

# THE PETRIFIED DIGEST



[www.wenatcheerockclub.org](http://www.wenatcheerockclub.org)

**GINKGO MEETING PLACE AND TIME**  
**FRIDAY March 20, 2015, 7 pm**  
**Douglas County Fire District #2**  
**377 Eastmont, East Wenatchee**

## **TUMBLING GRIT FOR CLUB MEMBERS**

Graded 30 Grit	\$4 lb.
Un-Graded 60/90 Grit,	\$3 lb.
Graded 220 Grit,	\$4 lb.
Graded 600 Grit	\$5 lb.
Tripoli Polish.	\$3 lb.

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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**

March		April		May	
<b>20</b> Friday <b>27-28</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b> 7 pm - Fire Station Spokane Rock Show	<b>17</b> Friday	<b>Regular Meeting</b> 7 pm - Fire Station	<b>15</b> Friday	<b>Regular Meeting</b> 7 pm - Fire Station

**For now, please call Bob Spurrier 881-8096 if you are planning to visit the rock shop to make sure someone will be there to open it.** The shop is located at Christy Price's home: 4325 Squilchuck Rd, Wenatchee and is usually open on Saturdays.

Directions: from the intersection of Mission & Crawford Streets at Lincoln Park in Wenatchee, it is 4 miles up Squilchuck Road. Turn left on Cranmer Road and take an immediate left onto Christy's long driveway.

**ROGER, THE ROCKHOUND SEZ:**



In honor of Saint Patrick's Day this month, an Irish blessing:

May your pockets be heavy  
 Your heart be light  
 And may good luck pursue you  
 Each morning and night



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Ginkgo Mineral society club members,

Well, I heard it through the grapevine that Crystal Mountain is open and maybe parts of Red Top Mountain. Also, Saddle Mountain is good this time of year. Maybe we can plan something in the near future. We are still hoping that someone in the club will step up and be the field trip leader/leaders. The next outing we have is to go to the Spokane Rock Club Show on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Interested folks need to get together and plan the trip. Our case at the museum needs to be switched out to new stuff. Pretty much anything having to do with rocks. This could include a gold mining theme as well anything having to do with rocks, geology and so on. The display case needs to be changed before the middle of April. We need someone to step up and be in charge; this is very important for the Ginkgo Mineral Society.

Remember to send in any pictures/short stories of your rock hunting adventures to Val for posting in the newsletter. It helps show that we are a viable club with interesting things to do.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bob Spurrier, President

**FIELD SEASON BEGINS**

With an early spring and field trips beginning already, it seems a good time to review some commonly accepted rules of the road for outdoor hobbyists. We'll start with this:

**Rockhound Code of Ethics**

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations and rules governing collecting on private 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 materials in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning materials – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- 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 proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations and 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.

## ACCESS FOR MINERAL COLLECTING IN WASHINGTON STATE

A number of rules apply to the hobby of rockhounding. Federal lands have a variety of regulations depending on the management agency. Most State lands also have restrictions on collecting mineral specimens. In addition to rules about collecting, there are also those that apply to merely accessing the land. The following information is from the state's web site at <http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov>

The Discover Pass, created by the Washington State Legislature and the Governor in 2011, offers access to millions of acres of state recreation lands in Washington. They include state parks, campgrounds, picnic areas, water access points, trails, and wildlife areas. Note: [Federal recreational lands passes](#) and the [Northwest Forest Pass](#) are not valid for access to state recreation lands.

Two types of Discover Pass are available: **The annual pass** — \$30. Good for one year from the date of purchase, and the **day-use pass** — \$10. Good for the date marked on the pass.

The annual Discover Pass is transferable between two vehicles by writing both plate numbers on the pass. It can only be used on one vehicle at a time, and must be visible in the front windshield of a motor vehicle licensed for street use. There are also specific instructions for motorcycles. The penalty for not having a Discover Pass is \$99. If you just want to drive through state recreation lands managed by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and you do not leave your vehicle, you do not need a pass.



You do not need the pass to access state recreation lands by boat or by non-motorized means (foot, horse, bicycle, etc.). Motor vehicles used to transport recreation equipment, such as vehicles pulling horse or boat trailers, must display the pass. However, the trailers being towed that are carrying the equipment do not need a Discover Pass. Boaters will still need to pay for such services as moorage and waste-pumping.

There are a few other exemptions and exceptions. You may not need the Discover Pass if you are camping or staying in a Washington state park cabin, house or other facility. Your reservation stub or fee receipt serves as your permit for the duration of your stay, but if you visit other state parks in the area you will need an annual or one-day pass.

If you have a Vehicle Access Pass issued with a hunting/fishing license you have motor vehicle access to lands managed by WDFW. (*You will still need a Discover Pass to access lands managed by DNR and State Parks.*) If you have a State Parks pass (for disabled veterans, people with disabilities, and qualified limited-income senior citizens) you will still need a Discover Pass to access lands managed by WDFW or DNR. If you have a Washington state disability permit and placard or license plate, you are exempt from needing the Discover Pass on State Parks lands. However, you will need the Discover Pass to access lands managed by WDFW and DNR. If you have an annual Natural Investment Permit to launch your boat from a State Parks boat launch, you will not need a Discover Pass in a state park. You will need the Discover Pass for boat launches managed by DNR and WDFW, and you will need the Discover Pass if you are launching in a state park using a **daily** launch permit. You don't need the pass for an off-road vehicle (ORV) with the required ORV tabs, or to drive or park on ocean beaches - unless it's in a state parks developed parking area. Other ways to skip the pass include volunteering for an approved project or visiting a state park on a free day such as Washington State Parks Birthday (March), Earth Day (April), National Trails Day and WDFW Free Fishing Weekend (June), or National Get Outdoors Day (June) A Discover Pass is still required on these days to access lands managed by DNR and WDFW.

If you're planning to be anywhere near state land during your field trip, it is wise to know exactly where you are going, the managing agency of any public land, and what permits you need. Some folks prefer to just purchase the Discover Pass rather than try to remember all the rules.

**Local Area Shows for 2015**

<b>March</b> 21st 9am - 6pm 22nd 10am - 5pm	Hellgate Mineral Society	Gems Of Montana 21st Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show , \$2, under 14 free w/adult	Hilton Garden Inn 2730 North Reserve St. Missoula MT
21st 10am - 5pm 22nd 10am - 5pm	North Seattle Lapidary & Mineral Club	61th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Lake City Community Center 12531 28th Ave. NE, Seattle
27th 10am – 6pm 28th 10am – 6pm 29th 10am – 4pm	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane 56th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center	N.604 Havana Spokane WA
28th 10am - 6pm 29th 10am - 5pm	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club	54th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park 2214 Electric Ave. Bellingham WA
28th 10am - 6pm 29th 10am - 5pm	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	67th Annual Rock & Mineral Show	Sweet Home High School Activity Gym, 1641 Long St. Sweet Home, OR
<b>April</b> 11th 10am - 6pm 12th 10am - 5pm	SE Idaho Gems & Mineral Society (SEIGMS)	Annual Rock and Gem Show \$2, 12 & under free/adult	Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello ID 83201
11th 10am - 6pm 12th 10am - 4pm	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	Annual Parade of Gems Adults \$3.50, Students \$2.00, <12 free w/adult	Central Washington State Fair Ground, Modern Living Building, 1301 South Fair Avenue, Yakima ,WA 98901
17th 9am - 6pm 18th 10am - 6pm 19th 10am - 4:30pm	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	Annual River of Gems Show	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy Rickreall, OR
18th 10am - 5pm 19th 10am - 4pm	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	Annual Rock & Mineral Show	Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak Kennewick, WA
18th 10am - 6pm 19th 10am - 5pm	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	51st Annual Show	Idaho Falls Recreation Center B Street, Idaho Falls, ID
24th 10am - 5pm 25th 10am - 5pm 26th 10am - 4pm	Mt. Hood Rock Club	58th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Kliever Memorial NG Armory 10000 NE 33rd Dr., Portland, OR
25th 10am - 5pm 26th 10am - 5pm	West Seattle Rock Club	49th Annual Rock Show	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Ave. SW., Seattle, WA
25th 10am - 5pm 26th 10am - 4pm	Grays Harbor Geology and Gem Society	47th Annual Earth Treasures Rock Show	Grays Harbor Fair Grounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma, WA

**Treasurer's Report**

Thanks to all who have sent in their 2015 membership dues. We now have 38 family, single & life members paid thru February. Please continue to bring your dues to our next meeting on March 20th or mail the check to P.O. Box 303, Wenatchee, WA 98807.

We took in a little over \$50.00 from the meeting raffle and shop fees at the Feb. meeting. We paid out just under \$200.00 for our 2015 membership to the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center and Electricity at the shop for Dec. & Jan.

Thank you for helping out on any of our fund raisers that we have each year.  
David J. Earhart, Treasurer



**May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow  
And may trouble avoid you wherever you go**

## NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES (NFMS)

Although Ginkgo Mineral Society as a whole is not a member of this organization, individuals may join as part of the Club-at-large. It is really easy to join: Send each person's name, address and telephone number to the address below. Annual dues are \$5 per person, with a check made out to NFMS. Junior members (age 18 and under) are \$2.50 per year.

Membership includes the NFMS Newsletter and allows participation in all NFMS events, i.e. regional field trips and workshops. Send dues to Lyle Vogelpohl, NFMS Treasurer, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126. Visit their web site at <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/index.asp>

**America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series**

Each pass covers entrance fees at national parks and national wildlife refuges as well as standard amenity fees at national forests and grasslands, and at lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation. The National Park Service, US Forest Service, and US Fish and Wildlife Service are the other three agencies participating in the pass program. A pass covers entrance and standard amenity fees for a driver and all passengers in a personal vehicle at per vehicle fee areas (or up to 4 adults at sites that charge per person). Children age 15 and under are admitted free. Passes are non-transferable. The \$80 annual pass can be obtained in person at a Federal recreation site, or by calling 1-888-ASK USGS (1-888-275-8747), Ext. 1, or [online](#). Members of the military and their dependents are eligible for a free pass. Seniors age 62 and over can get a \$10 lifetime Senior Pass; persons with permanent disabilities can qualify for a free Access Pass. A Volunteer Pass can be earned with 250 hours of service. A pass may provide a 50 percent discount on some Expanded Amenity fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretive services, but generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

Information and applications are available at Federal recreation sites or at <http://www.recreation.gov>

**Bench Tips by Brad Smith****WINDING JUMP RINGS**

Whenever you need a few jump rings the same size, it's easy to grab a round rod and wind as many as you need. But when you need a lot of them, some form of winder saves a lot of time. A variable speed screw gun makes quick work of winding the coils. Screw guns are quite inexpensive at discount stores and are remarkably handy for odd jobs in the shop and around the house.



To wind a coil, just bend a right angle on the end of the wire about a half inch long and insert this into the screw gun chuck. Then wind slowly, keeping a tight coil. I like to

rest the end of the mandrel on the edge of the table or bench pin. Finally, one note of caution. If you are winding an entire length of wire, be careful as you get near the end of the wire. If the end passes under your thumb, it can cause a nasty scratch or cut.

**TOUCHING UP A BEZEL**

Pumice wheels are good for touching up a bezel after you've set the stone. The hardness is about 6 on the Moh's scale, less hard than quartz, so it shouldn't scratch any of your agates or jaspers. However, I'd avoid or be real careful of using pumice near the softer stones like turquoise, amber, howelite, etc.

If you're unsure about the hardness of your wheels, test them on a piece of glass. Glass is about 5 ½ on the Mohs scale, softer than quartz. So if the wheel doesn't harm glass, it's safe for use on the quartzes and harder stones.

My preference is the one inch diameter ones such as those shown at

<http://www.riogrande.com/Product/AdvantEdge-Pumice-Wheels-Medium/332722?pos=2>

Get all 101 of Brad's bench tips in "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon, <http://amazon.com/dp/0988285800/>

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Pumice is an igneous rock, used for many rock hobby and everyday uses. Learn more at <http://geology.com/rocks/pumice.shtml> The web site is a wonderful source of information about rocks, minerals and related topics.