



Quarry Quips



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Next Meeting Sunday, November 26

From the President

We really appreciate the great program by the Cruz's at our last meeting. Thanks for the great Show and Tell items, too. It looks like our September field trip to the salt flats was a success judging from the treasures we saw.

Thanks, also, to all of you who are so active in making our club a success: bringing canned goods to support our Community of Christ Church, our meeting place host, projects, volunteering to break rocks, and pack specimens for grab bags, etc. as our April Show begins to take shape. It will be here in no time and will need all hands-on-deck to work through it. Please bring one last donation of packaged food for donations by the church to the needy over the coming months and continue sharing your time and talents as we prepare for our annual show. Let's keep improving like we have over the past couple of years! Also, don't forget to invite any of your friends and relatives to join us for meetings that might interest them.

We had an opportunity to acquire a large collection of rocks & minerals from an estate last week and will be needing a couple of hands to help us move it to our storage. The work day will occur on a Sunday or Monday in the next couple of weeks. These materials will be used in our Show activities like the gem hunt, silent auction, junior rock pile, etc. and will also be offered for members-only auctions in January and August. Please let me know if any of you are available to help us.

I look forward to seeing you after Thanksgiving this month. Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday.

John Rhodes
WGMS President 2023-24

Calendar of meetings:

WGMS DATES

Board meeting Monday, November 20

General meeting – Sunday, November 26

Programs

Our November meeting's program will be presented by Catherine and Bryan Rocky. By the time you read this, they will have returned from attending the Munich, Germany Gem & Mineral Show and having toured the German countryside and (hopefully) some of the world famous mines or museums. This will be a power point program and we will see some of the show highlights and scenic highlights of Germany.

Our display tables will be available for show and tell. Please bring some your favorite goodies to share with your friends.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are the times of year when WG&MS members donate food items to the Church for distribution to those less fortunate. Please generously bring non-perishable food items to the November and to the December meetings.

Lou Forster

Minutes:

Board Meeting of WGMS October 16, 2023

Board meeting of the WGMS was called to order by President John Rhodes. Those in attendance were Lou Forster, Sharon Forster, Karen Van Embden, Gene and Peggy Maggard, Sandy Whiting, Tony Giardina and Rita Sickler. Meeting was held over Zoom platform.

Karen has bill for web site development. Bill was \$126.90 for adding and updating from company CR Companies. The bill for new florescent lights needs to be budgeted for in the show budget.

Emily and Valorie are absent at this meeting.

No report on our field trip to Salt Plains.

Gene told us that we need to be getting ready for assembly of necklaces and assembling bags for grab bags. Specimen kits and bags will be available at Sunday's meeting.

Peggy wants to contact members to go to the OK City show to see what they do for publicity.

Old Business: We need input for our face-book site. Should we assemble a sub committee, for delving into more output for our publicity.

Karen has an invoice for posting Newsletters for the past year.

We need to appoint another Director seat for the Board.

Club needs to purchase new florescent lights. Partnership with Botanica for their "Gardens Aglow". They will need to borrow florescent lights for this event. This event is Thursday October 26th from 6-7:30. This event is in conjunction with Kansas Wildlife. There will be a table set up with reactive biofacts that are UV reactive along the path during the hike.

Roger Withroder needs to find a person to cut and shape his garnet stones. (316) 727-1970.

Rita and Tony had nothing to report today.

Gene added that at the Topeka show they had rock painting for junior event.

Meeting adjourned.

GENERAL MEETING minutes October 22, 2024

The general meeting of WGMS was called to order by Lou Forster. President John Rhodes was running an errand and due back soon. Emily moved that we accept the minutes of the last general meeting and David Marshall 2nd the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Karen had an estimate for new florescent lights for the florescent room. The estimate is \$2,522 for 2 sets of lights and postage. Emily moved and Rita 2nd and motion passed by voice vote.

Emily submitted a bill for postage and printing of the Quarry Quips. The bill totaled \$179.14. Ardis moved we pay Emily and David 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Karen had a bill for new name badges totaling \$61.92 for 5 badges. Emily moved to pay Karen and Peggy 2nd the motion and it passed by voice vote.

Peggy had nothing to report at this time.

Gene has specimens to be bagged and necklaces to be glued for grab bags. All items must be returned by our next general meeting.

A date for breaking rocks at the home of Ted McMullen. Date will be set by consensus of sign up sheet at our meeting today.

Sharon was filling in for Valorie today and reported that we had 26 members present and 2 visitors. Drawings for door prizes went to David Wilson, Tony Giardina, Jim Yanda, Robyn Murray, Bruce Campbell, Neveha McIntosh, Tina Owsly and Duane Smith.

Sandy reminds us that information for Q.Q. needs to be sent in on time.

There needs to be a sub-committee for publicity. A sign-up sheet is to be circulated at the meeting today.

John will send out on face-book about our clubs' presence at Botanica.

We are asking that our members bring non-perishable foods for the church's pantry. Please bring items to November and December meetings

Our program today is being presented by Ardis and Joe Cruz. Thes program was about their hinting of fossils with the Paleo-hunters in the Dakotas, Wyoming and Montana. They had many fossils from their trips on display for our meeting today.

Meeting adjourned.

Show

Show Report November 2023

There will continue to be grab bag specimens to check out at the November meeting for you to take home and bag. The necklace kits that were checked out at the October meeting need to be completed and brought back to the November meeting. There will be additional necklace kits at the November meeting to take home and complete and return them at the December meeting.

We will have a grab bag assembly workday in January. The date will be announced at the November meeting. These grab bag assembly workdays are lots of fun. Starting at 9am there is lots of activity assembling the grab bags and putting specimens in specimen bags, followed by a pot luck lunch at noon.

We have enough flat polished rocks for 2024 with some carryover for 2025, but inventory is running short even for 2025. WGMS had a lot of slabs at the Maggard place, which I broke into smaller pieces suitable for the rock necklaces. Marv Dahmen was kind enough to tumble them and they turned out really nice. If you have any surplus slabs laying around that you would be willing to donate, bring them to a meeting and we will see if we can get Marv to tumble another batch. He only needs 150# for a tumbling load!

Save as much time as you can for working at the 2024 show. Setup day is Thursday, April 25 with the show running thru April 26-28. Signup sheets will be available starting at the January meeting.

We use lots of plastic bags at the junior rock pile. Bread sacks are perfect. Save all your bread sacks, bring them to the show, and turn them in at the junior rock pile.

Gene

Membership

Stay tuned!

HOSPITALITY

Hi fellow rockhounds! Can't wait to see all our friends after thanksgiving! Please remember to bring food for the church's' pantry to help others during the holidays.

Sincerely, yours in hospitality, the snack sisters, Shannon and Shara

FIELD TRIP

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 November

Alan DeGood	Nov 2	Leslie Hartman	Nov 3	David Wilson	Nov 4
Valorie Windholz	Nov 5	Rachel Crane	Nov 9	Robyn Murray	Nov 9
Debby Moore	Nov 13	Mike Joebgen	Nov 14	Chris Winton	Nov 20
Bruce Campbell	Nov 23	Maya Chon	Nov 30		

Other notes:

Two Bit Ranch Rock Shop

Not opened in November. Stay tuned!

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