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MEETINGS

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

OFFICERS

President        Larry Shaw                    884-0882  
 Vice President   Liz Forrer                    662-1146  
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COORDINATORS

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The Ginkgo Mineral Society was formed to promote the study of Mineralogy and Geology to the extent that it leads to a better understanding of Mineralogy; to encourage the collection of minerals 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.



<b>Club Calendar</b>					
<b>February</b>		<b>March</b>		<b>April</b>	
20	Regular Meeting	20	Regular Meeting	9-11	Nason Creek fundraiser
Program: Dan Bozich - "The Origin of Minerals"				17	Regular Meeting
<b>May</b>		<b>June</b>		<b>July</b>	
15	Regular Meeting	19	Regular Meeting	17	Regular Meeting

**PLEASE NOTE: FEBRUARY MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE WENATCHEE PUBLIC LIBRARY!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Ginkgo Club Members

January has passed quickly and the warmer than usual weather has allowed members to get outdoors and do some rock hounding! A group made it up to Saddle at the end of January and it is completely clear and dry. I would suggest that the Quincy diatom site now only be visited on Sundays as rumor has it there was some sort of accident involving the site during the week and visitors are not allowed while the crews are working.

After reading a recent letter from Ruth and Bill Williams in Arizona, they indicated it has not been the usual great place to hunt rocks due to heavy rain and cold weather. They asked me to pass along a "Hello."

On a business note: This past month the Executive Group was able to finish up a review of our accounting practices, clarify the club's non-profit status, re-negotiate our insurance policy, and sell the remaining show display cases stored for the past few years at Gayle Savage's - "thank you, Gayle, for your patience". Maury Smith has also stepped up to assist teacher Kim Sweeney's 5th-8th grade Geology class at the Valley Academy of Learning with a rock identification program.

Club member Dan Bozich will be doing this month's program on the "Origins of Minerals". Those who heard Dan's program last year on sub-surface mining will understand when I say what a good job he does.

Lastly, just a couple reminders. The February meeting will be in the basement of the Wenatchee Public Library and a bragging table will be set up to show off some of your winter projects and favorite rocks. Also, the Spokane Rock and Gem Show will be March 12-14th this year. If you're making plans to attend and would like to car pool, please let me know.

Hope to see all on the 20th.

Larry Shaw, 2010 President  
Ginkgo Mineral Society

PS - remember this meeting is the last day to pay dues.

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## JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At January's meeting, Carol Smith presented a program on Ellensburg Blue agate. The Included were samples of the parent and raw material, as well as beautiful finished pieces. Carol described the characteristics of the stone, where it is found, and some historical insights on its discovery as well as its value and unique characteristics. The Raffle and Door Prize winners were Charlene Prett and Sherril Orton.

General business items included discussion on the coordinator positions, and a reminder that the individual need not perform all of the duties exclusively. For example, the field trip coordinator could ask different individuals to lead an outing, making sure they had the proper forms and information prior to the event – but not necessarily attending that day. Co-chairs are also encouraged to help share the responsibilities. In that spirit, Liz Forrer asked for a co-leader to help with finding programs for the meetings. Other business included clarifying the club's non-profit status, informing the members of new banking arrangements, and introducing the proposed By-Laws changes found later in this issue. Member Paul Hampton agreed to bring information to the club on membership in the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (see article on page 3).

## ROCK SHOP NEWS

### **New Shop Hours: Saturdays, 10 am – 3 pm**

The shop is open every Saturday except field trip and meeting days. Coming Soon: Evening hours, possibly one evening per week. Watch for updates! Coordinator Bob Witt reports that the trim saws are being rebuilt and drains added. The 10 inch and 18 inch saws are back in action, and the flat lap has been sent out for repairs. Maintenance is also being performed to extend the wheel life on the Genie. If you want to use the shop, either Bob or Ron Gray will be available to help you learn the proper procedures. Bob will also offer advice and information on the lost wax method of forming jewelry. **Important: Safety glasses are required. Bring a pair when you come; a dust mask is also recommended to filter the vapors from saw lubricant. Shop users are also asked to donate a roll of paper towels a few times each year.**

**ROGER, THE ROCKHOUND SEZ:**

With the clearing roads but lingering clouds, many folks are itching to get out and DO SOMETHING. Here's a list of upcoming events that just may do the trick until your favorite mountain road is a little less muddy.

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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>



February 27 and 28  
**57th Annual Gem Mineral and Jewelry Show**  
 Everett Rock & Gem Club  
 Washington National Guard Armory  
 2730 Oakes Ave, Everett, WA 98201

February 27 - 28  
**Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show**  
 Idaho Gem Club  
 Expo Idaho Fairgrounds  
 Glenwood & Chinden, Boise, Idaho

Mar 6 - 7 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5  
**"Collecting Gems for 2010"**  
 Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society  
 O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID

Mar 6 - 7 Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4  
 Rock & Arrowhead Club Annual show featuring  
**"Thundereggs and Geodes"**  
 Klamath County Fairgrounds  
 3531 South 6th Street Klamath Falls, OR

Mar 12-14 Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5  
 Tualatin Valley Gem Club 52nd Show,  
**"Back Again in 2010"**  
 Washington County Fair Complex  
 873 NE 34th Ave, Hillsboro, OR

March 12-14  
 Rock Rollers of Spokane presents  
**Earth Treasures, 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Gem, Jewelry, Rock and Mineral Show**  
 Spokane County Fair and Expo Center  
 N. 604 Havana, Spokane, WA  
 10-6 Friday/Saturday, 10-5 Sunday  
 Admission \$6, Seniors (65 and over) and advanced tickets \$5

Mar 13-14 Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-6  
**Magic Valley Gem Club Show**  
**\*\* NEW LOCATION \*\***  
 Twin Falls Co Fairgrounds Merchant Bldg #3  
 215 Fair Ave, Filer, ID

March 19-21 Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5  
**Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show**  
 Spanish Fork Fairgrounds 475 South Main,  
 Spanish Fork, UT

Mar 27-28 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4  
**Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society 62nd Annual Show**  
 1641 Long Street, Sweet Home, OR

Apr 9-11 Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4  
 Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society  
**59th Annual "Gemstone Junction"**  
**\*\* NEW DATES & LOCATION \*\***  
 Golden Spike Event Center,  
 Weber Co. Fairgrounds  
 1000 North 1200 West, Ogden, UT

April 9-11 Fri. 10-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6  
**B.C. GEM SHOW**  
 Ag-Rec Bldg., Abbotsford, BC

April 10-11 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5  
**SEIGMS Gem & Mineral Show**  
 Bannock County Fairgrounds, Pocatello, ID

April 10-11 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5  
 Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club  
**49th Rock & Gem Show**  
 Bloedel-Donovan Park  
 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham, WA

April 17 **2010 NFMS Mid-Year Meeting**  
 1500 S. Oak St., Kennewick, WA  
 Building #5, Benton County Fairgrounds

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**The AFMS - What is it?**

Since it was decided in years past not to join the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) as a club, I thought I would share this information to those interested in joining as individuals. Actually, you join the NFMS (the Northwest region), and then become a member of the AFMS. You can join NFMS as a Club-At-Large member. Below is some information about the AFMS:

"The purpose of the AFMS [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) is to promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship."

There are 7 different Regional Federations, and we are in the NFMS (Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies) <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/>

The group keeps in touch with new legislation that may affect us rockhounds, and keeps you up to date in the newsletter that is sent out periodically throughout the year. There are regional outings that members can participate in, and the annual big bash, which was held in Billings, MT last year.

The membership dues are quite reasonable at \$4.50 per year, per person. So, if you wanted a family membership for 3 people, you would pay 3 dues, for a total of \$13.50.

If interested, send your name, address, phone number, and email address plus a check made payable to "NFMS Club-At-Large", to:

Lyle Vogelpohl  
8810 37th Ave. SW  
Seattle, WA. 98126

- Paul Hampton

**REFRESHMENTS**

Following is the refreshments schedule for the coming year. If you are unable to keep the date you signed up for, please contact another member or the Social Coordinator to request a swap or replacement.

February	Carol S.	884-3349
March	Pat R.	393-2547
April	Cheri M. & Bob S.	881-8096
May	Paul & Val H.	884-3578
June	Maury & Patsy S.	662-6569
July	Richard & Charlene P.	860-5785
August	Potluck Picnic at Lincoln Rock Park	
September	Pam A.	886-5375
October	Jim M.	669-1530
November	Lori L.	745-8608
December	Potluck Christmas Party	

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**Thank You**

The sales of raffle tickets are up due to the generosity of the members' donations. Please keep them coming so we can offer a nice selection of items that will prompt everyone to purchase at least one ticket. A special thanks to the following members who donated: Jim & Shirley Mayer, Maurice & Patsy Smith, Wanda Shaw, Bob Spurrier, Darrel & Carol Smith, Howard Pelton, Cheri McMillan, Marie Magnuson, and one of our newer members whom I've nick-named "The Bracelet Lady". I have been unable to discover her name, through numerous phone calls, reading over sign-ins, & meeting minutes. She donated a lovely bracelet with Tiger's eye droplets on it, and it was chosen quickly by a raffle winner several months ago.

If ANYONE knows the identity of "The Bracelet Lady," please step forward and I will give them a free raffle ticket! Thanks again for the support and contributions to our club.

- Carol Smith

**Following is the official publication of proposed changes to the Club By-laws, to be brought for a vote at the February meeting.**

**DRAFT Current By-laws and Recommended changes, January 2010**

Article I - NAME

Ginkgo Mineral Society, Inc.

Article II – PURPOSE (Change)

Current: The purpose of the Society shall be to (1) promote the study of mineralogy and geology to the extent that it leads to a better understanding of mineralogy, (2) encourage the collecting of minerals, (3) provide field excursions to mineral localities, and (4) promote interest in lapidary work.

*Proposed: The purpose of the Society shall be to (1) promote the education of mineralogy and geology, (2) encourage the collecting of rocks and minerals, (3) provide field excursions to mineral collecting areas, and (4) promote interest in lapidary work.*

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. (Change)

Current: Membership shall be confined to persons interested in scientific, aesthetic, or practical study of minerals.

*Proposed: Membership shall be open to all persons interested in scientific, aesthetic, or practical study of rocks and minerals.*

Section 2. (Change)

Current: Each applicant shall be provided with a copy of the current by-laws and shall agree to abide by them.

*Proposed: Each applicant shall be provided with a copy of the current by-laws.*

Section 3. (Change)

Current: The Executive Board shall have the power to terminate the membership of any adult or junior member whose actions or conduct are considered detrimental to the welfare of the Society.

*Proposed: The Executive Board shall have the power to terminate the membership of any member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the welfare of the Society.*

Section 4. (Change-remove)

Current: There may be a Junior Membership, ages 8-17. Junior members shall have no voting rights. An adult member shall sponsor the junior and be responsible for the junior at all Club activities including meetings and field trips.

*Proposed : (Eliminate this section)*

Section 5. (Change)

Current: There shall be three types of memberships available:

- (1) A Family membership consisting of one or two adults with children
- (2) Couples
- (3) Individuals

*Proposed: There shall be four types of memberships:*

- (1) Family - one or two adults with/without children\**
- (2) Individual*
- (3) Senior- 65 years*
- (4) Lifetime- 20 years of membership*

*\*Family members 17 years old or younger do not have a vote and must have an adult sponsor to go on field trips. They may not use the workshop.*

Article IV – OFFICERS (*Add*)

Section 1. The elected officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and

**Proposed By-Laws Changes, continued:**

Treasurer. These officers and the immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Board. A majority must be present to conduct business.

Section 2. No person shall hold more than one elective office (*at the same time*).

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to select anyone eligible to fill a vacancy in any office for the remainder of the vacated term due to the inactivity of an officer.

Section 4. Officers shall be elected at the November meeting to take office in January of the following year.

Section 5. If more than one person is nominated for an office, there shall be a secret ballot.

**Article V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS (Move)**

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board and shall perform all duties pertaining to that office including appointment of all committees as needed.

Section 2. The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board, shall keep a list of all members, and perform all duties pertaining to that office, including an oral reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall collect all dues, take charge of all funds of the Society, make disbursements as directed by the Executive Board or by a vote of the membership, and give an oral report of all financial activity since the last report.

*Move to Article VIII, Section 3 titled Meetings:*

*Section 5. Proposed extraordinary expenditures shall be discussed and may be tabled until the next business meeting when they may be taken from the table for further action.*

**Article VI - COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The Nominating Committee for Officers shall consist of three (3) members of the Society. They shall be appointed by the President at the first meeting in September and shall report at the first meeting in October. Any member of the Society in good standing may make a nomination from the floor at this meeting.

Section 2. (Change - remove)

Current: Special and Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President as they are needed.

*Proposed: (Eliminate this Section - already mentioned in Article V, Section 1 above.)*

**Article VII - FEES AND DUES**

Section 1. (Change)

Current: Annual dues of all members shall be set by the consent of a majority of the members present at the regular scheduled meeting in November and are payable before the January meeting.

*Proposed: Annual dues of all members shall be set by the consent of a quorum majority of voting members present at a regular scheduled meeting in November. Membership fees are due January 1, and are considered past due by the February club meeting.*

Section 2. Special levies may be assessed by the Executive Board to be ratified by a majority of the members present at a regular business meeting.

**Article VIII - MEETINGS**

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be scheduled by the Executive Board and published in the Club Bulletin. Any changes to the schedule shall be published in the monthly Bulletin.

Section 2. There shall be one (1) regular business meeting per month. The president may call additional meetings as needed.

*Section 3. (Moved from Article V, Section 5.) Proposed extraordinary expenditures shall be discussed and may be tabled until the next business meeting when they may be taken from the table for further action.*

**Proposed By-Laws Changes, continued:**

Article IX - AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS (No changes in this Article.)

Section 1. Proposed amendments shall be made at a regular scheduled meeting.

Section 2. All proposed amendments shall be published in the Club Bulletin and may be voted on at the meeting following publication.

Article X – BY-LAWS (Change, Add)

Section 1. (Change)

Current: Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed at all business meetings, both regular scheduled and Executive Board meetings.

*Proposed: Parliamentary procedure shall be followed at all business meetings.*

Article XI - Definitions (Add)

1. Majority - greater than 50%

2. Quorum - the President or acting President and ten or more members

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

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Next Club Meeting:

**February 20 2:00 pm**

**Wenatchee Public Library**

downstairs meeting room