



PICK & SHOVEL

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MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

General Meetings:

Monthly meetings are held on the **third Thursday** of the month during February, March, April, May, September, October, and November. The January meeting is held on the **fourth Saturday** and also includes the Mid-Winter Rock Swap followed by a Club Supper. The December meeting is held on the **first Sunday** and includes the annual Awards Presentations and Potluck Christmas Party.

Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m. and adult meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House.

**Next General Meeting
October 17, 2019**

Board Meetings:

Most Board Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at the home of Vera Lyman, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Exceptions: If the first day of a month falls on Thursday, the meetings will be changed to the **last Wednesday** of the **previous** month. This allows a minimum of 10-days public notice of the meetings, per Corporation rules.

Next Board Meeting: November 6, 2019

Upcoming Activities:

October 17th- General Meeting

Jim Marburger will be giving the program on the use of vibrating flap laps. Jim requests that we bring plenty of questions.

Sunday, October 20th– Rock Party

– details in president’s message

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

by Charles “Wooly” Wooldridge

Fall is here! Summer went by so fast! Soon leaves will fall and complicate rock hunting as the leaves both cover and camouflage. This is the time I try to get as many trips in as possible before frost. Today Jackie and I will be joining Tom Sawyer of Bassett to excavate a couple of tortoises he found sticking up out of the bank of a nearby stream.



I was impressed at the last meeting with how many younger members are showing an interest in leadership of the club. By younger of course I mean under 50. It is a good sign that LGMC remains a healthy and vital part of our rock hounding community. Those of us who have been around a while, myself included, need to be open to new ideas congruent with the ever changing climate of today; environmental, political and social. A part of human nature is to be resistant to change until that change is experienced as superior. This avoidance of unnecessary risk helps us to feel safe and secure. But growth only comes about with a certain amount risk. By saying this, it is my hope that we all are willing to both look at new ideas and listen to why "we have always done it that way", with an open mind. By sharing our own experience and practicing acceptance of others ideas we can ensure our club provides opportunities to explore our hobby for many years to come.

Jackie and I will host the next Rock Party at our home (6115 Huntington Ave) on Sunday, October 20th. We'll start @ 5:00 PM. Brats, hot dogs and buns will be provided. Hopefully, weather permitting, we can have a fire. As per usual, bring a dish to pass and projects you would like to work on.

Just a reminder of how our elections work: At the September meeting a slate of possible officers and board members was presented as well as a call for nominations from the floor. In October, the list of nominees will be printed in the Pick and Shovel.

At the November meeting the nominees will be presented and nominations will again be accepted from the floor. After all nominees are accepted a closed ballot election will occur after which the results will be presented. The new Board will assume their duties January 1st. I hope this is a somewhat accurate picture as what to expect.

See you on Thursday the 17th!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Judith Bay

MINERAL MONKEYS

Greetings Juniors:

Here we are into October and one of my favorite months of the year, when on Halloween you can dress up as anyone or anything and go out trick or treating with your parents.



Remember to come dressed up at this meeting as your favorite Rock, Mineral or Fossil, and you could even WIN a prize for your costume. At this meeting we will be looking at Unit 3# Fossils. We all know what they are, so be prepared to give examples of what different types of fossils there is, and the many different places they can be found.

ROCK ON

Carolyn

SLATE FOR 2020 ELECTIONS

By Jayne Beer, Nominating Committee Chair

Nominations were accepted at the September General Meeting. Nominations will again be accepted at the November General Meeting, immediately preceding the elections. At this time, this is the slate of nominees for the 2020 Board of Directors:

President: Charles Woolridge
 1st Vice: Jayne Beer
 2nd Vice: Brett Jurgens
 Treasurer: Vera Lyman
 Secretary: James Marburger
 Board: Corey Beer
 Jeff Kubic
 Sharon Marburger
 Ed Ridge

Remember to bring a costume to wear as your favorite rock or mineral for the **COSTUME CONTEST** at the October meeting! There will be separate categories for both the youth and adult members. Your editor has fond memories of this tradition from over 30 years ago!

A Visit with my Mother

Decades of field work
 We harvested rocks, she said.
 North Dakota Farm

-Jacqueline Barnhardt

October Rock Party

Hosted by the Wooldridges

October 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

Picnic in the back yard

Host will provide brats, hot dogs, and buns.

Bring your complementary food items.

Bring your projects and equipment. Let it be known if you would like to have lessons on some aspect of the hobby. Wooly has some lapidary equipment available for use. See you there!



Upcoming Rock Parties

Sunday, November 24th @ 5:00 p.m. at The Jewelry Connection. Hosted by the Beer Family and Judith Bay. Theme will be soups– start thinking about what you are going to bring. More details to follow in the next issue.

Sunday, December 14th. Hosted by the Marburgers at their residence in Hickman. More information to follow.

Silversmithing classes

Tuesday Evenings

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**The Jewelry Connection Ltd.
 Indian Village Shopping Ctr.
 13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln**

Tuition: \$150 plus \$30 supply deposit

~~Session 1: Jan 8 – Feb 26~~

~~Session 2: Mar 5 – Apr 23~~

~~Session 3: Apr 30 – Jun 18~~

~~Session 4: Aug 13 – Oct 1~~

Session 5: Oct 8 - Nov 26

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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, September 4, 2019. Meeting held at the Lyman residence.

Meeting Called to order by First Vice President Jayne Beer at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Pat Dvorak.

Charles Wooldridge	President	Absent
Jayne Beer	1st VP	Present
Carolyn Ashmore	2nd VP	Present
Vera Lyman	Treasurer	Present
James Marburger	Secretary	Present
Corey Beer	Board	Present
Ed Dvorak	Board	Present
Brett Jurgens	Board	Present
Ed Ridge	Board	Present

Minutes of last meeting were handed out. Motion to accept the minutes by Brett, second by Ed D. Passed 7 yes.

Treasurer report given out. Motion to accept by Ed D., second by Carolyn. Passed 7 yes.

Old Business:

Report on Wyoming field trip. 27 people attended from the club. Many items were found. Bring some materials to the general meeting for display of the club trip for others.

Outreach by Corey Beer to the scouts for a program on the hobby was a great success and kept the attention of all that were present.

The Crawford Swap was attended by Corey Beer,

Brett Jurgens, and Charles Woolridge. A great swap to attend and partake in the field trips for Fairburns, agates, jaspers, and such.

New Business:

Sharon Marburger has retired from being the editor of the Pick and Shovel. Many thanks to her.

Brett Jurgens has offered to take up the editorship of the Pick and Shovel. September Issue will be under his leadership. At this time, submissions can be e-mailed to lgmc.editor@outlook.com. Deadline for submissions for the newsletter has been moved to the first of each month to provide extra time for the new editor. Brett is considering contacting the other Nebraska clubs in the MWF for possible information section in the P&S for announcements of their activities.

Trailer license has been obtained and Jim will update the trailer.

Carolyn Ashmore informed the board that she is going to retire from the Juniors Leadership in January or possibly May of 2020 depending on replacement of the position. Many thanks to her for splendid leadership in this program.

Nominating Committee is working on the new slate of officers for the club. The slate will be presented to the general membership at the September General Meeting. At that time, names to be added to the slate will be accepted. Jayne Beer is Chair of the committee.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. by Carolyn, second by Jim.

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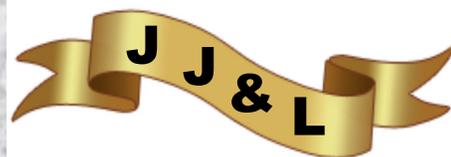
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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By James Marburger, Secretary

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. General Meeting September 19, 2019.

Meeting called to order by Charles Woolridge at 7 p.m.

Members present - 29 , Juniors - 9, and guests - 2.

Minutes of last meeting were printed in the Pick and Shovel. Motion to accept the minutes as published by Terry Anderson, second by Ed Dvorak. Passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Vera Lyman. Motion to accept report by Jayne Beer, second by Paul Ashmore. Passed.

Announcements: Omaha Gem show - Oct 5-6; Topeka, KS - Oct 12-13; and Des Moines, IA - Oct 19 -20.

Old Business:

Discussion on the President's Field trip to Wyoming. 27 members attended and collected materials from many areas. Thanks for all that attended. Many of the finds will be available to see after the meeting.

A big thank you to Sharon Marburger for her service as editor of the Pick and Shovel now that she has retired.

Brett Jurgens has stepped forward and will be the new Editor. Note: the September issue was his first. Please let's help him put out the P&S with many news articles and information.

Carolyn Ashmore is retiring from the Junior Leadership. At this time, Brett Jurgens and Corey Beer will be co-chairmen of the Juniors. Make yourself available to assist them.

New Business:

Rock Parties that have been set up are as follows: October 20 at 5:00 p.m. Hosted by Charles Woolridge, brats and dogs. November 24 at 5:00 p.m. Hosted by The Jewelry Connection, soups of the season. December 14 at 4:00 p.m. Hosted by the Marburgers. Something smoked.

Carolyn has been contacted by two clubs for an exchange of specimens program sponsored by the AFMS. She will be needing items to send to the participating youth exchanges. Notice of the items needed will be published in the P&S.

Nominating Committee:

President Charles Woolridge; 1st Vice Jayne Beer; 2nd Vice Brett Jurgens; Treasurer Vera Lyman; Secretary James Marburger; for the Board - Corey Beer, Ed Ridge, Sharon Marburger, Jeff Kubic.

Motion to adjourn the meeting and have refreshments and program by James Marburger, second by Ed Dvorak.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The following is taken from the Pick and Shovel archives. This article was originally published in the October 1969 issue, exactly 50 years ago.

SWAP AND FIELD TRIP REPORT -

Tod Ashmun and I took two trips of note. The first was to the Prairie Rockhounds SWAP at Lake Ogallala, near Ogallala, Nebraska. Much very fine material was being traded. Blue Forest wood from Wyoming was available and its quality was quite high. Fine woods from Oregon, Washington and Nebraska were also available. Lake Superior agates, Holmesville and Tri-State minerals, and crinoids were popular with our western Nebraska friends.

Tod came back with some nice micro-mount minerals from Kansas and Nebraska and I traded for much of the very nice cutting materials.

I was very highly impressed with the choice quality of materials available at the swap. Though newcomers to the trading game, the rockhounds at Ogallala came to trade rocks, and a very commendable job they did.

The following weekend, Tod and I ventured to eastern Iowa and western Illinois. We were guests of Mr. Mrs. Schroeder at Bettendorf, Iowa. The first day of collecting was at a secret gravel pit X-3-G, just between Duluth and New Orleans. Lake Superior Agates were running hot and heavy that day. At days end I had found 272 agates, but Tod turned in a rather amateurish performance, not doing nearly as well, with only a mere 267. (You'll improve with practice, Tod.) The following day, Tod, Janet Schroeder and her son Chris, and I visited the quarry at Oskaloosa, Iowa, to look for fossils. We found many nice blastoids and Janet was the blastoid champion, with a total of 9:3 for her days work. The blastoids are several species of Pentramites. We also found several crowns of the modulate crinoid Phanacrinus and the flexible crinoid Taxacrinus, and an unidentified camerate crinoid. We also found several complete specimens of the trilobite, Kaskia Chesterensis.

All in all, both trips were highly successful. We knew what we were going for and we found what we sought.

- Roger Pabian

Weeping Rock Wyoming

The green river slides
As the snake sleeps in the sun,
I dance in the sage

-Jacqueline Barnhardt

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership dues for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club are as follows:

- Adults (age 16 and over) - \$20 per year or \$30 per couple (within the same household)
- Juniors - \$3 per year (with a responsible adult)

All new memberships must be accompanied by a written application. Prospective members must gain Board approval and attend one regular meeting before paying dues. Applications are available on the website: <https://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/about/> membership, or you may contact Treasurer Vera Lyman for a printed copy.

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Swap—2020:

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2 years: Linda Guenter
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