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SHOW April 21, 22, 23. Setup on April 20th

From the President

It's finally here! April brings our 2023 Show together. Thanks to all activity leads for sharing our tasks at the March meeting and to our wonderful members for staffing the large number of events. There are still limited opportunities for anyone who wishes to take an active part in our most significant activity of the year; just contact Gene. Watch our website blossom following the Show. We will view it together and discuss needs as we show and tell of our Show prizes and exploits at the May meeting. I look forward to sharing and debriefing our most exciting times as we get into gear for our next full year. John

Calendar of meetings:

WGMS DATES

Board meeting Monday, April 17th

General meeting – none SHOW April 21,22,23

April 20 Setup 21-22-23 – Show

May 21, Jun 25, Jul 23 General meetings

Aug 26 (Saturday) – General meeting/Auction

Programs

Our program for April is the SHOW

Lou Forster

Minutes:

Board Meeting of WGMS March 20, 2023

The board meeting of WGMS was called to order by President John Rhodes at 6:30 p.m. on March 20 on zoom platform. Those in attendance were Lou Forster, Emily Baldrige, Karen Van Embden, Valorie Windholz,

Gene and Peggy Maggard, Sandy Whiting, Tex Gough and Tony Giardina. Valorie moved that we accept minutes of last month and Emily seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Lou informed us that our May meeting will be a presentation by club members of their purchases from our April show.

Emily had nothing to report at this time.

Karen let the board know that all bills were paid, and she is ready for the show in April.

Valorie told us that there were applications for two new members and that one is a junior. She moved that we accept these new applicants for membership. Emily seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

Sandy had nothing to report but did remind us to submit our information and articles for QQ.

Gene told us he has everything ready for our April show.

Peggy reported that the Kansas and Oklahoma clubs have the information for our show in April. Gene will be making some TV appearances for our club prior to the show. The Visit Wichita site is only able to list our show one month prior to the show.

Tex and Tony had nothing to report at this time.

Peggy brought up that she thinks that we should have a sign(s) for the times of the fluorescent shows. They should be listed for show times between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. These signs should be placed on easels that are visible to our visitors to the show.

John is looking for a leader for our junior members.

Emily moved that we adjourn, and Karen seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

GENERAL MEETING minutes of the WGMS Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Meeting was called to order by President John Rhodes at 2p.m

General meeting Minutes from February 26 were approved as printed in Quarry Quips (03/2022)

Motion – Gene ; 2nd – Tracey

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary – Emily Baldrige – none/absent

Treasurer – Karen Van Embden – no report today

Membership – Valorie Windholz

34 members and 4 new members joining today were present. Door prizes were presented to Kay Johnson, Shara Sherman, Lou Forster, David Wilson, and to each of the four new members.

Editor – Sandy Whiting – Please get any newsletter submissions to Sandy by Friday, March 31.

Field Trips – contact Gene Maggard if interested in going to the Salt Flats in Oklahoma around April 1 when they first open for the season.

Publicity – Peggy Maggard We are present online with Facebook Activities and with Visit Wichita.

Gene and Peggy will also appear on television near time for the Show.

Invitations and discount coupons have been widely distributed.

Show – Gene Maggard Setup/Teardown - Jerry Honus –Set up begins at 8:00 am on Thursday, April 20 (Lyle and Carl will be there to help) Lunch will be provided at noon on Thursday. Vendors will then be invited in to set up their displays on the tables after noon. About 70 tables and club activities will need to be set up and 2 trailers emptied into the meeting hall. Many hands needed to help. Tony will set up electrical as needed.

See Valorie if you wish to set up an educational exhibit as demonstrated by Sandy Whiting today.

The same help will be needed to take it all down from 5-7 pm on Sunday April 23.

Admissions - Peggy Maggard. Workers have been identified, but there is still room for volunteers if any are interested. Saturday will be the busiest time when there will be two admission lines in operation. Door prize

registrations will collect information on how attendees learned of the show and many handouts will be available.

Membership forms will be available, but since attendance at a meeting is required, they will not be accepted at the show.

Demonstration Tables – Gene Maggard Come and demonstrate what you are good at during the day when you are not working. A Genie capping machine will be present if you wish to help Junior Rock Pile youth polish a treasure or demonstrate your own work.

Education Day - Kay Johnson. The aim of the program is to teach how to identify minerals. The activity begins with a discussion of the use of minerals in our daily lives. Then, eight different specimens (fluorite, gypsum, pyrite, hematite, quartz, garnet, galena, limonite) will be identified using a flow-chart and glass plates, scratch plate, various hardness standard items (penny, iron nail, fingernail, etc.)

Last year participation included about 300 local area students from grades 1-12.

Exhibits – Sandy Whiting Using a Matney case format as an example, Sandy went through the procedure she uses each year to set up her own exhibits. First decide on what you want to share and box it up to bring it on setup day (Thursday). Her examples included various quartz specimens she had collected from Arkansas, gem trees she had made, and her own personalized collection of pigs made from a variety of minerals and other materials. She also demonstrated how to spatially separate specimens on a set of cardboard steps within the case. Lining the case with a material of your choice enhances the attractiveness of the display. Expect it to take about 20 minutes if you have planned and brought appropriate materials. And if not planned out, expect it to take 25 minutes.

Fluorescents - Tony Giardina Signs will be posted upstairs and down to help people find the exhibit, since it is in a closed room away from the main floor.

Florescent Shows will open at 10 am each day and at the beginning of every hour through 4 pm.

Lectures will include discussion of safety procedures to be followed using short wave UV light and on the quantum physics of what causes the rocks to fluoresce as electrons move between energy levels.

o Gem Hunt - John Rhodes Procedure was discussed and sample gem bag was put on display for Show & Tell today. Sandwich bags with mixture of gem ore (about 300 bags prepared ahead of time). Spread out contents into a pan. Sponge on-top. Turn upside down. Use tweezers to sort gems. Recycle gravel matrix after each “hunt”.

Fossil Hunt – Rita Sickler

Participation costs \$1.00 like all other events except the Grab Bags, which cost \$2.00 this year. Books on Fossils (and Rocks and Minerals) will also be available for \$2.00.

Participants will sort through a bag of fossil containing materials and volunteers will assist with identification of junior finds.

Grab Bags - Gene/Peggy

Cost \$2.00 this year and will be provided at a central location.

Just let kids (and adults) choose their bag and contents are labeled and bagged within.

Multiple sales will be allowed for teachers, but not vendors for resale.

Hospitality – Shannon Dixon –

Need volunteers at 10:30 am on Thursday, April 20 to make sandwiches to feed vendors and volunteers at lunch. Don't forget to attend the potluck dinner at 6:00 pm Thursday for vendors and members. Please bring enough to feed your family plus 6 in order to have enough for all. Volunteers are needed to come at 5:30 pm to help set up. Please also remember to set up your dishes on the tables – as there may not be enough volunteers to set it up for everyone. We need lots of food to feed about 75 people if attendance is like last year. This is a great opportunity to come and visit with members and vendors!

Junior Rock Pile – Gene Maggard Alan DeGood will help again (maybe for last time – see Gene if you wish to volunteer to host with this project). Upon admission to hunt area, participants will be given a #2 paper bag. They may collect as much as will fit into the bag. Hosts will limit the number of kids admitted so as to not be overcrowded in the hunting area.

Two people at the exit will assist rock hunters to empty contents of paper bags into plastic so that the bags will not rupture and spill out in the show area. Preference is for parents not to assist or go into hunting area. Participants are limited to under 12 years of age.

Silent Auction - Lou Forster The silent auction occurs in the central main area of the show. There are two types of auctions: short term (about 20 minutes) and long term (about 2 hours) Items are presented in cardboard flats, sometimes with multiple items and sometimes with larger single items. The more valuable items are included in the long term auctions. Bid sheets are provided with each item. Participants mark their offers on the bid sheets. At the end of each time period, the announcer will proclaim an end to bidding and hosts will remove completed items for pickup. New items will then be placed for the next round of bidding.

Members are asked to please bring items for the auction by end of day Friday, April 21 for the Saturday and Sunday auctions. There is always a great need for donated items from members.

Announcer - Lyle Koerper Members are invited to volunteer to learn to work as announcers at our upcoming show. This is a key verbal roadmap to help visitors enjoy the show and is very necessary to run the silent auctions. Volunteers are needed to help. It is perfectly acceptable to wear a mask if you are shy and want your appearance and voice a bit disguised.

Wheel – Kay Johnson A large wheel is loaded with donated items and spun counter clockwise.

Each participant gets the gift where the wheel stops. We need a large number of donations from members. We also still need volunteers for Friday, April 21.

President – website update, new committee and web master to be considered at next BOD

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Junior Leader –

Ardis Cruz took two junior members outside for a geode breaking and discussion during the business meeting. Marv Dahmen agreed to provide a program for juniors at the May meeting.

There is a need for others to volunteer to share their talents with junior members during future business meetings. See Ardis to volunteer.

Old Business None

New Business None

Turn meeting over to V.P. for Show & Tell:

Robin showed some Mexican onyx and various other items from near her home, including geodes, selenite from a creek bed, rocks with crystals, amethyst, etc. She also shared a few pieces of the onyx with interested members.

Ardis showed the geodes cracked by junior members during the business meeting. The geodes were from a Kansas road cut with steep sides and contained calcites that may fluoresce.

Announcements

Next meeting April 20 (set up), 21, 22, 23 (and take down) for the Annual Show.

Ardis Cruz announced that the Two-bit Ranch will be open from 10-4 on Friday and Saturday prior to the show next month.

Minutes submitted by John Rhodes

Adjourn

Show

Our annual gem and mineral show opens on Friday, April 21 and closes on Sunday, April 23. Setup starts at 8am on Thursday, April 20. Teardown starts at 5pm on Sunday, April 24. Help from everyone available is needed for both activities.

Thursday evening at 6pm is the annual potluck dinner for vendors, guests and Society members. Bring a dish that is enough for your family and 6 other people. We want to make sure that we have enough food to feed both our guests and Society members and their families.

Scheduling of WGMS workers at the show has been completed. Please let me know if you signed up to work at the show but have not received your work schedule.

Touch and Feel Rocks – If you plan to bring rocks for the Touch and Feel Table, please let me know what you are bringing.

Club Exhibits – If you are planning to exhibit a case, you must complete an Exhibit Reservation Form and get it to Valorie Windholz. Her email is vhwindholz@gmail.com

With everyone's help we will have another great show.

Gene

Membership

Membership: We had 37 members and 4 Visitors at the March meeting. All 4 visitors filled out membership applications! Hurray!! I will have an update to our current directory available at our next meeting which includes those who joined since December 2022 through March 2023. Nelson Schmitt will also be included in the update...for some unfathomable reason he was not in the past couple directories (sorry Nelson!) but certainly will be from now on. Nelson is kind of quiet but is a genuinely nice person, knows a lot about rocks, metal detecting, and gold panning 😊. Plus, he plays Pokémon go as does yours truly 😊! Anyhoo, we had lots of discussion at the March meeting about the April show and enthusiasm was rampant. If anyone who hasn't signed up yet would like to have an exhibit, email me and I'll get you on the list. We have a few Matney cases and lots of Wichita cases available to borrow. I'll bring the gold club t-shirts to setup day (\$12 each, a medium, a large, and several xl are still available. Everyone take care, Happy Easter, and setup day will be here before we know it!

Just a reminder, prospective members MUST attend a meeting to join. No membership applications will be at the show. Thanks 😊

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Terry Petersen / Macsen Faulconer (a junior member)

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Jason Westerfield b February 24

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Wichita Ks 67212

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Nevaeh McIntosh (junior) b June 12

See Ardis Cruz

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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

The show is almost here! So excited. If you are able to come on Thursday to help setup, we will have coffee available in the morning and then we will feed you lunch.

Then, don't forget to come to the potluck to visit with the vendors and make them feel welcome.

Please bring a dish for the potluck. We will need a lot to feed everyone. If you plan on being there all day helping to set up, you can bring your food and put it in the fridge that's available or plug in a crockpot.

Hope to see you there!!!

Thank you, 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 April

Glenda Richardson	Apr 2	Jim Huenergarde	Apr 7	Vyonne Mack	Apr 8
Lou Forster	Apr 13	Debbie Winton	Apr 16	Shara Sherman	Apr 25
Michael Wingo	Apr 25	Joe Cruz	Apr 28	Kevin McGarey	Apr 28

Other notes:

Two Bit Ranch Rocks & Fossils

Two Bit Ranch Rock Shop will be open Friday, April 14th & Saturday, April 15th, 10:00-4:00.

We have the following used equipment for sale:

A Lortone model 3A rock tumbler for \$60.00. This barrel polishes about a pound.

A Lortone Model 33B rock tumbler for \$100.00. This has two barrels, each polishes about a pound.

A Scott marble making machine, \$85.00.

We purchased some new rough material including fossil Dinosaur bone and Coprolite (fossil poo).

Material already in our inventory, Laboradorite, Wonderstone Jasper and Turitella agate.

Agate and jasper mixed tumbling size pieces, \$2.00 per lb. in 2, 3 & 5 lb. bags.

Ardis Cruz

Two Bit Ranch Rock & Fossil Shop

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