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MEETINGS

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

OFFICERS

President	Larry Shaw	884-0882
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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

July		August workshop/field trips TBA		September workshop/field trips TBA	
19	Regular Meeting	7		4	(Holiday weekend)
"Rockhounding Adventures"		14		9-12	Chelan County Fair
24	Club Field Trip -Red Top	21	Club Picnic – Lincoln Rock	18	Regular Meeting
26-30	Nason Cr. Fundraiser	28		25	
31	Workshop Open 10-3				

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 opens the workshop 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.
Special message to newer members: Bob says he'd really like to see any of you at the workshop who would like to learn how to cut and polish rocks.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Rock hounds!

The summer is moving by quickly with what seems like constant commitments. As busy as we are, we need to stay tuned to these up-coming events:

Nason Creek Rest Area, July 26-30th - Ellen and Dennis Osier will have additional info during our July meeting. Please be thinking about when you can offer some of your time to man the coffee stand.

Rock Club Potluck Picnic Aug 21 - We have reserved the Lincoln Rock Kitchen area for the entire day and will be planning fun events during the next month.

Rockhound Girls (rockettes?) overnight campout-rock hunt, Aug 6-8th - For more info give Wanda a call at 670-8285. Info will also be provided at the July meeting. This might be a good weekend for a guy event? Let's do some thinking about this!

"Rockhounding Adventures" Liz's July Program will give us all a chance to talk about our rock finds this summer!

As busy as we are, let's not forget to keep rock hunting fun!

Larry Shaw, President

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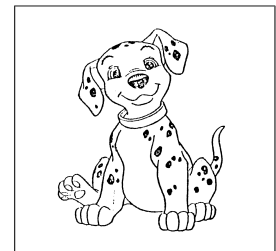
JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There was no formal meeting, just a few announcements and some of the usual popular elements, such as visiting with friends and enjoying refreshments. Everyone seemed to have fun with the swapping, bartering, and purchasing of rock items and general socializing.

ROGER, THE ROCKHOUND SEZ:

Now is the time to sort your stash for goodies to fill the tumbler. If your batch takes the typical six weeks to finish, you'll have them ready just in time for the Chelan County Fair. Visitors to the Ginkgo club display get to choose a rock to take home, thanks to the generosity of the members.

If you have any petrified wood or other rocks to spare, please consider tumbling them to donate. They are always a big hit!



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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

MINERALINES by Mae Williams
(*Petrified Digest*, July 1976)

July Birthstone: Ruby
Gem Name: Ruby
Refractive Index: 1.76 – 1.77
Mineral Name: Red Corundum
Specific Gravity: 4.03
Composition: Aluminum Oxide
Hardness: 9
(Color due to Chromium impurities)
Wearing Quality: Excellent
Crystal System: Hexagonal

TRIP TIDBITS

Bob Witt reports that he, Jim Mayer, Pam Alexander and Perry Kimple found a new hunting spot on Crystal Mtn. It is about a 1½ mile hike on steep ground, but yields good material. More details to be provided at the meeting.



<Insert member reports here>

Get the hint?

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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