

The Petrified Digest
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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		
Sunshine			
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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.



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

While kicking back in my VP easy chair, I was informed that I needed to write a VP report this month.

Richard and I have been busy for a few weeks building display cases for showing the Club's marvelous pieces of work – either it be jewelry or just polished rocks made by members of the Club. We will be able to display pieces for sale at places where we make extra money for our club. Richard has put more time and money in than me, I mostly watch and have tools and such to use.

Yes, I said booths. We, as a club, are working toward doing more Rock Shows and we need volunteers for manning these booths. The first showing will be the Chelan County Fair, which we faithfully do every year. Carol Smith is the superintendent of the Lapidary Department. Also, in the next few months, the club may be doing the Wings & Wheels Festival booth in East Wenatchee. We are checking the possibility of renting a booth and will keep everyone posted.

So let's all get to tumbling rocks, making jewelry and other items to donate to the club to build up our account.

Bob Spurrier

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RED TOP FIELD TRIP

July 20th rock hunting trip to Red Top Mountain: Twelve members went and we left the Big Y Cafe around 8:45 and car pooled as much as possible. The people that made the trip were Carol, Darrel, John, Paul, Jeff, Cheri, Bob, Casey, Wanda, Larry, Christy and our newest member, Valerie. We parked off to the right about a mile from the top parking lot.

At the dig, we all found red Jasper and smaller nodules, with Larry finding some of what they think is volcanic glass. Carol and Darrel found a real nice backwards crystal formation about two inches across which found a place in their window in her kitchen. Valerie found a really nice crystal formation about four inches across. Jeff had his own spot picked out higher up the mountain and came back with some larger nodules, eggs and geodes. Paul and Jeff found jasper and was hammering it out of the basalt in places and digging in the dirt.

Myself, I was digging and trying to find something worthwhile, trying several different spots, then went back to my first spot and was sitting there thinking how unlucky I was today. Then turned around in my hole facing where I put my dirt and thought, I'll dig right there. Dug down to virgin soil about a foot and found three nodules of real nice looking jasper about three inches round. So, you never know where to find something, you could be several inches away from a great find and not even know it till you dig.

We broke for lunch around 12:30 and looked at one another's finds over lunch. Most people left around 4:00 PM, with people in Paul's truck staying until 6:00 PM. Everyone had a great time finding their rocks, and of course, Cheri was the last one digging.

-By Bob Spurrier-

ROGER, THE ROCKHOUND SEZ:

After a busy summer, and the recent field trip to Red Top, it is now time to concentrate on the Chelan County Fair.

Those planning to enter items in the Competitive Case for judging, may need to use the workshop to finish jewelry projects.

Will also need tumbled stones and clean rough Petrified Wood for Kid's Day.



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GINKGO CASE DISPLAY

This year the Ginkgo case in the Douglas County Museum features lovely hand-crafted jewelry by long-time Ginkgo member Gayle Savage. Stones featured are Turquoise, Labradorite, Thulite, Charoite, Ellensburg Blue, Lapis Lazuli, Quartz Crystals, Jade and Dendritic Agates. Unfinished stones are for comparison. Included is information about the stones and about the Ginkgo Mineral Society.

Another member item on display is a red soapstone carving of an Indian dubbed "Chief Scar Face" by sculptor Marie Magnuson.

Carol Smith designed a lovely display of jasper and petrified wood, complete with photos of member expedition digs for last year's exhibit.

Museum visitors show a lot of interest in these displays.

Lori Ludeman, Museum Director

NEW WORKSHOP HOURS

Beginning September 13th, the workshop will be open for use from 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturdays, that is if anyone wants to use it that way.

Members can work, some in the morning and more in the afternoon. They will have to decide their hourly schedules (9-1 & 1-4) and appoint a workshop Monitor. This will give more members a chance to use the shop.

Marie Magnuson

ANNUAL PICNIC/CLUB MEETING

- Date - August 23rd, will eat about 4:30 PM
- Where - Bill/Ruth Williams - 3 miles on Blewett Highway from Junction
- Food - Meat course furnished by the club. Bring casserole dish, salad or dessert, and your own table service.
(Bill will give a demonstration on drilling holes in rocks.)

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**REVENGE is when you kick a rock
because you stubbed your toe on it!**

CHELAN COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE:

The fair dates this year are September 4, 5, 6 & 7th. The theme is "Where Farm and Family Fun Meet." The Ginkgo Club will again be hosting the Lapidary Department in the Creative Arts Building.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 3 – Day to bring your material for the display cases and your exhibits for the Competitive Case for judging. If you are competing, you'll need to purchase an exhibitor's ticket from the fair office. This gives you entry to the Fair all four days. If you are hosting the booth, one-day passes will be mailed to you. Parking fees of \$4.00 will be reimbursed to you by the Club. For more information, call Carol at 884-3349.

THURSDAY, Sept. 4 – Ticket gates open at 8:00 a.m. - building 9:00 a.m.. This is Senior Citizens Day. Judging starts at 9:00 a.m. Fair closes 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, Sept. 5 – Kids' Day. We will need tumbled stones or clean rough petrified wood to give to the kids. Fair hours 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, Sept. 6 – Family Day. Fair open 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, Sept. 7 – Fair closes. Items may not be removed from the cases until 5:00 p.m.

What's on our Ginkgo web site?

The first page is the welcome page that lists the many things we do along with general information on meetings, cost, and contact info. All the pages on the web site have a row of "gem buttons" for the categories of Activities, Newsletter, Reference, Links, and Photos.

The Activities page lists specific activities, meeting dates and topics, and club outings. The Newsletter page is struggling a bit; we haven't quite got the newsletter into the digital age where it is easy to post on the site, but we are working on it. The Reference page has interesting articles from old newsletters about different gems and some really great shop tips, again from old newsletters. If anyone wants to volunteer to do some typing, we can add some more to this page. The Links page has a lot of links to other web sites about other clubs, publications, shows, public lands, jewelry making, and lots of other stuff. And, we have a photo page where we have photos of the last two field trips, thanks to Paul Hampton and his camera. Visit the site at www.wenatcheerockclub.org and check it out!



WORKSHOP UPDATE

Well, here goes my first attempt at writing the monthly workshop report. I was asked by Marie Magnuson, at the last meeting, if I would help Maxine out by writing up the latest happenings at the shop.

Most Saturdays, you can find Bob and I working on one thing or another at the shop. One Saturday, Bob slabbed an agate for Marie to use on one of her many art projects. Believe it or not, we are still cabbing some of that Lapis we worked so hard on for last year's Christmas presents. We took a break from it for awhile, and are now back to working with it again. Bob has also been working on cabbing some pieces of purple Charoite, which is a rare mineral found only in the Sakha Republic, Siberia, Russia. They are very pretty and almost look like amethyst; except they have an unusual swirling, fibrous appearance and are sometimes chatoyant. [Ed. note: Having a changeable color or luster, like a cat's eye at night.] Russia has fairly strict prohibitions on the exportation of Charoite. Generally, Charoite is permitted to be exported only after the stone has been worked. He felt lucky to have bought a polished slab back in March at the Rock & Gem Show in Spokane.

Gayle Savage worked on some beautiful pieces of purple Sugilite for a couple of weeks. Sugilite (also known as luvulite) is a relatively rare pink to purple mineral. We all had an extensive discussion about the differences between Sugilite and Charoite because they are similar looking. You can always count on some knowledgeable info or advice from Gayle whether you ask for it or not; she sure knows her rocks. She is also working on some other purple-colored stones, since she says purple is her favorite color.

There are always a few different members who stop by to say Hi and talk a little shop. Bobby Allen and Darrel Smith are usually faithful members who drop in with a friendly smile. Darrel is our famous shoulder masseur, moving from person to person to pester and squeeze a few shoulders. Bobby always has a bit of knowledge to share or a question to run by us about rocks.

Chuck Moser stopped by one Saturday to tell about his adventures while in Oregon helping out a sick relative. He experienced first hand what it takes to run a farm – fixing fences, branding cattle, driving a tractor, etc. I do remember him saying he was too old for that kind of work. He also talked about a garage sale he went to while he was in Oregon. Apparently, they were selling

off tons of rock from a huge collection for only \$1.00 per lb. He just couldn't resist and ended up hauling back to Wenatchee about 300 lbs. Of quality rock to work on. He was inquiring about how to make some bookends with some of it. We were able to inform him that it just happened to be his lucky day because the subject of the program at the club meeting that day was "How to Make Bookends." I hope he was able to get his questions answered and more at the meeting that day.

Christy Price came another Saturday to work on and show off some of her treasures from a recent trip to Oregon. She was able to get a little rock hunting in while working for her Aunt's business, selling rocks, minerals and such at the many Rock Shows there. Christy told us she gained more knowledge on how to wire wrap her treasures and then modeled the pendant she made – we were all impressed. I asked Christy if she was now more educated on identifying the numerous varieties of rocks and minerals. I was hoping for some help in identifying all the rocks I don't have a clue as to what they are. She laughed and said she did learn lots more about rocks, but there is still so much more to learn.

Bonni Martin worked on a piece of fire agate for a pendant and also a grayish blue stone for a ring. Usually, she is working on pieces that are only a few millimeters in size for dangle earrings. She is broadening her horizons in the art of fine jewelry making. Yeah, Bonni!

Carol Smith is in love with her Ellensburg and Holly Blues. She has numerous pieces that she has worked on over the past year; she is becoming quite an expert on them. You can also find Carol working on many specimen pieces to add to her expansive rock, fossil and mineral collection.

Last, but definitely not least, is Maxine Anderson. She is usually at the rock saw, cutting up some pieces to throw into her tumblers. But before she works on her rocks, she looks like one of those newspaper reporters, a pad of paper in one hand and a pencil in the other, asking questions and jotting down notes for the latest newsletter. She deserves some kudos for all the work she does for the Club, and especially the newsletter she works so hard on; trying to get all the reports from all the different members or activities and still getting the newsletter out on time, has to be a huge responsibility. Maxine also mentioned something about new workshop hours,
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PAST MEETINGS:

July 19th - "Rockhounding Adventures in Arizona" was the program given by Maurice Smith at this meeting. He spoke of three areas.

Area #1- Burro Creek - 5 to 8 miles south of Wickiup. One spot looking up at tailings from a mine. Pasolite & Opalite here.

Area #2- Between Needles and Barstow – Lava Jasper field

Area #3- 4 miles south of Golden Shores, NV & near Yucca Rocks of all kinds – Jasper

The Adventures - #1 Flat tire – fixed by manager of Service Station who happened by
 #2 - by R.R. Track, trains going by every 15 minutes; wheel sank in soft sand. Engineer called ahead and maintenance crew showed up for the rescue.

Making Bookends:

1. Start with big enough rock to cut into shape.
2. Sand smooth.
3. Polish or use resin.

Treasury in good shape. John Standfield officially made Field Trip Leader.

Announcements: Field Trip Red Top, Sunday July 20th
 Annual Picnic – August 23rd, Williams

The door prize won by Chuck Moser - Rose Quartz
 Raffle Ticket drawn for Patsy Smith – Book, Gem Trails of Nevada

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

August 23rd – Annual Picnic & Regular Meeting, Bill/Ruth Williams, three miles on Blewett Pass Highway from Junction.

Sept. 4,5,6,7 - Chelan County Fair, Cashmere (See P. 2)

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Rockhound Dictionary

1. Rock Tumbler – a rockhound who can't climb very well.
2. Garnet – What one says when a rock drops on his foot.
3. Fossils – old rockhounds
4. Pavilion – place where facetors relax after a long grind.
5. Chrysocola – A soft drink to quench thirst while hunting rocks.
 (Fr. Strata Gem 5/07 via Quarry Quips, 6/07)

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starting in September, so make sure and look for that bit of information in the newsletter too.

Oh, and before I forget, check and see if it is your turn to be the Workshop Supervisor. We will be making a new list soon to go along with the new shop hours. So, I hope you enjoyed reading my first and hopefully not last attempt at writing the happenings of the shop. I hope I didn't inadvertently leave anybody or anything out. We hope to see many of you on Saturdays, whether you stop by to chat or decide to bring something to work on. All members are welcome! Keep on rockhounding.

Until next time,

CHERI MCMILLAN

"GOLDEN ROD"

When the Golden Rod turns yellow
In flower beds we all know.
It's time to take them to the Fair
And enter them in the Show.

Our Ginkgo group has lots of fun
We love the things we do.
Marie might take some macrame,
Ellis might take blue.

Items we've made at our workshop
We'll take them up this year.
And there we'll find so many friends
Who've come from far and near.

So, put on your best and wear a hat
T'will be a sight so rare,
In the sun and dust, It is a must,
To "do" the Chelan County Fair!
(By former Club member, Verga Murren,
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