

Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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The Petrified Digest

July, 2025

Naches Field Trip, June 14, 2025



Jodi Rose lead a field trip to Naches on June 14th to look for Thundereggs, Lily Pad, and Serpentine. Club members that accompanied her were Brenda Jackson, John and Terri Reinhofer, Ari Rahmani, Vicky Briseno, and Liz and Alayna Hemberry. The group departed the Hobby Lobby parking lot at 6 in the morning and arrived at the site a little before 10. From the parking area it was about a 20 minute walk up the hill to the first dig site where the group looked for Thundereggs. After a couple of hours of egg hunting, the group proceeded up the road a couple of miles to the Lily Pad and Serpentine site. The weather was really nice and everyone had a really good time. A special thanks to Jodi for leading the trip.



Jodi Rose and Alayna Hemberry



Ari Rahmani and Vicky Briseno



Brenda Jackson

Upcoming Field Trips

July: Marcia Summers will be leading a trip to Red Top on Thursday July 10th. We will meet at the west end of the Big Lots parking lot at 9 AM. This will be a scouting expedition to try to relocate the site where Chuck Watkins found some awesome crystal filled geodes and some beautiful blue agate. It is a very short walk from where we will park to the site. Material can, can hopefully be found on the surface but some may choose to dig. You may want to bring a rock hammer, a chisel and a shovel or you may just want to focus on surface finds. As always bring a lunch, plenty of water and a bucket for your finds. This trip will also be posted on Facebook.

August: Jodi Rose will lead a trip to the Heather Lake trail on **August 2nd** to search for garnets. Meet at Hobby Lobby at 9:00 AM. This trip was going to occur on August 9th but has been rescheduled. Check out Facebook as it will be posted there as well.

Annual Club Picnic/Auction

The picnic will be held on August 16th and 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. Pam Lander has buckets for rocks. If you have excess buckets you are welcome to take them to Pam's house.

From the Scribe

GINKGO GENERAL MEETING

June 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Melisha Maxey.
There was one visitor.

MINUTES: Minutes from the last meeting as reported in the last newsletter, were corrected to add Janet Clark to the refreshments list. They were then approved.

TREASURY: The treasury report was approved as printed in the last newsletter.

FIELD TRIPS: Jodi Rose led a trip to the Little Naches looking for thundereggs and Lilly Pads. 7 members and one grandchild attended and enjoyed good weather and company.

A field trip is also planned for July 10th to Red Top. The group will attempt to find Chuck Watkins spot. Please meet at the Big Lots parking lot at 9:00 am.

The trip scheduled for Heather Lake has been changed from August 9th to August 2nd. More details later.

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WEB SITE: Susan Oglebay reported Ray Peterson will be working with her on the website.

When our group goes out on trips, we sign a liability form in case someone gets hurt. If we put the information in the newsletter of the trips, anyone has access to the information and can follow our group. If they get hurt at the site, is our group responsible for injuries since they did not sign a form? We might want to leave this information out of the accessible website area.

We should also look at putting pictures of kids on the website at our events. This may help draw in younger members.

Ray has a 20" Rock Saw if anyone needs slabs cut in exchange of slabs. He is located in Winthrop.

Ray Peterson also has Mahogany Obsidian that he will bring to the July Meeting. He also will have Moss Agate from Boise Rock Club claim. She did not know if they were for sale or to be given away.

The newsletter also lists names and contact information for officers. This could be an issue with members getting a lot of calls. It was decided to look at this issue in the future if it does create a problem. At this time, no one seemed to think it was a problem.

Our website can be found under two searches: Wenatchee Rock Club and Ginkgo Mineral Society. If you type in the Wenatchee Rock Club it will take you to the Ginkgo site. Most people will probably put in Wenatchee Rock as they don't know our real name.

CHELAN COUNTY FAIR: R John Montgomery was present and said he will get a sign up sheet ready for the fair.
People who volunteered at the meeting:
Thursday am: Jodi Rose
Friday am: Ken and Liz Hemberry
Sunday pm: Brenda Jackson and Pam Lander
The Genie will be set up for demonstrations.

PROGRAMS: Susan Oglebay has an extensive background on tumbling rocks. She will do a presentation on tumbling at the next meeting.

NEW NEWS: The Cashmere Museum will have Pioneer village festival on October 4th from 8:00 – 3:00. Does anyone want to do a display? Carol Smith, Marsha Summers and Pam Lander have given away polished rocks in the past. Jodi and Pam will do necklaces to raffle with the money going to the museum. The museum also sells locally made items in the gift shop. Jodi and Carol will set up a table. Do we need to wear costumes?

SHOW AND TELL: Brenda Jackson showed common Opal from the Quincy field trip. She had a 12-18" wall and was using a rock hammer. She could have used a sledge hammer. She also shared Geodes and lily pads from the Naches trip. Thank you to John Reinhofer for sharing his finds.

Peggy Grant shared her rock pictures. She will be selling them at her Cashmere Beauty Salon during Cashmere Days on June 28th.

Jodi Rose shared 2 wire wrapped necklaces from a class taught by Susan Oglebay. There were 8 people in the class. Also a 3D figurine that started out with a deer but ended up a cow? Had small trees. She was headed to the Polka Dot mine for a midnight dig but did not make it. Instead went to Maury Mountain for agates and to Hampton Butte for green Pet Wood. To tumble the Little Pads from Naches, she used 80 grit.

Diane Everhart shared Trilobites and Dino bone and fish from a Wyoming trip. Also a Bloodstone Necklace.

Rick Cenotto has Common Opal from Ancient Lakes.

DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE:

There were 2 door prizes won by Carol Smith and Roger Gill
Raffle: R John Montgomery, Susan Ogelbay, Bob Grant, Diane Everhart and Melisha Maxey.

Show and Tell



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.

Upcoming Events

July Program

There will be a program on tumbling rocks, including the use of Metamucil, white sugar and oatmeal.

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.

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 May 1, 2025

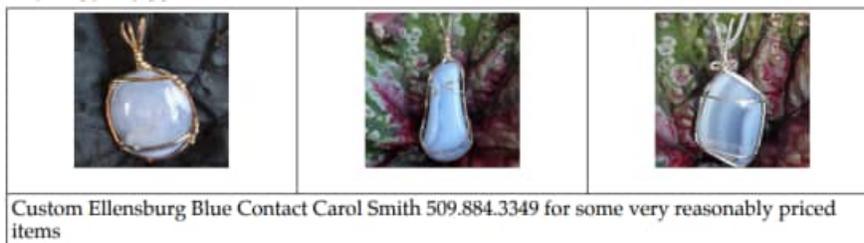
3 CDs.....	\$14,735.92
Savings Account.....	\$2,087.31
Checking Account.....	\$5,171.40
1 Deposits (Memberships).....	\$135.00
4 Checks Written (Newsletter, Genie Repairs, Meeting, Office Supplies).....	(\$359.33)
Ending Balance.....	\$4,947.07

David's Notes

It's time to pay your membership dues for 2025. Members who haven't paid by the March meeting will be taken off the mailing/emailing list to receive the April newsletter. We hope that we don't have to do that as we appreciate your continuing support.

Individual: \$20.00
Family: \$40.00
Senior (one): \$15.00

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.

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Next Meeting:

July 18, 2025 at 7:00 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

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Secretary..... Liz Hemberry..... 509-699-9450
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Pam Lander.....Grit..... 509-884-5135
Carl Pederson..... Shop and Equipment..... 509-630-8239
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Susan Oglebay..... Club Website..... 509-754-2665
Museum.....Open
R John Montgomery.....Chelan County Fair.....509-860-2762
Ken Hemberry..... Newsletter..... 509-699-9450
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Assistanr.Facebook Page Admin.....Open
Christmas Wrap.....Open



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