

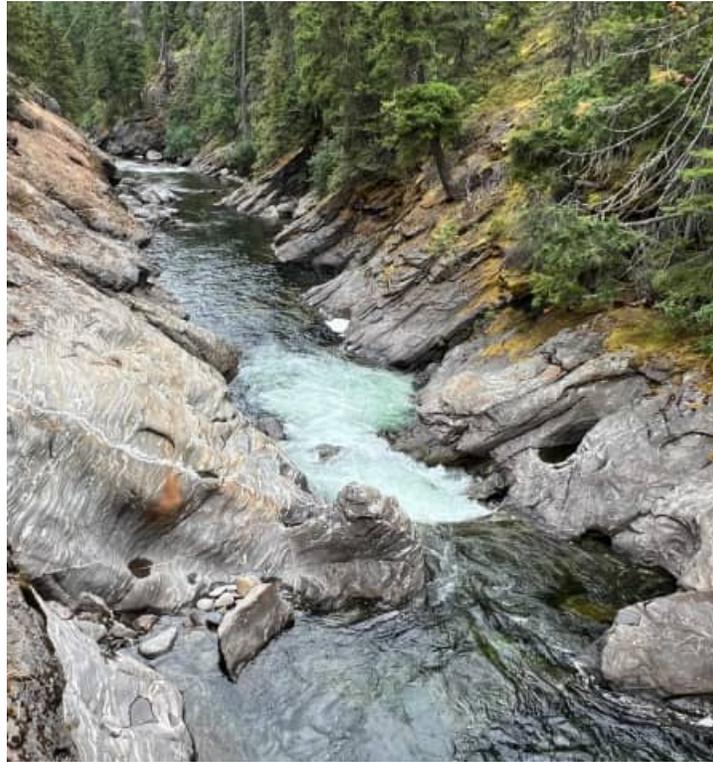
# Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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## The Petrified Digest

September, 2024



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## Meet Your Fellow Club Members

Aurora Maxey



During the recent club picnic/auction, I had the pleasure of interviewing Aurora Maxey. She is a delightful young lady that just started 4th grade at Kenroy Elementary in East Wenatchee. When I asked her what her favorite subjects were, she quickly responded, "music and art." She went on to say that she plays the drums and guitar.

Aurora's love of rocks and minerals began with geodes and crystals. She said she is attracted to them because of how shiny they are. Her earliest memory of rockhounding was when she went to Red Top with her mom and dad where they found crystals and agates. Aurora told me that she likes to help her dad polish agates and that she wants to do more lapidary as she gets older.

She has always been interested in fossils; dinosaur fossils, animal fossils-you name it. She also said that she wants to be a vet when she grows up. She laughed and then added, "my dad says that I have wanted it since I was two and started to talk." Aurora wanting to be a vet makes perfect sense because she loves animals. She has a dog named Tika (that's Tika in the picture with her). She told me that she likes to play with Tika and to sometimes just sit and cuddle with her. She also has a 4-month-old cat that likes to chase a ball with a bell in it.

In addition to playing with her dog and cat, Aurora likes to play with her toys and to imagine things. I couldn't help but smile when she said that because it reminded me of when I was a kid and would imagine all sorts of cool stuff. Her face really lit up when she told me that she likes to ride the bike that Santa brought her the Christmas before last. She was beaming when she went on to say that her dad taught her how to ride it.

Aurora told me that her family was going to Westport. She was obviously excited as she said that she was looking forward to finding Starfish, and Sand Dollars as well as searching for anemones in tide pools.

She also explained to me that she participates in a Book Fair. If she reads for 10 hours, she gets a pass to Silverwood. She happily went on to say that she likes the squirt boats, and the train that takes you to see bigfoot and other animals and that, "they give you a little show." She went on to explain that the train goes into a tiny town inside Silverwood where there are shops and you can get ice cream! She kind of snickered when she said, "my mom likes to spoil me." It was obvious to me that Aurora adores her parents and undoubtedly, they adore her.

I should mention that Aurora was the high bidder on some items at the Auction. She was so excited each time as she added another shiny item to her collection.

Recently, Aurora began helping out with the club raffle by handing out tickets and helping David count the money. She said she likes doing it and then added, "I like helping other people more than I like helping myself."

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## Remembering Dan Hanson

A dedicated member of our Gingko Club died August 9th, 2024 from bone cancer. Dan Hanson was proud to be a teacher for 30 yrs and a coach of various sports. If there was one word to describe his character, it would be determined. He continued his teaching by offering faceting lessons for Gingko Club members and Happy Trails Rock Club in Arizona. He loved faceting many gifts for his two granddaughters, daughter and daughter-in-law and rings for two grandsons.

Dan was introduced to the Gingko Rock Club back in the 1980's by Quentin and Verga Murren. He soon was polishing rocks for Gingko Club who had a massive rock show at the National Reserve Armory on Apple Blossom weekends.

He offered his services in the Wenatchee Valley to various associations, including Rebuilding Together; Treasure of the Little Water Company; Treasure for Chelan Spring.

Dan was Chairman of the Lapidary Division at the Chelan County Fair for 4 yrs. He enjoyed adding large pictures of Gingko members enjoying the love of rocks, improving the display wall of glass; and creating a new idea for voting sheets for our judges. His biggest joy was cabling necklaces for boys and girls that were given away at the

fair by our members. In the three years we gave them away, he made buckets of necklaces that totaled over 500 necklaces. The children were always excited to receive one. Dan wrote the Ginkgo Newsletter for 5 yrs with joy and wrote a club newspaper for Happy Trails Rock Club, Arizona also.

He presented programs at club meetings and had one planned out that he talked about with enthusiasm. Unfortunately, he never returned to the club to present it.

Dena Hanson

His service will be held at:  
Grace City Church  
277 Melody Lane  
Wenatchee  
The White Chapel  
September 17th, 2 pm

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## From the Scribe

There was no business meeting in August and therefore, no minutes. Instead, we enjoyed the Potluck/Auction.

### **The Annual Potluck/Auction was held at Walla Walla Point Park on August 17th.** *Below is a report from Treasurer David Earhart:*

The Fundraiser was a big success! Plenty of food, fun, and funds were raised. Yes, nearly 50 rockhounds showed up with the really nice weather.

Thank you to Melisha Maxey for coordinating the event and serving as auctioneer, Brenda Jackson and Marcia Summers for all they did. Also, thanks to Mitch Maxey for doing all the rock hauling. Our longtime member, Chuck Mosher, has donated many boxes of his rocks and special specimens of which 12 were auctioned off totaling \$404. We still have many left for next year's fundraiser. Dan and Dena Hanson donated 10 5-gallon buckets of rocks which brought in \$150.

Thanks to all the bidders, the total income was \$1200 including the silent auction!



## Chelan County Fair

The Chelan County Fair was held from September 5th through the 8th. Of course, The Ginkgo Mineral Society had its booth. My wife Liz and I worked at the booth on Friday morning. Once the gates opened at 9 am, scads of elementary school kids began to flood in as it was Kid's Day. Many of them were charged with the task of finding three different kinds of gems or rocks. As you can imagine, there were a lot of questions. Many of the kids were somewhat familiar with agate. One little girl went into great detail about how to identify them. She was quite well informed.

It was a real treat to see the kids' eyes light upon being told that they could select a polished rock from our Club's table to take home. It was really busy which made the time fly by. We were told that at one point, there were 102 people just in the building where our booth is!

Members who won ribbons for their entries were:

Carl Pederson-Best in Show for Cabbed Stone Necklace with mount crafted by exhibitor and Best in Class for a different Cabbed Stone Necklace with mount crafted by exhibitor  
Chuck Watkins-Best in Class for Cabbed Stone Necklace with mount crafted by exhibitor

Once again, our booth was a great success! Thanks to R John Montgomery for stepping up to serve as our Fair Superintendent, thanks to all those who volunteered to help: Jodi Rose, Chris Clausen, Chuck Watkins, Cherrri McMillan, Bob Spurrier, R John Montgomery, Carl Pederson and his daughter Sherill, Brenda Jackson, David Earhart, Marcia Summers, Ken and Liz Hemberry.

Below are pictures taken by Jodi Rose of the display booths from our members as well as a photo of Carol Smith standing in front of our table that she decorated. Thanks to Jodi Rose, Pam Lander, Chris Clausen, David Earhart, Carl Pederson, Brenda Jackson, Chuck Watkins, R John Montgomery, and Susan Oglesbay for the wonderful displays.





### 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:

R John Montgomery: A Genie and trim saw 509-860-2762

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 31, 2024	Column1
2 CDs	\$11,911.25
Savings Account	\$2,086.52
Checking Account as of July 1st	\$5,325.45
1 Deposit	\$181.00
No Checks Written	
Ending Balance as of 7-31-2024	\$5,506.45

David's Notes

85 families have paid memberships at this time.

Individual: \$20.00

Family: \$40.00

Senior (one): \$15.00

### Marketplace

		
Custom Ellensburg Blue Contact Carol Smith 509.884.3349 for some very reasonably priced items		



Carol Smith also has a set of large volume tumblers that she wants to sell. If you're interested, contact her.

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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.**

Learn more

## Next Meeting:

September 20, 2024  
Presbyterian Church  
200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes or photos  
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[www.wenatcheerockclub.org](http://www.wenatcheerockclub.org)  
Facebook page: Ginkgo Mineral Society

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## Club Officers

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

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David Earhart..... Nason Creek..... 509-860-0988  
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Carl Pederson..... Shop and Equipment..... 509-630-8239  
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