

October 2015



The Petrified Digest

President's Message

Dear Ginkgo Members,

The year is nearly over and it's time for rock hounds to work inside on their rocks and other finds for the year. For new and veteran rock club members, if you haven't visited the Rock Shop, Fall is a great time to stop by and see the tools and resources that are available for you to use. The heated Rock Shop will be open on Saturdays, usually from 11AM to 2PM. The shop is located at Christy Price's home at 4325 Squilchuck Rd, Wenatchee. The rock shop is available for all Ginkgo Mineral Society members. Members pay a small fee to use the shop. If you are planning to stop in one of these Saturdays please give me a call to make sure someone will be there to open the shop.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Chelan County Fair and the Nason Creek rest stop fundraiser. I really appreciate it when members step up and help out with our activities and fund raising.

We have our holiday events coming up in November and December, so if you haven't volunteered for past events these two are easy and fun.

This Friday, October 16th we'll have our regular meeting followed by our Rock Auction so remember to bring cash or your personal check!!! Also it's time to nominate club members for the next year's club leaders.

I'm looking forward to see what club members found on the Red Top Field trip. I hear they did pretty good.

Ginkgo Club President, Bob Spurrier



Meetings

3rd Friday of the Month, 7PM
Douglas County Fire District No. 2
377 Eastmont Avenue
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

OFFICERS

President	Bob Spurrier	881-8096
Vice President	Roy Porterfield	679-2606
Secretary	Cheri McMillan	860-0009
Treasurer	David J. Earhart	884-4667

COORDINATORS

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Volunteers are needed! Coordinators needed for the following positions:
Field Trips, Program/Education, Social, Chelan County Fair Booth, Museum.

DUES:

Individual	\$20.00
Senior	\$15.00
Family	\$30.00
Lifetime (20+ yrs)	Free

TUMBLING GRIT FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Available at the monthly meetings

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.



Ginkgo Treasurer's Report, September 2015

The month of August was totally busy for everyone and the Ginkgo members were no exception. Our summer fundraiser at the Nason Creek Rest Area was a great success. Thanks to all of you who put in your time to man the free coffee and cookies handout. We took in around \$768 and had expenses of around \$68. On our last day at Nason Creek Roy and Margie Porterfield brought in the most donations with a very full donation jar. Thanks to Marcia Summers for heading up the volunteers, well done! Also, a big Thank You to Glaze Bakery for donating their leftovers! Stop in their store and buy yourselves a sweet treat! (And offer some more thanks, too.)

The club purchased a self-feeding 10" saw from Christy's family member for \$600. Thank you to Bob Witt and Christy for setting it up at the shop. The club also purchased several boxes of slabs & rocks from a sale in Chelan. These will be available at our club auction on Friday, October 16. No meeting took place in August, except for the picnic on Saturday the 22nd at the Rock Shop. Nine members were present and we had a great chicken & salad dinner! We sat around visiting & telling stories. Derrick and Penny Gould and Gary Rose have lived in Alaska & Colorado and shared memories.

David J. Earhart, Treasurer

Savings	
Beginning Balance	\$ 9,215.07
Deposits	
Shop Fees, Fred Meyer Rewards,	\$ 759.98
Nason Creek proceeds, interest	
Withdrawals	
Two withdrawals	\$ 900.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,075.05

Checking	
Beginning Balance	\$ 225.73
Deposits	
From savings and Nason Creek	\$ 1,015.60
Withdrawals	
Nason Creek supplies, picnic chicken, shop rent and saw	\$ 734.90
Two outstanding checks as of 08/31	\$ 272.80
Ending Balance	\$ 233.63



Ginkgo Treasurer's Report, October 2015

Savings: No change from last month except for adding \$1.44 in interest..

Checking	
Beginning Balance	\$ 506.43
Deposits	\$ 36.00
Withdrawals	
5 checks - Purchasing auction rocks Newsletter, postage, shop rent & fair host passes	\$ 397.60
Ending Balance	\$ 144.83



Red Top Field Trip, Saturday Sept. 26, 2015 : Another beautiful day in the woods. Yes, ten of our club members spent the time digging for "Thunder Eggs" and agates. Darrell Smith even found a small Ellensburg Blue nodule! Leave it to Carol & Darrell to pack out more rocks than anyone, as if they didn't already have enough at home! Other members digging were Kirk & Tabatha Holman, Doug Bramlette & Jayd Johnson and David Earhart & Marcia Summers. But the two "Kings of the Mountain" were Rich Congdon and Ron Payne, both of whom have been to Red Top over twenty times this year. See you all at the next club meeting on Friday, Oct. 16, at which time we'll be having our annual rock auction.

David J. Earhart, Treasurer

Upcoming Events:

November Meeting & Craft Fair— Friday, November 20

Make a little holiday cash by selling your own wares and handcrafted items!

December Meeting and Chinese Gift Exchange—Friday, December 18

Celebrate the holiday with your fellow rock hounds and enjoy trading and stealing during our Chinese Gift Exchange. Bring your favorite side dish and a fun gift!

Details on both to follow.



Bench Tips, By Brad Smith

DEBURRING A HOLE

When you drill a hole, there's usually a burr produced on the underside of the metal. Typically, burrs are removed by filing or sanding the area smooth, but doing it this way will put scratches on your piece that will have to be polished off.

A quick way to remove the burr is to grab a drill that's two or three times larger than your hole. Simply twist it in the hole to cut off the burr. I usually do this twisting by hand, but if you have many holes to do, it's easier on your fingers to put the drill into a holder like a pin vice.

CLEANING STEEL SHOT

Steel shot in a vibratory or rotary tumbler works great to burnish and shine your finished silver pieces. But a common problem is how to keep the shot clean. Carbon steel shot can get rusty if exposed to the air, and even stainless steel shot can sometimes develop a blackish coating that's hard to remove.

My solution of choice to clean the shot is Classic Coke. Just pour an ounce or two over the shot and let the tumbler run for an hour or so. A bad case might require a second cleaning. Some folks like to let the bubbles in the Coke dissipate before using it so that gas pressure doesn't build up in the tumbler barrel. I've heard that it's the phosphoric acid in Coke that does the trick.

While you're waiting for the shot to clean up, just settle back and enjoy the rest of the Coke.



"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" are available on Amazon





Upcoming Rock & Trade Shows:

Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club 50th Annual Show

October 24, 9AM-6PM & October 25, 10AM-5PM

Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Avenue, Canby, OR

Bellevue Rock & Gem Club Annual Show

October 24, 10AM-6PM & October 25, 10AM-5PM

Vasa Park, 3560 W Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE, Bellevue, WA 98008

Maplewood Rock and Gem Club Annual Fall Show

November 7, 9AM-5PM & November 8, 10AM-5PM

Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196th St. SW Edmonds, WA

Maplewood Rock and Gem Club Annual Winter Bazaar

December 5, 9AM-6PM & December 6, 10AM-5PM

Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196th St. SW, Edmonds, WA

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