

# The Petrified Digest

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*Wenatchee Valley on an early September morning.*

*Average high temp - 78*

*Average precipitation - .30 inches*

*Named after the Wenatchi Indian tribe*

**Next Meeting:** September 17  
Presbyterian Church  
200 S. Kentucky East Wenatchee  
**Look what's coming**  
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**Face Book page:** Ginkgo Mineral Society

## From Atop the Rock Pile

Greeting Rockhounds,

Fall is upon us and we still have some wonderful field trips planned. September 18 there is a field trip to look for Columbia Basin agates near Pasco. September 26 is a field trip to the Cashmere Museum led by Tom Prang. The first weekend of October, the Wild Turkey Mine will be open again if any of you who missed it would like a chance to attend.

See you at the meeting this coming Friday at 7 pm at the Presbyterian Church in East Wenatchee.

President,  
Steven Douglass



## From the Scribe

There were not any visitors.

The program was show and tell. Tabatha Holman showed some finds from Arizona, Petrified wood and Fire Agates plus more. Marcia showed Wild Turkey Mine finds of Noble Serpentine and bucket finds from a mine booth bucket. David showed finds from Wild Turkey Mine as well.

Ron Payne talked about ways to seal cracks in rocks with acetone and 2 part Epoxy. Also, Ron talked about the blue rocks at Wild Turkey Mine explained layers in the rock walls people dug in. Steven talked about Wild Turkey Mine and possibly going back someday. Chuck Mosher talked about things to do to organize rocks for price. Also Chuck showed a piece purchased from a booth at the side of the road at Lake Chelan from a Coresite Mine, a nice mining ample showing crystals. Dan showed 2 pieces for the upcoming live club rock auction in October.

Bob read the minutes from last month.

David read the Treasurer's report and then chatted about different ways to make money for our rock club next year.

Randy Lewis talked about a salmon cook out on Saturday, the 18th at 12pm to 4 pm. Cashmere museum discount cards.

Tom Prang will be doing a tour of the Cashmere Museum - we are waiting for the date. A lot of members expressed interest in participating in the tour. There will be a silent auction at the end of the tour.

Dan talked about the Chelan County Fair and asked members to please sign up for putting your rocks and stuff in the Fair display cases and also signing up for times to man the booth. Marcia explained how to put your jewelry or polished rocks or other things made with rocks in for being judged.

Steven talked about Facebook stuff and what we need to do to make it better. Will explain more later.

The club's next outing is hunting garnets at Heather Creek Lake Trail on Sept. 18th. at 8am. Steven talked about the tools needed and how to find garnets.

September, the day after our club meeting our club is going to Fir road for finding agates and other stuff.

Secretary  
Bob Spurrier

## From the Vault

CD			\$10022.45
		Third quarter interest	<u>\$11.37</u>
			\$10,033.82
Savings Account with interest			\$1,797.81
Checking Account	8/01/21	Beginning Balance	\$1,130.46
		4 Deposits	274.00
		(memberships, shop fees)	
		Newsletter printing	<u>(473.23)</u>
	7/31/21	Ending Balance	\$931.23
5 checks (newsletter, grit, meeting supplies, business cards, grit containers)			

Treasurer  
David Earhart

## David's notes:

We currently have 63 individual/family memberships. Good job Ginkgo! Now we may be able to have regular monthly meetings and field trips. Marcia and I are vacationing mid-September to the first of October. We'll miss the September meeting.

David

## Look What's Coming

**Friday, September 17** is the regular monthly meeting. This will be held at the Presbyterian Church on south Kentucky starting at 7 pm.

**Saturday, September 18** is a field trip to search for Columbia Basin agates near Pasco. Meet at the Hobby Lobby parking lot for an 8:30 departure. The drive is a little over 2 hours. Bring: food, water, jacket, cap or hat, gloves, hammer, small pick or 3-prong garden tool, bucket, screw driver, garden weed sprayer, and footwear that will support your ankles. No pass or fees are required. More information is available on the Ginkgo Facebook page.

**Sunday, September 26** Tour the Cashmere Museum on Sunday, September 26 at 1pm. Tom Prang will be our guide. The Museum will have a silent auction at the end of the tour. Tom says there will be very special rocks. We'll meet at the Museum at 1. On a side note: Aris Frederick recently visited the Douglas County Museum in Waterville. He reports the museum has a fantastic rock display and it is well worth the trip up there. He says they even have their own meteorite!

## Birthstone for September – very confusing

September has been assigned more different birthstones than any other month of the year. Agate, moonstone, zircon, sardonyx, and lapis have all been designated the September birthstone. And peridot was the September birthstone until it was reassigned to August back in 1912. So that leaves sapphire as the birthstone for both the Traditional and Modern List. Sapphire comes in many different colors so jewelers have designated Cornflower Blue sapphire as the official birthstone for the month. The traditional blue sapphire represents loyalty, wisdom, truth, sincerity and faithfulness both in religious matters and in personal relationships which is why it is most frequently used in engagement rings.



## Market place



Genie – like new, completely restored. A very good machine \$1425.00



Richardson Buffer – ½ hp 120 vac motor. 12-inch leather buffing disc. \$345.00



Richardson High Speed Dry Sander ½ hp 120 vac motor. \$445.00 Uses a 7-inch silicone carbide paper disk available from Richardsons at 541.475.2680

Contact Don Deycous at 509.754.2946 if you are interested in these items.

## Chelan County Fair

The results of the Fair are in. Here are photos of the entries with their respective awards. Congratulations to all for the great work presented to the public. Hopefully next year we'll have even more items to show the beautiful things we do.



Pam Lander



Pam Lander



Marcia Summers



Dan Hanson



James Drinkle



Elizabeth Drinkle



Thank you to Marcia Summers for posting these photos of the display cases on our Facebook page.



## Officers

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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.**

## Shop Talk

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.

**Washington State Mineral Council** The last information I have comes from a May newsletter so please verify before scheduling a trip to a show. For info contact Ed Lehman at [wsmced@gmail.com](mailto:wsmced@gmail.com) h#425.334.6282 c#425.760.2786

September 2021 25 <sup>th</sup> 10am-5pm 26 <sup>th</sup> 10am-5pm	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	Annual Show \$5 adults, 12 & under free	Fair Grounds 1500 S. Oak Kennewick, WA
October 2021 1-3 Opens at 10am	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show	41 <sup>st</sup> Annual \$7, 12 & under free w/ adult	Wingspan Event Building Hillsboro, OR