

February 2016



The Petrified Digest

President's Message

Happy Valentines Day! A surprising number of rock hounds showed up for our January meeting. I think it was probably due to Richard & Charlene Previtt's free giveaway of agates and various jaspers. We had a short program about books, magazines & lectures. Everyone received a handout of lists of rock related books that are helpful to the rock hound, and a copy of Rock & Gem magazine donated by member James Engley.

You folks showed an interest in lectures, and field trips to a Mammoth site in Kennewick, and petroglyphs in Vantage. I am currently working to finalize those plans. We started off the New Year with a great selection of items for our raffle table and it bought in \$45 and a happy new member, winner Carol Keogh.

Don't forget to join in on our Saturday, February 20th field trip to the Ellensburg Agate & Bead Shop, and lunch afterwards. We will meet at the Hobby Lobby parking lot at 9A.M. I am arranging some car pooling, so please call me if you need a ride. In case you get lost...nah... but if...the agate shop address is:
201 South Main, Ellensburg.

Check out our three month event calendar in this issue. There will be more programs and events to come, hope to see you at our February 19th meeting.

Carol Smith

Old Farmer's Advice:

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

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Keep skunks and bankers and lawyers at a distance.

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The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.



Meetings

3rd Friday of the Month, 7PM
Douglas County Fire District No. 2
377 Eastmont Avenue
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

OFFICERS

President	Carol Smith	884-3349
Vice President	Kirk Holman	670-0817
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Treasurer	David J. Earhart	884-4667

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The rock shop is available for all Ginkgo Mineral Society members. Members pay \$2 at the rock shop to use the facility and tools. Exact change is appreciated!

Please call Carol Smith at 884-3349 if you are planning to visit the rock shop to make sure someone will be there to open it. The shop is located at Christy Price's home: 4325 Squilchuck Rd, Wenatchee and is usually open on Saturdays, 11AM to 2PM.

Directions: from the intersection of Mission & Crawford Streets at Lincoln Park in Wenatchee, it is 4 miles up Squilchuck Road. Turn left on Cranmer Road and take an immediate left onto Christy's long driveway.

DUES:

Individual	\$20.00
Senior	\$15.00
Family	\$30.00
Lifetime (20+ yrs)	Free

Dues for 2016 must be paid by the March 2016 meeting!



Ginkgo February Treasurers Report

January expenses went to: newsletter, postage, shop supplies & repairs, shop rent & meeting supplies.

Thirty one family/members have paid their dues for 2016. Unpaid memberships are around thirty five. Please send your 2016 membership dues to: Ginkgo Mineral Society, PO Box 303, Wenatchee, WA 98807 or bring them to our next meeting, February 19, 7PM at the fire station.

Jim & Shirley Mayer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during January. Congratulations!

If you have any news about our members, Margie Porterfield (509-679-3440) will send a card to them from our club.

David J. Earhart, Treasurer

Savings Account	
Beginning Balance 1/1/16	\$10,040.68
Transfer to checking	-\$200.00
Deposit dues	\$135.00
Jan. interest	\$1.68
Ending Balance	\$9,977.36

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance 1/1/16	\$425.01
Transfer from savings	\$200.00
Deposits, membership & raffles	\$292.00
14 checks written	-\$828.90
Ending Balance	\$88.11



TUMBLING GRIT FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Available at the monthly meetings

- Graded 30 Grit \$4 lb.
- Un-Graded 60/90 Grit, \$4 lb.
- Graded 220 Grit, \$4 lb.
- Graded 600 Grit \$5 lb.
- Tripoli Polish. \$7 lb.



Happy 50th Anniversary Jim and Shirley!

Ginkgo Mineral Society Minutes, January 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Carol Smith.

Carol Keogh, a visitor, was welcomed. (She later became our newest member.)

President: Carol gave a talk about books and magazines recommended for identifying and enjoying our hobby. She passed out a sheet with the pertinent information and where to buy them. Rock & Gem magazines, donated by James Engley, were given out to each family.

Refreshments were brought by Carol Smith and Margie Porterfield.

The winner of the raffle was Carol Keogh and the door prize was won by Roy Porterfield.

Secretary: Marcia Summers read the minutes of the November meeting and they were approved.

Treasurer: David Earhart, gave his report. The club has a savings balance of \$9,183.55 and an ending checking balance of \$425.01. The Christmas wrap fundraiser netted \$680 thus proving to be very worthwhile and a lot of fun. Supplies have already been purchased for next Christmas.

Social Chairman: Margie Porterfield, passed around the sign-up sheet for bringing refreshments.

There were a few very interesting specimens to look at for “show-and-tell”.

Trips: Saturday, Feb. 20, to the rock shop in Ellensburg. Details later.

New Business: Carol S. has us signed up for August 22 – 26, 2016 to hand out goodies at Nason Creek Rest Area. Kirk Holman, Fair Chairman, will need some help to move a recently donated display case and is looking for ideas to decorate it. He also asked for raw pieces of petrified wood along with

tumbled rocks for people to choose at the fair.

Good of the Order: Possible trip to the Kennewick Mammoth Dig and a visit to the Ginkgo Gem Shop at Vantage in March. Tom Prang is going to the gem show in Tuscon, AZ very soon and offered to shop for members.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Marcia Summers.



X Marks the Spot, at Red Top

Special thanks to Doug Bramlette and Jaydene Johnson who sent in this photo taken last year during the October Field Trip to Red Top. Ever the rock hound, our President, Carol Smith was so deeply focused on digging up agates that she didn't notice the deer sharing the field with her.

Here's to great memories searching for rocks and buried treasure in 2015, and hopes for more of the same in 2016!

If anyone has a photo or two they'd like to share and have printed in our newsletter please email them to : gingkonews@yahoo.com. Please include a few brief details about the photo.





Three Month Event Calendar

February Meeting: February 19

February Field Trip: Saturday, February 20

Ellensburg Agate & Bead Shop, 201 S Main Street, Ellensburg, WA 98926

March Meeting: March 18

March Field Trip: Friday – Sunday, March 25, 26 & 27

Spokane Rock Rollers 57th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, Spokane Fair Grounds

April Meeting: April 15, Speaker-lecturer Jackie Cook, Colville Confederated Tribes. Subject Petroglyphs.

April Field Trip: Saturday & Sunday, April 9 & 10

Yakima Rock & Mineral Club, Inc., 2016 Annual Gem & Mineral Show – 55th Parade of Gems

Central Washington State Fair Park, 1301 S. Fair Avenue, Modern Living Building, Yakima, WA

April Field Trip: Saturday April 16, Ginkgo Interpretive Center & Gem Shop, 4511 Huntzinger Rd, Vantage, WA 98950. Viewing of petroglyphs.

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