

The Petrified Digest

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Wenatchee Valley on an early October morning.

Average high temp - 64

Average precipitation - .49 inches

Wenatchee has 4 sister cities: Kuroishi & Misawa Japan; Tynda, Russia; Naju, South Korea

Next Meeting: October 15
Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky East Wenatchee
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From Atop the Rock Pile

Hello Rockhounds,

So obviously fall is here and we will be switching our focus more to working on our finds from the year. We would like to be able to have some regular shop hours so that members can count on knowing in advance when the shop will be open. So we are working on that.

Since the last meeting, the club has had two events. We went to Fir Road, which was awesome! And for those of you who pay attention to Facebook, we had a two day notice and did a trip up to Red Top. Great trips, both of them.

Looking forward to seeing all of you and those beautiful smiles this Friday at our monthly meeting.

See you then,

Steven Douglass

President



From the Scribe

No minutes submitted at time of printing

From the Vault

CD			\$10,033.82
Savings Account with interest			\$1,797.89
Checking Account	8/01/21	Beginning Balance	\$931.23
		4 Deposit	167.00
		(memberships, shop fees)	
		Newsletter printing	<u>(263.63)</u>
	(4 checks (newsletter, shop rent, meeting supplies)		
	7/31/21	Ending Balance	\$834.60

Treasurer

David Earhart

David's notes:

Great weather for field trips, David and Marcia spent several hours looking for Montana agates along the Yellowstone River while on our vacation. We found little to “write home about.” Several Club members went to Fir Road (for agates) and as usual the “new guy” found the best one. Good job, Ed & Helen Hill! Five of us went to Red Top October 7. You know what a 5 gallon bucket looks like? Hiram Beach filled his to the top. He and Kristi, along with Steven D. worked til dark digging and exploring along the road on their way out. Oh to be young and strong again! Marcia and I got our small nodules and can fill our 3 lb tumblers.

Welcome new members: Susan Oglebay and Ed & Helen Hill. Thanks to Pam Lander for filling in for David at the last meeting.

David

Look What's Coming

Friday, October 15 is the regular monthly meeting. This will be held at the Presbyterian Church on South Kentucky starting at 7 pm. This meeting will be our regularly scheduled Auction of Rocks and Slabs. Tom Prang brought us several boxes of surplus rocks from the Cashmere Museum. New member Susan Oglebay donated several shoe-box size containers of slabs. There will be buckets of petrified wood, agates and some mixed buckets. There are donations from other members but I don't have names – sorry. Both a silent and a live auction!

Field Trip to Cashmere Museum

Sunday, September 26, about 20 of our members gathered for a guided tour of the Cashmere Museum lapidary displays along with displays of Native American and Wenatchee Valley historical items.. Thank you Tom Prang, for suggesting, organizing, and leading our tour of the museum. Tom also demonstrated Native American tools and allowed us to try some ourselves. He also selected and cleaned some excellent rocks for a silent auction to benefit the museum.

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. (The Genie was sold!)



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

Opal – Birthstone for October – Traditional List



Precious opal just edges past tourmaline in popularity even though tourmaline is the choice of jewelers because it can be set in “mother's rings.” More than any other gem, each precious opal is distinctly individual. It is most often shaped into cabochons that are backed with a thin layer of darker material and sometime covered by a thin layer of quartz or glass to protect the stone. Precious opal may be black, white, lemon, clear, or fire. Precious opals are the most delicate gemstones commonly worn and require special care. Precious opal displays a “play-of-color” that common opal does not. Common opal is whitish to greenish and displays a sheen but does not have the flashes of color like a precious opal. Precious opal is found in Australia, Ethiopia, Mexico, and Nevada.

Tourmaline – Birthstone for October – Modern List

No other gem comes in as many colors, including multi-colors, as tourmaline. It is most commonly black but can range from colorless to all colors of the rainbow. More highly prized tourmaline are bi-colored or even tri-colored. The gem was particularly popular in 18th and 19th century European societies where bi-color gems were a curiosity. Tourmaline can exhibit



pyroelectric properties attracting and repelling hot ashes. It is found in Brazil, Nigeria, Mozambique, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and some minor deposits in other countries on the African and Asian continents.

News of Note

While on a recent field trip to the southern part of Washington state, Pam Lander captured a wonderful image of two rockhound species. Pictured in the foreground is *rockhoundus bottomosaurus*. This is a fairly common species of rockhound usually sighted at most field trips. Both male and female versions of this species can be found hauling small buckets of rocks to their cars after spending anywhere from a few minutes to several hours inspecting the ground at their feet. The other less common species is seen in the background of the photo. This is the *rockhoundus toposaurus*. This species quite often scrambles to the top of the hill or cliff and is often seen hammering on solid rock to get a special specimen. After a few years of clambering up walls and cliffs, this species evolves into a *bottomosaurus*. Thank you Pam for this special photo.



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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 or <https://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com>

November 2021 20th 10am - 5pm 21st 10am - 5pm	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Fall Festival of Gems	The President's Hall 1250 NW Fairgrounds Road Bremerton, WA
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