

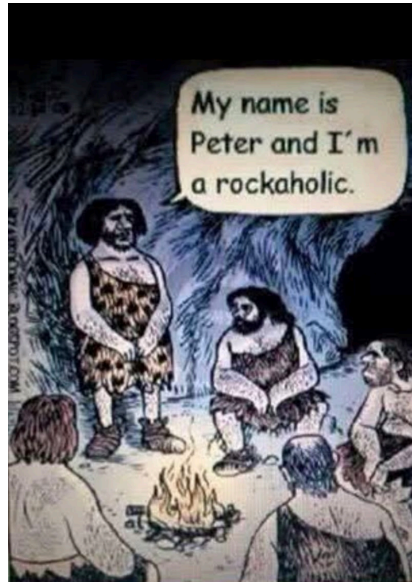
Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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The Petrified Digest

April, 2025



Monthly Board Meetings

The Ginkgo Mineral Society's Board of Directors meets monthly. The next meeting will be on May 5th at 6:00 pm at the church where we have our club meetings. If you would like to attend feel free to do so as all members are welcome. If you aren't able to attend but would like to present something that you would like the board to discuss, let Melisha know.

From the Scribe

GINKGO GENERAL MEETING

Ginkgo Meeting
3-21-25

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Melisha Maxey.

Minutes from last meeting need to be corrected. David's last name is Earhart, not Everhart. Minutes then approved.

Treasurer's report was read. We have 3 CD's totaling \$13,400.00. Savings account has over \$2,000.00 and checking \$6,389.00.

Equipment: Carl Pederson reported he replaced 2 wheels on one genie. Give him a call if you would like to have some cuts made. Pam Lander reported the trim saw problems were repaired by Jodi.

Facebook: Susan Oglebay and Melisha Maxey declined about 30 people who requested to be added to Facebook because they did not answer the questions. You do need to be a member to have access. They need a current member list to update who can be included.

Christmas Wrapping: Still looking for someone to volunteer to be in charge of this fund raiser.

Field Trips: Trip to Saddle Mountain tomorrow. They are meeting at Hobby Lobby at 9:00. Samples of Limb Casts and other specimens from Saddle Mountain were on the table.

Pam Lander will lead a trip to Ancient Lakes near Quincy on April 19th, the day after our next general meeting. Will meet at Hobby Lobby at 9:00 or 10:00. Time will be announced closer to the date. This is an easy walk.

Gold Show: The Gold Show will be April 12th and 13th. Pam Lander, Carl Pederson and David Earhart will be selling some of their jewelry. Our club will have a booth and will be selling raffle tickets for \$1. The specimen to be raffled off will come from the group's "stash".

Wire Wrap Class: Susan Overbay is offering wire wrapping classes. Classes of 3 for beginners, or one on one for experienced for more intricate wraps. Date will be set up for April.

Refreshments: Brenda Jackson still has openings for future meetings for refreshments. She was taking names to fill in where needed. Also went over the duties of clean up after our meetings.

Chuck Moving: Chuck Watkins is moving to Boise and was giving away his large map of Red Top. He also has a 14" drop saw for sale. Someone bought his Hi Tech saw but he could not remember who it was. He has the manual for it.

Show and Tell: Pam Lander: Specimens from Saddle Mountain
Jodi Rose: Garnets from Heather Lake, Thunderegg from Naches. She showed a Glass Cutter that is used to cut a groove in the side of a cab to put the wire in for wire wrapping.
Bob Grant: Pet Wood found on the surface at Saddle Mountain.
Ken Hemberry: A 3D printed saw acquired from Mike at the Kennewick Rock group.
Melisha Maxey: A large piece of Pet Wood found on the Waterville Plateau
Marsha Summers: Necklace.

NCW Sustainable Communities: The Wenatchee Museum sells handcrafted jewelry for a percentage of the costs. Contact them if you are interested.

Ed Hall: It was reported that Ed died while they were out of town. Helen will be returning to Wenatchee soon. No date yet for a memorial service.

Door Prize: Door prize went to Melisha Maxey.
The raffle prizes went to Melisha Maxey, Michelle Girard, Carol Lechner, Rick Lechner, Brenda Jackson, Rex Bodrero and Herb Diede.

Meeting ended at 8:47
Liz Hemberry, Secretary

New Website

Hello, as many of you are aware I am in the process of creating a new website. With an eye toward listening to all of our current members, as well as future ones, I would love your input in several areas. I would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to answer the below questions so I have more clarity about the best areas to focus on. You can bring your answers to our April meeting, email them to me at susand@mounet.com, or text them to 509-989-9282.

Here goes:

1. When you joined the rock club, did you have a primary interest, and if so, what? Have your interests expanded since then?
2. Why did you join the club (what did you hope to find)?
3. Is there anything you would like to see/do at monthly meetings?
4. Do you have skills/knowledge that you're willing to share with other members, especially new ones?
5. Are there any skills that you would like to learn?
6. What would you like to see on the website (Examples might be: articles about rock-related topics, information about local "rockhound" trips, photos of finds, (found or purchased).
7. Would you like a "name that rock" section where you could post a photo and others could try to help you identify it?
8. Would you like a blog that you can contribute to with varying topics, such as "cutting slabs," "creating cabochans", carving
9. How about a section with photos of identified rocks and (when possible) their original locations?
10. Anything else?

Thanks for taking the time to review the above—please let me know if there are any other ideas that I haven't thought of. And thanks to Ken Hemberry for putting this with the newsletter.

Susan Oglebay

Ginkgo Trip to Saddle Mountain March, 2025

We had a great turnout for the trip to Saddle Mountain to find petrified wood. The weather was very cooperative and there were lots of nice finds. We will bring specimens to the next meeting on April 18th. Those attending were: Brenda Jackson, Pam and David Lander, Rex Bodrero, Roger and Mary Gill, Rick and Carol Lechner, Rick Cenotto, Ken Sly, David Earhart, and Marcia Sommers. Thanks to Marcia for the writeup and to Carol for the photos below:



Field Trips

Saturday, April 19th.....Ancient Lakes.....Common Opal.....Led by Brenda Jackson.....Meet at the west end of the Hobby Lobby Parking lot in East Wenatchee. We will leave there at 9 am.

Saturday, May 10th.....Rufus, Oregon.....Picture Jasper.....Led by Rock and Sage Field Trips.....Meet at the Sherman County Rock Shop 462 South First, Rufus Oregon at 9 am.....This trip is a Rock and Sage Trip to a fee site. Liz and I will be going. If anyone wants to carpool, or if you have questions, let us know. (509-699-9450). This is an early bird trip as it is over 3 hours from Wenatchee. They would like to have participants arrive by 8:30.

Saturday, June 14th.....Naches...Thundereggs, Serpentine, Lilly Pads....Led by Jodi Rose....Meet at Hobby Lobby in East Wenatchee...Leave at 6 am.

Saturday August 9th.....Heather Lake Trail....Garnets.....Led by Jodi Rose.....Meet at Hobby Lobby....Leave at 9 am.

These are the scheduled trips at this time. However, we hope to add more. In addition to the newsletters, check our Facebook page for more details on these trips.

Upcoming Gem and Mineral Shows

25th Annual NCW Prospectors Gold and Treasure and More Show at the Fairgrounds in Cashmere. Saturday April 12th, 9 am to 5 pm. Sunday April 13th from 9 am to 4 pm. \$5 Admission, 12 and under FREE! Free sample of gold to the first 50 paid admissions! There will be at least four club members displaying their wares and representing the club. We have been to this show and really enjoyed it.

Yakima Rock and Mineral Club 62nd Parade of Gems at the Central Washington State Fair Park, Modern Living Building 1301 Fair Ave in Yakima. Friday April 25 from 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday April 26th from 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday April 27th from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission for an adult \$7, student \$2, under 12 free with paid adult.

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Show at the Benton County Fairgrounds, Building #21500 South Oak St, Kennewick. Saturday April 26th from 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday April 27th from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission \$5 (good for both days), 14 and under free with paid adult admission.

These are the upcoming shows through April that are located in Washington on the east side of the Cascades. If you want to see a list of all shows in Washington or in other states click on this link:
<https://xpopress.com/show/state/Washington>

Where's the Equipment

Several of our members have graciously provided homes for our shop equipment. They will make the equipment available to Club members by appointment so we can still cut and polish the stones we collect. Below is a list of equipment with phone numbers to call to arrange an agreeable time:
 Pam Lander: A Genie and trim saw 509-884-5135

Jodi Rose: A Genie and trim saw 509-763-9402

Carl Pederson: A Genie, an 18-inch slab saw (\$2.00 per cut), 10 inch slab saw, faceting machine 509-630-8239. If you need slabs or rocks cut contact Carl, he will cut them for you.

Marcia Sommers: A slant lap.509-860-7556

From the Vault

As of January 31, 2025

3 CDs.....	\$13,405.28
Savings Account.....	\$2,087.77
Checking Account.....	\$4,938.55
4 Deposits (Meeting, Memberships, Fundraising).....	\$1,793.84
3 Checks Written (Newsletter, Pizza, Books).....	(\$672.89)
Ending Balance.....	\$6,059.55

David's Notes

It's time to pay your membership dues for 2025. Members who haven't paid by the March meeting will be taken off the mailing/emailing list to receive the April newsletter. We hope that we don't have to do that as we appreciate your continuing support.

Individual: \$20.00

Family: \$40.00

Senior (one): \$15.00

Marketplace

		
Custom Ellensburg Blue Contact Carol Smith 509.884.3349 for some very reasonably priced items		

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.

We are a 501c7 organization and are not "charitable" in nature but are a membership organization formed to serve its own members. 501c7 organizations do not solicit charitable donations. As long as a social club is "organized for pleasure, recreation or other non-profit purposes" it can qualify as exempt from federal income tax.

Annual Dues: Individual-\$20.00, Senior-\$15.00, Family-\$40.00, Lifetime (20 plus years)-Free. Please mail your dues to Ginkgo P.O. Box 303, Wenatchee, WA 98807.

[Learn more](#)

Next Meeting:

April 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Presbyterian Church

200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes or photos

to: Lizhemberry@hotmail.com

Website: www.wenatcheerockclub.org

Facebook page: Ginkgo Mineral Society

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Carl Pederson..... Shop and Equipment..... 509-630-8239
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