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Next Meeting Sunday, September 24

From the President

Our next general meeting is coming up on Sunday, September 24 at the Community of Christ Church, 3500 S. Webb Road, Wichita KS. Bring your favorite snacks to share and Lou will bring us a great program. This Sunday, we will hear from the chairman of the geology department at WSU and learn about the field trips that they do with their students. Keep an eye out for an announcement from Sandy Whiting, as she may lead us on a trip to the salt flats in Oklahoma next month – maybe even before our meeting. Also, we can hope to hear a little more about the Mozarkite Festival from Marv Dahman. Hopefully, the weather is getting cooler and nicer to get out and explore nature for us.

Additionally, we will begin our annual audit, since by this meeting we will have all of our receipts and payments completed from the end of August. September starts our new fiscal year, so we will soon be sharing our new year 2023-24 budget.

Looking forward to seeing you all

John Rhodes
WGMS President 2023-24

Calendar of meetings:

WGMS DATES

- Board meeting Monday, September 18
- General meeting – Sunday, September 24
- Field trip to Salt Plains Saturday September 30

Programs

For our program at the September meeting, we will have a guest speaker: Will Parcell. Dr. Parcell is chairman of the Geology Department at Wichita State University. He will give us a presentation on the month-long, late Spring-early Summer field camp in which he and WSU students spend in the Big Horn Basin and surrounding mountains of Wyoming each year.

Dr. Parcell's presentation will follow the business meeting and then we will have our "treats." We will not have our Show & Tell tables, but instead spend the time getting to know and socializing with our guest.

Lou Forster

Minutes:

Board Meeting of WGMS August 21, 2023

The board meeting of the WGMS was called to order by president John Rhodes over zoom platform. Those present were Lou Forster, Emily Baldrige, Karen Van Embden, Sandy Whiting, Valorie Windholz, Gene Maggard, Peggy Maggard, and Tony Giardina. Emily motioned to accept the minutes of the last board meeting and Valorie 2nd the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

The general meeting of WGMS will be held on Saturday August 26th with luncheon and annual auction to follow at 1pm.

The September meeting on the 24th will have Dr. Will Parcell as speaker. He is chairman of Geology at WSU. He will speak about a field camp that all graduating students must have to obtain their degree in Geology. The field camps will be held in late spring or early summer.

Lou wishes to set dates for our upcoming meetings at the church. John will make a calendar of the dates and contact the church about availability.

Emily had received a bill for K-15 storage.

Valorie mentioned that club dues could be paid at the August meeting. There will be a memorial of \$50.00 in the name of Tex Gough. There was a letter received from Richard Jaeger.

Sandy mentioned she would send out email blast as reminder of Saturday meeting and auction.

Marci Fleeker will be in charge announcing at our upcoming show. Gene is exploring a wireless communication system that will communicate to the other side of the building.

Peggy had nothing to report at this time.

Sharon reminded us that the audit will take place in September or October.

Tony, Ardis and Rita had nothing to report at this time.

Meeting adjourned

GENERAL MEETING minutes August 26

The meeting of the Wichita Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President John Rhodes at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 26, 2003. Prior to the meeting, items were set up for auction and a potluck was held.

Peggy Maggard moved to approve the minutes of the last general meeting and Valorie Windholz seconded the motion. They were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from officers:

Secretary - Emily Baldrige - no report

Treasurer - Karen VanEmden - no report

Membership - Valorie Windholz - received a letter from Richard Yeager from the AFMS thanking the club for the donation in Tex Gough's name for their scholarship fund. As of this date, the club has donated a total of \$10,530.18. We have received five applications for new members. She is accepting payments for the coming year's memberships.

Newsletter - Sandy Whiting - no report

Publicity - Peggy Maggard - no report

Show - Gene Maggard - no report

Finance - Sharon Forster - will probably be meeting for audit in October

Field trip - John Rhodes - we may be planning a field trip for the later part of September

Program - Lou Forster - next month's presenter will be Dr William Parcell, head of the Geology Department at Wichita State University. The topic will be about the three-week field camp the geology students take in the summer to the Bighorn Basin of Wyoming. We will not have a show and tell time during this meeting.

Directors - Tony Giardina, Rita Sickler, Ardis Cruz - no report

Old Business - John thanked Lyle Koerper for letting the club know about the geology classes being offered by Wichita State for seniors.

New business - none

Meeting adjourned to start the auction.

Show

A big thank you goes to Marv Dahmen. Marv took several buckets of leavings from the Junior Rock Pile last April, and sorted through them, picking out the leftovers worth tumbling. He added a five gallon bucket of pendant size flat rocks that I gave him from WGMS inventory stored at our place. He tumbled everything and then sorted them out. The final result was a five gallon bucket of tumbled stones suitable for grab bags, about 1,000 flat stones suitable for grab bag necklaces, and a gallon of small polished stones suitable for the Gem Hunt. Lots of work and very nice polished stones. Thank you, Marv.

It is time to start preparations for the 2024 show. The first order of business is arranging a date for breaking rocks for the Junior Rock Pile. Ted and Ruth McMullen have agreed to host the work day since the DeGoods have retired from the gem club. Possible dates are Saturday, October 7, 21 or 28. I will bring a signup sheet to the September meeting. What members need to do is look at their calendars prior to the September general meeting and then sign under the dates that they would be able to work. There will be columns for both breaking rocks and stuffing specimen bags. I will look at the sheet at the end of the meeting and then announce the work date. Work time will be 9am to noon. There will be no potluck lunch.

Peggy and I will be bringing specimen kits to the September general meeting and, probably, all subsequent meetings for members to check out and take home. We will work towards having enough specimens for a Grab Bag assembly day in January.

The 2024 show committee is shown in the September QQ. We have three new members, Bruce Campbell for Education Day, Marcy Fleeker for Announcer and Ardis Cruz for Junior Rockpile. Thank you Bruce, Marcy and Ardis for stepping up.

More news to come. See you on September 24.

Gene Maggard

Membership

Membership: 44 members and 5 guests attended the August meeting. The 5 guests all submitted applications for membership...hurray!! Most current members paid their annual dues and a big thank you to those very efficient folks 😊. For everyone who still owes, paying by our September meeting assures your continued receiving of our essential monthly Quarry Quips and inclusion in our directory. Please either mail to me or bring exact change/a check to the September meeting.

The auction was great fun as usual. I'd convinced myself that I did not need more 'stuff', however my resolve vanished upon beholding the spectacular shell collection donated by a former member. I was fortunate to acquire some amazing shells but one of our junior members successfully bid on the coolest set. Macsen successfully bid on some very nice rocks too! His collection is growing:) Congratulations!!

Thanks to everyone who brought a wonderful assortment of delicious food. Looking forward to September's meeting on Sunday the 24th at 2:00. Dues are \$10/adults and \$5/ages 13-17.

Happy Rocking! ValorieValorie Windholz / Member ship chair vhwindholz@gmail.com

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\$10 per adult, \$5 for juniors

Membership Year runs September 1 to August 31.

HOSPITALITY

Hi fellow rock hounds.

What a great turnout for the auction and the potluck. I'm always a little nervous but then food just appears. We had a great day. Thank you to everyone.

Don't forget snacks later this month when we have a guest speaker. Let's impress him!

Stay cool.

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

FIELD TRIP

Save the date of Sept 30th for a field trip to the Salt plains to dig for selenite. Hopefully, it won't be too hot, cold, windy. Meet at the digging field between 9:30 and 10:00 am. It takes about 2 hours to get there. You will get WET and dirty and salty. Bring clothes to change into. Sandy Whiting is 'running this show'. Suggestions of tools to take: cardboard or plastic flats. Small garden shovel and/or hand rake. Gloves if you want them, but they are mostly useless after the first few minutes. Small plastic tubs to tote water. Bring a container of fresh water to wash hands when needed. Hat, umbrella (If it's windy, an umbrella is useless unless you are Mary Poppins and planning a trip.) Sun screen to ward off sunburns. I also like to take a small rug or carpet square to sit/kneel on. It really does help. Pack a lunch along with plenty to drink. We're not that far from Cherokee, Oklahoma where there is a Sonic, gas station/convenience store. To get to the Salt Plains, head south on I-35. Exit at Oklahoma 11 and go west. Turn south on US 64 which will take you to Cherokee, OK. Continue south then turn back east on Garvin road. (there was a sign). If I miss exiting at Oklahoma 11, then I'll google salt plains and aim my car that way. You can also exit at US 60 off I-35 in Oklahoma and go west. It intersects US 64. Take US 64. There is a sign that points to Salt Plains digging that way as well. If you don't have an Oklahoma map, stop at the rest area just south of the KS and OK boarder. They have maps. (FREE MAPS!) If you find yourself in Oklahoma City, you've gone way too far and might as well turn around and go home. ☺

Please email me at Hoglips@aol.com if you plan on attending, or contact me thru a text message at

316-209-7490. Sandy

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 September

Tony McClafin - Sep 8 Miklos Lorik - Sep 9 Tristan Wentling - Sep 9 Sharon Forster - Sep 12
Ron Medlock - Sep 15 Melissa Mealey - Sep 26 Paul Johnson - Sep 29

Other notes:

Name the three types of rocks. Answer: Classic, Punk, and Hard. 😊

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