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Unfortunately Meetings Are Cancelled Until Further Notice

Ginkgo Club Meetings:

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

Next meeting
Soon we hope!

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

Officers

| | | |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| President | Steven Douglass | 509.885.2213 |
| Vice President | Carol Smith | 509.884.3349 |
| Secretary | Bob Spurrier | 509.881.8096 |
| Treasurer | David J. Earhart | 509.860.0988 |

Coordinators

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Field Trips | Open | |
| Shop & Equipment | Carl Pederson | 509.884.6940 |
| Program/Education | Carol Smith | 509.884.3349 |
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| Newsletter | Dan Hanson | 253.318.6616 |
| Website | Val&Paul Hampton | 509.884.3578 |
| Rock Auction | Bob Spurrier | 509.881.8096 |
| Christmas Wrap | Pam Lander | 509.884.5135 |
| Nason Creek | David J. Earhart | 509.860.0988 |

Grit for club members



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|----------------|-----------|
| 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.

Cancelled events

Club meetings until further notice
All Northwest area rock shows and field trips

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.

President's Message

Hello Rockhounds!

Well it's been a drab spring in terms of fun and being able to legally socialize. I have been hesitant to put a bunch of effort in scheduling outings not knowing if our governor will ever release us to the lifestyle we had last year. Looks like no earlier than June 22 we will be able to gather as a group again. This date doesn't appear to be set in stone. So with that in mind we will tread forward slowly and attempt to still have some fun this year. I hope you are all well. Looking forward to seeing you all again!

Steven

Secretary's Report No Meeting – No Minutes

Treasurer's Report for March

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|------------------|----------------|---|-----------------|
| Savings Account | | | \$11,789.17 |
| | March Interest | | <u>1.19</u> |
| | Ending Balance | | \$11,790.36 |
| Checking Account | 3/01/20 | Beginning Balance | \$1,317.13 |
| | | 3 Deposits (Memberships) | 236.00 |
| | | 8 Checks Written | <u>(403.21)</u> |
| | | (Newsletter printing&postage Meeting rent & shop rent) | |
| | 3/31/20 | Ending Balance | \$1,149.92 |



How do rockhounds like to relax?
In rocking chairs, of course!

The Petrified Digest may be our only avenue of contact at this time due to COVID-19.

However, you may pay your 2020 membership by mailing it to P.O.Box 303 Wenatchee, WA 98807. We'll still be sending out the monthly newsletter and maybe additional information throughout the month. I'll list our "paid up" members and if your name is NOT listed, this is your reminder to send a check.

Allen
Ballinger
Bordrero
Bramlette
Congdon
Danielson
Day
Douglass
Deycous
Davis
Everhart
Earhart
Engley
Feiten

Frederick
Fry
Fulkerson
Garver
Gill
Glenn
Hanks
Hanson
Holman
Horn
Jackson
Kissler
Laird
Lander

Mayer
McGregor
McFarland
McMillan
Meier
Mosher
Prang/Pinnix
Pederson
Porterfield
Price
Reynolds, B
Reynolds, L
Rhoads
Rose

Russell
Shaw
Silva
Smith
Schmidt
Sly
Spurrier
Summers
Trepanier
Turner
Watkins
Witt

If you have a question, please call David at 509.860.0988

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.



Hand painted
Columbia River Stones
by Carol Smith
509.884.3349



Lortone tumbler
New condition - \$100
Dan Hanson
253.318.6616

Model QT 12
12 lb. barrel



Did you know

There is gold in the Wenatchee hills! In 1885 a prospector staked two claims for gold prospecting southwest of Wenatchee. Over the next 60+ years about 26 tons of ore was mined although the amount of gold recovered is not known. After WWII, the Lovitt Mining Co. gained control of the land and from then until 1967 removed over 1 million tons of ore. For the next decade and a half there was little activity since the cost of mining was great and the value of gold was relatively low. In 1984 the property in Dry Gulch southwest of Appleatchee Riders became the Cannon mine and with the price of gold higher, production was in full swing. From 1985 to 1995 over 4 million tons of ore was extracted from the tunnels that eventually reached over 6 miles in combined length. With the price of gold dropping in the mid 90s, mining became less profitable and the mines

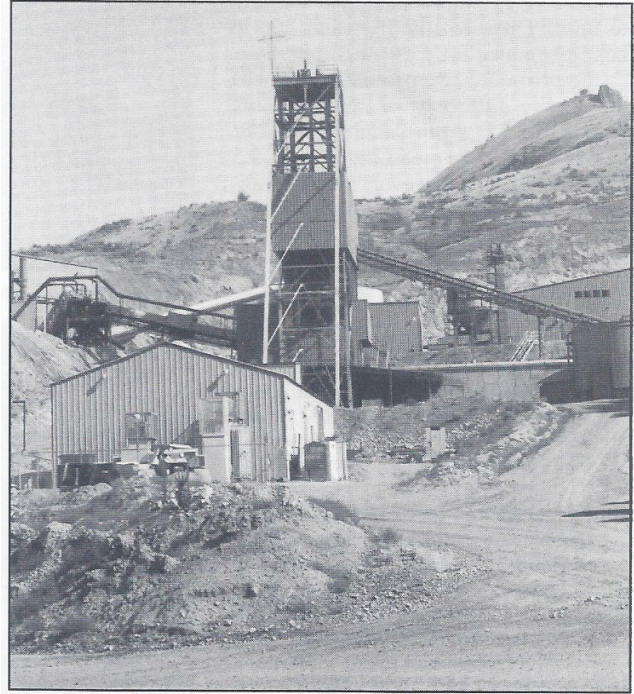


Image from Washington Geology March 1995

were plugged, covered, and replanted. Together the Lovitt mine and the Cannon mine produced over a million and a half ounces of gold and almost 3 million ounces of silver. The price of gold in the 90s was about \$300 per ounce. The price of silver was about \$5 per ounce. Using those numbers as an average, upwards of \$450 million in gold and \$15 million in silver was extracted. There is still gold to be discovered, but it is deep and getting it would be very expensive. Some remains of the gold mining operation can be seen on the north side of Squilchuck road as you drive to the rockshop. And there remains a tailings pond dam on the southside of the road. For more on the history of gold mining in the Wenatchee hills click on the link: <http://www.genesbmx.com/cannon-gold-mine/>

Other stuff of interest

Carol's Rockhound Story

Dan asked for travel stories and hounding adventures to put in the newsletter. Here's my story. I worked out my travel plans. We were to be allowed to go out for only necessary needs. The backroads I selected would help me keep a low profile and few questioning looks. I arrived at the 32nd St. loop trail in East Wenatchee, parked, got out my gear, and headed for the Columbia River gravel bar. Returning, my bag was heavy, loaded with lots of round, flat rocks, and my coat pockets were hanging low! I did get a strange look from a lady when I dumped all the rocks out of my pockets into the truck. (She did keep her 6 ft. distance!) I had great plans to paint these treasures and present them for sale at the Cashmere Gold Show, Waterville Days, and Pybus Market. I had painted over 200 of those special rocks when the world closed down. So folks, I have some great, beautiful Columbia River painted rocks for sale for any happy occasion at very reasonable prices. That's my travel story and adventure. (See the picture in the Market Place.)

Thanks to Carl Pederson (I got the spelling correct this month) for reassembling the third Genie in the shop. Hopefully we'll all get a chance to use it soon.

Nick Zentner videos and live streams. Nick is a friend of Ginkgo and is a well-respected and award-winning geology instructor at Central Washington University. He has an excellent series of videos on YouTube about geology of the Pacific Northwest. And he currently does a live stream on YouTube several times a week. You can see his live streams at “Nick at Home” on YouTube. Check out his website at <http://www.nickzentner.com> for more information.

Saddle Mountain trip Larry & Wanda Shaw and Jim & Mary Mayer spent a nice day on saddle Mountain.

Get well Pam Lander is doing well after a bone fracture in her ankle.

Get well Dena Hanson is recovering from back surgery to relieve her sciatic nerve.

Polished stones David's rock tumblers are making lots of noise. Is anyone else tumbling?

Editor's Note:

In these unprecedented times, it is very important to keep communicating with each other. If you have any activities you are doing at home and would like to share or ideas for me to research, please send me an email. Also if you have questions about anything in the newsletter, I would like to know that also. I am open to any comments, questions and criticism. Stay safe!

To help with your confinement:

Question for essential oil users: What oil calms down family members during this “Stay Home” confinement situation? Chloroform? It's chloroform, isn't it?

I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amzon. I'll let you know.