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MEETINGS

3rd Saturday of the month, 2:00 PM
Location – See Program Schedule, page 5

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Refreshments	Various	
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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: Adults - \$20.00 Seniors \$ 15.00 Family \$30.00 Juniors \$15.00

Exchange bulletins are welcome and appreciated.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hi Everyone, I hope everyone is doing well and keeping warm. These last several days, I have been stuck inside with a miserable cold, laying around watching T.V., and wishing for Spring's warmer weather and rock hunting.

I am very pleased with the way the Club is operating. We are in the process of getting some replacement parts for the equipment at the workshop. We are in need of a new 8x1-1/2", 100 grit, silicon carbide grinding wheel. The wheel we are using has been worked down to almost nothing. We also are in need of some 400 and 600 grit sanding belts for the same machine. Many people use this machine for prepping their stones before using the wheels on the Genie. We are thinking about buying a gently used 14-18" slab saw; this would allow us to cut much larger rocks. The largest saw we have in the workshop now is a 10" slab saw, which can only cut a rock smaller than 4" in diameter.

I would like to let everyone know that there will be a person in charge of our workshop on Saturdays who can explain how to use the equipment and tools. There are also catalogs to look at in the workshop for buying lapidary tools, settings and findings for jewelry making. The program for March's meeting will be about the basics of setting cabochon stones into jewelry.

The process starts in March for the Chelan County Fair and we need to have members sign up in advance if you want to put a display in any of the cases. Last year we were way behind and had to rush everything, putting a burden on several people because of the short notice. We still need a volunteer to be Superintendent so we can start this process in March. There is a class the Superintendent needs to attend and pamphlets that need to be mailed out to people that will help run the booth. I would be willing to help anyone through this process and also several other people would be willing to help in answering questions. We have planned in advance the Rock Club's outings for the year, which are posted in this month's newsletter.

As your President, I am looking forward to the great times we will have with our group activities and field trips this year. Please feel free to call me anytime with rock related questions or comments.

Bob Spurrier

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A YEAR-ROUND RESOLUTION

Listen
 Be Gentle
 Have faith
 Be Patient
 Speak the truth
 Find the time
 Laugh a little
 Speak your love
 Speak it again
 Mend a quarrel
 Keep a promise
 Encourage others
 Develop tolerance
 Share some treasure
 Give a soft answer
 Laugh a little more
 Welcome a stranger
 Express your gratitude
 Gladden someone's heart
 Apologize if you were wrong
 Seek out a forgotten friend or relative
 Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of life
 Try to understand and accept the differences in others
 MOST OF ALL, ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULLEST

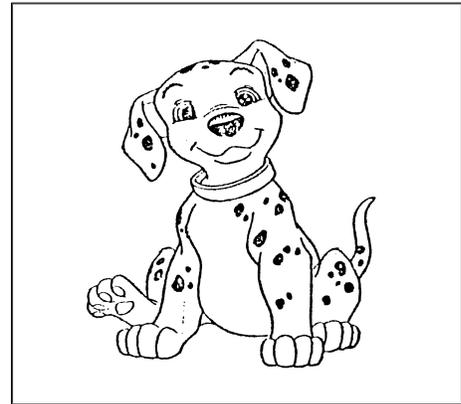
ROGER, THE ROCKHOUND SEZ:

A new year is before us, a new slate of officers, new members in the club, new projects to start and new territory to explore.

You might start by attending the Spokane Gem Show sponsored by the Rock Rollers Club, March 13, 14 & 15. (Liz will be there – see below.)

The Workshop is open almost every Saturday, 9 AM to 4 PM.

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FEBRUARY MEETING – 2/21/09

The Ginkgo Club will meet at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center, 127 So. Mission St. from 2 PM to 4 PM. You may enter at the main entrance and take the elevator downstairs to the basement or you may park in front between the two buildings on Mission St. or off Yakima St in back above the small park, and go in the back door. (This is for the February meeting only !!)

The program will be given by Dr. Dan Bozich on "Hard Rock Mining".

NASON CREEK REST AREA

Where were you club members during our days at the Nason Creek Rest Stop? I know the weather was miserable, but only nearly a dozen members helped out. It took two years to get on the list with the Highway Department, but after several phone calls and a visit or two, we were allowed to register, and got a date for our turn at the stop.

Safeway donated a lot of goodies and two of us baked cookies. (A third gal baked some, but they were so good, she ate them!) In spite of all this – we made \$560.00.

This is too good a thing to let it die from the lack of interest. If we want to keep the shop running and machinery working, you need to volunteer this coming Easter season. Larry & Wanda Shaw sure worked very hard to make this a success. We owe them a big thank-you!

(Marie Magnuson)

SPOKANE GEM SHOW

The Rock Rollers Club are holding their 50th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show, March 13, 14 & 15th at the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, N. 604 Havana St. from 10 AM-6 PM Friday and Saturday – and 10 AM – 5 PM on Sunday.

They will have over 40 dealers, and 80 display cases of lapidary. Also, Grab Bags, Spin the Wheel, Lapidary & Gold Panning, Demonstrations, Silent Auction, Hourly Door prizes. The Grand Prize is displayed on site. Admission \$6.00, Seniors \$ 5.00. (Admission good for all 3 days.)

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Pearls have been found in both the big Queen & King Conch shells; also in Turban and Abalone shells. (source unknown)

NASON CREEK REST AREA

The Nason Creek Rest Area coffee stop turned out to be a great success despite the bad weather. Generous donations were picked up each morning from Food Pavilion and Safeway by Bob Spurrier, Cheri McMillan, and Larry & Wanda Shaw. Marie Magnuson and Sally Bolyard also baked cookies and made candy to hand out. The booth was scheduled and manned by two-person teams over a total of seven days by Larry and Wanda Shaw, Bob Spurrier, Cheri McMillan, Dennis and Ellen Osier, Richard and Charleen Prevett and Glenn and Lori Ludeman.

We had expected the booth to be cramped and cold but it turned out to be quite comfortable, and talking to the travelers made the time pass quickly.

On Thursday and the first half of Friday, the roads were so bad, they were shut down causing us to lose two days of our scheduled time. Fortunately, we were offered two additional days at the end of the week.

All in all, it was a very good learning experience which made \$560.00 for the Club's Treasury. We have the site reserved again in April for five days and look forward to placing additional volunteers.

A big thanks to everyone who participated and a special thanks to Cheri and Bob who put in a lot of time organizing our first try at this money making opportunity.

Wanda Shaw

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A Chuckle:

This Yankee from Massachusetts was hiking through the mountains of northern Georgia when he came upon the tiniest cabin he had ever seen in his life. Intrigued, he went up and knocked on the door.

"Anybody home?" he asked.

"Yep," came a kid's voice through the door.

"Is your father there?" asked the tourist.

"Pa? Nope, he left afore Ma came in," said the kid.

"Well, is your mother there?" persisted the tourist.

"Ma? Nope, she left just afore I got here," said the kid.

"But," protested the Yankee, "are you never together as a family?"

"Sure, but not here," said the kid through the door, " This is the outhouse!"

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Man does not live by bread alone...he needs peanut butter & jelly to go with it!

MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through
the house,
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibble, the eggnog I'd taste,
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales, there arose such a
number! When I walked to the store (less a walk
than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd
prepared,
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the
cheese,
And the way I'd never said "No thank you,
please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt,
I said to myself, as I only can,
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So – away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip,
Every last bit of food that I like must be
banished,
'till all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie – not even a lick
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore,
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot,
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!
(Source Internet) fr. Gates Rockhound Bulletin, 1/02
via Quarry Quips, 1/02)

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HOW DID THEY DO THAT?

Ancient jewelry has been found in the Middle East
and in the country of Peru made of smelted
platinum. Platinum requires a heat of 3275 degrees
to melt. How did they do that more than 2000 years
ago? The Chinese made aluminum ornaments 2000
years ago. To produce aluminum from ore is a
sophisticated electro-chemical process. How did
they do it? American aborigines tempered copper.
This process was not developed until the late 1830's.
How did they do it? In the high country of Peru
there is a quarried and dressed rock that has been
moved a half mile from the quarry site. It is
estimated to weigh 20,000 tons. Even today, we
have no equipment to move a rock that size. How
did they do it?
(Fr Gem-i-ni)

ROCK CACHES

Have you heard the expression "rock caches"? It
is said that the Indians and Spaniards used this trick
to hide gold and other treasures.

The method was to chop out a hole in a solid wall
of rock until it was the diameter and depth they
wanted. Then, a lid was made to fit so perfectly that
it was almost invisible.

If you happen to be in an area where there are
rock cliffs, keep a sharp lookout for faint, circular
depressions that could indicate where something is
cached. You may be lucky and find an old treasure
that was hidden away many years ago.

If you have a metal detector, use it on the circle.
(Fr. The Prospector & others via Stoney Statements 1/96)

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PEANUT BUTTER/OAT COOKIES

A barely sweet cookie, totally wheat-free & about
the simplest of all baked treats:

1/4 Cup Honey
1/4 Cup Maple Syrup
1/4 Cup Peanut Butter
2 eggs
1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
2-1/2 Cups Oats

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Beat together
honey, maple syrup, peanut butter, eggs and vanilla,
using a fork, wire whisk or rotary beater. When
smooth, stir in oats.

Drop by rounded teaspoons onto an oiled baking
sheet. Flatten slightly with fingers. Bake for 10 to
12 minutes until lightly colored. Let set for about 30
seconds on the baking sheet, then transfer to a rack
to cool.

Makes about 40 – 1-1/2 inch cookies. Variations:
Add up to 1/2 Cup Sunflower Seeds or Currants.

Taken from : Nikki & David Goldbeck's American
Wholefoods Cuisine.

(Made by Richard and served by he & Charleen
at the last meeting!)

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A CHUCKLE:

With tears in his eyes, the little boy told his
kindergarten teacher that only one pair of galoshes
was left in the cloakroom and they weren't his. The
teacher searched under desks and in corners and
could find no other galoshes. Exhausted, she asked
the boy, "How can you be sure these galoshes aren't
yours?" "Mine had snow on them," the little boy
replied. (By V. D. Palar, Family Weekly)

PAST MEETINGS:

January 17th – The meeting opened with a very interesting video program on “Star Garnets of Idaho”. Afterward, President Bob Spurrier called the meeting to order and the new slate of officers were introduced. Vice President Paul Hampton presented President Bob with a personally turned English Walnut mallet. Guests were Katy King and Bob Watt.

The Nason Creek Rest Area stop for coffee and snacks December 29th to January 2nd, turned a profit of \$560.00 despite bad weather Next date is April 13th to 17th.

There are committee chairmen on the Agenda that need to be filled. The Museum is in need of a volunteer to put in a new display. Sally Bolyard volunteered for the Sunshine Committee. The Chelan County Fair needs a volunteer and also Publicity.

John Stanfield, Field Trip Leader, presented a list of proposed field trips for the year. They will be inserted in the next newsletter or can be picked up at the next meeting. The first one will be to Saddle Mt. For Petrified Wood, April 11th.

Members were reminded of the Spokane Gem Show, March 13, 14 & 15 (see page 2).

The Raffle ticket was drawn for Richard Prevett for a Bola tie, and the Door Prize went to Jill Timm – a sawed Geode half.

Refreshments were served by Richard & Charleen Prevett of cooky varieties, fruit platter with dip, and Apple Juice.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

- February 21st - Regular meeting – Program by Dr. Dan Bozich on “Hard Rock Mining”. Meet 2 pm at the Wenatchee Museum (see page 2)
- March 13 – 15 - Spokane Gem Show (see page 2)
- March 21st - Regular meeting – Meet 2 pm, Fire Station, East Wenatchee
- April 11th - Field Trip Saddle Mt. for Petrified Wood
- April 13 - 17th - Nason Creek Rest Stop

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HOBBY HINT:

One simple “foolproof” test for determining real Amber from fake: Only real Amber will sink in tap water and float in salt water
(By Walter Anderton, Rockhound Roundup via Rocket City Rock & Gems, 9/97)

SILVER & RUBBER don't get along very well. Never put a rubber band around sterling silver or you will end up with a permanent stain. (Fr Gab-ochon via Rocket City Rocks & Gems, 7/97)

ANOTHER YEAR

Another year has come and gone, with good and bad together;
The days of grief, the days of joy, the fair and stormy weather;
The days in which to strive and work, the days of relaxation;
The days for carefree attitudes, the days for contemplation.

The days to look to future things, the days when we remember;
The days of warmth in early spring, the days of chill December.
So as we start another year, inclined to wonder whether . . .
Remember that "The One Who Knows" will keep it all together!
(By Ray Spauling, Oshkosh Earth Science Club via Stone Age News, 1/93)

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