

Welcome Friends and Rockhounds



The Petrified Digest

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Everyone had a Great Time at the February Pizza Party!

Meet Your Fellow Club Members

Kirk Laird

Pictured with his Gal Anna, at Borobuddur, Indonesia



Kirk Laird is the consummate traveler. He has visited all 50 states and has been to 45 countries. Venturing to so many places has afforded him the opportunity to amass a collection of over 300 types of minerals and gemstones, many of which represent the places he has visited.

Kirk attended the University of Washington where he took geology classes which expanded his interest in minerals that began at age 18. It was there that he took a geology class which opened his eyes to the beauty and wonder of minerals. A class on geologic mapping took place near Leavenworth in 1978. There, he learned of the soapstone and actinolite deposits near Lake Wenatchee and found calcite crystals north of Leavenworth up Eagle Creek. His geology studies confirmed a love of minerals that has spanned more than 50 years.

In addition to travelling, Kirk has also lived in a variety of places. While serving in the Navy, he lived in Spain where he collected mercury at a mine site that was first put into production by the Romans over 2000 years ago.

He lived in Elko, Nevada where he went to an underground mine that passed through caverns that were lined with Golden Barite. At Garnet Hill near Ely, Nevada, he collected semiprecious stones. While living in Texas he found clam and coral fossils. In Utah, he found some awesome trilobite fossils and topaz crystals.

Kirk worked for the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada for 21 years where one of his chief duties was to conduct environmental impact studies when a gold mine wanted to expand. Working with gold mines sounds like a tough gig for a rockhound.

Drawn by his interest in minerals, Kirk first joined the Ginkgo Mineral Society in 1989. When he moved out of state, of course, he let his membership lapse. Following his retirement, he relocated to Derby Canyon in Peshastin in 2013 and he rejoined the club. He is an active member whose knowledge of mineralogy is greatly appreciated. He said that he has only dabbled in lapidary, but he could see himself getting more interested if he could make more time for it.

Kirk is an emerging author. He said that he recently completed a book titled Radical Pragmatism that he has been working on for several years. He recently had it self-published to give to friends and family.

I will conclude this story by sharing with you what Kirk told me when I asked him what inspired him to travel around the globe. His answer was, "It's an awesome world. You learn something from everywhere you go. People everywhere are pretty much the same. It's their cultures that are different."

From Atop the Rockpile

Hello fellow rock and mineral lovers! Coming up in March there will be a talk on specimen cleaning techniques and tricks. There are so many ways to clean rocks and crystals, let's share the knowledge! There are many ways to make your pretties even prettier! If you've cleaned your own specimens, feel free to bring them and share your preferred methods.

There is a whole lot of work that goes into running an educational and fun club. Do you want to help the Ginkgo Mineral Society team with achieving our goal of creating the best possible experience for our members? Please join us! We need to recruit a Field Trip Planner/Coordinator as well as a Program Planner/Coordinator. If you feel like one of these positions sounds like a fun task, we will be addressing the club members at the meeting on March 15th. See you there!

Thea

From the Scribe

Program: Thea Stender presented a program about Washington Coast fossils. She highlighted a part of the Olympic Peninsula near Port Angeles where Twin Beach and Murdock Beach are situated about 10 minutes apart with the goal of taking a field trip there.

Thea showed slides of marine fossils that can be found in the Pysht Formation in Clallam County from the late Oligocene to early Miocene. Fossils that were shown included, Callinopsis Clallamensis (ghost shrimp claws), Lacuna Hannibali clams, Lirracassis (sea snail). Soleyma Dalli clams, Tarritalia concretions, agatized snail shells, and agatized Nautilus (a cousin to cuttlefish).

Thea is suggesting a trip to both Twin and Murdock beaches later this summer, perhaps in August. She said that it is about a 5 ½ hour drive from Wenatchee to get there and that participants can stay at the Twin Beach Campground. Refreshments: Club provided pizza. Thea brought drinks

Door Prize and Raffle: The door prize was won by Liz Hemberry and the raffle was won by Wanda Shaw. David Earhart donated a cut thunderegg from the Lucky Strike mine. Liz Hemberry won one half while Janet Clark won the other.

David also announced that the Club will have a table at the Gold Show at the Cashmere Fairgrounds April 24th. *He also let everyone know that the February meeting set a record for the most money taken in on raffle ticket sales with a total of \$164.*

Show and Tell: Wowza! I hope I remember it all. Everyone was encouraged to bring fossils from their collection and there were a lot of wonderful specimens for everyone to enjoy. Pam Lander brought leaf and clam fossils.

Rick and Carol Lechner displayed turrítella, crinoid, and stromatolite.

Bob Witt brought shark teeth that he collected from 2–8-foot ash layers at Bakersfield, California.

Cheri McMillan showed fossilized fish, oyster and scallops, agatized coral, coral slab, ammonite, as well as whale and dino bone.

Rex Bodrero had a plate of shells, coral, bivalves, and large horn coral from Gardner Canyon in Southern Idaho.

Brenda Jackson brought ammonite, trilobite, snail, and Dry Gulch fossils.

Dereck Corder showed miscellaneous labeled fossils.

Bob Grant displayed polished agates and a large piece of rose quartz that he got while he and Peggy were in Phoenix. He also told a hilarious story about going through security at the airport where the TSA agents were trying to figure out what he had in his bag. Surprise! It was a big ole rock.



Business Meeting: The business meeting was called to order at 8:31 by President Thea Stender. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was also read and approved.

New Business: Thea announced that the Executive Board wants to convert the Club's Facebook page from private to public once personal information is removed. There was a motion and a second to make the page public, all in favor. There was some discussion about the potential for a public page to be trolled or inundated with ads. Thea

assured everyone that measures would be taken to make sure that didn't happen.

Thea asked for members to convert, if possible, from receiving the printed version of the newsletter to the emailed version to reduce costs. She said that the Club's liability waiver form would be updated and used on all Club field trips.

Thea will be added to the Club's bank account while Carol Smith and Steven Douglas will be removed. A statement has been added to the newsletter for legal reasons. BLM maps of Saddle Mountain were given out.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:46

Melisha Maxey
Secretary

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:

Marcia Summers: A Genie 509-860-7556

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

Jodi Rose: A Genie and trim saw 509-763-9402

Carl Pederson: 18-inch slab saw (\$2.00 per cut), 10 inch slab saw, faceting machine 509-630-8239

David's Notes

It is time to renew your membership. Pay your dues in person at a meeting or mail a check to me. We now have 57 Individual/Family memberships. If you don't see your name on the following list, please contact David at 509-860-0988 or mail to Ginkgo P. O. Box 303, Wenatchee, WA 98807

B. Allen	D. Everhart	B. Jackson	M. & A. McFall	C. & D. Smith
B. & D. Barrett	D. & A. Fernandez	K. Johnson	C. McMillan	B. Spurrier
R. Bodrero	M. Finley	L. LaFayette	D. & M. Morse	D. & T. Stender
S. & J. Campbell	H. Floyd	K. Laird	C. & B. Mosher	T. Stender
R. Cenotto	C. Garver	P. & D. Lander	R. Payne	M. Sullivan
S. Collamore	R. & M. Gill	R. and C. Lechner	C. & S. Pederson	M. Summers
D. Corder	L. Glenn	C. & C. Leidigh	R. & A. Peterson	P. Tvergyak
C. & S. Danielson	B. & P. Grant	K. Lesmaister	Z. Potter	C. Watkins
D. & A. Deycous	T. & A. Hargrove	T. & S. Marcon	M. Richmond	B. Witt
R. Dinius	K. & L. Hemberry	I. Martin	L. & W. Shaw	V. Wright
E. Earhart	D. Hendrickson	M. Maxey	D. Sly	
S. Eisenhart	L. Herndon	D. & V. McGregor	K. Sly	

From the Vault

As of 2-29-2024	
2 CDs	\$11,577.40
Savings Account	\$1,800.14
Checking Account Beginning Balance as of 2-1-2024	\$4,790.40
3 Deposits (memberships, raffle, rock sales, books)	\$694.20
6 Checks Written (storage, saw repair, misc supplies)	-\$366.56
Ending Balance as of 2-29-2024	\$5,118.04

David's Notes

Memberships are due

Individual: \$20.00

Family: \$40.00

Senior (one): \$15.00

Upcoming Gem Shows

Rock Rollers of Spokane Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show

Spokane Fairgrounds

March 22nd to 24th

NCW Prospectors Treasure and More Show

April 13th to 14th

Chelan County Fairgrounds, Cashmere

Yakima Rock Club Parade of Gems

April 26th to 28th

Central Washington State Fairgrounds

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.

Next Meeting

March 15th 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

Club Officers

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Treasurer..... David Earhart..... 509-860-0988

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Carl Pederson..... Shop and Equipment..... 509-884-6980
Carol Smith..... Rock Auction..... 509-884-3349
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