



# Quarry Quips



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## Next Meeting Sunday July 23

### From the President

Our next general meeting is coming up on July 23, 2023 at the Community of Christ Church, 3500 S. Webb Road, Wichita KS. We are anticipating a great program from Tim Parker on the evolution of dogs. Did modern-day dogs evolve from grey wolves (*Canis lupus*) at least 15,000 years ago, during the last Ice Age, or over 130,000 years ago before agriculture? Or do all ancient and modern *dogs* share a common ancestry descended from an ancient, now-extinct wolf population? Come find out.

We will also elect officers for next year at this important meeting. Come with your own ideas or come and support the slate of officers announced at the June meeting.

I have been having an urge to develop a new field trip and am thinking about collecting from some of the lamproite plumes in southeast Kansas. I am currently researching sites and hope to have an update at the July meeting with availability for signing up if you are interested. Lamproite tubes are formed through a similar process to the famous diamond containing kimberlites in that they derive from magma tubes bubbling up into the surface and intruding into layers of older formations from deep molten magma. The process is similar, but they are chemically different.

Finally, please be mindful of the "Snack Sisters" request for you to bring your favorite snacks to revive our long-time practice of fellowship immediately after the meeting. As ever, if you have something interesting or thought provoking, bring it to share, show, and tell.

Looking forward to our time of fellowship and sharing,

John Rhodes  
WGMS President 2022-23

## **Calendar of meetings:**

### **WGMS DATES**

Board meeting Monday, July 17th

General meeting –

Jul 23 General meetings

Aug 26 (Saturday) – General meeting/Auction

## **Programs**

For our July meeting, our program will be presented by Tim Parker. His presentation will be on "The Evolution of Dogs." In addition to his power point program, he will be bringing a large numbers of fossils from his personal collections. Tim, as you know from his past presentations to us, is an authority on vertebrate fossils.

Due to the number of specimens that Tim will be bringing, our display tables will probably be full.

Our program for the August meeting will be our annual mega-auction and potluck lunch. I will give full details about this event at our July meeting and in next month's newsletter. As always, donations of items by club members for the auction will be an important part of this event's success.

Lou Forster

## **Minutes:**

### **Board Meeting of WGMS June 19th 2023**

Meeting of the board of the WGMS called to order on Monday June 19, 2023 by president John Rhodes. Gene moved that we accept the minutes as printed in the QQ and Valorie 2nd the motion. Motion passed by voice vote. The general meeting is to be on Sunday June 25 and the slate of nominees for the July election will be announced with the election following at the July general meeting.

Those in attendance for this board meeting were John Rhodes, Lou Forster, Sharon Forster, Karen Van Embden, Tony Giardina, Emily Baldrige, Gene and Peggy Maggard, Valorie Windholz, Sandy Whiting, and Rita Sickler.

Lou informed the board that the general meeting program was going to be a presentation by Gene Maggard about the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The program in July will be presented by Tim Parker about the origins of the dog in paleontology. Our August meeting will be on Saturday with a potluck luncheon and annual auction following.

Emily reported that the post office box bill came. Emily submitted a voucher for printing and postage of QQ for \$87.53. Valorie moved that Emily be reimbursed for this expense and Karen 2nd the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Karen announced that there was a second check from Wichita Independent School for the admission of the adults that attended with the students. This bill was previously paid, and Karen will return the check to the school.

Valorie reminded us that annual dues are to be paid in August.

Sandy would like all information to be printed in the QQ to be submitted by June 30th.

Gene had no new business.

Peggy had questions about how many postcards for next year's show. Go Wichita had no notification about our show until April 1st.

Sharon had nothing to report at this time.

New business was started by announcing that our website needs to be more exciting.

The club needs to purchase markers to check for counterfeit bills. Valorie said that she would source the markers.

Lou informed us that the nominating committee members were to be Karen, Valorie, Tex and David Wilson. All current officers are seeking to be re-elected. The club is still looking for a Field Trip chairman.

The field trip for meteorites was a great success. Everyone found material and had a great day outdoors in our lovely state.

John moved that we adjourn and Valorie 2nd the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Board Meeting of Wichita Gem and Mineral Society

### **GENERAL MEETING** minutes June 25

Meeting of the WGMS was called to order by President John Rhodes on Sunday June 25, 2023 at 2:04 p.m.

Emily moves that we accept the minutes as printed in the QQ and David 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Emily had a bill to report that was for the storage trailers rental space.

Karen was absent today.

Valorie reminded us that dues for membership are due in August.

There was one new member and one visitor today. The new member is Tim Myers and the visitor was Mandy.

Welcome to these new attendees.

Sandy reminded us that we need to have notes and articles for QQ to her by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

John spoke about the field trip for looking for Pallasite meteorites and to visit the petrified wood museum in Coates, Kansas.

John wants our website to be more interesting and we need help keeping it up.

Peggy had nothing to report at this time.

Gene is awaiting board elections.

Sharon will begin the annual financial audit in August.

Sandy is leading the junior rock club activity today. The activity is painting rocks.

The nominating committee consisting of Lou Forster, Karen Van Embden, Valorie Windholz and David Wilson met at the Forster home to begin the task of contacting current board members and historians to see if they were wishing to retain their current positions. The position that needs to be filled is field trip chairman.

Valorie announced door prize winners for today. The following attendees received door prizes.

Carl Windholz, Nelson Schmidt, Nivea Owlsly, Lou Forster, Pedro Vargas and John Rhodes. The new member and our visitor today received peridot specimens.

There was a great show and tell portion to the meeting today. John Rhodes had many meteorites from the field trip. Lou Forster had specimens from the McPherson show. David Marshall had carved jade and agate to show. Tim Myers had many specimens from Chautauqua County to show and Valorie had specimens from their recent trip to Colorado.

Tim Parker will present a program in July about the evolution of the dog in paleontology. Gene Maggard presented our program today about the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies. There are 79 clubs in the 13 states that are part of the RMFMS.

Sandy and Nivea showed their painted rocks that they worked on during the meeting today.

Meeting adjourned.



## Show

Stay tuned!

## Membership

Membership: Annual membership renewal is due before September 1, and I'll accept renewals starting at our July meeting. Looking forward to our July presentation and seeing everyone! With any luck Carl and I will have a few new rocks to show from Wyoming!

Adult memberships \$10/ year, juniors (13-17) \$5/year. Memberships run September 1 thru August 31. Please verify your address and contact information is accurate in the current directory. Happy rocking and stay cool!

Valorie 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

Fellow rock hounds,

It's hot! Nice to look forward to our next meeting in cool air conditioning. Shara and I are grateful to those who consistently bring snacks for all to partake ( you know who you are!) But the offerings are getting a little sparse. Please consider bringing a snack to share with everyone. That's part of the fun of getting together. Everyone likes to eat!! Sweet or savory. We like it all.

We look forward to seeing all our friends at the next meeting. In the meantime- stay cool.

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

## BIRTHDAYS July

Dennis Crossland July 4 Gabriella Lorik July 4 Gene Maggard July 8 Laufey Sluyter July 12

Jim Miller July 17 Ardis Cruz July 20 June Koerper July 27 Kay Johnson. July 28

Lloyd Folger July 29 Marv Dahmen July 30 Tony Giardina July 30

## Other notes:

Two Bit Ranch Rock Shop will not be open in July.

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 also buy used rock saws and polishing machines.

Ardis Cruz

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The Wichita Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Community of Christ Church at 3500 S. Webb Road. (April is our annual show and November and December meeting times and locations to be announced/published.)

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