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The Petrified Digest

June, 2025

Naches Field Trip, June 14, 2025



Jodi Rose will be leading a field trip to Naches on June 14th. We will meet at the Hobby Lobby parking lot at 6:00 AM. Pictured above are Thundereggs and a Lily Pad that were found by Jodi on a previous trip. Please note that this trip will be the Saturday before our next meeting rather than the day after. Thundereggs can be found on the surface or 18 inches down. Bring a shovel, a bucket a lunch and water. Serpentine can also be found. We hope you can make it. The trip will also be listed on our Facebook page.

Other Field Trips

July: Marcia Summers will be leading a trip to Red Top on Thursday July 10th. We will meet at the west end of the Big Lots parking lot at 9 AM. This will be a scouting expedition to try to relocate the site where Chuck Watkins found some awesome crystal filled geodes and some beautiful blue agate. It is a very short walk from where we will park to the site. Material can, can hopefully be found on the surface but some may choose to dig. You may want to bring a rock hammer, a chisel and a shovel or you may just want to focus on surface finds. As always bring a lunch, plenty of water and a bucket for your finds. This trip will also be posted on Facebook.

August: Jodi will lead a trip to the Heather Lake trail on August 9th to search for garnets. Meet at Hobby Lobby at 9:00 AM. Check out Facebook as it will be posted there as well.

May: Pam Lander led a trip to the Quincy Lakes to look for Common Opal on May 17th. Here is an account of the trip submitted by Pam:

We had a good time on the Ancient Lakes Trail. We left just before it started to rain. Seven club members joined in the fun; Rex Bodrero, Rick Cenotto, Lea Glenn, Brenda Jackson, Ariana Rahmani, Victoria Briseno, and myself.



Left to right: Rick Cenotto, Victoria Briseno and Brenda Jackson, Rex Bodrero

From the Scribe

GINKGO GENERAL MEETING

May 16, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Melisha Maxey.
Minutes from the
April 18th meeting were approved as written in the May newsletter.

EQUIPMENT: Carl Pederson reported all equipment is in good working order but not being used.

FIELD TRIPS: Quincy Lakes: Trip planned for tomorrow. A show of hands was taken of those planning to go. Little Naches: Jofi Rose is leading this trip scheduled for June 14th. She shared thundereggs and Lillie Pads for examples of what you would find. Meeting at Hobby Lobby at 6:00 am. The thundereggs can be found on the surface or about 18" down. Bring a shovel, bucket and lunch. Serpentine is also available.

GIFT WRAPPING: Still looking for a volunteer to organize this fund raiser.

NEWSLETTER: Ken Hemberry presented information on the cost of the newsletter and asked for approval from membership to change how the newsletter is printed and mailed. Currently Ken and Liz are printing from home and mailing it each month. The cost runs about \$80 per month, but the time for printing runs about 5 hours and folding and addressing envelopes takes another hour. They used to have Office Depot print them at a cost of \$188 per month plus mailing of \$45. There is a company in Cashmere, Cashmere Mailing House, that can do all of it at a cost of \$118. It was approved to print the next newsletter through the Mailing House.

OLD BUSINESS: Brenda Jackson thanked everyone that stayed to help with cleanup at the last meeting. Also a big thanks to members who have provided refreshments over the last few months: Marcha Summers, Liz Hemberry, Brenda Jackson, Carol Smith and Pat Russell.

DOOR PRIZE: Camille Leidigh was the winner.

RAFFLE: Herb Diede, Liz Hemberry, Lea Glenn, Diana Rhodes, R John Montgomery, Larry Shaw, Brenda Jackson and Chuck Leidigh were winners. Tonight's Raffle tickets took in \$109!

SHOW AND TELL: R John Montgomery shared buckets of rocks and sea shells he received from a cleaning lady who buys storage units.

Rex Bodrero shared a collection of items, not necessarily rocks, but made with or used ash from Mt St Helens' eruption 45 years ago.

Melisha Maxey had Common Opal. She shared a video of Ancient Lakes. She recommended watching You Tube shows: Currently Rock Hounding and Rock Hugger.

Chuck and Camille Leidigh shared a story about getting caught in Mt St Helens' Ash at their cabin in Montana for 2 weeks.

Meeting called to an end at 8:40.

Board Meetings

Board Meetings for the Ginkgo Mineral Society will be held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church where our Club meetings are held. All members are welcome to attend. If you have anything that you want the Board to address let Melisha know.

Upcoming Events

Annual Club Picnic and Auction

The picnic and auction is currently scheduled for August 19th at Walla Walla Park. Unfortunately, the covered shelter is booked and unavailable for that date. Therefore, we are looking at alternative sites. This will be discussed at our next meeting on June 20th. We are still looking for gems and mineral donations that can be auctioned off. If you have some things you are willing to part with, let Melisha know.

Chelan County Fair

The fair will be held from September 4th -7th this year. R John Montgomery has agreed to continue in the role of the Club's Fair Superintendent. However, we still need volunteers to work the club's booth as well as a clerk and perhaps people to judge lapidary entries. As always, we will be giving away tumbled rocks so we will gladly accept any you wish to donate. Please consider volunteering so that we can, once again, make our booth a success.

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 Summers: A slant lap.509-860-7556

From the Vault

As of May 1, 2025

3 CDs.....	\$14,735.92
Savings Account.....	\$2,087.31
Checking Account.....	\$5,171.40
1 Deposits (Memberships).....	\$135.00
4 Checks Written (Newsletter, Genie Repairs, Meeting, Office Supplies).....	(\$359.33)
Ending Balance.....	\$4,947.07

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.

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Next Meeting:

June 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Presbyterian Church

200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes or photos

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