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**Class day at Maggard's February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**  
**Next meeting February 26<sup>th</sup>**

## **From the President**

I am sure that all 33 of us who showed up at the auction at our last meeting had a great time and, maybe, acquired some interesting finds of their choice. We had a great birthday cake to celebrate our club anniversary, too. Our next gathering will be a workshop at the Maggards' home on Saturday, February 18. This is always a great opportunity to visit with fellow members and to learn by doing new skills with our favorite rocks: making cabochons, gem trees, etc.

Those of you who ever view Facebook are encouraged to join our WGMS Facebook page. It will soon be under redevelopment to include an event page for our April 21-23 Annual Show. You can share this event on your own pages and help us to invite more folks this year. Our last year was a great success. Let's make this one even better!

You can use this link to join the Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Facebook group with 98 members currently. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/629340710472442>

Hoping to see many of you at our next General Meeting to share in the highlights of Catherine Rocky's many field trips. John Rhodes  
WGMS President 2022-2023

## **Calendar of meetings:**

### **WGMS DATES**

Board meeting Monday, February 20th

General meeting February 26.

February 26, March 26 – General meetings

April 17 board meeting

April 20 Setup 21-22-23 – Show

May 21, Jun 25, Jul 23 General meetings

Aug 26 (Saturday) – General meeting/Auction

## Programs

At February meeting, Catherine Rocky will give a power point presentation entitled “On the Rocky Road: A Geology Travelogue.” A geologist’s lifetime field list – a bucket list of generic sites every geologist should see – with highlights about the places Bryan and I have visited. Catherine has given this presentation to other groups and it has been very well received.

Our show & tell display tables will be set up and there should be plenty of space for those items you wish to bring and share.

Lou Forster  
Lou Forster

## Minutes:

### Board Meeting of WGMS January 16, 2023

Call meeting to order: 18:30

Ask for corrections to minutes (Board Minutes 12/12/2022 – as printed in January QQ)

- President John Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- Those present: John Rhodes, Valorie Windholz, Gene and Peggy Maggard, Sharon and Lou Forster, Sandy Whiting, Tony Giardina, Karen Van Embden and Emily Baldrige.

Motion to approve minutes: Lou 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gene: passed

### OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President – Lou

January – annual birthday celebration with an auction. Start at regular time (2:00 pm) on Sunday afternoon – meeting and then the auction. Come as early as 1:00 pm to help set up or to bring items for the auction. Gene will bring WGMS items for the auction – members are encouraged to bring additional items for the auction. February program will be presented by Catherine Rocky – “The Rocky Road – A Geology Travelogue” with Powerpoint.

Secretary – Emily Baldrige – 1) Newsletter, 2) & 3) State of KS vehicle reg – for two trailers (\$47.25 give to Emily), 4) club member from 2004, Michael Bayouth, donated \$500 per year -will credit for membership – rest is donation, 5) WSU stewardship report – annual fund giving – financial summary of 5/1/1977 established – FY 21 – 57,553.20 – FY 22 – 57,517.96. Total gifts to fund from 47,595 WGMS – scholarship this year \$2021 to Neil Lake at WSU Geology.

Ardis will be taking notes at the meeting Sunday.

Treasurer – Karen VanEmbden – Renewed not for profit application with the state requires a \$40 registration fee. Paid sales tax report – working on state form 990 and postcard, but website is currently having issues.

Penalty – none unless 3 years delinquent; CD renewal .5% last year – options for this year 12 mos 3.54%, 24 mos 3.93%, 36, 48 etc.

Gene – discussed RMFMS CDs at 4.6%

Motion: To apply for a 3.93% rate for 24 months length CD as a renewal.

Valorie 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gene motion – approved

We are late on annual nonprofits report – need to know exact membership numbers – As of October 21<sup>st</sup>, our finalized membership for the year consisted of 79 adults, 8 juniors, 17 life members, total of 107. Karen will rewrite check for insurance to RMFMS on Sunday. – see membership directory. JWR will forward e-directory to Karen.

Membership – Valorie Windholz – no new reports

QQ Editor – Sandy Whiting – please send items to be published on time (Friday after last meeting each month).

Show Chairman – Gene Maggard – 1255 Grab bags were assembled at the work meeting last Saturday from target of 1300. Blue apatite and pink and green tourmaline bargains being sought. Blue calcite, tremolite; necklaces – 300 necklaces found plus 1000 stones with 800 left over. We have adequate amounts for upcoming show for necklaces; we may need to acquire some low grade slabs for necklace stones? This would take care of next two years' needs for grab bag necklaces.

January meeting – start signing up for workers for the show – Sandy will bring clip boards – will try to staff all of club venues for Friday, too. February classes sign ups will be available on Sunday, too.

JayHawk Rocks – petrified wood, agates, etc. very valuable with beautiful polish – Marci is sorting buckets – to see what is the best way to deal with more valuable rocks. We will take a look at the board picnic.

Publicity – Peggy Maggard – El Paso GMS – will send in next newsletter – will sign up for Wichita Events.

Need to register event - use FB as primary advert. Will also investigate doing PSAs.

Email to Gene if anyone see needs on website. Check with PBS –

Publications being printed this week and will be distributed at next meeting on Sunday. Includes postcards and discount coupons.

New Business -

1. Mutius Vos – requested the board to evaluate things he wished to sell – consensus of the board to recommend EBAY to him.

Motion to adjourn Emily - 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen –

## **GENERAL MEETING** of the WGMS Sunday, January 22, 2023.

Anniversary meeting & auction

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by President John Rhodes.

John asked for any corrections to last month's minutes. The only one was a misspelling in the article for Two Bit Ranch. Hope should have been home.

Motion to accept the minutes with that one correction was made by David Marshall.

Seconded by Ron Medlock

The motion passed.

Secretary – no report. Emily had a previous engagement and Ardis Cruz was taking minutes.

Treasurer – Karen VanEmbden had nothing new to report.

Membership – 33 members, 2 guests with one applying to be a new Junior member.

Drawing winners – Jim Yanda, Tim Parker & Ardis Cruz.

Editor – Sandy Whiting asked to please have your articles to her by Saturday the 28th.

Publicity -Peggy Maggard brought show coupons and 8 ½ x 11 posters. Everyone was encouraged to take some and start passing them out.

Show – Gene Maggard brought sign up sheets for all the Show venues. He reported that we will need lots of help to keep these areas running smoothly. This year all the spots, Junior Rock Pile, The Wheel, etc. will be running on Friday as well as Sat. & Sun. We need lots more volunteers to man those positions. This is the first year we have had all of them open on Friday.

He also brought a sign-up sheet for class day at their house on Feb. 18th. Classes start at 10:00. Lunch will be at noon. Everyone is to bring a covered dish to share. Teachers are needed for each class. Call Gene if you would like to help out. 316-742-3746.

Gene went over the Auction rules. There are numbered lots. Pick out the lots you want to bid on and write it on your bid card.

John Rhodes – Reported that Gene and Peggy Maggard will be the new Federation Representatives. He also reported that WGMS has donated a total of \$57,533.20 to WSU's Earth Science department since 1977 when it was initiated by the club.

He also mentioned that we need more help at the Show to staff Junior activities since they will be open on Friday now.

V.P./Program Lou Forster – The Program for Feb. will be club member Catherine Rocky giving a geology travelog.

He reminded members to bring items for show & tell.

President John Rhodes dismissed us to visit the snack table and get some anniversary cake and ice cream. We had 10 minutes then the auction will get underway. Thank you, Snack Sisters, Shannon & Shara for taking care of getting the anniversary cake and making sure everything else was organized.

At 2:35 the auction started and Wowza! was it fun. The auctioneer, Gene Maggard, with his highly trained helpers Lou Forster & Lyle Koerper made it a very fun time. Thanks Gentlemen.

Also thank you to Rachel Crane, Karen VanEmbden & Valorie Windholz for keeping track of who won what during the auction and taking the money afterwards.

Respectfully submitted by Ardis Cruz for Emily Baldrige

## **Show**

The January 14 workday went very well. I had targeted filling 1350 grab bags but shorted us on specimens. We wound up doing 1,255 bags, which should be just fine. We will be going into the show with a total inventory of 1,555 bags and we generally sell about 1,300 bags.

Speaking of going into the show, we had work signup sheets for the show at the January meeting. Out of a total of 176 time slots to fill, we filled 36 slots. The signup sheets will also be at the Feb. and March meetings. We need people to sign up if we are to have a show. I somehow failed to print the setup and teardown sheet, which several members pointed out to me. I will have it at the Feb. and March meetings. Feel free to call or email me and inform me that you will be at the show full time and can work wherever needed.

We will also have the exhibit reservation forms at the Feb. and March meetings. It is also attached to this newsletter.

Remember to save your bread sacks and bring them to the show. Take them to the Junior Rockpile.

We have a Touch-Feel table at the show. This venue is very popular because it is the only place that kids (and adults) are encouraged to actually touch the rocks (except the rockpile). Members need to bring rocks that are attractive and that you don't mind if they get covered with kid germs. A sheet identifying what the rock is and where it came from is also helpful. The rocks need to be heavy enough that kids can't easily pick them up and drop them on their foot. Please let me know what you might be bringing.

If staffing permits, we have an area for club members to demonstrate their lapidary or related skill. We will have a Genie machine there for cabbing demonstrations. Staffing was so short last year that we had no demonstrations going on. Hopefully, we will have more volunteers working this year so that we can actually do some demonstrations. Something that I did at the last show before 2022, 2019 I think, was to take a rock that would polish from kids' sacks from the rockpile and polish a face on it. The kids were thrilled and went around showing it to everyone.

Big B's Beef food truck will be our food concessioner at the show again this year. I think that they were a big hit last year, especially when they treated all the show workers there at noon on Sunday to a free lunch. I had never heard of such a thing happening.

Working at the show is fun and satisfying. I hope to see all of you there.

### **Class Day at the Maggard's**

Class day at the Maggard's is Saturday, Feb. 18. In this day and age of smart phones and GPS paper maps are not used so much anymore, but there will be some on the sign up clip board. Gene

### **Membership**

Membership: 34 members and 2 guests attended the January meeting. One guest joined our club! A big welcome to Robyn Murray 😊. Robyn was sponsored by Ardis and Joe Cruz, thanks again to the Cruz's for representing WGMS so well!

Fun was had at the annual January auction and treasures were claimed. Gene Maggard was in rare form as auctioneer and provided comic relief as he efficiently sought every possible bid for items. Lots of folks commented afterwards how much they enjoyed the meeting/auction.

Looking forward to our class day and potluck February 18 at the Maggard's. It is always educational and fun! Directories will be available at the February meeting once again.

Membership: additional note-

A big thank you to Mary Clough. She sent note with a \$20 Donation to WGMS, wished us all well, said she wouldn't be able to make it to our January meeting but wanted us to know she was thinking of us. As one of our Life Members, Mary was such a joy when she was able to attend meetings. We miss you!!

Valorie, Happy Rockhunting/cleaning/etcetera 😊

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\$10 per adult, \$5 for juniors

Membership Year runs September 1 to August 31.

Add new member to your directory:

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### **HOSPITALITY**

Hi fellow rockhounds!

We had a great meeting last month. Auctions are always fun and the birthday cake that we had to celebrate the clubs' 69th birthday( I think) was delicious!!!!!!

This month don't forget to bring snacks. Sweet or savory; we don't care. It's always fun to partake of the snacks and visit with others.

Stay warm. Yours in hospitality, the snack sisters, Shannon and Shara

### **CHEER**

If anyone is aware of members who may be ill or in need of some good wishes, please contact me so that I can send them a card from the Gem and Mineral Society family. Sharon Forster at sforster22@yahoo.com or 316-684-8242.

## **BIRTHDAYS February**

Albert Brouwer Feb 2 Karen Van Embden Feb 9 Patrick Wilson Feb 9 Lane Dawson Feb 18  
Aileen Wilson Feb 22 Jerry Honas Feb 24 Katie Schamle Feb 26

### **Other notes:**

Two Bit Ranch Rock Shop will be open February 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-4:00 each day.

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