

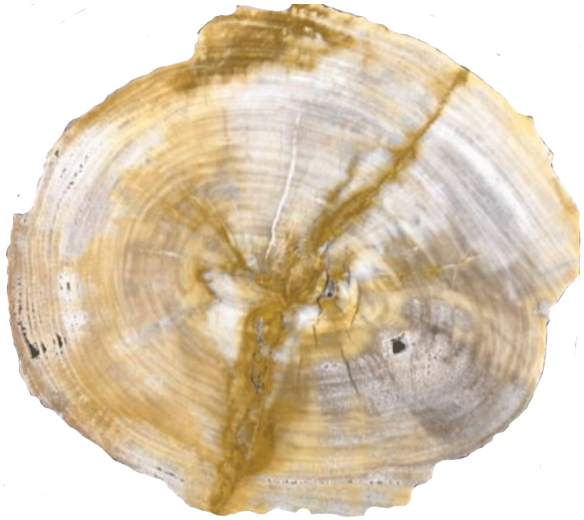
The Petrified Digest

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	<h2>Petrified Elm</h2> <p>This is one of the more commonly found petrified woods throughout North America. The Ginkgo Petrified Forest in Washington is our closest location but it has been found in the Florissant Fossil Beds in Colorado, in locations in Texas, and in the Canadian Arctic.</p>
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Club Officers

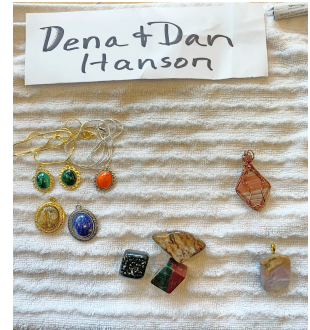
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May 2023

<p>Next meeting: May 19 at 7 pm Presbyterian Church 200 S. Kentucky East Wenatchee</p>	<p>Email ideas, trip notes, or photos to: ginkgonews@yahoo.com or to wonderstar@nwi.net</p> <p>Web page: www.wenatcheerockclub.org</p> <p>Face Book page: Ginkgo Mineral Society</p>
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Coming Events

We're having a "Towel Show" this month at the May meeting. Bring a hand towel or other small towel and place anything you want to show on it. We'll spend the first half hour of our meeting walking around and looking at all our winter projects or anything you want to share. No restrictions - you can even bring items you might want to sell. This is an example of what Dena and I will be showing.



From Atop the Rock Pile

Hello Rockers!

This year we will have some great field trips that are listed in this month's newsletter. Some members have been going to Saddle Mountain in March and April, with good results. Red Top still has snow drifts in shaded areas. Jodi will keep us posted on when we can get to those digs.

On a more personal note, a thank you to all who wished Darrel & I a "get well" card. We're both O.K.

And on a sadder note, one of our oldest members of the "Old Guard" Lois Jean Day passed away April 25. She was 93 and until just several years ago she volunteered for anything we needed. I knew most of the original first members, (I joined the club in 1958) and I can imagine Lois, Marie Magnuson, and Gayle Savage sending me vibes about my leadership.

A dry run to the Tri-cities this week to the McBones site and an area for finding CBA's proved to be helpful for Jodi to make up maps of the sites, just in case some of our members get lost.

Food for thought.....Old Farmers Advice: Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain Dance. All for now folks.

Carol

From the Scribe

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer David Earhart at 7:10.

Seven new members were welcomed.

Program

Thea Stender presented a slide show and information on how to use Internet resoures to research and find rockhounding sites. She also talked about rockhounding safety and ettiquette.

Show and Tell

Several members brought items to show.

Refreshments Provided by Pam & Mark Davis and Terri & Tami Liebert.

Door prize Winner was Cheri McMillan.

Business Meeting

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 – Biggs Jasper May 20 (Ed: More information is in the newsletter.)

Mammoth Dig May 27 (Ed: More information is in the newsletter.)

Committe Reports/Announcements

Thea Stender volunteered to work with the Wenatchee Museum.

Nason Creek Rest Area Program: Our Club will host the rest stop coffee bar June 3-4-5. Volunteers may sign up with David Earhart at the May meeting. (Ed: Our Club will also host the rest stop September 19-20-21-22.)

Dan Hanson reported that the negotiations for the shop fell apart. Plans are in the works

to set up some equipment in a temporary location for members to use.

Old Business

David Earhart reported on the Gold Show. Our Club had two booths at the show. Some members sold some items and some just enjoyed visiting.

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. Michelle Giard, Secretary for this meeting

From the Vault

CD	As of 4/30/2023	\$10,101.55
Savings Account	4/30/23 w/\$.08 interest	\$1799.39
Checking Account	4/1/23 Beginning Balance	\$2,712.19
	3 Deposits: Memberships, raffle	405.00
	3 Checks: Meeting room, storage rent, newsletter	(152.31)
	4/30/23 Ending Balance	\$2,964.88

David's Notes

All is well in the financial department. Upcoming Fundraiser: Nason Creek Rest Stop, DOT Saturday, June 3rd, Sunday, June 4th, and Monday, June 5th Some volunteers are needed. Sign up sheet will be at the Club meeting June 19th. David is in charge! (Marcia does all the work.) We will need cookies. The Club will provide coffee and water. Contact David a 509.860.0988 to volunteer.

Memberships are due. This is the last newsletter for those of you who have not paid for 2023. **If your name is not on this list, contact David.**

B. Allen	S. Douglass	K.&L.Hemberry	L.&J. Merriel	P. Russell
L.&D. Anderson	D. Earhart	S.&J.Hilliard	R. Montgomery	M.&P.St.Luise
Sherri Anderson	S. Eisenhart	B. Jackson	T.&L. Mooney	B. Schnorrenberg
Steve Anderson	J. Engley	R.&P. Jackson	E. Morasch	L.&W. Shaw
K. Arkwright	C.&A. Ericksen	K.Johnson	S. Morena	S. Sherwood
S. Backstrom	D. Everhart	A.&M. Jones	D.& M. Morse	L. Silva
R.&M. Ballinger	W. Feiten	G. Jones	C.&B. Mosher	D.Sly
H.&C. Beach	M. Finley	K. Laird	G. Nelson	K. Sly
R. Bodrero	A. Frederick	D.&P. Lander	S. Oglebay	C.&D.Smith
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J. Burke	C. Garver	R. & C.Lechner	R. Payne	B. Spurrier
J.&N. Clark	M.&L. Giard	C. & C.Leidigh	C.&S.Pederson	J.&B.Stanfield
C. Clausen	R.&M. Gill	K. Lesmeister	T.Picardo	G. Stanford
R. Congdon	L. Glenn	T.&T. Liebert	J. Pinnix	D.&T.Stender
L. Conrad	W. Godfrey	G. Lybbert	M. Porterfield	T. Stender
D. Corder	B.&P. Grant	T.&S. Marconi	T.Powney	M. Sullivan
L.&L. Dambacher	J. Griffith-Schnell	D. Mattioda	T. Prang	M. Summers
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J. Davis	R. Hammer	C. McGaha	B. Reynolds	P. Tvergyak
M.&P.Davis	T. Hammond	D.&V. McGregor	L. Reynolds	C. Watkins
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A.&D.Deycous	D. Hansen	C. McMillan	S. Rockwell	V. Wright
H. Diede	D.&D. Hanson	D. Meier	J. Rose	

The Wild Turkey Mine north of Spokane is having open digs for Noble Serpentine one weekend a month. Free entry - \$1.50 pound to buy – no hiking! June 10 & 11, July 8 & 9, August 19 & 20
www.washingtonrocks.net

Coming Events

Our Field Trip Coordinator, Jodi Rose has been busy getting ready for two events in May and June. The first trip she has planned is an opportunity to dig for Biggs Picture Jasper at two mines May 20th. A handout will be provided at our next meeting but for those who are leaving the night before or who cannot attend the meeting, here is the information and directions.

Biggs Jasper May 20th Meet at the Sherman County Rock Shop

Address is 462 1st St. Rufus OR 97050 Just off I84 Exit 109

We will meet in the parking lot at 8 am and depart for the pits soon after.

Bring a pick, sledge hammer, pry bar, chisels, and bucket along with all your regular safety and personal protective stuff like gloves, water, snacks, sunscreen, hat, etc. Mark all your tools and buckets with your name so you can find them amid all the others.

At Beer Mountain you will be digging in tailings at \$5.00 per pound. A typical 5-gallon bucket will hold 30-45 pounds so be selective.

China Hollow is hard rock mining. There may be some rocks laying around but you will mostly be breaking off pieces from big rocks at \$2.00 per pound.

There are freshly exposed rocks at both mines.

Directions:

From Yakima, take Hwy 97 south to towards Biggs Junction on the Columbia.

Cross the river. A quick stop in Biggs Junction at the truckstop for a bathroom break, snacks, whatever would be wise.

After the break, take I84 about 5 miles east towards Pendleton. Take Exit 109 Rufus OR and turn right on 1st St/Frontage Rd. The rockshop is on the left. They will lead us to the mines from there.

Jodi has a truckload already and will be leaving Hobby Lobby at 5 am if you want to caravan. Her cell number is 509.763.9402

Jodi's second excursion is a camping trip to central Oregon at the same time as the Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow. Planned activities include a visit to the Polka Dot mine for thunder eggs, Hampton Butte for green petrified wood, and Glass Butte for various types of obsidian – mahogany, rainbow, gold sheen, fire, and others.

Polka Dot, Hampton Butte, Glass Butte Tour June 15 - 22

Directions

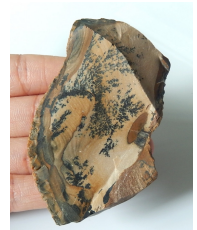
Meet at the Biggs Junction EZ Trip Travel Center at 10 am.

(See the previous direction to get to Biggs Junction.)

This is planned as a dry-camping trip so plan accordingly. There are hotels along the way but some locations are very remote and far from hotels.

Bring a pick, sledge hammer, pry bar, chisels, wagon/cart, shovel and bucket along with all your regular safety and personal protective stuff like gloves, water, snacks, sunscreen, hat, etc. Mark all your tools and buckets with your name so you can find them amid all the others. Bring food, TP, chargers/batteries, flashlights, bug spray and whatever else you need for camping in your RV, truck, car, tent?

June 15 We'll meet at the Travel Center then drive south on Hwy 97 to the Polka Dot mine to dig for thunder eggs. This is a fee-dig site. They also sell other rocks that come from



Oregon so bring some extra cash if you would like some of those as well. We'll camp there overnight and dig a little more then move on to Maury Mountain for a couple days digging for thunder eggs and agates.

June 16-17 Maury Mountain is a free site. We'll stay overnight there also.

June 18 We'll move on to Hampton Butte for a couple days collecting green petrified wood – free site.

June 20 Off to Glass Butte for a couple days of collecting several different varieties of obsidian. There is mahogany, rainbow, gold sheen, fire, and other great obsidian.

June 22 Jodi will be heading home!

This is an informal trip so you can jump in or out of the tour as fits your schedule. But please call Jodi about where and when you want to join in. And PLEASE let the her know if you are leaving the tour.

During this time the Prineville Pow Wow will be June 15-18. They have vendors, exhibits, demonstrations, and their own field trips planned. Admission to the Fairgrounds Gem and Mineral Show is free. There is a \$10 annual fee for the field trips. Some of the field trips are to public lands (free digs) and some to private mines (fee digs).

There is also some talk about some folks continuing on to look for sunstones or fire opals. These would be fee digs. If you are thinking about going on, post that on our Facebook page or send the information to Dan Hanson for the newsletter.

More events

Carol Smith is planning a field trip Saturday, May 27 to the McBones Research Center at the Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site near TriCities. Plan to be in the Hobby Lobby parking lot for an 8 AM departure. This will be a very interesting trip to a unique site in Washington.

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.

Market Place



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

Other news

The Friends of the Central Washington Fair sent us a Thank You letter for our donation of a gift basket with petrified wood and a Gem Trails of Washington for their fundraising auction.

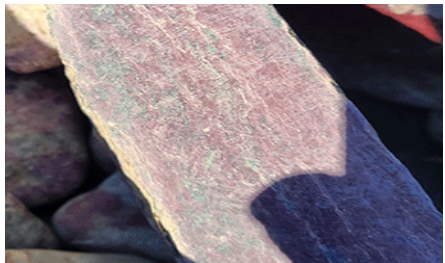
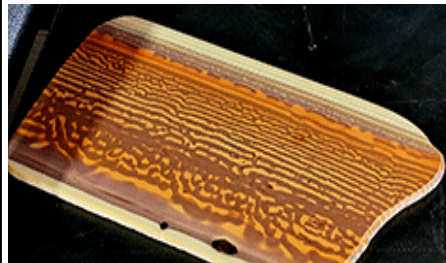

Everett Rock & Gem Club 68th Annual Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show Saturday, May 27 from 10 to 6 and Sunday May 28 from 10 to 5 Free Admission Free Parking

Christie & Hiram Beach are headed out on a whirlwind tour of sightseeing and rockhounding May 13-23. Colorado, Nebraska, S. & N. Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota. We hope to see some great pictures and hope they find some great rocks.



Sheila and Curt Danielson sent in this link to Nick Zentner's video of his Geology 351 class field trip to Saddle Mountain. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FddjqBZNMkc>

The Rockhound Challenge

Last month's rocks were:

A	B	C
		
Nevada Rose	Print stone - Australia	Indian Paint – Death Valley

This month's Challenge

A	B	C
		<p>This month is a special challenge. Can you identify these two related stones?</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.

Coordinators

Membership	Marcia Summers	509.860.7556	Nason Creek	David J. Earhart	509.860.0988
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