

The Petrified Digest

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Ocean Jasper



Ocean Jasper is found on the Pacific and North sides of the Olympic Peninsula. The rough is a little difficult to recognize so look carefully.

October 2022

Next Meeting: Oct 21, 7pm
Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky East Wenatchee

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From Atop the Rock Pile

Hello Everyone,

I'm looking forward to an exciting October meeting. We'll start with a short business meeting to review the report from the nominating committee. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Remember the actual election will take place at the November meeting.

After the business meeting we'll get to the exciting rock auction. Donated rocks were washed and prepared by Jodi Rose, Pam Lander, Dena Hanson, and Carol Smith. Donations came from Richard & Charleen Prevett, Chuck & Betty Mosher, Val, Paul, & Jeff Hampton, and many other Club members. Thank you to all who donated items and work.

Some of the live auction items will be chunks of Arizona petrified wood, fossils of fish, mineral specimens, and many other special pieces of beautiful stones. Also there are lots of shoe boxes for the silent bidding.

See you at the meeting October 21,
Carol Smith



From the Scribe

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Smith at 7:11 pm.

New member Susan Eisenhart was welcomed.

Program for the evening:

Richard Prevett presented on roadside rockhounding. He said to never be afraid to stop and look but be careful of traffic. He showed samples from Deadhorse Canyon, Moses Coulee, Blewett Pass, Crystal Mountain, and Goldendale, as well as Oregon locations from Prineville to Mitchell and John Day. He had samples from Highway 93 in Nevada, Arizona, and Southern Utah. A rock prize donated by him was won by Carol Turner.

Show and Tell

Pam Lander shared her entries in the Fair and encouraged folks to enter items for next year's Fair. Get involved – it's fun!

Jodi Rose showed the rock art she entered in the Fair that won blue ribbons.

James Engley showed specimens of petrified bog from Biggs, OR and Saddle Mountain. Wood, leaves, and debris settles to the bottom of a swamp or bog and gets petrified/opalized. Rattlesnake Hills near Sunnyside has large pieces of petrified wood that can take a long time to get out.

Paul Tvergyak showed obsidian collected from Armenia.

Michelle Giard showed pieces of gilsonite from Utah.

After a break for refreshments the **Door Prize and Raffle Drawing** took place. The Door Prize was won by Sheila Danielson. Raffle winners were Brenda Jackson, Pat Russell, Pam Lander, Melisha Maxey, and Michelle Giard. Refreshments were provided by the Club.

The Business Meeting was called to Order.

Minutes There were no minutes because our last meeting was the Annual Picnic.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's Report by David Earhart was approved as published in the newsletter. He reminded members that next month will be the Rock Auction.

Committee Leaders Reports

Adopt-a-Highway Carol Smith reported there was no interest expressed in this program.

Nominations Committee Dena Hanson and Brenda Jackson volunteered to be the Nominating

Committee. Nominations will be announced at the October meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. The election will take place at the November meeting with officers take office January 2023.

Rock Auction The Rock Auction will take place during the October meeting.

Christmas Wrap Fundraiser Last year's Christmas Wrap project at the Wenatchee Valley Mall was a successful money maker. This year the Club will request 3 tables to make it easier to wrap packages for shoppers.

Chelan County Fair Dan Hanson reported that a lot of rock jewelry and tumbled stones were given out during the Fair. The score sheet used this year was successful in giving exhibitors some feedback on their entries. Next year exhibitors may enter 5 items in each category.

Wire Wrapping Classes Susan Oglebay will conduct classes next week. Sign ups for the classes are full.

Nason Creek David Earhart asked if there was any interest in adding a fall session at the Nason Creek Rest Stop. He reported that we have plenty of money in our treasury and the weather is going to be turning cold. The consensus was to wait until next spring to do this fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

Carol Turner

Scribe

From the Vault

CD	As of 9/28/2022		\$10,079.05
Savings Account	9/28/22		\$1798.86
Checking Account	9/1/22	Beginning Balance	\$1,829.57
		2 Deposits	225.00
		4 Checks: Shop, potty,newsletter, Printing, postage, Fair expenses Office expenses	<u>(1,201.44)</u>
	9/28/22	Ending Balance	\$853.13

Memberships for 2023 can be paid any time now!
Fundraiser is October Rock Auction at the meeting

David Earhart
Treasurer

Market Place

Silversmithing acetylene torch. 10 foot hose, new valve and dial, two tips. \$10.00 Contact Dan 253.318.6616 if you are interested.



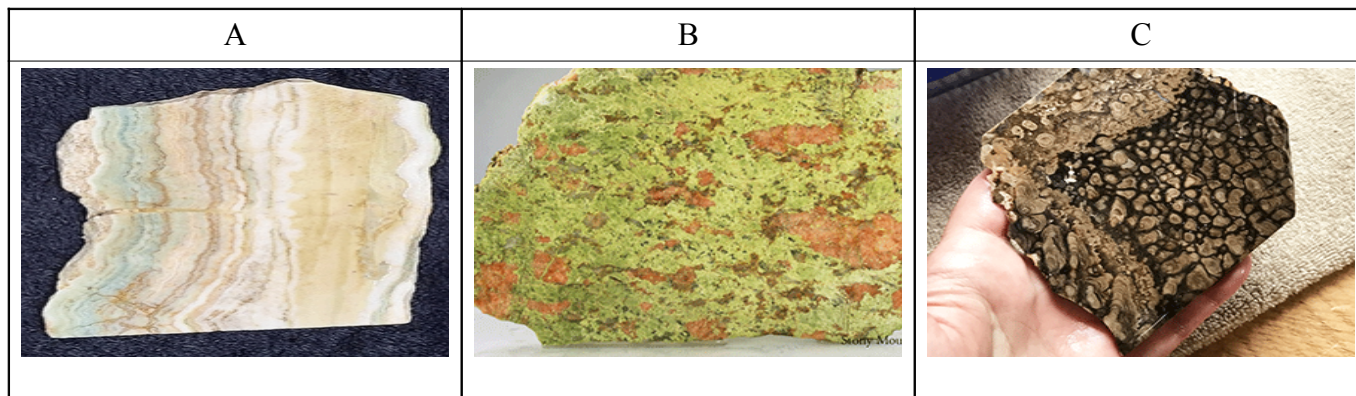
Chelan County Fair

Thanks to the following hosts who donated time to share our hobby with visitors to our booth: Carol Smith, Carol Turner, Chuck Watkins, Chuck & Betty Mosher, Carl Pederson, Dave Earhart, Marcia Summers, Brenda Jackson, Dena Hanson, Pat Russell, Bob Spurrier, Cheri McMillan, Albert Kissler, Pam Lander, Jodi Rose, Chris Clausen, Sheila Danielson, and Dan Hanson.

Exhibitor Show Case We had over 45 entries this year in our exhibitor display. The overall quality was higher this year as only red and blue ribbons were awarded. The judge was very impressed with the excellent craftsmanship of our pieces. We had a great judge who spent over 2 hours carefully examining our items and making comments on the score sheets. As you complete projects this coming year, think about entering some of them next September. Next year the Fair, as a whole, will be judged by a representative from the State. Each individual booth will be evaluated for appeal and educational value. More exhibitor entries will increase our educational score with the State rep which can mean more state support for the Fair .

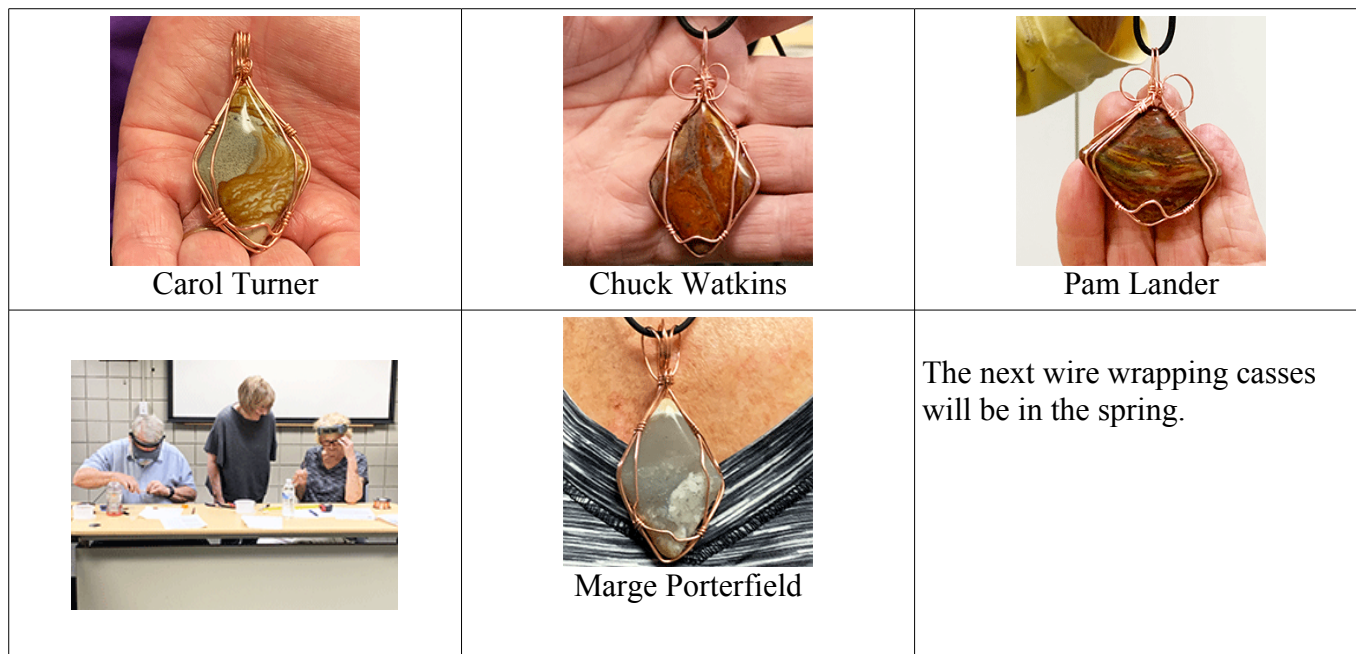
The Rockhound Challenge

Can you identify these rocks? Send your guesses to me at: wonderstar@nwi.net



Wire wrapping Classes

Five members of the Club spent a few hours learning the art of wire wrapping from our instructor member, Susan Oglebay. Unfortunately, the Fire Station is not available in November and fortunately for Susan, she gets to travel in October to see friends out of state. So future wire wrapping classes will be offered in the spring. Look for announcements in March.



Collecting Rocks

I think there shall never be
An ignoramus just like me,
Who roams the hills throughout the day
To pick up rocks that do not pay.

For there's one thing I've been told
I take the rocks and leave the gold.

O'er deserts wild or mountain blue
I search for rocks of varied hue.
A hundred pounds or more I pack
With blistered feet and aching back.

And after this is said and done,
I cannot name a single one.

I pick up rocks where e'er I go
The reason why I do not know,
For rocks are found by fools like me
Where God intended them to be.

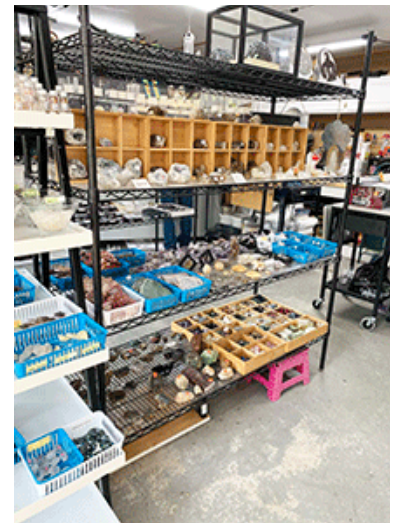
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Member notes

Dena and I were returning on Columbus Day from a visit to our daughter's house. We had spent the weekend celebrating our granddaughter's 12th birthday. Anyway, on the way back to Wenatchee we happened to spot a bright green sign at the stop light in Sultan for a Rock and Gem shop. Not being in any hurry, we took the right hand turn across the river and wandered down the country road for about 5 miles. Tucked away in a quiet little community was a garage that had been converted into a brightly lit store with shelves of cut and polished rocks, displays of pendants and chains, interesting carvings, and some slabs. The owner was doing a custom cut on his slab saw for a man who hoped his rock was a meteorite. If you are driving through Sultan to or from the west side, stop in and visit with the owner, Matt Radford and check out his interesting and unique items. It's a pleasant drive and an even more pleasant visit.



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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.

Looking ahead

November 18 meeting

Craft Sale – bring anything you want to sell. Christmas is coming!

Election of Officers for next year

December 16 meeting

Christmas party

Regional gem and mineral shows

November 2022 12 th 9am – 5pm 13 th 10am – 4pm	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	Treasurers of the Earth	Sedro Woolley Community Center 703 Pacific St Sedro Woolley, WA
November 2022 19 th 10am – 5pm 20 th 10am – 5pm	Kitsap Mineral & Gem Society	Fall Festival of Gems	The President's Hall 1250 NW Fairgrounds Rd Bremerton WA