

The Petrified Digest

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Orbicular Jasper



In Washington, Orbicular Jasper is found on the ocean shores and many of the creeks of the Olympic Peninsula.

May 2022

Next Meeting: May 20, 7pm
Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky East Wenatchee
See page 2 for coming program

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What's Coming at the next meeting

After cutting, shaping, polishing, or tumbling our stones, what to do with them? Susan Oglebay will talk about the wire wrapping she does with her stones. There will be an “interested” survey sheet at the meeting Friday. Class(es) would potentially take place in July. To the right are some less complicated samples that demonstrate the skills she will teach.



From Atop the Rock Pile

Happy Spring to all of you rockhounds. I've been busy rounding up programs for our Club to learn and enjoy. It can be a challenge to say the least.

Please check the shop hours posted here in the newsletter as they have been changed. As I get more info on who can “man” the shop, I'll pass it along to you on our Facebook page.

We have some nice donations for our yearly auction. I'll be sorting and cleaning them in the next few weeks. Pam Lander just recently dropped off buckets of cool rocks for the event. Thanks Pam!

Also we need tumbled rocks for the Chelan County Fair. If you would consider tumbling some, the Club will furnish the grit free of charge. Let me know at our May meeting.

'Til then here's the ole farmer's advice, “If you git to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.” (or cat)

Carol Smith
President



From the Scribe

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Smith at 7:10 pm.

Carol Smith welcomed new members and visitors.

Program for the evening:

Richard P. brought samples and reported on petrified wood of many colors, crystals, and jasper from Hampton Butte and Smokey Butte. They are located about an hour from Prineville, Oregon. A map of the area can be purchased through the Prineville Chamber of Commerce for \$4 plus shipping. Obsidian and mahogany obsidian can be found by digging but float is also readily available on the ground. Richard uses a kit which is a backpack with tools. *Gem Trails of Oregon* has good information on this site. Spring is the best time to go (6,000 ft elevation). Smokey Butte is about 1.5 miles from Hampton Butte. Caution: the area contains clay so is treacherous driving when wet.

Bob G. showed samples and gave information on obsidian materials from the Glass Buttes area in Oregon. Great material can be found on Mahogany Hill. He was able to fill 2 packs in a short period of time from material picked up from the ground. While there, Bob got some instruction and bought some tools to make arrowheads. He reported that anyone can go at anytime. There is a map where private claims are marked and many are posted in the area.

David E. reported on the trip he and Marcia S. took to Arizona early this spring. They purchased several samples from a rock shop in Holbrook and he even got some stone eggs.

Pam Lander brought samples of leaf fossils found on the field trip to Dry Gulch.

Pat R. showed samples of pistachio aragonite she obtained from a rock show. The material is beautiful but is a mixture of hard and soft so it is hard to work and to shine.

After a break for refreshments the **Door Prize and Raffle** drawings took place.

Prizes were won by Helen H., Richard P., Rex B., Michelle G., and Ed H.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the March minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. David stated the Executive Board approved an increase of \$5 per membership type for next year. There will be an April 30th cut-off date for the payment of annual dues.

Committee Leaders Reports

Shop: There was a general discussion on what days and times the shop will be open. It was suggested there be a minimum of two trained workers in the shop when open. (Ed: A revised schedule of when the shop is open will be published on the Facebook page.)

Nason Creek: David E. gave an update on the Nason Creek fundraiser. Volunteers are encouraged to carpool and the driver will be given a \$20 honorarium for fuel.

Field Trips/Activities: Helen H. said several April field trips had to be cancelled because of (poor) weather conditions. Everyone needs to be flexible on scheduled field trips this time of year. She will publish the May trip calendar soon.

Old Business: Carol S. has checked with the Fire Station several times to see if we can hold our monthly meetings there again. They will keep her informed.

New Business:

Carol S. said there will be a Porta Potty installed at the shop.

There was general discussion about the possibility of changing the monthly meeting day from Friday to a week night. If the day is changed, meeting location availability will also have to be considered. No decision was made at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm

Carol Turner
Scribe

From the Vault

CD	As of 4/30/2022	\$10,056.22
Savings Account	4/30/22	\$1,798.48
Checking Account	4/01/22	Beginning Balance
	5 Deposits	Memberships (14), shop fees, raffle
		364.00
	9 Checks:	Newsletter, Club banner, 3 chairs, Genie wheels, 2 books shop rent, Fed 990 fee Nason Creek donuts
		<u>(1064.14)</u>
	4/30/22	Ending Balance
		\$1,870.32

David Earhart
Treasurer

David's Notes

Nason Creek Rest Stop Fundraiser: Coffee & cookies for rest stop travelers took place Friday PM through Monday PM April 29th to May 2nd. Here is the schedule and tally:

David E & Marcia S	Friday PM & Saturday AM	\$80.00
Ed H, Helen H, and Lea G	Saturday PM	169.55
Carol S & Pat R	Sunday AM	98.00
Michelle G & Ozzie R	Sunday PM	202.00
Dan H & Dena H	Monday All Day	<u>128.60</u>
	Gross Total	\$678.15
Expenses		122.15
6 driver Board Approved honorariums		<u>120.00</u>
	Net	\$436.00
More details:		
Supplies coffee, creamer, etc		\$94.25
Glaze donuts		<u>27.90</u>
		\$122.15

Donations::

Cookies: Brenda J, Cheri M, Pam L, Marcia S, Helen H, Carol T, Dena H

Crunch Pack: Apple treats

Franz Bakery (Ozzie R): cookies, bagels, and other snacks

Thank you to all for your donations of time and treats!

Here is the list of folks who have paid. If you don't see your name on this list, contact David.

Allen, B	Everhart, D	Lander, P	Reynolds, B
Anderson, S	Feiten, W	Lechner, R	Reynolds, L
Ballinger, M	Findley, M	Marconi, T	Rhoades, D
Beach, C	Frederick, A	McGaha, C	Rose, J
Bodrero, R	Giard, M	McKay, S	Russell, P
Bramlette, D	Gill, R	McMillen, C	Shaw, L
Burke, J	Glenn, L	Merriel, L	Silva, L
Clausen, C	Godfrey, W	Montgomery, R	Sly, D
Clark, N	Grant, R	Mosher, C	Sly, K
Clausen, C	Griffith-Schnelle, J	Nelson, G	Smith, C
Congdon, R	Hall, H	Oglebay, S	Smith, P / Ward, M
Conrad, A	Hammond, T	Payne, R	Spurrier, B
Dambacher, L	Hampton, P	Pederson, C	Stanford, G
Danielson, C	Hansen, D	Pinger, K	Summers, M
Day, L	Hanson, D	Porterfield, R	Trepanier, P
Deycous, D	Jackson, B	Powney, T	Turner, C
Douglass, S	Jones, A	Prang, T / Pinnix, J	Tvergyak, P
Earhart, D	Jones, G	Price, C	Watkins, C
Engley, J	Kissler, A	Reeves, O	Witt,

This will be your last newsletter if your name is not on the active membership list by May 31.

Off the Beaten Path

Greetings All,

Lots of exciting trips are on the calendar for May. You can view the calendar on our Facebook page or in the WhatsApp. The month of May includes: First Creek, Red Top, Ellensburg, and Ocean Shores. In June we will have trips to Idaho, Oregon, and local trips like Quartz Creek and the Wild

Turkey Mine. If you have ideas, please message me or call me. I am also at our monthly meetings and would love to meet with you. Please do not be shy. Your involvement is important to me and the Club.

Also if you are planning a rockhounding adventure on your own, please post it on our Facebook page and the WhatsApp so other members can join you. It will make it more fun. Sharing is caring.

Happy Hounding.

Helen

Shop News

There is a \$2.00 fee to use the shop – that includes the Genies, trim saws, and the blue slab saw. There is an additional \$2.00 per cut for using the large slab saw.

Several folks are being trained to operate the equipment at the shop so the shop can be open more days and times. Here is the list so far for the next several weeks:

Saturday, May 21	10-2	Pam Lander
Wednesday, May 25	4-8	Jodi Rose
Saturday, June 4	10-2	Pam Lander
Wednesday, June 8	4-8	Jodi Rose
Wednesday, June 29	4-8	Jodi Rose

As more folks are trained and have keys to the shop, here are some reminders of the responsibilities. If you open the door:

You are responsible for all activities in the shop.

You are responsible for collecting the shop fee, grit purchase fees, and any fees for the big saw.

You are responsible for making sure folks clean up after themselves.

You are responsible for recording on the yellow tablet any issues that need fixing.

You are responsible for locking the door.

The Ginkgo Club workshop is located at Christy Price’s home: 4325 Squilchuck Rd., Wenatchee. Christy asks that we don't use the shop on holidays but any other time is fine. Check the Ginkgo Mineral Society Facebook page to see if someone may be opening the shop. Club officers and the shop foreman have a key to open the shop.

How to Make a Cab Class

Five folks have taken the 4-hour class on making a cab. They selected a slab, layed out the design, trimmed the rock, and then shaped and polished their projects. Two more folks are scheduled for the class after the newsletter deadline so their pictures will be posted to the Facebook page.



Paul Tvergyak



Megan Findley



Phillip Trepannier



Chris Clausen



Jodi Rose

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Grit for club members



Graded 30	\$4.00 lb
Ungraded 60/90	\$4.00 lb
Graded 220	\$4.00 lb
Graded 600	\$4.00 lb
Polish	\$7.00 lb



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.

Dues: Individual—\$20.00 Senior—\$15.00 Family—\$30.00 Lifetime (20+ years) - Free

Please mail your dues to Ginkgo P.O.Box 303, Wenatchee, WA 98807

Club information cards are available to handout to folks who show interest in our hobby. See David Earhart for cards to carry with you.

Washington State Mineral Council For more information:

mineralcouncil@zoho.com or <https://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com>

April 2022 22 nd 10-4 23 rd 10-5 24 th 10-4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	59 th Parade of Gems Adults – \$6 Students – \$2 12 & under – Free	Central Wa State Fair Grounds Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima, WA 98901
May 2022 28 th 10-6 29 th 10-5	Everett Rock & Gem Show	67 th Annual Show New Location	Evergreen State Fairgrounds 18359 Cascade View Drive Monroe, WA
June 2022 3 rd 10-5 4 th 10-5 5 th 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	“Come Rock with Us”	Swiss Park 9205 198 th Ave East Bonney Lake, WA