

Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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The Petrified Digest

February, 2025



The January meeting featured our Annual Pizza Party. A good time was had by all. It's hard to beat good food and good friends!

From the Scribe

GINKGO GENERAL MEETING

1-17-2025

The meeting was called to order by President Melisha Maxey at 7:15.

Tonight was our yearly Pizza Dinner. We started the meeting with Pizza.

Rick Lechner provided tonight's program. He highlighted Quartzite, Az with a slide show and short YouTube video. Pictures were of the Pow Wow Rock Show which takes place in January each year with over 250 venders.

Show and Tell:

Diane Everhart, cufflinks with bloodstone and several Indian Necklaces.

R John Montgomery, various rocks off his job site near Quincy. Included Beacon hill Nodules, Crystals, and Agates. He suggested you make friends with the wheat farmers on the Plateau.

Raffle: Door prize was tubs of grit and went to Vickie Wright. Drawings of selected slabs went to Wanda Shaw, Carol Lechner, Melishia Maxey and Liz Hemberry.

David Earhart gave the treasurer's report. It was approved.

Herb Diede donated 5 Rock and Mineral books, free to members.

COMMITTEES:

Gift Wrapping: Pam Lander is stepping down but will still help. She needs a replacement for later this year. This is one of our largest income producers so we need it to continue.

Museum Coordinator: This position needs to be filled. The sign needs to be corrected.

Club Website: Susan Oglebay is interested in a class that will be offered at WVC on February 4th. She plans to take the class and see where that will take us. Currently the fees have not been paid and the site is not working correctly. There is also a problem with the password.

Chelan County Fair: We need to start thinking about what we can display and start tumbling rocks for the kids.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Prospectors Gold Show is coming up soon. It costs \$80 for a booth which the club pays for. We have had booths in the past. The show is April 12-13 at the Chelan County Fairgrounds. Some discussion about a raffle at the Gold Show but not sure what that would be. A show of hands showed 4 people interested in selling their products at the booth.

Call Carl if interested in getting slabs cut.

Estate sale in Everett on February 8th if people are interested in carpooling.

The meeting was adjourned.

Liz Hemberry, Secretary



Necklaces shown by Susan Everhart on the left.

Beacon Hill Nodule shown by R John Montgomery on the right.



Field Trips

A big focus for the club in 2025 is to lay out a schedule for field trips. The schedule is still being developed but we are happy to announce that our first trip of the year will be to Saddle Mountain on March 22nd which is the day after our March meeting. David Earhart will lead the trip. We will be meeting at the Hobby Lobby parking lot in East Wenatchee and leaving from there at 9 am to go find some pet wood. We will be posting this on our Facebook page as well, so look for more info there. Hope to see you on the 22nd.

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.**

65th Rock Rollers of Spokane, Washington Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show at the Spokane Fairgrounds, 404 N Havana St, Spokane. Friday March 28th and Saturday March 29th from 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday March 30th from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission \$12 at the door. \$11 for advance admission.

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>

On Line Sales

Liz and I were recently in Tillamook, Oregon where we purchased a used Richardson Ranch 12 Inch buffer. The seller also had a large inventory of finished and rough rocks and minerals. She will be liquidating all of her inventory over the coming months and therefore is negotiable on prices. She quoted me prices that I believe to be at or below wholesale. She will split the shipping costs. Here is the link to her Facebook Marketplace page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1ABNuD8t8i/> She only has a small amount of her inventory listed on here so feel free to inquire if there is something you're looking for. Also, feel free to make an offer.

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



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:

February, 22, 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

Club Officers

President..... Melisha Maxey.....509-885-2996
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Secretary..... Liz Hemberry..... 509-699-9450
Treasurer..... David Earhart..... 509-860-0988

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Pam Lander..... Grit..... 509-884-5135
Carl Pederson..... Shop and Equipment..... 509-630-8239
Melisha Maxey..... Rock Auction.....509-885-2996
Brenda Jackson..... Social Chairperson..... 509-884-5320
Susan Oglebay..... Club Website..... 509-754-2665
.....Museum.....Open
R John Montgomery.....Chelan County Fair.....509-860-2762
Ken Hemberry..... Newsletter..... 509-699-9450
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Christmas Wrap.....Open



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