



# Quarry Quips



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## Next meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>

### From the President

Our next meeting will be focused on our Show preparation and activities. Each year our Wichita society puts on an awesome show that competes with many of the larger cities and clubs. The way we are successful is having everyone's participation and support. Please feel free to check in with Gene Maggard, our Show Chairman, at any time via [gandpmaggard@gmail.com](mailto:gandpmaggard@gmail.com) to see how you can help. There is still much to do to get ready. Today, there was a Fossil Hunt for material to be used in the kids Fossil Hunt at our show. Hope some of you were able to join Gene and Rita.

Our website at [wichitagemandmineralsociety.org](http://wichitagemandmineralsociety.org) is current and very attractive. Please share it with everyone you know. We need to share pictures with Sandy at [hoglips@aol.com](mailto:hoglips@aol.com) with one attachment per email for further sharing and development. If you have some good pictures from past club activities, please pass them on with notes of the Date of the Activity, and Where it Took Place, and possibly Who are in the pictures (especially if older pictures). Thanks

Additionally, we seem to be two-faced-booked right now with one that has been maintained by Katie Shamle at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/629340710472442>. There are only two current posts from this year that I see today, but you can click on the activity and indicate your interest in show. Thank you for your work Katie. I would like to get pictures from this year and last to post discussions on our event of all of our activities. Please share anything you are willing to [jwesleyrhodes@gmail.com](mailto:jwesleyrhodes@gmail.com) with me. Thanks.

Another facebook page is showing at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064645181398> and I don't know the story behind it just yet. I have emailed the contact and have not yet received a reply. This one has an out-of-date header that may confuse visitors, but appears to be otherwise up to date. I am unable to see any of the background content such as followers or how to post. There are 23 current posts made this year. We will get it together at our forthcoming board meeting to present only one that officially represents our society.

Stay tuned in. There is going to be a lot of action in the next few weeks as we get ready and then the real fun starts! I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting for final planning. Thank you for all that you all do.

John

## **Calendar of meetings:**

### **WGMS DATES**

Board meeting Monday, March 20th

General meeting March 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**

Our program for the March meeting will be conducted by our Show Chairman Gene Maggard. Gene will lead a discussion of the various activities that will take place at our annual April show. This will be an opportunity for newer members to see how the show is set up and operates.

The show & tell display tables will be available, so please bring some goodies to share!

Lou Forster

## **Minutes:**

### **Board Meeting of WGMS February 20, 2023**

The meeting of the WGMS was called to order by President John Rhodes over Zoom platform at 6:30 p.m.

Those in attendance were Lou Forster, Sharon Forster, Emily Baldrige, Karen Van Embden, Valorie Windholz, Gene Maggard, Peggy Maggard, Sandy Whiting, Tex Gough, Rita Sickler, and Tony Giardina.

Emily moved that we accept the minutes of the last board meeting and Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

Lou let us know that Catherine Rock will be presenting our program for the program for our general meeting.

The program is titled “The Rocky Road-A Geology Travelogue”.

Gene said that there will be examples of the cases for displays at the show at next month’s general meeting.

Sandy will explain how to set up your cases and explain the different types of cases the club has available.

Emily had nothing to report at this time.

Valorie has forms to fill out if you wish to reserve a case for display at the show.

Karen brought up that we need to pay for the rental spaces for the trailers. Emily submitted a voucher for the printing of the QQ. Gene has a bill for the purchases of materials for the gem hunt. Valorie moved that we pay these bills, and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy. Motion passed by voice vote.

Gene asked for Karen to bring the Square Reader to our general meeting to check on the working of that piece of equipment for club use.

Valorie let us know that we have a new junior member, Robin Murray. Valorie had a bill for printing of the new Directories. She is sending a memorial to AFMS upon the death of Glenda Richardson’s husband. She is also needing to send the \$300.00 check to AFMS scholarship foundation. Gene moved that these be paid and Valorie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Gene let us know that two AC adapters need to be purchased for the florescent show. Emily moved that these purchases be made and Valorie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Valorie had 15 new club shirts printed up and they are for purchase. The new shirts are polo style. The bill for these shirts was \$168.50. Emily moved that we pay for the shirts and Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed by voice vote.

Sandy had nothing to report at this time.

Gene will be bringing pieces he bought in Tucson for show and tell for the general meeting. The club needs to do a road cut field trip for the fossil hunt for the show. Liz Hixon is retiring as web master and we need to find a local person to fill that job.

The class day at the Maggard home had 19 participants for the workshops.

Peggy has tried to get our club listed in the "Visit Wichita" calendar and that there needs to be a much bigger presence of our club on face book. The McPherson club has a really nice face book page with new material several times each week.

Sharon had nothing to report.

John has made a mockup of a potential new face book page that would help promote our club.

Emily moved that we adjourn, and Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion passed by voice vote.

### **GENERAL MEETING** minutes of the WGMS Sunday, February 26, 2023.

Meeting was called to order by President John Rhodes at 2p.m. He asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for last month. No corrections and Emily moved to accept the minutes and David Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Emily had nothing to report at this time.

Valorie told us we had one new member and that there were forms to reserve show cases. There were new t-shirts for sale at \$12.00 each.

Door prizes were in abundance at the meeting.

Peggy is checking on "Visit Wichita" calendar site. We need to have a bigger footprint in the digital media.

Gene has the sign-up sheets to work at the different events at our show and for setting up on that Thursday. He mentioned that 19 club members participated in the workshop day at the Maggard's. Everyone had a great time.

Sharon brought cards for cheer for members today. Please take time to sign them so she can mail them as needed.

Catherine Rocky presented her power point program titled "On The Rocky Road-A Geology Travelogue".

The presentation was very wonderful and full of information of her travels to different regions of geological interest.

Meeting was adjourned after presentation for fellowship and snacks.

### **Show**

Signups for working at the show will continue at the March general meeting. The Show Committee Chairs for the various club show activities will give a description of the various club activities at the March general meeting to help people decide where they would like to work. Signup sheets will be available.

In addition to staffing for the various club venues, Setup Day, Thursday, April 20, is critical. Setup will start at 8am with over a hundred tables being arranged in a predetermined plan. There will be multiple plans available, and crews will be assigned to set up designated areas in the building. Able bodied people are required for this activity. Another crew will be making sandwiches for lunch. There is no charge for club members helping with setup for lunch.

While tables are being set up, the electrical crew will be stringing out extension cords to supply electricity wherever it is needed. Another crew will be putting up dividers to separate the vendors.

After lunch vendors will be moving in and club members will be setting up their display cases. After setup is complete, we will have a potluck dinner for club members and vendors, starting at 6pm. The vendors are our guests and should be allowed to be first in line. All club members need to bring their favorite potluck dish, enough for their family plus enough extra to serve 6 people.

Showtime is almost upon us and we will need participation from all club membership to make the show a success.

## Membership

There were 35 members and 4 guests at our February meeting. We had an adult and a 7 year old join our club at that meeting, and there would have been another adult but I ran out of applications (Aack). I'll have plenty for March!! We gave away 5 door prizes, and each guest got a nice sample of garnet in schist.

I'm wearing two metaphorical hats for this article. I'm encouraging everyone to consider putting in a display case for our show in April. Currently the two federation cases, all the Haines cases, about 3 of the Matney cases and a Wichita case are reserved. We have lots of the Wichita and Matney cases available. Displays do not have to be fancy. Things that draw your interest will more than likely appeal to others. Some basics of setting up a display case are:

- 1). Decide what you have to put in (fossils, geodes, fluorescent rocks, agates, what you use to collect specimens, a collection of quartz are a few suggestions).
  - 2). Decide whether a Wichita case (30" x 25", slants front to back 4" to 8" tall w/glass cover) or a Matney (32" x 18" tall x 18" deep, lighted with glass) would work best for you.
  - 3). Decide what lining will allow your items to shine. Generally neutral solid colors such as cream or pastels are recommended, keep it simple-no shiny, patterned, or reflective material. Decide if putting part of the display on risers would enhance visually (you'll have to bring them with you) and make sure to bring enough lining to cover everything and fold under raw edges.
  - 4). Keep it simple.
  - 5). Label each piece. Put your name in the display. 3 x 5" file cards work well. Black pen and neat printing. Be sure to include where the specimen was found.
  - 6). Lay everything out at home and figure out what works. Stuff to bring: display items, liner, risers, pins or tacks, tape, labels, paper towels, glass cleaner, scissors, name plaque. We get the cases set out on Thursday and your name will be in the case you've selected to borrow.
- Ask club members if you have questions!!

Please get any requests to me so I can reserve your case. [vwindholz@gmail.com](mailto:vwindholz@gmail.com)

I'll have reservation forms at the March meeting.

Valorie Windholz

Happy Rockhunting/cleaning/etcetera 😊

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\$10 per adult, \$5 for juniors

Membership Year runs September 1 to August 31.

## HOSPITALITY

Hi fellow rockhounds!

Shara and want to thank all those that bring treats for all of us to enjoy. It is appreciated. It's fun to snack and fellowship with likeminded people!!

We will see you March 26th.

Yours in hospitality, Shara and Shannon, the snack sisters

## 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](mailto:sforster22@yahoo.com) or 316-684-8242.

## **BIRTHDAYS March**

David Marshall Mar 6; Dan Reisig Mar 7; Susan Bannon Mar 9; Dana Shannon Mar 21  
Emily Baldrige Mar 29

### **Other notes:**

Two Bit Ranch Rocks & Fossils will be open Friday & Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-4:00.

We have the following used equipment for sale:

A Lortone model 3A rock tumbler for \$60.00.

A Lortone Model 33B rock tumbler for \$100.00. This has two barrels.

A Minisonic/Vibrasonic Tumbler made by American Gem Supply for \$100.00. Used twice. I know that because I bought it new and am the one who used it. I never got passed the first step of grit. So it's like new.

A Scott marble making machine, \$85.00.

A Covington sphere making machine \$85.00

One 6" Rock Rascal trim saw \$100.00.

1 new 4" Elgin copper blade \$20.00, 1 new 4" blade \$20.00.

We purchased some new rough material (about a ton) including, Jade, Burro Creek Jasper, Montana Agate & Sodalite.

Agate and jasper mixed pieces tumbling rough at \$2.00 per lb. in 2, 3 & 5 lb. bags.

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