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Next Meeting Sunday May 21 a week earlier than normal due to the Memorial Day Holiday

From the President

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who participated in our very successful annual show this year; through Donations, Setup, Dinner for our Guest Exhibitors, Show Operation of the many venues, Participation, and Tear Down took many hands. Wow, I don't know how it all gets done, but with some pretty excellent leadership from the Show Committee and with the help of each and every one of you. Thank you for all of your efforts!

I am looking forward to hearing the reports at our next meeting. We also look forward to a rich sharing session if you will each bring your favorite acquisitions and share your thoughts about the show. Additionally, please bring your ideas for future club officers – we will gather a nominating committee at the meeting.

Remember, this month our meeting is a week earlier, May 21 at 2 pm, the 3rd Sunday, so people can be free to have a 3-day weekend. Having our monthly meeting a week earlier also means that the Board will meet a week earlier, May 15th at 6:30. Board members, please make sure to attend. We will try to run through our club business as quickly as possible.

As everyone knows, we are an all-volunteer organization. Soon a Nominating Committee will seek out leadership to carry our club forward for the next year. If you have the desire to help guide our club forward, please let anyone on the Board know as well as in what capacity you would like to serve. For our newest members, this is one of the greatest ways to get to know our various members.

All for now. Again, thank you for your participation and support for our show.

John, President WGMS 2022-2023

Calendar of meetings:

WGMS DATES

Board meeting Monday, May 15th

General meeting –

May 21, Jun 25, Jul 23 General meetings

Aug 26 (Saturday) – General meeting/Auction

Programs

For our May meeting, the program will be a sharing of items you obtained at our very successful April show. Please bring several the favorite treasures you purchased and place them on the show & tell display tables. I am hoping all the tables will be filled and I'll have to set up additional ones. The more things to view, the more fun we'll have.

Lou Forster

Minutes:

Board Meeting of WGMS April 17, 2023

No board meeting this month.

GENERAL MEETING minutes of the WGMS None. Show time!

Show

The show went really well. We had great help for all the club activities and the various show chairmen did a great job of running their activities. A special thanks to both the Show Committee and all the general members that gave their time to work at the show.

On Friday the teachers were really appreciative that we had all of our club activities up and running. The kids had a great time at our activities and also learned a lot. Some teachers remarked that it was a real learning experience for the kids, especially the Gem Hunt and the Fossil Hunt. This is the first year that we have had sufficient staffing to run these activities and the Wheel. Our club is gaining in membership and more people are available to work on Friday, making it possible to run all our activities.

No financials yet, but I think that we did quite well financially, making possible funding of our WSU scholarship as well as the AFMS Scholarship Foundation donation.

Thanks, again, to all who worked at the show. In the meantime, we take a break from show prep. activities while awaiting officer elections and reformulation of the 2024 Show Committee. Don't forget to save your bread sacks for the Rock Pile and be sure to clean out the bread crumbs.

Gene Maggard
2023 Show Chairman

Membership

Membership: Happy May! Hopefully everyone is recuperated from the most excellent 2023 show! The dealers I spoke with were pleased with attendance and sales. So, congratulations to Gene and everyone who worked to achieve this success. I had flyers for new potential members at the show and will have them at meetings for anyone to take/distribute. So far Ardis and Joe Cruz have brought in the most new members. Thank you, Joe and Ardis!!

Looking forward to seeing what fun new treasures everyone acquired at the show 🌟📦💎

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,

Wasn't the show amazing? I look forward to it every year. Such beautiful things and wonderful people. Shara and I are so grateful for all those that helped us fix sandwiches and then helped get the potluck up and going. (you know who you are!) Both were a huge success. We can't do it by ourselves. So many were very generous with food at the pot luck. I think everyone had the opportunity to get full.

See everyone at our next meeting in May. Don't forget snacks. (we are always thinking about food!).

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 May

Tracy McGarey	May 2 Elizabeth Frisbie	May 5 Shannon Dixon	May 16
Maison Walker	May 18 India Yanda	May 18 Sally Henning	May 24
Kyle Parker	May 29 Jana Dahmen	May 31	

Other notes:

Two Bit Ranch Rock Shop will be open Friday May 12th & Saturday, May 13th, 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.

Material already in our inventory, Keokuk geodes, Howlite, Carnelian and Prairie agates.

A large assortment of unfinished cabs from 1.00-2.00.

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.

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