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**Next Meeting **Saturday**, August 26 See PROGRAMS for times**

## **From the President**

Our next general meeting is coming up on SATURDAY August 26 at the Community of Christ Church, 3500 S. Webb Road, Wichita, KS. This is our annual pot-luck lunch with favorite foods prepared by our membership and a great opportunity to get to know each other. We will also have auctions of great rocks, minerals, fossils, shells, findings, etc. from members to members. I am told that we have some great offerings at bargain prices this year. All proceeds help fund our activities, so come bring any of those old things you no longer need or that are just in the way and collect some new favorites while helping our club at the same time! (Sort of like our own members-only swap-meet) This annual auction is one of our best fundraisers and really a highlight of the year. See further details in this newsletter about when to preview and how the auction will work.

Looking forward to our time of fellowship, sharing, and learning about all things rock, gems, & minerals.

John Rhodes  
WGMS President 2022-23

## **Calendar of meetings:**

WGMS DATES

Board meeting Monday, August 21

General meeting –

Aug 26 (Saturday) – General meeting/Auction

## **Programs**

For our SATURDAY, August 26, meeting, our program will be our annual mega auction and potluck lunch. The day's schedule will be: 10:00 a.m. - Doors will open to commence set up of the auction items. If you have auction items to donate (and hopefully lots of you will), please bring them as close to 10 o'clock as possible.

11:00 a.m. - Viewing of the auction items will begin if set up has been completed, otherwise as soon as possible afterwards.

Noon - Time for the potluck meal. Please bring one of your favorite meat or veggie, salad, dessert, etc. items to share. The kitchen area has a refrigerator, stove with open, and sinks.

1:00 p.m. - Regular short business meeting followed by the big event - the auction.

Get ready to enjoy yourselves and good luck at the auction!

Lou Forster

## **Minutes:**

### **Board Meeting** of WGMS July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Meeting called to order by President John Rhodes at 6:30 on July 19, 2023. Those in attendance were John Rhodes, Lou and Sharon Forster, Gene and Peggy Maggard, Karen van Embden, Tony Giardina and Rita Sickler, Sandy Whiting. Gene moved that we accept the minutes of the last board meeting as printed in the QQ. Sandy 2nd the motion and the motion passed by voice vote. The general meeting will be held on Sunday July 23. The meeting will consist of voting for officers and a program presented by Tim Parker on the Evolution of the Dog in Paleontology.

Our club auction will be held on Saturday August 26. This is a Saturday meeting with a potluck luncheon at noon. Set up will begin at 10:00 and viewing of items will begin at 11:00. Gene will be giving a report about the meeting in Casper, Wyoming, as well as a report on show preparations.

Sandy shared concerns about the QQ and promptness of information to her.

Bruce Campbell will be our new Education Day co-chair who will handle registration of classes as well as greet and handle entry. Kay Johnson will handle the activities upstairs and will update the website concerning the education day. Karen will share the participation records from last year with Bruce.

Peggy will try to get TV stations sooner and Visit Wichita as well. Facebook isn't where it should be in advertising for the show. The committee needs to support Katie with more input from the board. Discussion of preparing a map so that buses know where to park when they arrive. Peggy will work with Bruce and education leads.

Old Business: Our website is still inactive and John and Peggy will make contact with Katie. The club still needs to purchase a pen for finding fake money.

New Business: Grants for the schools need to be in cash

Report from delegates to RMFMS; Good meeting and rock hunting on public lands. The Department of the Interior wants to make 1.2 million acres into national monument that includes the Mojave Desert area. Members need to write to BLM to have trails opened for rock collecting and for future national monuments trails to remain open for collecting. Rock collecting is a legitimate use of the land.

Sharon sent a card to ill club member.

Curater position is vacant.

Federation Reps are Gene and Peggy

Gifts combined with membership.

Historian combined with librarian-John Rhodes temp

Hospitality is Shannon Dixon and Shara Sherman

Insurance/property Peggy Maggard and Ardis Cruz

Junior leader-vacant

Librarian- combined with Historian- John Rhodes temp

### **GENERAL MEETING** minutes July 23

Meeting of WGMS was held at 2pm on Sunday July 23, 2023. Meeting called to order by president John Rhodes. Emily moves that we accept the minutes of last month general meeting and David 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed by a voice vote.

Emily reported she had bill for postage and printing.

Karen was absent.

Valorie will accept dues starting in August. Tim Myers joined as new member last month and we have Amanda Eijkhout joined today.

Sandy wants information for QQ by Friday or Saturday.

Sandy suggested that we could take a field trip to dig selenite in September. There is the Mozarkite Festival in Missouri September 15-17. There is a show in Lincoln, Missouri September 13-15.

Audit will commence in August.

Tony had nothing to report.

Sharon told us that our member Tex Gough had recently passed away.

Gene and Peggy are in South Dakota for a show.

Nominating committee met and had a slate of officers. It was called for if there would be any other nominations. The voting was done and there were no new nominations and the current board was re-elected.

John Rhodes- president

Lou Forster- vice-president

Emily Baldrige-secretary

Karen Van Embden-treasurer

Valorie Windholz-membership

Gene Maggard-show chairman

Peggy Maggard-publicity

Sharon Forster- finance and cheer

Rita Sickler-director

Sandy Whiting-publisher

Field trip position is open

It was moved by David that we accept the board as elected and Lyle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and accepted by voice vote. Ardis brought up to us that Dana Shannon needs help with moving her lapidary and silversmithing equipment to a single location in her home.

Lyle presented to us that at WSU there is a program called Life Long Learning. It is free to those who are 60 or older. This is a program designed for seniors. Sept thru October is program on Rocks and Minerals. October thru November it is Fossils.

Tim Parker presented our program today on the Evolution of the dog in Paleontology.

Next month our meeting is on Saturday, and it is our annual auction. Set-up begins at 10 am and viewing of materials at 11:00. Potluck luncheon at noon and auction begins at 1:00.

Meeting adjourned.

## **Show**

Elections are over and it seems that I have the honor of being the 2024 show chairman. I am in the process of forming the 2024 show committee. Most of the offices will be the same as 2023. I will announce the 2024 show committee as soon as it is complete. If you are interested in being on the committee let me know. Show preparation activities will include taking mineral specimens home to bag, gluing together rock necklaces and breaking up rocks for the junior rock pile. There will be more information at the August meeting.

Gene Maggard

## **Membership**

Greetings, fellow rock enthusiasts. I'm writing this just after our July meeting. Apologies for running late today, I will endeavor not to repeat this. Too many folks were stressing, including myself. So!

Thank you to Tim Parker for his interesting presentation on canine evolution. I was a little concerned initially when words such as oligacene were casually tossed out but was soon reassured by the level of explanation Tim offered.

We had 31 members and 1 guest present so attendance was good. Next month is our auction and potluck which is always well attended. Plan on paying dues since your membership lapses at the end of August. Our club operates on a 'fiscal year' of September 1 through August 31. I do not have change so please either pay by check or exact cash. Dues are \$10/yr for adults and \$5/yr for juniors age 13-17. I generally volunteer to help with the auction so won't be available during that time. Cheers to all, stay cool, and see you at the next meeting!!

Happy Rocking! ValorieValorie Windholz / Member ship chair [vhwindholz@gmail.com](mailto:vhwindholz@gmail.com)

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\$10 per adult, \$5 for juniors

Membership Year runs September 1 to August 31.

## HOSPITALITY

Hi fellow rockhounds.

It's still hot. Ugh. But the WGMS meetings are so cool! (pun intended! Lol). We had so many snacks. It was wonderful. Thank you to all those who brought snacks to share.

Next month our meeting is on a Saturday and we will have a potluck in conjunction with our semiannual auction. Please bring a main dish (which is always welcome), a side dish, and or a dessert. We will eat till it's gone. But remember, you are responsible for making sure your dish gets heated, cooked, sliced, diced or whatever it needs because Shara and I are usually doing other things to get ready. There are a lot of plug ins for crockpots....

Hope to see you in August. The auctions are always a good time.

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

## FIELD TRIP

Save the date of Sept 30<sup>th</sup> for a field trip to the Salt plains to dig for selenite. Hopefully, it won't be too hot, cold, windy. Most likely, meet at the digging field about 9:30 to 10:00 am. It takes about 2 hours to get there. You will get WET and dirty and salty. Bring clothes to change into. More later.

## 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 August

Phil Rudd..... Aug 9 Alexis Johnson.....Aug 14 Peggy Maggard.....Aug 15  
Tim Parker.....Aug 17 Erika Colaccico.....Aug 24 Toby Davis.....Aug 24  
Jake Frisbie.....Aug 25 Linda Crossland.....Aug 26

## Other notes:

Two Bit Ranch Rock Shop

In August we will be open Friday the 18th from 10-4:00, but not Saturday the 26th.

I have put out 7 more books that are fossil related. We have the following used equipment for sale:

A combo unit 12" rock saw and three polishing wheels. The wheels are 80, 220 & 280 grit. The unit is \$850.00.

If you have lapidary equipment that's not working right, Joe may be able to fix it. Come by and talk to him during our sale or call 733-8727.

We will also buy used rock saws and polishing machines.

Call with questions.

Ardis Cruz

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