



Quarry Quips



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Next Meeting Sunday June 25

From the President

Our next general meeting is coming up on June 25, 2023, at the Community of Christ Church, 3500 S. Webb Road, Wichita KS.

Our program at that time will be provided by Gene Maggard, our lifetime member and show chairman for this last really great, record setting event last April. He and his wife, Peggy, are also our representatives for the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS). He will be sharing his insights, our membership requirements, benefits, etc. for being a member of this important group which helps us get insurance, publicity, non-profit status as an organization, and so many other important benefits. Feel free to bring any rocks, minerals, fossils, etc. that you would also like to share after his discussion.

Additionally, we look forward to hearing from our nominating committee's ideas for future club officers! Please be mindful of the "Snack Sisters" request for you to bring your favorite snacks to enrich our long-time practice of fellowship during and immediately after the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you and your favorite or mysterious rocks, snacks, curiosity about our status as a mineralogical society, etc.... and the friends you bring with you.

John Rhodes

WGMS President 2022-23

Calendar of meetings:

WGMS DATES

Board meeting Monday, June 19th

General meeting –

Jun 25, Jul 23 General meetings

Aug 26 (Saturday) – General meeting/Auction

Programs

For our June meeting, our program will be presented by Gene Maggard. We will learn about our membership in the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Why are we members and what are the

advantages & duties of membership. Gene and Peggy are our representatives to the RMFMS and will soon be attending the annual meeting in Casper, Wyoming.

Our show & tell display tables will be available and will have lots of space for you to bring some goodies to share. I will be sharing several items from the recent McPherson show.

Lou Forster

Minutes:

Board Meeting of WGMS May 15th 2023

Board Meeting of Wichita Gem and Mineral Society

The board meeting of WGMS was called to order over video platform at 6:30 on Monday May 22. Those in attendance were John Rhodes, Lou Forster, Sharon Forster, Emily Baldrige, Karen Van Emden, Gene and Peggy Maggard, Valorie Windholz, Tony Giardina and Tex Gough. Valorie moved that we accept minutes of last board meeting and Peggy seconded the motion.

Lou informed us that our general meeting in May will be a show and tell of items that club members purchased at the show.

Emily had nothing to report at this time.

Karen told us that the sales tax needs to be paid in July.

Valorie had expenses for printing of \$98.95 and office supplies of \$8.93. Valorie moved to reimburse her for these expenses and Emily seconded the motion.

Karen did have a bill from our web master for \$100.00. Valorie moved that we pay this bill and Emily seconded the motion.

Valorie announced that we have several new members.

These new applications for membership. They are Neveah McIntosh, Pedro Vargas, Cheryl Sigwing and Jason Westerfield. Emily moved that we accept these new applicants and Gene seconded the motion.

Gene said that the financials from the show are not ready to report at this time.

Peggy told us that she is formulating data to show where attendees got their information about our show. There will be no postcards mailed out for our 2024 show.

Sharon had nothing to report.

The rocky Mountain Federation show is to be held in Casper, Wyoming July 14 -16th. Gene and Peggy will be attending.

A Social Media Oversight committee has been formed and they are Gene and Peggy Maggard, John Rhodes and Tex Gough.

Tony brought forth that we need to have more lights for the fluorescent room for our next show.

Emily moved that we adjourn, and Valorie seconded the motion.

GENERAL MEETING minutes May 21

GENERAL MEETING 05/21/2023 2:00 pm Community of Christ Church

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm

Ask for corrections to minutes from 3/26/2023 (in absence of a meeting in April due to the Show)

Minutes were approved as printed in Quarry Quips (04/2022)

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary – Emily Baldrige – no new reports.

Treasurer – Karen Van Emden

Membership – Valorie Windholz – new members were presented:

New junior member – (Robin Johnson's cousin?)

Editor – Sandy Whiting – please get in your articles by Memorial Day.

Field Trip – John Rhodes offered to lead a members-only field trip to collect meteorite debris from a 20,000-year-old meteorite field in Brenham, KS. Several members shared interest in the field trip. (Now designated to occur on Saturday, June 10, 2023.)

Publicity – Peggy Maggard

Facebook appeared to be a good new advertisement method this year according to follow-up surveys conducted using raffle entries with questionnaires for a large sample of attendees at our last show. Personal contact is also an important means.

Show – Gene Maggard

About 2100 paid adults attended the April Show. Our net income from the show appears to be about \$15,700 a gross of over \$24,000 compared to \$12,300 net last year which was our largest ever at that time.

Two nominees for Rockhound of the Year were presented and their respective accomplishments and qualifications were shared with the body. Rita Sickler has served as a Director now for about two years and she and Jerry Honas have done a wonderful job over the past few years in development of the Fossil Hunt for youth at our annual show. Lou has served as vice president for a couple of years and has made the Silent Auction a great success with each year getting better than the last. Final selection for the award was Lou Forster – Congratulations, Lou!

Finance – Sharon Forster - no report at this time.

Directors

Tony Giardina – Tex Gough – no report at this time Rita Sickler – not present

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Junior Leader – Vacant – Valorie Windholz volunteered to develop a program next month for junior members.

Announcements

Old Business

Website – Pres. Rhodes asked for one more member to volunteer for the Social Media Committee which currently consists of Gene & Peggy Mallard, John Rhodes, and Webmaster, Jacob Cecchini-Roosevelt. Tex Gough volunteered to join the committee.

New Business

Request for volunteers to serve as external member of the Nomination Committee to contact John Rhodes. V.P. Lou Forster was appointed as chair. We will hear nominations at our next meeting in June. From the Constitution: “The duty of the committee shall be to nominate at least one candidate for each office to be filled at the annual business meeting in July at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor with prior approval of the nominee.”

Meeting was turned over to V.P. for program; Show & Tell from the Show:

Lou Forster – shared some specimens of vanadinite and many fossils that he had acquired for his personal collections.

Marci Fleeker – shared some interesting turtles made from a variety of materials.

Lane Dawson – shared an Australian boulder opal cabochon that he had polished from a specimen he acquired at the show and another large specimen with green and white tones (zeolites)

Emily Baldrige – shared (some pretty little red stones....red corals)

Valorie Windholtz – shared a Ruby-Zoisite egg that reacted beautifully to UV light and some geodes.

John Rhodes – shared some very nice agatized horn corals from the Silent Auction that he had polished with one being sliced and polished into numerous sequential cabochons.

Tony Giardino – shared recent acquisitions (which he “witnessed”) at the last show.

Lyle Koerper shared his many experiences as a life member of our Society and encouraged the membership to take similar advantages as opportunities presented in the future.

Show

Show Report June 2023

The 2023 show went quite well. We had lots of good help when setting up, tearing down and also during the show. The pot luck Thursday evening was terrific, lots of good food! We were able to staff all five kid venues on Friday, which was much appreciated by both teachers and students. I think that all involved had a great time. We had about 2,100 paid adult admissions. This was down a bit from last year's admissions of about 2,300 paid adults. Net income was about \$15,700 which I think is a new record. Anyone wanting to look at the detailed show finances can email me, and I will send you a copy.

Thanks to all who helped at the show and thanks to the chairmen of the club venues. Everyone did a great job which made my job easy.

Gene Maggard

2023 Show Chairman



Lou Forster – 2023 Rockhound of the year

The 2023 Show Committee selected Lou Forster to be the 2023 Rockhound of the Year. This honor is well deserved. Lou has worked tirelessly as Vice President the last several years, bringing an interesting and educational program to our general meetings each month. He has also adopted the Silent Auction at the show as his own and has done a great job of managing it. I think that everyone who has helped him at the auction would agree that he is a great “boss” and is fun to work with. Congratulations, Lou.

Gene Maggard 2023 Show Chairman

Membership

Membership: There were 35 members, and 2 guests present for our May meeting. The meeting was fun, and our members showed some cool acquisitions from our April show. Looking forward to looking for genuine meteor dust this Saturday!! See everyone at our June meeting.

Valorie Windholz / Member ship chair

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 I always look forward to our meetings. We love the company, and we really like the goodies that people bring! Keep it up please. Sweet or savory- it's always fun to eat and participate in the meeting and visit with our friends. Stay cool.

Yours in hospitality, Shannon and Shara, 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 or 316-684-8242.

BIRTHDAYS June

Makenna Roths Jun 3 Kelly Dixon Jun 4 Michael Bayouth Jun 8
Nevaeh McIntosh Jun 12 Sara Murphy Jun 14 Mary Clough Jun 15
Johnny Saunders Jun 19

Other notes:

Two Bit Ranch Rock Shop will be open Friday June 16th & Saturday June 17th, 10:00-4:00.

We have the following used equipment for sale:

A Lortone Model 33B rock tumbler for \$100.00. This has two barrels. Each will hold 1-1 ½ lbs of rocks.

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.

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.)

WGMS does not offer classes or workshops.

Board meetings are held on the Monday preceding the General meeting at places announced and/or printed in the Quarry Quips, the official bulletin of the Society. Members are urged to contribute material for publication in the Quarry Quips, the deadline for articles is the Friday following the General meeting. Articles should be submitted by e-mail to: Hoglips@aol.com

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