

# Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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## The Petrified Digest

August, 2025

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**Club Auction/Picnic 8-16-2025**  
Photo below is from our 2024 picnic



The Above Photo is from Last Year's Picnic

Come join us for our Annual Picnic/Auction on August 16th at Walla Walla park at covered area #1. This is next to the Volleyball Court. We are scheduled for 10:00 to 2:00. We have to be out by 2:00 for the next group. The Club is providing chicken, bottled water, utensils and napkins. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. If you would like something other than water to drink, you will need to bring that.

There will be a silent auction where people can bid on various items. As she did last year, Melisha Maxey will call the main auction. Be sure to bring some cash or your check book so you can bid on the item or items of your choice before they are going, going, gone!

Brenda Jackson will oversee the buckets with lids that are filled with rocks and minerals. These can be purchased for \$5, limit of one, first come first serve. If you wish to buy one you will need to pay on the day of the picnic. Sorry, no holds, no credit.

A big thanks goes out to Melisha, Brenda, Marcia Summers, Pam Lander and anyone else who helped to make this event happen. Please be aware that there will not be an August meeting, instead we will enjoy good food, good friends and an awesome auction! Hope to see you there!

### Red Top Field Trip

**Trip participants, top row, left to right: Nik Brown, Rick Cenotto, Marcia Summers, Brenda Jackson. Bottom left corner: Sheri Summers (Marcia's daughter)**



### Seek But No Find

A small group of explorers headed to Red Top on July 10 to search for the elusive pile of agates reported by Chuck Watkins. Our directions weren't the clearest but we thought we must be close. At one point I had one bar of cell service so I called Chuck and he answered! We got another set of instructions and then it dropped.

Looked there - nothing. I texted and got another couple of clues – nothing. I think we turned our trucks around at least 4 times! We ended up at the lower dig and had lunch and found a few treasures. In spite of not being able to find the agates at the mysterious site we had a fun day. Thank you, Chuck, for trying to help. Despite not finding Chuck's spot, I'm not ready to give up. The people on this trip said that they would go with me again!

Marcia Summers (Trip Leader)

### Heather Lake Trail Trip

Jodi Rose led a trip up the trail to Heather Lake on August 2nd. The group was in search of garnets that can be found in the Lake Creek which flows out of Heather Lake. Those who accompanied Jodi were: Chris Clausen, Benda Jackson, Vicki Bribeno, Erick Westphal, and Rick Cenotto. Below is a report from Jodi.

We all had a fantastic day. It was a beautiful walk and everyone found treasures. Chris and Vicki even went for a swim in the creek. There were quite a few unexpected obstacles on the trail that made it tricky at times but we all made it.

Jodi Rose

Left to Right: Jodi and Brenda in the Creek, Garnets, Chris and Brenda on the Trail



## 2025 Field Trips

I would like to acknowledge those who lead field trips this year. They were: David Everhart, Saddle Mountain (Pet Wood), Pam Lander, Ancient Lakes Trail (Common Opal), Marsha Summers, Red Top (Agates, Thundereggs), and Jodi Rose who led a trip to Naches for Thundereggs, Lily Pads and Serpentine. She also led the above mentioned trip up the Heather Lake Trail to seek garnets. Please join me in thanking them for leading these trips. It is greatly appreciated! At this time we don't have any other trips planned but you never know. Perhaps one of you would like to lead one.

## 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.

At this time we still need volunteers to man the Club's booth during the timeframes listed below:

Thursday September 4th, from 5:00 PM till close.

Friday September 5th, from 1 PM to 5 PM and from 5:00 PM till close.

Saturday September 6th, from 5 PM till close.

This leaves us with 7 time slots covered but 4 still open. Please consider volunteering. It would be greatly appreciated!

For those who are working the booth, we will have a Genie set up so we need people to demonstrate cabbing or other things. We could also use some slabs for cabbing demos.

As mentioned above, Marcia Summers is our Fair Clerk. She has been doing it for quite some time and would like to step down, so we need someone to take over for 2026. Ideally, that someone would spend time with her at this year's fair to learn the ropes. Her number is: 509-860-7556.

R John has scheduled a work day on August 24th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We have some people signed up to help but we could always use more. Also, those who are going to have a display case can set it up on the 24th or wait until September 3rd. We still have some display cases to fill. This is a great opportunity for members to show off their rocks and minerals or lapidary projects. R John's number is: 509-860-2762.

Thanks to R John, Marcia and the many other members who have volunteered to help make our little corner of the Fair something to be proud of.

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## From the Scribe

### Ginkgo Meeting

July 18, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Melisha Maxey. We had 2 guests and one new member, Erick Westphal. Welcome to the club.

MINUTES: Minutes from the last meeting as published in the newsletter were seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was also seconded and approved.

PICNIC: Picnic is coming up on August 16th in place of the regular meeting time. Picnic time is 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Details of the meeting were discussed.

FRED MEYER: We have an agreement with Fred Meyer for our members. If you sign up with their rewards program, a small portion comes back to the club. We currently have 18 members using this. The club received \$25 for the first quarter and \$38 for the second quarter.

FIELD TRIPS: Marsha Summers got directions from Chuck Moser for the Red Top trip. 5 people went on the trip and they did not find it! She called Chuck and was told it was "before you got to the turn and it's steep". They found the turnout for 3 vehicles but no big mound. Attending were: Marsha, her daughter, Brenda Jackson, Rick Cenatto, and Nick Brown.

Jodi Rose plans a trip to Heather Lake for garnets on August 2nd. Details were discussed.

FAIR: R John Montgomery reported one of the cabinets needs repaired and he will work on it. We can set up 2 weeks before the fair. Talked about setting the table up differently to get more people inside the area instead of them just walking past. Looking at the Sunday before the fair for a workday, will post time and date on Facebook.

Marsha is the current clerk and would like a volunteer for an assistant to train for next year. We also need judges.

Pam Lander, David Earhart, Carl Pederson, Jodi Rose and Brenda Jackson are all planning on setting up displays. We still have 3 open display cases.

The theme is "Mad about The Fair" following the Madhatter idea. We need ideas to decorate our area based on the theme.

WEBSITE: Ray Peterson was in attendance and is working with Susan on the Website. Lots of discussion on whether or not we want to set up membership payments through PayPal or other services. After discussion a vote

was taken and the members declined it.

Also, a lot of discussion on liability issues if someone reads about our upcoming trips on-line through our newsletter and follows us up there. Is the membership liable for their injuries? No Per Susan who has a background in law.

SHOW AND TELL: Susan Oglebay shared a slab off a strange rock.  
Ray Peterson had a bucket of thundereggs he was giving away, and a basket of slabs he was selling. He also has a 20" saw that he is willing to cut slabs for members in exchange for a few slabs.

R John Montgomery showed polished rocks from Oregon.

Carol Smith shared Coprolite/Dino poop. She has 7 baggies that will be in the auction.

Marsha Summers had a fossil of a snail from Murdock Beach.

TREATS: Provided by Chris and Beth Shaw and Ken and Liz Hemberry

DOOR PRIZE: Ken Hemberry

RAFFLE: David Earhart, Erick Westphal, Marsha Summers, Melisha Maxey, Avis Peterson who gave hers to the visitor: Betty.

PROGRAM: Susan Overbay shared a handout about tumbling and gave a brief overview. "All rocks are not created equal; all rocks don't polish the same." For a rapid polish use 1/2 teaspoon for 3 lbs. at 12,000 vs 8,000 RPMs. Always add laundry detergent, it thickens the slurry. Sugar is not recommended. Might try walnut shells. If you get white lines in the cracks, use a stiff toothbrush or jewelry cleaner. Never pour the slurry in the sink. It will plug up the drain. Also, dental brushes can get in the cracks.

Meeting ended at 9:05.  
Liz Hemberry, Secretary

## Show and Tell

Left to Right: R John's polished rocks, Carol's Dino poop, Ray's Slabs



## 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.

### 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



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:

September 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm  
Presbyterian Church  
200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes or photos  
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Website: [www.wenatcheerockclub.org](http://www.wenatcheerockclub.org)  
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### Club Officers

President..... Melisha Maxey.....509-885-2996  
Vice President..... Brenda Jackson..... 509-884-5320  
Secretary..... Liz Hemberry..... 509-699-9450  
Treasurer..... David Earhart..... 509-860-0988

### Coordinators

Marcia Summers..... Membership..... 509-860-7556  
Pam Lander.....Grit..... 509-884-5135  
Carl Pederson..... Shop and Equipment..... 509-630-8239  
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R John Montgomery.....Chelan County Fair.....509-860-2762  
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