

THE
PETRIFIED DIGEST



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MEETINGS

3rd Saturday of the month, 2:00 PM
 Douglas County Fire Station, 377 Eastmont Ave, East Wenatchee

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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+ yrs) - Free

Exchange bulletins are welcome and appreciated.

Club Calendar					
April		May		June	
17	Regular Meeting	15	Regular Meeting	19	Regular Meeting
Program: Prospector & Rock breaker Rodney Ropp		22	Club Field Trip TBA suggestions welcome		
24	Club Field Trip to Saddle Mountain				
July		August		September	
17	Regular Meeting	21	Club Picnic – Lincoln Rock	18	Regular Meeting

ROCK SHOP HOURS: 10 am – 3 pm Saturdays, except meeting and field trip days.
Safety glasses required - dust mask recommended - paper towels requested
 Bob Witt reports that things are going well at the shop. He opens it at 10 am, and if no one is there at 1 pm he closes up – but give him a call at 669-0819 if you need to arrange later hours.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello All!

We have a busy spring and summer ahead of us and I want touch on some of the many events coming up. Ron Gray will be discussing in more detail the Club's Saddle Mt. field trip on April 24th at our next meeting. He has asked that I let the members know that the field trip will start from the Top Foods parking lot at 8:00 am on Sat. and those wishing to go should arrive by 7:30 so he can review the trip. Jim Lawson has confirmed that the May 1st trip will include Thulite, Green Serpentine, and Zebra. Those wishing to go should contact Jim directly at 509-826-4940. Also, Wanda and I will be at the Texas Springs site just south of Jackpot Nevada on June 4-6th. We would welcome any who would be interested in searching for Paisley Agate, Pink Limb Casts, and Geodes to give us a call for information.

Thanks to Ellen and Dennis Osier for taking the lead on the Nason Creek Rest Area booth and thanks to the Floyds, the Ludemans, the Shaws, the Osiers, the Williams', Liz Forrer, Bobby Allen, Pat Russell, Richard Prevett, Greg Peek, Bob Spurrier and Gayle Savage for volunteering their time.

Maxine Anderson has agreed to do our Social Coordinator position. This fills the last Standing Leadership Position. Dan and Shirley Ulrich have donated enough rocks to get us started on a supply for this year's rock auction. We will be sending them out a thank you card.

Our newest members are: Ken and Barbara Dominguez , Philip Fears, the Joe Fears Family, and Debra Holland. **Welcome.**

We have two Lifetime Members celebrating birthdays this coming month; Ray Fears will turn 90 on April 28th and Marie Magnuson will be 97 on May 8th, **Congratulations!!**

Welcome back Ruth and Bill Williams. I understand that you have some interesting rocks from Arizona for the bragging table.

Next month's meeting will be on the 15th and the May field trip will be on 22d.

Let's go rock hunting!

Larry Shaw, 2010 President
Ginkgo Mineral Society

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MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

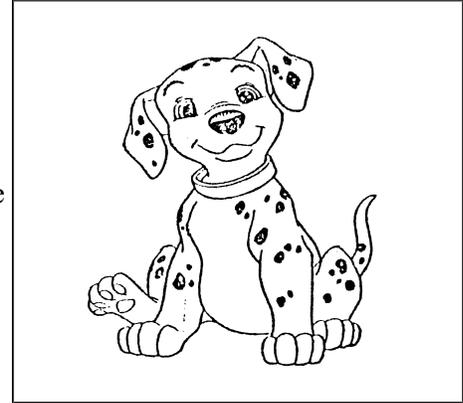
Bruce Simpson presented the program, which included a discussion on jewelry techniques, some interesting history on the local jewelry business, and an open invitation to Club members to visit him at his downtown Wenatchee shop to talk rocks and jewelry making.

Club Business & News: The By-Laws revision providing for dissolution of the Club passed. The newly-revised By-Laws are now complete and copies are available for distribution to the members.

Future field trips: The first Club field trip will be April 24 to Saddle Mountain. More details will be provided at next month's meeting. Also discussed were the policies on trips that are not Club-sanctioned. Members are welcome to invite each other to go rock hunting, but only those advertised as Club trips and including the requisite waiver forms are covered by the liability insurance. As an example, the visit to the Thulite mine is not a Club-sanctioned trip, but the invitation was announced as a general item of interest to Club members.

ROGER, THE ROCKHOUND SEZ:

Recently, we have been made aware of a number of folks who have suffered sudden severe illness, injuries, and even loss of close friends and family. Often, this has a significant ripple-effect of impact on business and daily tasks, but even more important is the reminder that we may have less time to share with those special folks in our lives than we know. Make an extra effort this month to spend time with your favorite people, drop someone a line, or make a call. Take care of that item you've been putting off: make the appointment, finish putting together your emergency kit, or whatever little thing has been on your mind. Be safe, happy and fulfilled. We enjoy your company!



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UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

Pacific Northwest Rock and Gem Shows
From the NFMS Website
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/index.html>

April 24-25 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Grays Harbor Geology & Gem Society
"Earth Treasures"
Grays Harbor Co. Fairgrounds
32 Elma-McCleary Road, Elma, WA

May 1-2 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5
West Seattle Rock Club 44th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
Alki Masonic Temple
4736 40th Ave SW, (West) Seattle, WA

May 8-9 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4:30
Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club
"Montana's Treasures"
Gallatin Co. Fairgrounds
Black & Tamarack Street, Bozeman, MT Exit I-90 at 7th Street

May 15-16 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show
Ravalli Co. Fairgrounds, First Interstate Ctr.
100 Old Corvallis Rd., Hamilton MT

May 15-16 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society Annual Gem & Mineral Show
Hermiston Conference Center
4155 Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR

Here is a very good Safety tip for the upcoming rockhounding season:

SAFETY

By Bural LaRue

Are you ready for 2010? As we look forward to a new year of collecting, let's be prepared so we have a safe and fun filled year.

Be sure your vehicle is ready for the trip: properly serviced, fuel, oil, water, air (check the spare tire). If you have a flat 50 plus miles from a service station, a tire plug kit and an air pump can come in handy.

Before you venture out on your trip check the weather conditions. A good GPS or compass and maps are a must. A cell phone is nice, but may not be useable in some areas; let someone know where you are going and your expected return time. It's important to know the terrain you plan to explore. For example, if you collect in the south, you'll need extra water for the desert regions; up north some rain gear could come in handy.

Do your homework; be prepared and have a good trip. I personally carry a survival box in my truck. It contains food, water, first aid supplies, matches, a backpacker stove, shovel, ax and a water purification system This works not only for the outback but also for an earthquake emergency. I highly recommend that you put one together.

Stay safe out there and have FUN!

(fr. CFMS Newsletter 2/2010 via Rock Chips 2/2010)

"Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is really quite as satisfying as an income tax refund."

— F. J. Raymond, humorist

EDIBLE ROCK RECIPES**IGNEOUS ROCKS**

1 can evaporated milk (6oz.)

1-1/2 cups sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

½ cup chopped nuts

1-1/4 cups tiny marshmallows

1-1/2 cups chocolate chips

1-teaspoon vanilla

1. Grease and 8x8 or 9x9 inch pan.
2. Combine evaporated milk with sugar and salt in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring for 5-9 minutes.
3. Remove from heat. Add remaining ingredients and stir gently.
4. Pour into prepared pan. Let cool. (Refrigerate)
5. 1 pan (8x8) makes 30 1-inch squares.

METAMORPHIC ROCKS

½ cup shortening or margarine

1-cup brown sugar

½ teaspoon vanilla

½ cup chopped nuts

½ cup well-drained crushed pineapple

1 egg, beaten

1-cup whole-wheat flour

1-cup flour

1-teaspoon soda

1-teaspoon salt

1. Cream the shortening and the sugar.
2. Add the beaten egg and vanilla.
3. Add the dry ingredients and mix.
4. Stir in the fruit and the nuts.
5. Drop by teaspoonful onto cookie sheet.
6. Bake for 7 minutes at 375* degrees.

Note: Chocolate chips; coconut, wheat germ, etc. can also be added.

SEDIMENTARY ROCKS**Bottom:**

1-1/4 cups crushed cereal

1-1/4 tablespoons sugar

½ cup margarine

1. Melt the margarine.
2. Mix with the cereal and the sugar.
3. Press into an 8x8 or 9x9 pan.

Top:

1-cup chocolate or butterscotch chips

1-1/4 cups coconut

1 cup chopped nuts

1 can sweetened condensed milk (14oz.)

1. Sprinkle the chips over cereal layer.
2. Sprinkle the coconut over chips.
3. Sprinkle the nuts over coconut
4. Pour condensed milk over the layers.
5. Bake for 25 minutes at 325* degrees.

Fr. the Dec/Jan 2010 Rock-it, Mt. Hood Rock Club, Via The Calgary Lapidary Journal

FALSE SPRING

By Belle Myers

It's time to start sharpening all your tools,
 Brush up on all the Good Sportsman rules.
 The rains have come, the drought is broken,
 And I'm ready to go, tho I'll get a soakin'.
 The rocks are washed clean and ever so bright,
 You might even find 'em on a moonlit night.
 So, come on, let's go on a Rock Safari,
 If you find only one, you won't be sorry.
 The ground is wet, the diggin's easy,
 But watch out now or you'll get sneezy.
 So head out today for the valley or hills,
 And I hope you find a million thrills.
 Jaspers a-plenty with colors so bright,
 You might even find a perfect Dendrite.
 Opals and Agates and Petrified Wood,
 You'll find you've never had it so good.
 But maybe you'd rather head for the ocean,
 On second thought, that's a very good notion.
 I heard on TV that where we always go,
 They've just reported a foot of new snow.
(Fr. The Carney Hound, 02/2010 Southern Washington Mineralogical Society)

MEMBER PROFILE

Longtime members know that Maxine Anderson has been a rock enthusiast and member of the Ginkgo Club for many years. But did you know that she collects other things besides rocks? In a recent interview, Maxine shared some information about her background and how she came to be interested in rocks.

Raised on an apple orchard in Malaga, Maxine lived next door to her grandparents, who were also orchardists. Maxine's grandfather had a rock collection that captured her interest at an early age. The children attended school in Malaga through 8th grade. Maxine rode the bus to Wenatchee to attend high school, where she played the violin in the orchestra. Her first job was packing apples.

During the war, Maxine worked at the Courthouse for the Selective Service, helping to process the paperwork for the young men being sent overseas. She later went to work for Skookum Packers, Inc. as a switchboard operator. Over the years, she used her secretarial skills to process payroll and fruit records, and she continued to work for the same company until her retirement. Marie Magnuson reports that Maury Smith was Maxine's boss at Skookum. Maxine had several good friends who were rockhounds. After attending a show in Portland one year in the 1940s, she was invited to join the Club – and she's been part of it ever since. Her experience with a typewriter was pressed into service to help with the Bulletin, and she became Editor in April 1978, which she handled wonderfully for over thirty years. Her travels include a few trips to California, and a number of jaunts around the Northwest. Maxine's favorite rock is Petrified Wood. A beautiful 67 pound specimen from the Vantage area holds a place of honor next to the fireplace in her home. Maxine enjoys cutting and tumbling her rocks for display, and she has made some jewelry and craft items in the past.



Life Member Maxine Anderson with one of her favorite rocks



67-pound Petrified Wood specimen

Her other collections? Mineral-theme postage stamps and glass insulators. She also enjoys gardening. Maxine will be 88 in July. This past year brought an unexpected series of events. She fell and broke her wrist, and the trauma brought on Bell's palsy in her facial nerves and shingles in her right ear. These painful and frustrating conditions have kept her housebound for over a year, but recently Maxine has been able to make a few trips out for errands. According to Marie, Maxine "has been one of the Club's hardest workers – cutting rocks to be tumbled for the kids, editing the newsletter for years, plus many more supporting actions. We owe her a big Thank You!" Marie suggests that members give Maxine a call to encourage her in her recovery. She is gaining strength, and we certainly hope to see her back at Club events soon.

APRIL MEETING PROGRAM

Our presenter will be Rodney Ropp, one of the owners of RB & B RockBreakers. Rodney is a prospector who is quite knowledgeable about minerals. He will be bringing rock and mineral specimens to show, and will talk about his experiences as well as answer questions. Liz notes that Rodney is a fascinating person, and she is sure he will present an excellent program. Be sure to be at the April meeting.

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MISTAKEN IDENTITIES = SHATTERED ILLUSIONS, SO VERY APPROPRIATE!

Note: Full appreciation of the following story requires one to be both cat lover and rockhound.

As she hands him the object, she is thinking it is one of the most beautiful rocks she has EVER found. She says to him, "see, here is something I found when I was four or five years old and I have kept it all of my life." He replies, "Oh, a melted marble."

After they went rocking at Bettas Road, he says to her, "Look what I found when I cleaned out my pockets! Have you ever seen a prettier piece of Ellensburg Blue? True, it's small, but look how it glows. I think I can make a ring set or something out of it."

As he places the little Blue in their tiny, but growing, E.B. display, she thinks enviously that he ALWAYS finds the best rocks. She keeps thinking that until the day she rearranges their display and picks up the little Blue – and a piece of it falls off. A closer look and a pinch reveals the true identity of the "rock." It is a piece of silica crystal cat litter.

Author anonymous by request

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A BIT OF HUMOR -

WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

from Larry Brennan's weekly e-mail

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator."

- John Bright

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up."

- Paul Keating

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"

- Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork."

- Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."

- Oscar Wilde

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."

- Groucho Marx

Golden Spike E-News, March 2010

COLLECTOR

by Rosie Miller

**Compulsively driven to find more
Obstinately seeking come rain or shine**

Leaving no rock unturned

Looking at every outcrop

Eagerly anticipating the next road-cut

Culling the mundane from the extraordinary

Tantalized by every quarry livious to all else

Rabid for rocks.

Golden Spike E-News, January 2010

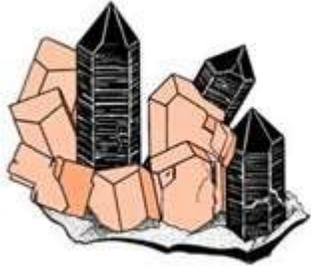
Editor's Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances at my "day" job, I was unable to dedicate sufficient time to the newsletter this month. I apologize for the delayed publication. Valerie Hampton-



Lost-

18" - plus long Calcite Crystal from my yard. It was a gift from a departed friend and I want it returned. Any information on its location would be appreciated.

- Marie Magnuson



CLASSIFIED ADS

OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE GINKGO
MINERAL SOCIETY

FOR SALE: Custom made 27" vibratory flat lap. It has been used once to test the machine. It comes with one 3/4" reversible pan. \$1250.00 For more information, contact Bobby Allen at 509-782-3742

FOR SALE: Prismatic faceting machine with disks, index set, and other accessories, \$900 or best offer. Contact Carol Smith, 884-3349

WANTED: Lost wax tools, equipment and supplies. Call Sam, 663-5429

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