

Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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The Petrified Digest

October, 2025



Nominations for Club Officers

Elections for new club officers will be held at our November meeting. Therefore, we are seeking nominations. Please consider volunteering to be nominated or nominate someone else. Ken Hemberry has volunteered to run as President and Liz Hemberry has volunteered to run as Treasurer. That does not mean that someone else can't be nominated for the above mentioned positions. So far, no one has volunteered to run as either Vice President or Secretary.

Upcoming Towel Sale

Our Annual Towel Sale will be held at our November meeting on the 21st at the usual 7:00 PM time. This is an opportunity for our members to offer gems, minerals, lapidary arts or any other hand crafted items for sale. This is a great interactive event. Hope to see you there.

More Chelan County Fair Pics



After the September newsletter went out, I received some more pictures from the fair so I'm including them in this issue.



Pictured above: Pam Lander, Jodi Rose, Marcia Summers and R John Montgomery working to get our booth ready for the fair.

Pictured to the right: Pam and Jodi working prior to the fair to make the display booths look good.



R John Montgomery installing new LED light fixtures in the case where the lapidary entrants are displayed.

Below: The finished product. Great job R John! Thanks to you and all the volunteers, listed in the September issue, who worked to rearrange and upgrade our space!.



Below: Brenda Jackson, Marcia Summers and Susan Oglebay preparing for the judging of the lapidary projects entered in the fair. You can see the layout of the booth in this pic. The photos on the wall, depicting the various aspects of our club, were all taken by Dan Hanson and have been used in our booth for many years.

The theme of this year's fair was the mad hatter, hence the hat pictured to the right.





Below: Marcia Summers watching as Susan Oglebay holds up an entry that she is judging. Thanks so much Marcia for serving as the Fair Clerk and to Susan for her knowledge of lapidary which has made her an excellent judge.



Great to see the people, especially the kids, enjoying what we had to offer in the picture to the right.



From the Scribe

Ginkgo Meeting
September 19, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Brenda Jackson. Minutes from the July meeting were read and approved. There were no minutes from the August meeting because that was the picnic and there was no business meeting.

Treasurer's report:

As of the end of July: 3 Cd's just under \$16,000.00 at 5% interest

Savings: just over \$2,000.00

Checking: \$4,750.00

Motion made by Carl Pederson to accept and seconded by Pam Lander.

New member: Tom Osgood. Welcome!

FAIR: R John Montgomery reported on the fair: The replica Sabretooth skull got a lot of attention. This was provided by Ken Hemberry. R John made a lot of changes in the lighting of the large cases. We also changed the tables in the middle and it seems like there were more people going back into the display area.

Next year the train will not be in the back of the room and we can choose to expand. One idea was putting in a black light display. Thank you to Susan Oglebay for judging.

Marsha Summers has been putting in a lot of hours as the club's clerk and would like to turn this over to someone else. Susan Oglebay volunteered to help half time. With the long hours, it might be helpful to have 2 people share the job. Still need another person to help with this.

CHRISTMAS WRAPPING: Pam Lander has been doing the Christmas wrapping project and will be turning it over to Carol Lechner. Pam will call and set up the dates since Carol is still in Wyoming and work with Carol on making this happen. Will need volunteers for the wrapping once we get closer.

EQUIPMENT: Carl Pederson still has the Genie that was set up at the fair. He recently had surgery and has not been cutting.

AUCTION AND PICNIC: Picnic went great. Good turnout. A suggestion was made for next year: Use 2 gallon buckets and charge \$10. Most of the rocks for this year came from Pam Landers' yard.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR BOARD MEMBERS: Elections are coming up for next year's board members. Need volunteers who are interested being on the board. Melisha Maxey is not interested in staying on as president. Ken Hemberry volunteered to run for president. No one volunteered for Vice President or Secretary. Liz Hemberry volunteered to change to Treasurer but does not want to remain as Secretary.

If you are interested in ANY position or know someone who might be, please let any board member know. Elections are held at the November meeting.

CASHMERE MUSEUM: October 4th is Pioneer Village Festival at the Cashmere Museum. Anyone interested in attending and setting up displays?

FIELD TRIPS: Sheila Danielson sent info to Macia Summers regarding the Spencer Opal Mine in Idaho. Most are common Opals. The mine is 612 miles from here and a 9 hour drive.

DOOR PRIZE: Brenda Jackson

RAFFLE: Nathan Clark, Carl Pederson, Rick Cenatto, Aurora Maxey, Davina Oliver Cruz.

FYI: October 10, 11, 12 Ellensburg Miners Rally at the Fair Grounds. There is camping and live bands if anyone is interested.

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:

October, 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Presbyterian Church
200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes or photos
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Club Officers

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Secretary..... Liz Hemberry..... 509-699-9450
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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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