

THE
PETRIFIED DIGEST



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MEETINGS

3rd Saturday of the month, 2:00 PM
Douglas County Fire Station, 377 Eastmont Ave, East Wenatchee

OFFICERS

President	Larry Shaw	884-0882
Vice President	Liz Forrer	662-1146
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COORDINATORS

Field Trips	Ron Gray 669-3106 / Larry Shaw 884-0882
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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

September		October		November	
4	(Holiday weekend)	2	Workshop or field trip TBA	6	Workshop open 10-3
9-12	Chelan County Fair	9	Workshop or field trip TBA	13	Workshop open 10-3
18	Regular Meeting	16	Annual Rock Auction, Wenatchee Library	20	Regular Meeting
25	Club Field Trip – Saddle Mtn - Meet 8 am Top Foods	23	Workshop open 10-3	27	Workshop open 10-3
		30	Workshop open 10-3		

ROCK SHOP HOURS: 10 am – 3 pm Saturdays, except meeting and field trip days.
Safety glasses required - dust mask recommended - paper towels requested
 Bob Witt opens the workshop at 10 am, and if no one is there at 1 pm he closes up – but give him a call at 669-0819 if you need to arrange later hours. ****Winter is coming – it's time to get started on Christmas gifts and other projects before it is too cold to work in the shop. Some of the equipment won't work properly when it is below freezing. ****

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Rock Hounds,

Our summer is almost over and it must have only been two months long! This past month has been full of activities, starting with the club's Potluck/Picnic and concluding with the Chelan County Fair booth activity.

The picnic was a relaxing day attended by over forty club members, and our Fair booth was well manned during all four days. Ed Poechmann won the Best of Show with his Tiffany style lamp shade and Bobby Allen won Best of Class for his petrified Eastern cedar wood bookends.

The club was given a wonderful personal collection of cut and polished rocks this past month. The donation is quite large and valuable. Pictures of the collection have been taken and the Executive group is proposing that any decision as to what to do next be made slowly and with as much input as possible. In the meanwhile, until a decision can be made, we have decided to rent a storage locker and store the collection for safe keeping.

Richard and Charlene Prevett indicated during our last meeting that they would be returning to Hampton Butte and the Burns Oregon area this month to rock hunt, and welcomed those wishing to tag along. It appears they may have over a dozen takers. Wanda and I will be among the pack and I've asked the Vice President, Liz Forrer, to fill in for me at our September meeting. The meeting has scheduled a very interesting program on fossils, which I'm sorry to be missing.

Keep Thinking about nominations for next year's club officers and I hope to see you at next month's Rock Sale.

Larry Shaw, President

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August Meeting Notes

There was no meeting in August, but the club enjoyed lawn games, great food and lots of tall rock tales at the annual picnic, held this year at Lincoln Rock State Park.

At right, Gayle Savage prepares to toss the tethered balls at the opposite goal frame to score points for her team. Several members enjoyed playing the game, with only a few near stranglings from the whirling ropes.

The potluck yielded the usual scrumptious assortment of dishes, along with fried chicken and beverages supplied by the club. There's no shortage of great cooks among the membership of this club!

SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

Liz Forrer reports that Larry Sink of the Lake Chelan Rock Club will present information on fossils and how to prepare them at the September 18 meeting. Says Liz, "I'm sure there will be lots we can learn from him."

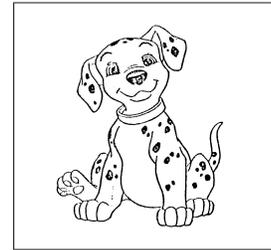
Also at that meeting will be a discussion with field trip coordinator Ron Gray on a possible early October rock hunt for latite, or picture stone. Several sites are under consideration.



ROGER, THE ROCKHOUND SEZ:

Saddle up for our last club trip to Saddle Mountain this year on the last Saturday of this month. You can get specimens for your winter projects, and of course tumbler material, along with great camaraderie and easily-accessible digging.

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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>

September 25-26 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Hellgate Mineral Society
16th Annual "Big Sky Rocks"
 Ruby's Inn & Convention Center
 4825 N Reserve, Missoula, MT

October 9-10 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5
Marysville Rock & Gem Club
36th Rocktoberfest Show
 Totem Middle School
 7th St. & State Ave, Marysville, WA

October 16-17 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Hells Canyon Gem Club
44th Annual Show "Gifts from the Earth"
 Nez Perce County Fairgrounds
 1229 Burrell Ave, Lewiston, ID

October 15-17 Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-4
Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club
53rd Annual Rock & Gem Show
 Free Admission - Gateway Mall
 3000 Gateway Street, Springfield, OR

October 16-17 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Billings Gem & Mineral Club
Gem & Mineral Show
 Billings Hotel & Convention Center
 1223 Malloweny Lane, Billings, MT

October 23-24 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5
Bellevue Rock Club
Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show
 Vasa Park, 3560 W. Lake Sammamish Blvd
 SE, Bellevue, WA (I-90 exit 13)

October 23-24 Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5
Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club
46th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
"Harvest of Gems in 2010"
 Clackamas County Fairgrounds Pavilion
 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR

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The following was submitted by member Marie Magnuson:

Hunting is Fun! Regardless of what you are looking for, it's fun! You don't know what you'll find under a tree or rock – or in a hole – maybe a piece of driftwood, pine cone, mushroom, seashell or wild berries --- or maybe a hermit.

A couple of our members found a hermit in a rock quarry, who took them under his wing and to a very interesting world of rocks, etc. He's a very interesting rockhound and a person who has hunted rocks in Africa, Afghanistan and many other places. When he can't find a place to keep them safe as he leaves on another trip he just digs a deep hole under a stump and caches his treasures in there. (I hope when he goes back he doesn't find a house built over them!) He's a very capable man who is smart, lively as a grasshopper and as sharp as a tack.

Happy Hunting and Good Luck!

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THANKS AND ALOHA TO THE OSIERS

Dennis & Ellen Osier are moving to Hawaii. They are great Club members, and have donated many hours to club events and activities. We wish them well!

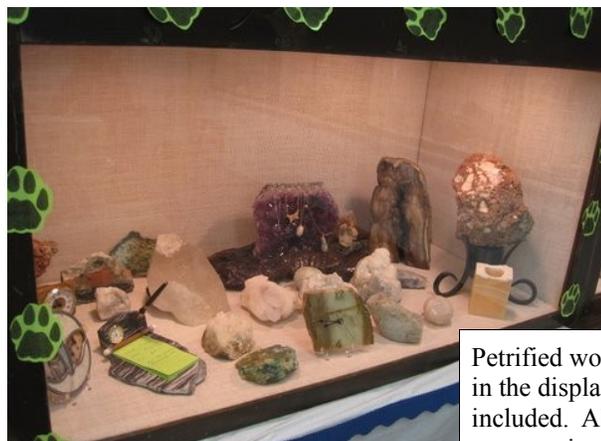
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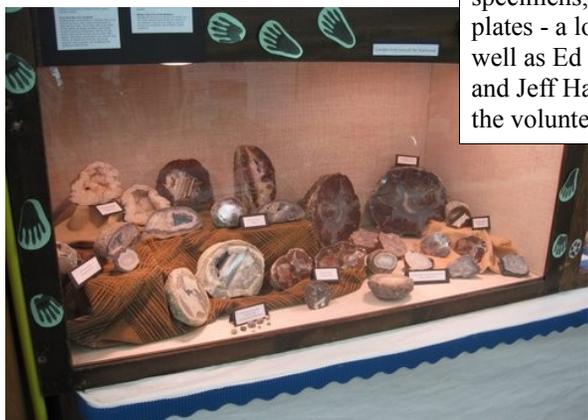
Ed Poechmann's Tiffany-style lamp won Best of Show



At right, the club's large specimen of petrified wood and a basket of tumbled stones to give away.



Petrified wood, geodes, agates and crystals were featured in a variety of ways in the display cases. A sampling of the recently donated rock collection was included. Also displayed but not pictured here were an educational presentation with stones and jewelry from Carol Smith's Ellensburg blue collection, a selection of Liz Forrer's rock photos paired with the subject specimens, and the fun "food" represented by various rocks served up on plates - a longtime favorite club display. Many thanks to Carol and Liz as well as Ed Poechmann, Richard & Charleen Prett, Larry & Wanda Shaw, and Jeff Hampton for individual case displays, and to Cheri McMillan and all the volunteers who decorated and staffed the booth.



ALERT! OCTOBER MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

The October meeting will take the form of the Annual Rock Auction and Sale, to be held in the meeting room at the Wenatchee Public Library, 310 Douglas Street, Wenatchee. The entrance is down a flight of stairs east of the main doors. An elevator can be accessed from the main floor of the library.

CLASSIFIED ADS

OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE GINKGO MINERAL SOCIETY

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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