



November 2016

Ginkgo Gem and Mineral Society

The Petrified Digest



Meetings

3rd Friday of the Month @ 7:00PM

Douglas County Fire District #2

377 Eastmont Avenue

East Wenatchee, WA 98802

OFFICERS

President	Carol Smith	884-3349
Vice President	Kirk Holman	670-0817
Secretary	Marcia Summers	886-7295
Treasurer	David J. Earhart	884-4667
Field Tips	OPEN	OPEN
Programs and Education	Carol Smith	884-3349
Shop and Equipment	OPEN	OPEN
Social	Marge Porterfield	679-2606
Chelan County Fair	Kirk Holman	670-0817
Museum	Richard Congdon	884-2410
Newsletter/Publicity	Christy Price	699-1448
Web Site	Jill Timm jtimm@aol.com	663-2961

Lapidary Shop

The Lapidary shop is open to all Gingko members. Use of the shop facility and tools is \$2, exact change is appreciated. Please call Carol Smith if you are planning to visit the shop to make sure someone will be there to open it. It is located at Christy Price's home: 4325 Squilchuck Road and is usually open on Saturday's from 9AM to 3PM.

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. The shop is the first building on your left, parking is on the creek side of the driveway.



DUES:

Individual	\$20
Senior	\$15
Family	\$30
Lifetime (20 + yrs.)	Free

TUMBLING GRIT

FOR

CLUB MEMBERS

GRADED 30 GRIT	\$4 LB.
UNGRADED 60/90 GRIT	\$4 LB.
GRADED 220 GRIT	\$4 LB.
GRADED 600 GRIT	\$5 LB.
POLISH	\$7 LB.

Presidents Message October 2016

Happy Fall and leaf raking in the rain! The October auction was a success with \$633 clear profit. Everyone seemed to have just plain ole fun and we sold every box of rocks that was up for auction. Thanks for supporting our club!

You will be voting this November meeting for next years officers. If you have a nomination for any of the positions, please call Cheri McMillan @ 860-0009 with your choice. Variety and choices are great for all involved, so far the nominees for 2017 are your current 2016 board members. Step up and make it interesting.

Don't forget to bring any garnet info, or samples, rough, or jewelry to the November meeting. It's a kinda a free-for-all program which I thought of, after finding a garnet in mica schist on the shore in Stratford

Conn. The other half of the program you will find interesting, maybe amusing, I call it "Rock-hounding the Civil War battlefields".

The schedule for our Xmas wrap at the East Wenatchee Mall has arrived. They have waived any fee and we have nine slots, each a four hour shift 1-5 P.M. with one exception Sunday December 18th, which is 10-2 P.M. Please consider volunteering for this project, it's great fun, I will present the schedule at the November meeting to hopefully fill the wrapping schedule.

If you want to use the lapidary shop please call 509-884-3349 to let me know when, so I can make arrangements to open the shop and get a supervisor on site. Thanks!

Coming Up.....

- November 18 Program: Garnets and Civil War Artifacts
- December 16, Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange
- January 20, Pizza Night and SURPRISE



**WEBMASTER
NEEDED**

Wenatcheerockclub.org

Jill Timm who started our Ginkgo web site many years ago, has notified us that she must resign her position as our web site person. We are looking for a qualified person who knows about interface, how to put things on a web site, make text changes & keep Jill's site design intact. It has been successful & had lots of compliments thru the years on it's content. Jill will help with the transition to the Club but she does not have time to "teach a rookie"..... it needs to be done by Christmas or before. I will take applicants names and the Ex-Board will choose the most qualified person. Please call Carol Smith @ [509-884-3349](tel:509-884-3349) for more information.

For Sale

Lapidary saw with two 24 inch blades and one 20 inch blade. It is on a stand with casters, has been cleaned and in very good condition for \$1,725. Please call Greg Peek @ [509-548-4749](tel:509-548-4749) @ [509-548-4749](tel:509-548-4749)

October Minutes

Ginkgo Minutes Oct. 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Carol Smith, at 7pm.

Visitors were Kirk Laird, Teala Williams, and Carla B. Kirk & Teala paid their dues.

Our program for the evening was the annual rock auction. There were a lot of silent auction boxes and about 11 live auction items.

Kirk & Tabatha Holman provided the treats.

The Sept. minutes and Treasurer's report were bypassed.

Old Business – none

New Business – Carol has a schedule of times for our Christmas wrap fundraiser at the mall. Sign-up will begin next meeting.

Good of the Order – The November meeting will be election of officers and the program will be on Garnets.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Marcia Summers.

MEMBER MARKETPLACE

For sale, Looking for, Barter or Trade

Faceting machine, Ultra Tec V2, works good. They still make this machine & it comes with lots of laps, dobs, & stones to cut. Also comes with books, patterns, and a desk.

\$1900 or best offer, call Carl Anderson 509-663-9801

Finished Ellensburg Blue jewelry, and rough available. Prices depend on carats, weight & color, \$50-\$645. One rough was found Oct.2015 & is 146 carats, free of fractures & faults. An excellent stone @ \$15 a carats worth \$2200, Will sell for \$1500. Call 509-884-3349 please leave a message.

Rock saw for sale with 20" blade, with stand. Good condition for \$450 or best offer.

Call 509-8843349 to make arrangements to see this equipment.

Gitter-er-outta-here!! Flat Lap 18 inch, needs lots of work. ANY offer considered,

AND...Lortone arbor belt sander- just the arbor, the two wheels need replaced & a great deal for \$20 or best offer! 509-884-3349

Highland Park lapidary unit. Consists of two grinding wheels & two spares, one polish wheel and two sanding drums. Needs a hood and motor. \$35 or OBO. 509-884-3349.

Ray Tech 10 inch slab-trim saw, power feed. Good condition for \$295. Call either

Carol Smith 509-884-3349 or Dave Earhart 509-884-4667 to see the equipment.

Treasurers Report

Ginkgo Treasurer's Report Nov. 2016

Yes, the Ginkgo finances are in good shape at this time of the year. However, several items at the shop, wheels & saw blades, are scheduled to be replaced shortly. Another year's insurance is about due to be paid for 2017.

Savings Account	Beginning Balance	\$	9,790.47
	October Interest		1.74
	Rock Auction Funds		<u>719.50</u>
	Ending Balance	\$	10,511.71
Checking Account	Beginning Balance	\$	851.82
	Two Deposits		148.00
	Five Checks Written		<u>-148.55</u>
	Ending Balance	\$	851.27

We have another fundraiser coming up in December where the club does gift wrapping at the Wenatchee Valley Mall the week before Christmas. Shoppers donate funds for this service. Last year we took in around \$830.00. Carol needs volunteers to sign up for this activity.

Another note: We just received a check from Fred Meyer for \$27.44 which is the 3rd quarter Community Rewards payment from 10 member shoppers who are signed up on this program. Ask your friends/family/neighbors to sign up as this is a painless way to support our club.

Rock Auction Fundraiser Report

Rocks donated by Bob Witt	n/c
Rocks & equipments donated by James Hargrove	n/c
Rocks donated by a Chelan family	n/c

Expenses:

Shoebboxes & supplies (some boxes will be used for the next auction)	\$	70.82
Advertising		2.27
Transportation Costs		50.00
Rock Washing Pizza Lunch		30.27
Umpteen man hours		<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$	153.36

Income from Auction

Cash	\$	719.50
IOU		<u>37.00</u>
	\$	<u>756.50</u>
Net Income	\$	603.14
Sale of two pieces of equipments		<u>50.00</u>

Fundraising Total \$ 653.14

POLISHING TIPS THAT MIGHT HELP

Polish these rocks with Tin Oxide on leather:

Alabaster
Amber
Aventurine
Coral
Datolite
Epidote
Feldspar
Fluorite
Labradorite
Lapis Lazuli
Malachite
Moonstone
Nephrite
Obsidian
Rhodochrosite
Travertine
Turquoise
Variscite

Polish these rocks with Cerium Oxide on Canvas:

Agate
Chrysocolla
Glass
Hematite
Howlite
Jasper
Opal
Rhyolite
Sodalite

This information was taken from a number of bulletin exchanges and has been quoted from the Auburn Oregon Bin. Everyone has their own pet theories about polishing stones but most of us are willing to try something else. Enjoy!

If you have any contributions for this newsletter please email to: Christy Price, email address: igotrox2@gmail.com

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