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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

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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.



<b>Club Calendar</b>					
<b>March</b>		<b>April</b>		<b>May</b>	
20	Regular Meeting	9-11	Nason Creek fundraiser	15	Regular Meeting
	Program: Bruce Simpson	17	Regular Meeting		
		24	Club field trip		
<b>June</b>		<b>July</b>		<b>August</b>	
19	Regular Meeting	17	Regular Meeting	21	Club Picnic – Lincoln Rock

**ROCK SHOP HOURS:** 10 am – 3 pm Saturdays, except meeting and field trip days.  
**Safety glasses required** - dust mask recommended - paper towels requested

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Days appear to be moving by quicker now and it won't be long before we're back outdoors doing some serious rock hunting. Ron Gray is making plans for our first field trip of the year up to Saddle Mountain. He will be going into more detail during our upcoming club meeting. Ron has indicated he's mixing new sites with some of the older tried and true locations. The first trip is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. Jim Lawson has also contacted the club with an offer to do another non-club sponsored trip to the Thulite site and will also bring more information to future club meetings.

The Spokane Rock Rollers need to be congratulated for another very good show this year.. Our club had at least sixteen representatives by my count.

We're right on the doorstep of two events we will need to prepare for. The first and most urgent is the April 9-10-11 manning of the Nason Creek Rest Stop. Ellen and Dennis Osier have agreed to organize this year and will shortly be asking for volunteers to man the booth. This is a fun way for the club to make money. The second item is early preparation for this year's Chelan County Fair. Both will be discussed at our March business meeting. Lori Ludeman and Carol Smith have updated the club's display case at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center. Carol volunteered her rocks and has done a quality job of setting up.

New members so far this year are Kelly DeWolf of Wenatchee, Howard & Candice Floyd of Wenatchee, Greg Peek of Peshastin, and Todd & Sherri Church of Wenatchee. Our membership has been growing quickly! Current membership by Pam's count is 70.

**Welcome, all!**

Looking forward to seeing all at our next meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> back at the Eastmont Fire Station. Our speaker will be local Jeweler Bruce Simpson (Jewels, Gems and Stones).

Larry Shaw, 2010 President  
Ginkgo Mineral Society

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**FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Dan Bozich presented the program on "The Origin of Minerals." Dennis Osier won the Door prize, and Margaret Otterson won the Raffle drawing.

Member News: Maury & Patsy Smith taught a short course on rocks and identification for 5th-8th grade children at a geology class at the Valley Academy.

Club Business & News: The By-Laws revisions announced previously were passed, and Article 12, an additional provision regarding dissolution procedures, was presented for the first reading and is to be voted on at the March meeting. Several old display cases were sold to a rock club in Tri-Cities; better, less expensive insurance coverage was secured; a DVD entitled "Gemstones of America" was donated to the club by Rick Sinks of Chelan.

Future field trips: Watch for details on a possible June 20 field trip to Jackpot, Nevada. Also, Richard and Charlene Prevett are scheduling two trips to Oregon, and will share the details with those who may want to join in.

Volunteer opportunities: Ellen and Dennis Osier will need help with the Nason Creek fundraiser in April, and Bob Spurrier has asked that folks step forward to begin planning for the Chelan County Fair.

**ROGER, THE ROCKHOUND SEZ:**

Spring is in the air. Rockhounds are appearing from their winter hiding places to greet the crocus and pussy willows. Spring rock shows are in full bloom as well – check out the list below. If you venture into the hills, be sure to take your mud gear and warm clothing. As you know, the weather can be unpredictable in our beautiful mountains.

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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>

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

March 26-27 Fri. 8-6, Sat. 9-5

**Panorama Gem and Mineral Club 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Show**

Fort Colville Grange Hall, Hwy 20, Colville, WA

Mar 27-28 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4

**Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society 62<sup>nd</sup> 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 59<sup>th</sup> Annual "Gemstone Junction"**

\*\* NEW DATES &amp; LOCATION \*\*

Golden Spike Event Center,

Weber Co. Fairgrounds

1000 North 1200 West, Ogden, UT

April 9-11 Fri. 10-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

**BC Lapidary Society****BC GEM SHOW** featuring "Crystals"

CFV Fairgrounds Ag-Rec Bldg., 32470 Haida Drive, Abbotsford, British Columbia (close to the Sumas, Lynden and Blaine border crossings)

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 49<sup>th</sup> Rock & Gem Show**

Bloedel-Donovan Park

2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham, WA

April 10-11

Sat. 9-5,

Sun. 10-4

**The Petrified Watermelon Pickers Annual Rock & Gem Show**Gooding, ID Recreation Gymnasium  
1450

April 10-11 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

**Mt. Hood Rock Club Show**

Mt. Hood Community College Gym

26000 SE Stark, Gresham, OR

April 16-18 Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4:30

**Willamette Agate and Mineral Society "Rocks of Oregon"**

Polk County Fairgrounds

520 South Pacific Hwy W, Rickreall, OR

April 17-18 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

**Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show April 17 - Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS)**

Building #5, Benton County Fairgrounds

1500 S. Oak St., Kennewick, WA

April 17-18 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4

**Yakima Rock & Mineral Club 49<sup>th</sup> Annual "Parade of Gems"**

Central WA State Fairgrounds, Modern Living Bldg, Fair Ave. &amp; E. Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima, WA

April 17-18, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

**Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society, 45<sup>th</sup> Annual**

Idaho Falls Recreation Center

B Street, Idaho Falls, ID

April 24-25 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

**Grays Harbor Gem & Geology Society "Earth's Treasures"**

Grays Harbor Co. Fairgrounds

32 Elma-McCleary Road, Elma, WA



**PROPOSED BY-LAWS ADDITION:**

Following is the official publication of a proposed change to the Club By-laws, to be brought for a vote at the March meeting:

ARTICLE 12

In the event of dissolution of this Club, distribution of any funds/assets after payment of any indebtedness, shall be made by either contribution to a similar nature Club, or by contribution to a recognized charitable organization.

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**THANK YOU TO CONTRIBUTORS**

The Museum display has been changed. Carol Smith and Lori Ludeman headed up the new display. The Hamptons took down the old display and returned the rocks to their rightful owners. We would like to thank everyone who loaned some of their prized rocks for the last year. They were Jimmy Lawson, Marie Magnuson, Cheri McMillan, Christy Price, Carol Smith, Bob Spurrier, John Stanfield, Chuck Watkins, Bob Jackson of Geology Adventures, and Val, Jeff, Jenny and Paul Hampton. We highly recommend that you go down and see the new display, and thank Carol and Lori for a job well done.



**FACETING TERMS**

by Shirley Buschke

Ever wonder what your friend who is taking faceting is talking about? Maybe some of these definitions will help you understand.

**Girdle**-- the 'waistline' of the stone: The edge that creates the shape of the stone

**Facet**--small flat polished area of the stone

**Crown**--the top or the part above the girdle

**Table** - -The large facet in the center of the crown

**Pavilion**--the part of the stone below the girdle

**Culet**--point on the bottom of stone

**Transfer**--after one half of stone is faceted it is necessary to reposition the stone so the other half can be faceted; this is often a difficult procedure.

*(Fr. Rock Chips Newsletter 2010, MGSCV Petrograph 11/08, via The Rollin' Rock January 2010*

**HOBBY HINT**

Good old Elmer's Glue mixed 50/50 with warm water works wonders at maintaining that "wet look" on all types of materials, including most shells. Just brush it on and let it dry- if it gets dusty or dulled simply soak it in warm water and reapply. I learned this technique from one of my mentors when I wanted to display some petrified wood that looked great when wet but looked like a plain old rock when dry.

*From Rock Chips Newsletter 2010, Clyde Gilbert, Oct 24, 2007  
Rock\_Collecting\_and\_Field\_Trips@yahoo.com,  
via Rockhound Rambling 11-12/07 via The Rollin' Rock January 2010*

**The Rockhound's Spring**

By Beth Heesacker

I wait for the Spring,  
When the flower colors of jasper  
and agate appear.  
The winter rains, snow and ice have eroded off  
their cover of sediment and matrix.  
Hidden since the beginning of time,  
they are exposed to my gaze.  
I wait for the Spring,  
When the sun shines on them  
revealing their glory.  
The roads are clearing of snow and ice  
and soon will be open.  
Access to quarries and road-cuts  
soon will be possible.  
I wait for the Spring,  
When I can again rockhound.

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*Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.*  
*Anonymous*

**NEWS ITEM DEADLINE**

Just a reminder, all submissions to the newsletter need to be emailed to [ginkgonews@yahoo.com](mailto:ginkgonews@yahoo.com) or sent to Valerie Hampton by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. This will insure that there will be time to include the article in the next newsletter printing. Please include a contact phone number in case there are questions.

Rock hunting Q & A

Member: *What's the best stone to hunt for in March?*

Field Trip Leader: *Shamrocks!*



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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