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PETRIFIED DIGEST



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MEETINGS

3rd 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.

**The fire department needs the meeting room during the day in April.
Our April 21st meeting is rescheduled to 4:30 pm.**

Club Calendar

March		April		May	
3		7		5	Grand Parade
10		14		12	
17	Regular Meeting ✓ pay 2012 Dues	21	Regular Meeting - time change: 4:30 pm	19	Regular Meeting
24		28	Youth Parade	26	Red Top Field Trip
31	Saddle Mtn. Field Trip				

ROCK SHOP HOURS: currently by appointment; call Bob Witt 669-0819 to arrange shop time.
Join the discussion! How would you like to see the shop schedule managed? Should we provide refreshments? Would you be willing to host? Come to the next meeting and add your voice.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March madness

Spring has to be my favorite season of the year. The gray, dreary days of winter are becoming fewer and fewer. The days are longer and warmer, and new life is sprouting up everywhere you look. If spring is coming early this year, that's fine with me. March 20th is the Vernal Equinox, the day spring officially begins.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed for nice weather for the club field trip to Saddle Mountain on March 31st. With its southern exposure, I think it will be plenty warm enough. It could be windy though. I will be leading this trip, so if any one has any questions, or needs transportation, please contact me at 509 860 5786 or email at dickprevett@gmail.com. Kathy King will have information also.

I would like to see be a potluck. Some folding tables, a camp stove or two, and we can have a nice meal and look for rocks at the same time. What a nice way to celebrate the beginning of spring.

Brent Cunderla from the Bureau of Land Management's Wenatchee office will be our guest speaker at this month's club meeting. Brent will be explaining BLM policies and how they relate to rock clubs and individuals such as ourselves. Perhaps he can clear up some of the confusion over which rules apply and which ones don't.

We're still needing items for the display case at the museum. Does anyone have a favorite rock, a really nice specimen, even jewelry or other items you made with your rocks? It's a 6 month stint but there's excellent security. So whatever you put in the case will be very well taken care of.

We should also thank Larry and Wanda Shaw for displaying their collection of beautiful blue petrified wood and Paul, Val and Jeff Hampton for their wonderful collection of petrified fish. Thanks for stepping up, guys.

The month of March has two gemstones; Aquamarine and Bloodstone; I don't think I've ever seen Bloodstone. Does anyone have a specimen of either of these stones they would care to bring to show and tell this coming meeting?

Until next time -

Richard

ROGER, THE ROCKHOUND SEZ:

"Failure is not defeat unless you quit; if you want to increase your success rate, double your failure rate." -Tom Watson-

Enclosed in this issue is the Washington State Minerals Checklist from the Department of Natural Resources. You may be surprised by its length. This year, why not stretch yourself and make a game of observing as many as possible? You may not wish to have all of them in your specimen case, but you could keep a journal or take photos of your "finds." You may even like to use this as a basis for a "life list," much like the birdwatchers who share our beautiful state's natural areas. Have fun researching and learning what they look like and where in our state these minerals are found.



MEMORY LANE

After noting the number of new members at a recent meeting, longtime member Bill Williams offered up the following brief, selected history of Ginkgo Mineral Society activities.

The club held its first meeting in the summer of 1948. They met in the downstairs of the Wenatchee museum building. Marie Magnuson and her husband joined two years later. Marie has been a very active member since then, and the stories she could tell...She said if anyone was really interested they could stop by for a visit. She is 98 now and a lot of club history lives with her. Respect given where respect is due.

When Ruth & I joined 26 years ago the club held bi-monthly meetings at the VFW building before it was burned by vandals. There were around 40 regular members at that time. The workshop and bi-monthly meetings were held in the basement with a rock storage area. The club owned machines for the members to use.

The rock & gem show was held at the Armory. There were 60 show cases, several dealers, Gayle Savage and several other people demonstrating "rockology," and don't forget grab bags. There was a very high level of security for the dealers who had \$20-30,000 in product. A lot of work, a lot of show. Just behind the big room was the Army classroom, about 40' x 60' with a separate back entry to off-road parking. The kids' training classes used this room, and there was a fluorescent display there as well. Several dealers overnighted in motor homes and small trailers in the parking lot for 42 consecutive years. The Apple Blossom rock & gem show was the first week in May. Bert Miller had open school Friday every year. One year, 1200 students passed through the front door. Every club member had a job. A health license allowed the sale of food & refreshments. Lois Jean Day ran the kitchen and added \$800-1,000 yearly to the club. Several local sponsors helped defray the cost of advertising space. Yes, Wenatchee was on the map with the nationwide mineral exchange. WSME helped sponsor as well. Those years are in the history books now, and a large number of folks still ask us if we will have another Apple Blossom gem show. Good question. Interest is still there.

**From the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies – our field trip guidelines:****AFMS CODE OF ETHICS**

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

Upcoming Shows AMFS

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/shows.htm>

March 31-April 1 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club

51st Rock & Gem Show

Bloedel-Donovan Park
2214 Electric Ave, Bellingham, WA

March 30-31 Fri 8:30-6, Sat 9-5
Panorama Gem & Mineral Club

12th Annual Show

Fort Colville Grange Hall 1 mile east of
junction US 395 & Hwy 20, Colville, WA

March 31-April 1 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society

64th Annual Rock & Mineral Show

Sweet Home HS Activity Gym
1641 Long St, Sweet Home, OR

March 31 – April 1 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
SE Idaho Gem & Mineral Society

55th Annual Show

Bannock Cty Fairgrounds
10588 Ifft Road, Pocatello, ID

April 13-15 Fri 10-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
BC Lapidary Society

From Mines to Gems

Central Fraser Valley Fairgrounds
32470 Haida Drive, Abbotsford, BC, Canada
Chartered bus trip 4/14 available through
Everett Rock & Gem Club; call 360-658-7435

April 14-15 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society

47th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

Idaho Falls Recreation Center
Memorial & B Street, Idaho Falls, ID

April 21-22 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4
Yakima Rock & Mineral Club

51st Annual Parade of Gems

Yakima National Guard Armory
2501 Airport Ln, Yakima, WA

April 20-22 Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30
Willamette Agate & Mineral Society

57th Annual Show

Polk County Fairgrounds
520 S Hwy 99, Rickreall, OR

April 28-29 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4
Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society

Annual Gem & Mineral Show**Nature's Treasures Under Foot**

Hermiston Conference Ctr
415 S Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR

April 28-29 Sat/Sun 10-5

Grays Harbor Gem & Geology Society

44th Annual Earth's Treasures

Grays Harbor Cty Fairgrounds
43 Elma/McCleary Rd, Elma, WA

April 21-22 Sat/Sun 10-5

West Seattle Rock Club

45th Annual Rock Show

Alki Masonic Temple
4736 40th Ave SW
West Seattle, WA

May 4-6, Fri/Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4

Rock Rollers of Spokane

53rd Annual Rock, Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show

Spokane Fair & Expo Center
N 604 Havana & Broadway, Spokane, WA

May 18-20, Fri/Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club

2012 NFMS Annual Gem Show**Rock'N the Country - No Leaverites Here!**

Benton Fairgrounds, 1500 S Oak St,
Kennewick, WA

June 2-3, Sat 6, Sun 10-5

Everett Rock & Mineral Club

59th Annual Gem & Jewelry Show

Everett Soccer Arena
2201 California St, Everett, WA

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Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand*



MARCH MEETING SATURDAY, MARCH 17 2:00 pm
Douglas County Fire Station, 377 Eastmont Ave, East Wenatchee

Please Note:
April meeting time change – moved to 4:30 pm

Send your article ideas, trip notes or photos to ginkgonews@yahoo.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

Open to members of Ginkgo Mineral Society

FOR SALE:

Frantom 10 inch Lapidary trim/slab saw Cabochon unit with 2 grinding wheels and a buffing plate. The saw has a gravity feed; just add weight and start cutting. The grinding stones have some life left but need to be dressed. The water system is not included but connections are there for the wheels. I built a cover for the saw and it will be included if you want it. It doesn't look too nice but it is functional. Since we have owned the saw, we have only used high grade mineral oil as a lubricant. It is a very nice running saw. We are asking \$250 or OBO for the unit. For more information contact **Paul Hampton** at 884-3578



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