

Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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The Petrified Digest

May, 2025

Meet the Members



Marcia at the Wild Turkey Mine

Marcia Summers grew up in Southern Washington near Bonneville Dam. She developed a love of horses early on and had an intense desire to own one. Unfortunately, her sister had the same desire. Their father decided that there was only room for one horse and that horse was to belong to Marcia's sister. They say that all good things come to those who wait and that was the case in this instance because a few years later her sister went away to college and, at the age of 12, Marcia assumed ownership of said horse.

Marcia told me that she always had an interest in natural things and that she first started looking at rocks at her grade school. She noticed that some of them were green and later learned that this was copper. She told me, "If I saw something pretty, I would pick it up."

As a youngster, she was active in 4H and regularly entered things in the local county fair. Of course, the horse was a big part of that, but she was also extremely interested in sewing and cooking. Marcia owned a horse off and on until a few years ago. She still loves to sew and to cook as well as knitting, crocheting, gardening, reading and photography.

Marcia was a longtime member of the Appaloosa Horse Club, a national organization. She participated in the weeklong Chief Joseph Trail Ride for 22 years. The ride retraced the route taken by the Nez Perce tribe in an attempt to avoid being relegated to a reservation. Her role was mostly that of support driver, carrying provisions that were needed for each night's camp.

Marcia attended Lewis and Clark College for a while and lived in Portland where she worked processing data. Later, she lived in Spokane. After relocating to the Wenatchee area, where she worked at the UPS Store. It was there that she met Carol Smith, who recently retired as the Ginkgo Mineral Society's President. This was around 2010. About 10 years ago, her partner, David Earhart, current Club Treasurer, decided he wanted to get involved in rockhounding. This sounded good to Marcia, so they began to attend Ginkgo Club meetings where she reconnected with Carol.

Among her favorite rocks and minerals are Petrified Wood, Crystals, Nodules found at Red Top, Ellensburg Blue and Montana Agates. She enjoys tumbling rocks, making cabochons, and wire wrapping. Most of the jewelry that she makes are necklaces but she has also wire wrapped a couple of rings. She loves to watch You Tube videos about rockhounding. Her favorite channels are Katy Did Rocks, Theo Kellison, Currently Rockhounding and Montana Rock Mom. If you haven't already, you should check these out.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that she is the proud mother of two daughters, Lori who likes to fish and square dance and Sheri who is, like her Mom, a rockhound! Marcia has been and remains a tireless advocate for the Ginkgo Mineral Society and an active member of the club's leadership. She is our current Membership Coordinator and has served in the past as the Secretary and the Editor of the Newsletter. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for all she has done and continues to do.

She told me, "I like to help with projects and fundraisers. Tell me when and where and I will be there."

From the Scribe

GINKGO GENERAL MEETING

April 18, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Brenda Jackson. Twenty people were present. There were no visitors. Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

We did not have a program scheduled for tonight. Rick and Carol Lechner donated a tv for use during programs, we now need members step up and do programs. What are your experiences? Anecdotes? If you don't share, the information gets lost.

BUSINESS MEETING:

David gave information on the Yakima Gem and Mineral show coming up in 2 weeks. He had a flyer that would save you \$1.00 on the entry fee.

COMMITTEES:

Christmas Wrap: We still need a person to take this project on. Even though Christmas is a ways away, there is work that needs to be done to set up the time and get volunteers signed up. The Mall will need to be contacted in September so we will need a volunteer to take charge by then! See Pam Lander for information.

Clean up: Brenda wanted to say thank you to everyone that stayed after the last meeting to help clean up.

Equipment: Carl Pederson reported he put some new wheels on one of the Genies. It is now in good working order if anyone wants to use it.

Trips: There was a trip planned for tomorrow, April 19 to Quincy Lakes. Pam Lander was not going to make the trip. so Brenda agreed to lead it. Appears that not many people are able to make it and more would be able to go on May 17th so the trip was rescheduled.

Other trips currently scheduled are:

Heather Lake: August 9th.

Little Naches for Ryolite and baby Thundereggs on June 14.

Information on trips will be posted on Facebook, including where to meet and the time.

Website: Susan Oglebay put a questionnaire in the last newsletter looking for ideas and thoughts for the website. She did not receive any responses. She needs help in designing the front page. Do we want section on fossils, crystals, slabs, what? What would you like to see or learn? Text or email her.

Raffle/gold show: Number of people attending the show has dropped over the last 2 years. There were 30 vendors attending. Ken Sly, Carl Peterson, Carol Smith and Pam Lander all sold their wares. The Raffle netted \$45 in ticket sales. The winner lived out of the area and part of the ticket sales went to postage.

Fair: R John Montgomery will be over seeing the fair again this year. We need projects and Polished rocks. Polished rocks need to be larger. There were concerns last year about having little kids putting the smaller rocks in their mouths and it becoming a choking hazard. We have 8 display cases. Volunteers?

Other:

Chuck Moser had a couple hundred rocks in his truck, free for who ever wanted them. He also had 2 rock hammers and magazines.

FYI: Lortone is going out of business. If you need to order from them better hurry and do it.

Door Prizes: Snowflake Obsidian went to Jody Rose.

Raffle drawings went to: Rex Bodrero, Brenda Jackson, Carl Peterson, Rick Cenotto and Mary Gill.

Show and Tell:

Jody Rose shared a product called "JettBasic" that can be used in jewelry making. (There are videos online to learn more about it). She also shared Fire agates from Saddle Mountain in Arizona.

Rick Cenotto Shared Pet Wood from his Saddle Mountain Trip.

Don Deycous told a story about one of his trips to Saddle Mountain:

"I was about ½ mile from the tower on the slope facing south. I like this area because it has pet wood with a red skin. There was a family next to me and it was clear they did not know what they were looking for. I called one of the little boys over and showed him a piece of pet wood I had just found and told him: This is what you should find. I am the first person in the world who ever saw it and you are the second person. A short time later, I saw a tip poking out and called him over. He uncovered it and I told him: you are the first person in the world to ever see this. He was so excited. I made him a rockhound."

Meeting ended at 8:34

Submitted by Liz Hemberry

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.

NCW Prospectors Gold Treasure and More Show

The Gold Show was held on April 12th and 13th. Once again the club had a booth. Members who participated were: David Earhart, Marcia Summers, Carol Smith, Carl Pederson, Pam Lander and Ken Sly. Below are a couple of photos provided by Marcia.



Field Trips

Saturday, May 17th.....Quincy 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. This trip was originally scheduled for April 19th but will now be May 17th.

Saturday, June 14th.....Naches...Thunderegg, 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 Events

Annual Club Picnic and Auction

The picnic and auction will be held at Walla Walla Park on August 16th. We will gather at 11:00 and will eat at noon. We are 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:

May 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes or photos
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