

Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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The Petrified Digest

January, 2026



Pizza Party

Please join us at our next meeting on January 16th at 7:00 PM when we will do all the things we usually do-plus eat pizza! The club is providing the pizzas and the drinks. The only thing required from you will be your presence. The picture above is from last year.

Membership Dues

It's that time of year where I have to remind those who haven't done so already to please pay your dues. You can do so by sending a check to P.O. Box 303, Wenatchee, Wa, 98807. Or by paying in person. Dues are:

Individual: \$20

Family: \$40

Senior (one): \$15



Christmas Party 2025

As always, we celebrated Christmas with a party! There was a lot of good cheer and good food. The club provided the ham which was prepared by Pam Lander and the members brought side dishes and desserts. Pictured below, left to right are Marcia Sommers, Melisha Maxey and Carol Lechner.



The highlight of the evening had to be the gift exchange. There were a lot of nice gifts that were given out like the one below that was taken home by Vicky Brisbeno.



As a result of the gift exchange, R John Montgomery is now well equipped for cutting and grinding. I said he looks like Darth Vader. He replied, "I think it's more of a Dexter outfit." Now that's funny.



Unfortunately, the gift exchange didn't go as well for some as it did for others. Ari Rahmani was the first to select a gift which was promptly stolen. The same thing happened with the next gift she selected and the one after that and the one after that.



Ari wasn't the only one who had gifts stolen repeatedly. Bob Spurrier also suffered the same fate.



Since Ari was the first to select, she had the last chance to steal a gift from someone else and she did by stealing from Bob. This left Bob with the last gift on the table. I have to say that I felt bad for both Ari and Bob as their gifts were being stolen but I also have to admit that this was the most entertaining gift exchange that I have witnessed.

Christmas Gift Wrapping

This was the first year that Carol Lechner served as the club's gift wrap coordinator. Along with her many volunteers, she did a great job. Below is a report from her:

Our Christmas wrapping project of 2025 is a wrap. We grossed a little over \$1000. Expenses will be taken out before we have a final income total. The first two days were slower than last year with the final two days comparing closely to last year. The types of gifts ran to the large and bulky. We really used the boxes that were donated. Please save up again for next year. A big thank you is due to all who volunteered for duty; Carol Smith, Pat Russell, Pam Lander, Carl Pederson, Liz Hemberry and her young helpers, Roger Gill, Jodi Rose (who also brought us sweet treats on Wednesday), Chris Clausen, Marcia Summers, Brenda Jackson, and Carol Lechner. Pam and

David Lander also provided logistics support; lending knowledge, hands and truck transport to the effort. Thank you to all our workers

Below are some of Carol's crew busy wrapping. Behind the table are Pat Russell and Roger Gill.



Upcoming Programs

- January 16, 2026: Practicing Safety on Rock Hounding Trips: Erick Westphal
- February 20, 2026: Red Gulch Dinosaur Track Site in Wyoming: Carol Lechner
- March 20, 2026: Stone Intarsia, Cutting and Fitting Small Stones to Create Unique Designs

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 July 1, 2025

3 CDs.....	\$14,883.21
Savings Account	\$2,087.48
Checking Account as of 6-1-2025.....	\$4,646.36
1 Deposits	\$70.00
1 Check Written	(\$50.00)
Ending Balance.....	\$4,666.36

Marketplace

		
<p>Custom Ellensburg Blue Contact Carol Smith 509.884.3349 for some very reasonably priced items</p>		

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:

January 16, 7:00pm
Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes or photos
to: Lizhemberry@hotmail.com
Website: www.wenatcheerockclub.org
Facebook page: Ginkgo Mineral Society

Club Officers

President.....Ken Hemberry.....509-264-7033 or 509-699-9450
Vice President..... Pat Russell..... 509-421-1307
Secretary..... Melisha Maxey... .509-885-2996.....
Treasurer.....Liz Hemberry..... 509-699-9450

Coordinators

Marcia Summers..... Membership..... 509-860-7556
Pam Lander.....Grit..... 509-884-5135
Carl Pederson.....Shop and Equipment..... 509-630-8239
Melisha Maxey..... Rock Auction, Museum.....509-885-2996
Brenda Jackson..... Social Chairperson..... 509-884-5320
Susan Oglebay..... Club Website, Facebook..... 509-754-2665
Ken Hemberry.....Newsletter and Programs..... 509-699-9450
Carol Lechner.....Christmas Wrapping.....307-349-4360
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