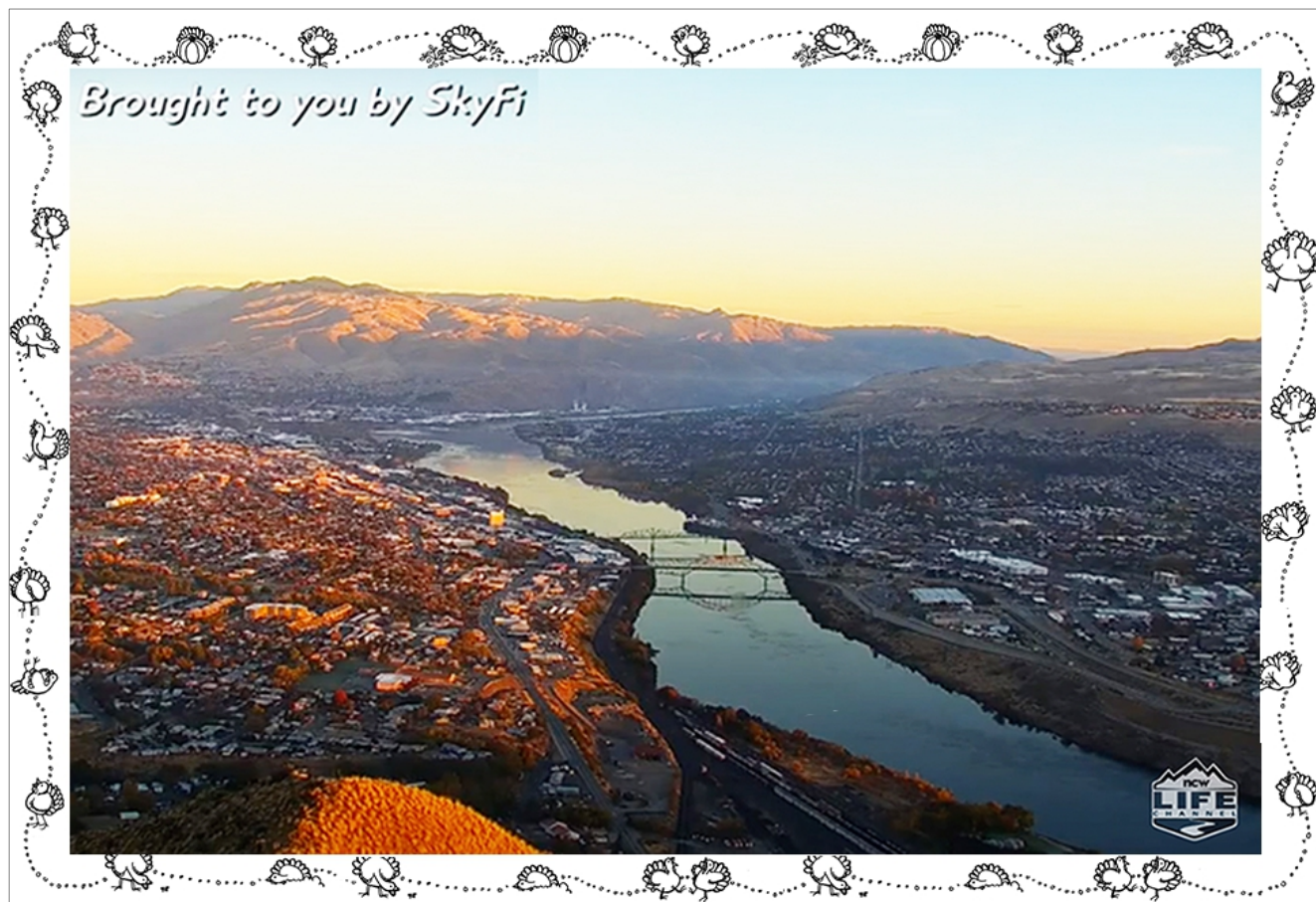


# The Petrified Digest

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*Wenatchee Valley on an early November morning.*

*Average high temp - 47*

*Average precipitation - 1.38 inches*

*Frequently have 2 inches of snow in November*

**Next Meeting:** November 15  
Presbyterian Church  
200 S. Kentucky East Wenatchee  
**Look what's coming**  
**on page 2**

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## From Atop the Rock Pile

Hello Rockhounds,

The cool, crisp fall weather is in the air. While rock hounding may be winding down until spring there are still things we can do and places we may be able to go. Tis the season for cutting/polishing/cabbing. Make sure to set aside all of your workable rocks before the snow flies and we'll see what we can do to get the shop open more regularly. And remember that elections are happening at the next meeting. Please show up and vote.

See you soon,  
Steven Douglass  
President



## From the Scribe

There was 1 visitor. Show and tell is to be after the Auction. The live auction was conducted by Steven, the club had 11 rocks to bid on. There were 17 tubs for silent auction, with several buckets for sale. The bidding was fast and everyone had a great time. The door prize was won by Jodi Rose. Carol is managing the program for November meeting. She asked members to bring past years finds for show and tell and explain a little about them.

Nominating committee reports as follows: as of 10/15/21

For President: Steven Douglas and Doug McFarland.

For Vice President: Carol Smith

For Treasurer: David Earhart

For Secretary: Carol Turner and Teri Picardo.

Show and tell time. David Earhart showed a Crystal from a yard sale purchase. Ron Payne showed Crystal mtn. finds, his cabs, pendants and rough rocks from the area.

Motion was done by Steven to close the meeting then Steven reopened the meeting for Dan Hanson for New Business. Club members were already up talking loudly getting ready to pay for their auction items. I could not hear but a few words of what Dan was saying.

This is what Dan emailed to me that he proposed.

"If I remember correctly, I moved to spend up to \$150 for findings, photos, and bags for the Fair next year. There was some discussion as most folks liked the bags. That motion passed.

I asked that the Executive Board present a summary of topics discussed at Board meetings to the general membership meeting. Not "minutes" but just a quick summary. That was not a motion but as I remember most folks, I could hear agreed.

I made a motion to spend up to \$75 for photos to update the lapidary display at the Cashmere Museum. That passed by a voice vote but I couldn't tell you how many people heard the motion or understood what they were voting on.

It was a little chaotic. But Steven called for the votes on the two motions so he should have some memory of these events."

*The Treasurer's Report is on the next page in order to keep it all together.*

## Look What's Coming

November Meeting will feature the election of officers for the 2022 year. Please be at the meeting to cast your vote. 7 pm at the Presbyterian Church on South Kentucky in East Wenatchee.

## From the Vault

CD	10/31	\$10,033.82
Savings Account with interest		\$1,798.04
Checking Account	10/01/21 Beginning Balance	\$834.60
	3 Deposits	\$1,277.00
	(memberships, shop fees, raffle \$287.00)	
	(Rock auction, grit sales \$990.00)	
	6 checks (newsletter, rent, supplies, field trip)	<u>(463.84)</u>
	10/31/21 Ending Balance	\$1,647.76

Treasurer

David Earhart

Note: We now have plenty of grit and polish at the shop.

## David's notes:

Fundraiser Rock Auction October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

Good job members! With plenty of rocks donated by several members, and Steven leading the bidding, we broke a record for the most funds raised in many years. Here is the breakdown:

Silent "shoe box" auction (24 boxes)	\$246.00
Live auction "specimens"	\$374.00
Buckets of rocks @\$5.00 each	<u>\$35.00</u>
Total	\$835.00
Grit sales to 2 families	<u>\$139.00</u>
Grand total	\$974.00

Other notes:

November meeting is election of officers for 2022.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards: we received \$51.57 for two quarters. Eleven of our members who shop at Freddie's have done this. If you want to help, sign up at Freddie's. Ask Marcia for help.

You can pay for your 2022 Ginkgo Membership now!

David

## Special Auction

At the November meeting, Billie Volkmann is offering a sandwich bag of different pieces of turquoise. Tom Prang checked them out and decided an opening bid of \$50 was a steal. No individual pieces. A great buy for workable pieces of different colors. This is an individual sale, not a Club fundraiser.

## Note from Carol Smith

She will have painted Columbia River rocks with uplifting messages for sale at the November meeting. She has had very positive feedback from this venture. The messages are positive and will make great Christmas stocking stuffers. The painted rocks are \$2.00 each regardless of size. "You'll get a good feeling with a message rock in your pocket or if it is sitting on a windowsill".



## Market place



Richardson High Speed Dry Sander ½ hp 120 vac motor. \$445.00 Uses a 7-inch silicone carbide paper disk available from Richardsons at 541.475.2680



Richardson Buffer – ½ hp 120 vac motor. 12-inch leather buffing disc. \$345.00

Contact Don Deycous at 509.754.2946 if you are interested in these items.



Custom Ellensburg Blue jewelry Contact Carol Smith 509.884.3349 for these and other fine items

Have something other club members might like and you want to sell?  
Send picture(s) and description(s) to Dan Hanson – [wonderstar@nwi.net](mailto:wonderstar@nwi.net)

## Citrine – Birthstone for November – Traditional List

As with all marketing lists, the birthstones for November are somewhat confusing. Citrine was the original birthstone for November with an orange-yellow color the most prized. But natural citrine is very rare and is most often just heat-treated amethyst or smoky quartz. It is almost impossible to visually tell the difference between citrine and the other November birthstone – topaz. Citrine is a variety of quartz so it can range in color from yellow to brown. Because citrine and topaz can be so close in color, golden topaz is also listed as a Traditional Birthstone. Natural citrine is found in the Ural Mountains of Russia and in Madagascar.



## Topaz – Birthstone for November – Modern List

Topaz is similar to a diamond in hardness, although topaz is much easier to break. It is mainly composed of fluorine and aluminum, and is a silicate mineral. Due to the extremely strong chemical bonds in the gemstone, topaz is actually among the hardest of silicates. You may find many different sizes of topaz, ranging from tiny crystals to massive rocks. Not only does topaz come in many shapes, but it comes in a variety of colors as well. The most valuable forms of topaz are a deep orange shade called Imperial Topaz. Topaz is found in Brazil, the United states, Madagascar, Myanmar, Namibia, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Russia, and China.



## News of Note

Spokane member Gregg Stanford has been on a rockhounding quest this last month. He has made stops all along the Oregon coast collecting agates, jaspers, some petrified wood and other interesting rocks to work on this winter. He's dug in the cliffs and waded in the ocean to get many different specimens. While braving the winds and rain, Gregg has met a couple of interesting rockhounds. Here is his report about one hound in Pacific City.

"If you're in the Tillamook/Pacific City area, a must stop is at the Pier Ave Rock Shop in Tierra Del Mar. The owner, Lee King, has been rockhounding all his life and is a third generation rock fanatic. Both his father and grandfather were jewelers. Lee is truly what the definition of old school in the rockhounding community is all about. He has collected rocks for decades and has old and rare stock from many locations, a lot of which are no longer accessible. Lee is also the owner of the first claim for sunstones in the state of Oregon and has a large assortment of beautiful gems in his shop. When you arrive in his shop, he has a number of bins of slabs for the casual lapidary folks. But if you're really after something special, ask Lee to show you his old stock and higher quality slabs and be prepared to be amazed. You can find Lee down in the Tuscon show on 21<sup>st</sup> street during the winters, but if you are ever in the Pacific City area along the Oregon Coast, his shop is a stop you have to make".



Gregg also struck up a conversation with a fellow camper who with his wife and 4 kids, has a complete lapidary shop in their "full-time" RV. He supports his family by selling polished rocks, rock magnets, wire wrap jewelry, pendants, and such both online and at various stores, art studios, and at vendor shows. The entire family is involved in the production of wire wrapped stones they wholesale to stores for \$18 each with the stores doubling or tripling the price.

When he is not talking with folks, Gregg has been collecting some pretty awesome agates. Here are a couple of photos of his finds.

And not to be one-dimensional, Gregg has been finding lots of eatable mushrooms in the wet woods close to camp.



## Officers

President	Steven Douglass	509.885.2213
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Treasurer	David J. Earhart	509.860.0988

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Christmas Wrap	Pam Lander	509.884.5135
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



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.**

## Shop Talk

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.

## Washington State Mineral Council

For more information:

[mineralcouncil@zoho.com](mailto:mineralcouncil@zoho.com) or <https://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com>

November 2021 20th 10am - 5pm 21st 10am - 5pm	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society <b>Canceled</b>	Fall Festival of Gems	The President's Hall 1250 NW Fairgrounds Road Bremerton, WA
February 2022 12 <sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm 13 <sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm	Whidbey Island Gem Club	Annual Gem Show	The Center in Oak Harbor 51 Jerome St