

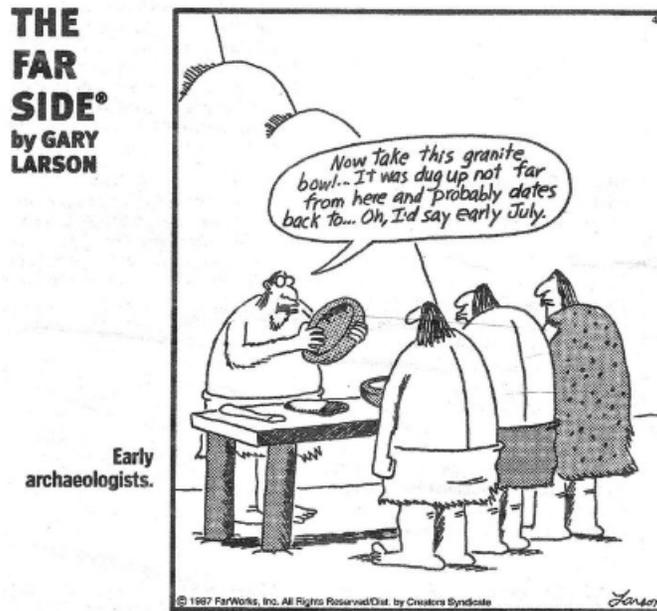
# Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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## The Petrified Digest

July, 2024



## Meet Your Fellow Club Members

Jodi Rose



Jodi Rose's father was a carpenter who would follow the work on the west coast of our great country. The family would accompany him from job to job. Jodi told me, "I grew up along I5 from San Diego to Seattle."

She moved to Wenatchee in 2007 to take care of her grandfather. After he passed away, Jodi decided to stay. She said she loves it and loves the variety of activities that the area has to offer. She went on to say, "I've enjoyed the people that I've met. They made me feel welcome. They made it feel like home."

In 2020, Jodi was spending time at her cousin's house. The beach near there overlooked the Hood Canal Bridge. She was captivated when her cousin showed her an agate that she had found on that beach. Jodi set out in search of translucent treasures but was unsuccessful until she adjusted her focus to look for a glassy appearance. Soon after, she found her first agate and a love of rockhounding grew from there.

Jodi told me that she enjoys being out in nature seeing the trees, the birds, the butterflies and the flowers. She said, "it gives me peace." She said that Red Top is her favorite rockhounding location. She called it, "one stop shopping," because you can get so many different things there.

However, Jodi wasn't successful on her first trip to what would become her favorite location. She told me, "I didn't know exactly where to go or what to look for." Shortly after that first attempt, Jodi saw a Facebook post by veteran rockhound, Karen Cautz, who is the current President of the Yakima Rock and Sage Club. A trip to Red Top with Karen and others soon followed.

It was on that trip that Jodi found her first Red Top agate. Armed with her newfound knowledge, she helped another trip participant, Christi Beach, to find agates. Christi told Jodi about the rock club that she belonged to and in 2021, Jodi became a member of the Ginkgo Mineral Society.

The club taught her more about rocks and how to find them. She went on field trips, and she was told about the club's shop which was located up Squilchuck. Jodi met Pam Lander and Carl Pederson who showed her how to use the equipment and what could be created using the rocks and minerals that she found. Thanks to Pam and Carl, Jodi is now a lapidary enthusiast.

Jodi served as the club's trip coordinator beginning in late 2022 and continuing through 2023. Last year, my wife Liz and I had the pleasure of going on a trip to Oregon that Jodi led. We went to White Fir as well as Hampton Butte and

Glass Butte. It was a great trip made better by the other club members that attended, which included Pam Lander, Ron Payne, Greg Stanford, as well as Ed and Helen Hall. Karen Cautz graciously agreed to attend and provided a wealth of knowledge that was appreciated.

Jodi said, "I love the people that I have met with the club. Whether it is the joy they get from finding a rock or enjoying the beauty of a place where the rocks are found." She went on to say that she appreciates the knowledge that other club members have shared with her and that all have made her feel welcome.

Jodi still lives in Wenatchee where she serves as a caregiver to both her mother and father. Due to her responsibilities in that area, Jodi had to give up being our Trip Coordinator. I'm sure I speak for all of us in thanking her for the many contributions that she has given to the club. As for Liz and me, we are grateful that we got to go on that Oregon trip and that we got to know Jodi. She is a great person and fun to be around.

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## From Atop the Rockpile

Hello fellow rock and mineral lovers. This month we are supposed to have a field trip to Red Top for July 27th. One of the members had mentioned leading a trip this month in the past so hopefully, that still holds through! Coming up in August, we have the field trip to the coast for fossils! We will be going to Twin Beach. The fossil field trip will be the 4th weekend in August which is the 24th and 25th. I will be leading the fossil trip. Hope to see you there!

Thea Stender

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## From the Scribe

Meeting called to order by Thea Stender at 7:08pm & adjourned at 8:37pm.

Thea discussed our June field trip to the Lake Wenatchee area being cancelled as the road is still closed for tree removal & clean up. This opened up discussion about going to Red Top instead, unfortunately only one person showed interest and we had no one volunteer to lead so there will again be no field trip this month. There was talk of Chuck Moser leading a trip to Red Top in July but he was not present to confirm.

Thea brought up the club interest survey sheet that was filled out a few months ago showing that there was a great interest in going out on field trips. When we discuss outings needing a leader or places to go the interest doesn't seem to be there. Resources such as books, maps, and directions have been offered but use has been declined by members. Field trips are normally scheduled for the third Saturday of the month, using our meeting as a recap & reminder. Our meet up points are Hobby Lobby or the Link Park & Ride in Sunnyslope depending on our destination.

The August field trip for fossils to Twin Beach & possibly Murdoch Beach near Port Angeles will be led by Thea Stender. The dates discussed are 8/23, 8/24, & possibly 8/25.

The Chelan County fair is September 5-8. We are still in need of a superintendent. Please contact a board member if you have questions or interest in this position. If there are multiple members who would like to tackle the position together, please don't hesitate to reach out! There was discussion about the booth space layout being opened up for efficiency. Susan Oglebay has volunteered to be a judge. Thank you, Susan! Please contact a board member if you are interested in being a judge or have small polished stones or mineral samples to give out to the children.

We gained two new members; Bob Ritter and Sheena Ritter, welcome!

Refreshments were provided by Michelle Giard & Rex Bodrero.

We had no program this month.

The previous month's minutes and treasurer report were approved.

Show & Tell was presented as follows; Rick brought a conglomerate (rock composed of many kinds of rocks composed of many different minerals) or piece of "natural cement" found on the Sunshine Mining Claim on the Peshastin Creek. Marcia Summers brought a quartz pyrite sample from her sister's porch. Chris, a visitor, brought a quartz seam found in the Wenatchee River in Cashmere. Thea brought 5 samples of findings from Red Top; quartz w/ calcite, an amethyst fleret w/ calcite on back, blue/brown jasper, an agate nodule, & seam agate. She noted it's possible to find Zeolites as well.

We had a short discussion of a saw & Genie moving from Dave Stender's home to R John Montgomery's home in Ephrata. Dave Earhart says we may have a shop opportunity in East Wenatchee soon.

Door prize was won by Beth S, a visitor and the raffle was won by Michelle Giard.

A blue jasper slab donated by Carl was won by Brenda, 5 rocks donated by David were won by Carl, Rick, Ozzie, Michelle, & Aurora.

Carol Smith has stepped down as the Auction Coordinator and turned over the duties to Derek Corder.

Secretary

Melisha Maxey

## Upcoming Events

**The Annual Potluck/Auction** is planned for August 17th. The club provides fried chicken and asks everyone to bring a side dish. Details are still being worked out and will be discussed at the July meeting on the 19th. Look on the Facebook page for updates.

**July Field Trip to Red Top** may or may not happen depending on whether someone will lead the trip. Look for updates on the Facebook page.

**The Field Trip to Twin Beach** will be on the 24th and 25th of August. Thea will be leading the trip. There will be more updates at the July meeting. As we get closer to the date, there will be additional updates on the Facebook page.

### 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:

Dave Stender: A Genie and trim saw 509-630-1176

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 cut contact Carl, he may be able to cut them for you.

### From the Vault

As of July 1, 2024	
2 CDs	\$11,851.05
Savings Account	\$2,086.44
Checking Account as of 6-30-2024	\$5,221.62
2 Deposits	\$224.00
2 Checks Written	-120.17
Ending Balance as of 6-30-2024	\$5,325.45

#### David's Notes

85 families have paid memberships at this time.

Individual: \$20.00

Family: \$40.00

Senior (one): \$15.00

### 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.

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

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### Next Meeting

July 19th at 7:00 pm

Email ideas, trip notes or photos  
to: Lizhemberry@hotmail.com Website:

### Club Officers

President..... Thea Stender..... 509-630-1391  
Vice President..... Derek Corder..... 425-270-0221  
Secretary..... Melisha Maxey..... 509-885-2996  
Treasurer..... David Earhart..... 509-860-0988

### Coordinators

Marcia Summers..... Membership..... 509-860-7556  
David Earhart..... Nason Creek..... 509-860-0988  
Pam Lander..... Christmas Wrap, Grit..... 509-884-5135  
Carl Pederson..... Shop and Equipment..... 509-884-6980  
Derek Corder..... Rock Auction.....425-270-0221  
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Thea Stender..... Chelan, Co. Fair, Museum..... 509-630-1391  
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