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The Petrified Digest

December, 2025



Elections for Club Officers

Elections for new club officers were held at our November meeting. The following were elected by unanimous consent: President: Ken Hemberry, Vice President: Pat Russell, Treasurer: Liz Hemberry, and Secretary: Melisha Maxey. A big thank you to those who served in the following positions in 2025: Melisha: President, Brenda Jackson, Vice President, Liz: Secretary and an especially big thanks to David Earhart who served as our Treasurer for the past 10 years.

Christmas Party

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 19th at **6:00 PM**. The club will supply 2 hams. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or a dessert.

The party will also feature a gift exchange which is optional. A gift can be stolen but only once. We suggest a cap of \$20 for the gift. We look forward to seeing everyone and celebrating Xmas.

Ginkgo Meeting

November 21, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Melisha Maxey. Secretary minutes from the last meeting, as written in the newsletter, were approved with no changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dues for next year are now due. Bills we have coming up are the Post Office Box rent and Insurance.

CHRISTMAS WRAPPING:

Most of the slots are full for Christmas Wrapping. Still need help on Monday the 22nd from 2:00-6:00. We are there on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th from 2:00-6:00. If you want to come by and help we can always use more people wrapping.

NEWSLETTER:

We have heard that a couple of people are having trouble receiving their newsletter through email. If you are having issues, feel free to call: 509-699-9450. As for the newsletters that are being mailed out, it is taking longer to get them delivered. They are mailed out of the Cashmere post office. All mail is then sent to Spokane and then comes back to the post office that then delivers to the recipient. We are finding that it takes 2-3 days for the newsletters to go from Cashmere to Spokane and then back to Cashmere whereas it takes about a week to go from Cashmere to Spokane and then to Wenatchee. If you have any questions you can call the number listed above.

REFRESHMENTS:

List for next year's refreshments was sent around for members to sign up.

OFFICERS FOR 2026:

People volunteered for most positions. There were not 2 people who were interested in being an officer, so no voting was necessary. Positions are:

President: Ken Hemberry

Vice President: Pat Russell

Treasurer: Liz Hemberry

Secretary: Melisha Maxey

R John Montgomery was our Chelan County Fair Superintendent for the past two years. He reported that he is moving out of the state and will not be able to run the Fair again in 2026. This position will still need to be filled. Thanks to R John for being the Superintendent. He did a great job and made many upgrades to our booth.

WEBSITE:

Susan Oglebay has been working with a guy from Tonasket on the Website. It is not going well and she is looking for someone to take over. It has been set up in a format that she is not familiar with.

SHOP:

The subject of a workshop was brought up once again. How much can we afford? The figure of \$300 per month was thrown out. Pam Lander has a place she will look into. How far away do we want to go? Is Quincy too far?

RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZE:

Door prize: Bob Grant

Raffle: Tom Osgood, Rick Lechner, R John Montgomery, Leah Glenn and Dave Earhart.

SHOW AND TELL:

Rick Lechner handed out a baggy of rocks to each person at the meeting. He also shared his "Slabasaurus" for cutting slabs and a homemade device for slabbing. For a better handle to hold a rock while slabbing, he uses Gorilla Glue to glue a small block of wood to the rock. Acetone takes the glue off. He also showed petrified wood from Wyoming that was black. When soaked in bleach for a few weeks, it whitens it and brings the wood grain out.

Time was also provided before and after the meeting for the annual towel sale.

Liz Hemberry: Secretary

Show and Tell Pictures





Pictured at the top row are agate slabs that were brought by Ken Sly. They were found in the Columbia River. Bottom row left to right are a homemade rock vice that Rick Lechner showed. It was purchased at a garage sale. If someone is interest in making one, get ahold of Rick. To the left is the Slab"asaurus also brought by Rick who raves about it. He said it works great on irregularly shaped rocks. It is listed online for \$185. It is currently out of stock but that is probably a temporary situation.



Towel Sale

The annual towel sale was held at the November meeting. Members brought various handmade items that they offered for sale. Everyone enjoyed seeing what others had made while some made purchases. The photo above on the left is of pendants made by Don Deycous. He not only works the stone, he also made the settings using his silversmith skills. Above on the right are Ellensburgh Blues fashioned by Carol Smith. Both Carol and Don do fabulous work.

Xmas Wrapping

Several of our members have volunteered to wrap presents at the East Wenatchee Mall. They will be led by Carol Lechner who is taking over from Pam Lander. Thanks to Carol, Pam and all of the volunteers. We will follow-up with an article about how the wrapping went in the January newsletter.

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



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.

[Learn more](#)

Next Meeting:

December 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm
 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..... 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
 Melisha Maxey..... Rock Auction.....509-885-2996
 Brenda Jackson..... Social Chairperson..... 509-884-5320
 Susan Oglebay..... Club Website..... 509-754-2665
 Museum.....Open
 R John Montgomery.....Chelan County Fair.....509-860-2762
 Ken Hemberry..... Newsletter..... 509-699-9450
 Carol Lechner.....Christmas Wrapping.....307-349-4360
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