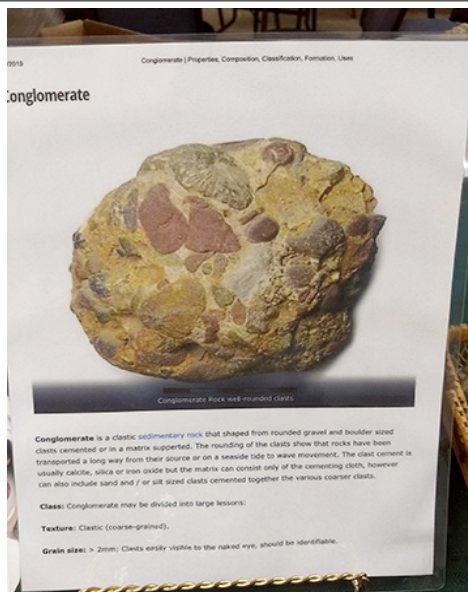
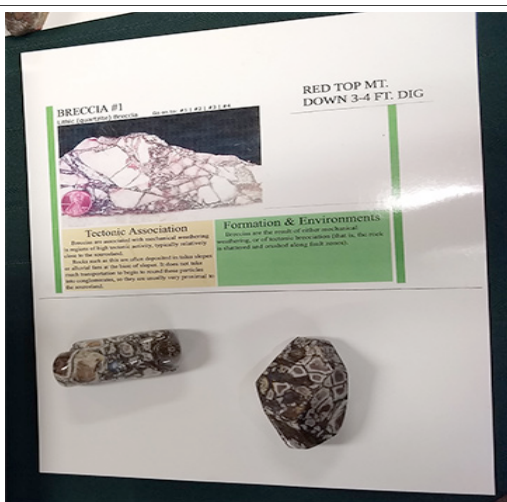
The WA St. Mineral Council plans guided field trips to collecting sites. Open to member clubs, and the general public. Most trips are free. Included are the Pow Wow trips (must join to go on trips). Host clubs and contact persons will be set up as I gather info. For updated info, go to mineralcouncil.wordpress.com or contact Ed Lehman at wsmced@hotmail.com or h ph# (425) 334-6282 Cell# (425) 760-2786. Pow Wow Dues are \$7.50 each or &15 a family. They supply 3 free breakfast's on trips (what a deal).

Date	Host	Site	Meeting place and time	Material	Tools
03-21	MSVL	Beaver Valley	Beaver Valley Rd Info Center	Geodes, Zeolites & Calcite	Hard Rock tools
04-04	DARR	Racehorse Creek	Hwy 542 @Round About 10 m I-5 9am	Fossils & Morell mushrooms	Dig & Lt Hard
04-18&19	POW	Saddle Mt Mattawa	Boat Launch 8am	Petrified Wood	Dig & Hard Rock
05-09	DARR	Cascade River	Marblemount @ 9am left turn	Talc, Listwonite etc (small fee)	Hard rock tools
05-23	DARR	Red Bridge Verlot	Verlot Ranger Station 9am	Rainbow Chert. Concretions	Light Hardrock

6-23 to 28	POW	Madres Oregon	Jefferson Fair Ground 8am	Agate, Jasper, T-eggs, Wood	Dig & Hard Rock
06-27	MSVL	Saddle Mt	Mattawa W Mattawa Lepricon Market 9am	Petrified Wood maybe Opal	Dig & Hard Rock
07-20	DARR	Sweetwater	Darrington Rock Show 11am	Travertine, Sauk R Bars	Dig & Hard Rock
8/15&16	PVGM	Greenwater (Sat BBQ)	Enumclaw Ranger St. 9am	Agate, Jasper, Opal & Wood	Dig & lite hard rock
9/12&13	POW	Red Top/Teaaway	Teaaway @ Middle Fork Campground 8am	Geodes, Agates, Jasper & Jade	Dig & Hard Rock

February Sharing

Thanks to the members who brought Show & Tell for the February meeting



Ticks are out in First Creek. Be careful!