

WICHITA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC

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55th ANNUAL SHOW

Nature's Wonders Dazzling Gemstones

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APRIL 25, 26, 27, 2008

Friday, April 25

9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Education Day Hours 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Saturday, April 26

10 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Sunday, April 27

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Featuring dazzling gemstone jewelry, gems, crystals, beads, agates, polished stones, minerals and meteorites. See how rocks are cut and polished. See how unique jewelry is created using the wonders of nature. There are special programs for children - the junior rock pile, gem hunt, gem wheel and grab bags.

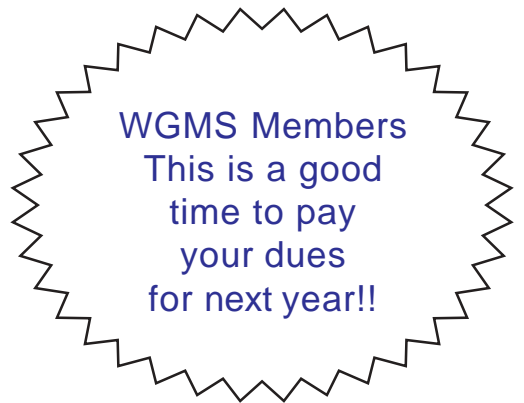
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Sphere making, cabbing, beading, arrowhead napping, faceting, wire wrapping, silversmithing, and much more.



Cessna Activity Center

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Club Year September 1 - August 31	
Adult Membership	\$10.00
Junior Membership (13-17)	\$ 5.00
(must have adult sponsor)	
Quarry Quips Subscription ONLY	\$ 8.00

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Our Annual show for 2008 will be:
April 25, 26 & 27

About Our Club

The Wichita Gem and Mineral Society Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt, educational organization. Our purpose shall be exclusively educational and scientific; (a) to increase and disseminate knowledge of the earth sciences pertaining to minerals, gems, rocks, artifacts, and fossils and similar subjects; (b) to promote and perpetuate knowledge of the lapidary arts; (c) to encourage field trips to study the earth sciences, particularly of geology and mineralization in place and (d) to encourage greater public interest and education in gems, fossils and minerals, cooperating with established institutions in such matters.

The Wichita Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Room 101, Geology Building, Wichita State University. - Except - January (Anniversary Party); April (Annual Show); August (Picnic & Auction). (November and December meetings are subject to University holiday closings.) 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.

ALL members are urged to contribute material for publication in the Quarry Quips, the deadline for ALL articles is the Friday following the General meeting. All articles should be submitted by e-mail to: wgms@wgmsks.org or snail mail to:

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Exchange Bulletins Welcome!

Its SHOW TIME!

Yes, this event – our 55th – is a lot of work. Thanks to all who have contributed to date. And the event should be fun for all who participate.

Look over the schedule carefully. If you have not signed up to work, call any member of the show committee responsible for a specific activity. Or, when you arrive at the show, indicate you have come to work.

Thursday is set up day and a large crew is needed starting at just after 8 a. m. Lunch will be available for \$2. Those who will have exhibits can set up after 3 p. m. (If you have not signed up to bring an exhibit, you can still do so. Please call me at 722-7115.)

The pot-luck dinner Thursday evening is a time we host our dealers telling them thanks for supporting our show. Bring food, and look forward to a good time.

Special thanks to **Greg Weisbrod**, WGMS curator, who has created an outstanding exhibit in one of the hallway cases at the WSU Geology Building .

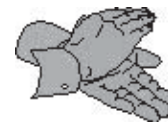
WGMS's exhibit at the Wichita Garden Show March 5-9 was successful in terms of public interest and the fun for members helping. Counting only staffing time, 270 hours were contributed.

Following are the 26 members who helped staff the exhibit or provided display items: **Ralph Seery, Curley and Mary Clough, Ray Barratti, Bob Barratti, Jerry Calvert, Darrell Boger, Lyle and June Koerper, George Asher, Alice Piper, Don Atherton, Sandy Whiting, Lisa Scheibmeir, Larry Skelton, Tony Giardina, Carolyn and Angie White, Nina Simmons, David Hardin, Ray Adams, Gene and Peggy Maggard, Sandy Riekeman, Jim Ballou and Ardis Cruz.**

Looking to the future...June will be election of officers for our 08-09. WGMS is an active organization because many volunteer to provide leadership. Frankly, more help is needed. Of course, some positions take more time than others. Yet, every position is important. Don't wait to be asked to serve in an elective or appointive office. Contact any officer and let them know you are willing and interested. The Board has discussed giving those willing to learn more about responsibilities and workings of an office by serving as a "shadow" or assistant for a time. If you don't think you are fully "ready" for a job, but want to help or "get ready," let us know.

See you at the SHOW!

For their support of WGMS activities a free one year membership was given to **Bob and Nancy Hicks** of Collinsville OK. They were at our January party and were introduced to the membership.



Please add their information to your directory

Hicks, Bob 6/29
Nancy 3/31

10022 E 135th St N
Collinsville OK 74021-3835
918-371-2406 anniv 12/22
ronan10@aol.com
Joined 11/07

New member **Kurtis Girty** has a new cell phone number. Please add this correction to your directory, 580-603-4845

Please welcome new members and add their information to your directory:

Bob Oliver 3/27

17121 W 39th St S
Goddard KS 67052-8217
316-641-4497
Joined 2-2008

Self-employed – Oliver's Heating and Cooling, Interests: Collecting minerals, artifacts, cutting/polishing, field trips, jewelry making, and leather work

Jim Hilliard 7/23

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Retired Major USAF, Interests: Collecting minerals, cutting/polishing, faceting & jewelry making
Phone # for **Delbert Ebersole** 773-9742

Address Change for **Elsie Vawter**

Sand Piper Health Center
5808 W 8th St N Room 224-2
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Congratulations

February

Door Prize Winners

Visitor: Karen Woodard
Member: Colby Woods
March

Visitors: Colton Leddy Bracelet w/polished stone
& Vernadine Roberts Tiger Eye Necklace
Member: Curley Clough
Name Badge: Gabriel Lorik



WGMS Calendar of Events

APRIL - MAY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13	14 Jack Simmons	15 Carolyn White	16	17 Albert Matthews	18	19
20 	21 WGMS Board 7:00 p.m. CCC	22  Earth Day	23 Ruth Weishaar	24 WGMS SHOW Cessna Activity Center Elsie Vawter	25 WGMS SHOW Cessna Activity Center	26 WGMS SHOW Cessna Activity Center Allene Boston-Aylward
27 WGMS SHOW Cessna Activity Center	28  Joe Cruz	29	30 Joan Saddler	1	2	3 Dwight & Tammy Miller Velma Collins
4	5	6 	7 Robert & Pat Haines	8	9	10
11  Mothers Day	12 WGMS Board 7:00 p.m. CCC	13	14	15	16	17
18 WGMS 2:00 p.m. WSU Sherry Whitmore	19	20  Ralph & Arleta Seery	21	22	23 Arleta Seery	24 Ramona Sally Henning

Community of Christ Church, 3500 S Webb Rd, Wichita

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to bring cookies to the general meeting.

Now ... we need volunteers for the May, June, July & September meetings.

Please see Ruth Weishaar at the show or call her at 316-747-2290.

Last Months Program *by Peggy Maggard*

FEBRUARY PROGRAM REVIEW

Lisa Cooley, Curator of Education and Research Librarian at the Butler County History Center and Kansas Oil Museum shared with us the history of oil in the United States, going into detail about the development of the El Dorado Oil Field. In the outlining the history of oil exploration, Lisa used the analogy of the princess (folks looking for oil) and the pea (oil). The first oil exploration was very hit and miss, based on the princess using "witching", seers, and blind dumb luck. By the time oil exploration began in the El Dorado area, the princess was now a geologist mapping out areas for exploration. At one time the El Dorado oil field produced more oil than any location in the USA. It played a critical role during World War I.

MARCH PROGRAM REVIEW

March WGMS Program was pre-empted by a detailed description of the activities that occur at the April WGMS Rock Show. Volunteers are still needed. Call **Gene Maggard** and tell him where you would like to help

This Months Program *by Peggy Maggard*

This month is our annual Show at Cessna Activity Center. So please plan on being there and volunteering as much as you can. You will have a ball!

Community Service *by Mary Clough*

Nine WGMS members volunteered over 100 hours to answer telephones for KPTS TV during their March pledge drive.

Many thanks go to members **Gene and Peggy Maggard, Marvaline Ray, Pat Clough, Ray Adams, Alice Piper, Susan Bannon and Curley and Mary Clough.**

Thanks WGMS members for your time and support. Remember, you too can enjoy time spent with other WGMS members and supporting our local educational TV station. Just call and let us know you would like to help. The next pledge drive is scheduled for June.

Show-n-Tell

by Peggy Maggard

FEBRUARY

Lyle Koerper had an ancient looking wood "cab" polisher and a large Bubble Gum Agate from the South Dakota.

Gene Maggard had various samples of jasper, chalcedony and an amethyst geode he had collected in Arizona. The amethyst geode polished up quite nicely. A piece of petrified wood he bought at the 2008 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show set his new Geiger Counter off.

June Koerper proudly showed us her rose quartz pendant she had wire wrapped at the January Field Trip to the **Maggard's**.

We also had a junior member (I did not get her name) who showed her pendant she had wire wrapped at the Junior's Program.

MARCH

Joe and Adris Cruz had various fossils from the Winfield Lake area from the latest field trip, March 26.

Lisa Scheibmeir family and friends also had shells, etc. as well as pictures from the same field trip.

Colton Leddy showed his trilobites.

Gene Maggard had a stalactite from some unknown cave in Kentucky (?) that has been donated to the club.

Darrell Boger had an unusual meteorite specimen to show.

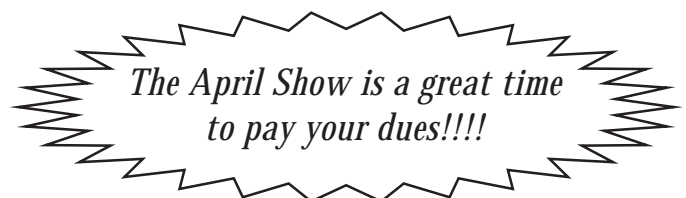
Library News

by Noel Troll

As there will be no meeting at WSU this month, those of you who checked out books in March, please return them at the May meeting.

The library will be open at the May meeting for any member to check out books. We have a lot of great books in our library.

If you read a book, we would appreciate it if you would write a short review of the book for the Quarry Quips.



Vice President **Peggy Maggard** called the meeting of the Directors to order Feb. 18, 2008, 8pm at the Community of Christ Church. Present were: **Peggy Maggard, Gene Maggard, Ray Adams, David Hardin, Ardis Cruz, Susan Bannon, Paul Radiel, Sandy Whiting, and Carolyn White.** Guest: **Alice Piper**

Gene Maggard, show chair, moved to approve the minutes as written in the Quarry Quips. **Ardis Cruz**, membership, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ardis Cruz requested "Life Memberships" for 4 members: **Jack Simmons, Alice Piper, Venetta Nutter, and Jim Nutter.** **Gene Maggard** moved to honor the request. **Ardis Cruz** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ardis Cruz moved to accept new applicants - **Bob Oliver** and **Jim Hilliard** - for membership. **Paul Radiel**, Director, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sandy Whiting, treasurer, issued the Financial Statement for the period 9-1-07 thru 11-30-07. **Paul Radiel** moved to accept the Financial Statement. **Gene Maggard** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sandy Whiting presented the vouchers for payment. **Paul Radiel** moved the vouchers be paid. **Carolyn White**, publicity, seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Sandy Whiting discussed the difficulty she was experiencing getting the right shade of yellow cloth for vests. **ArdisCruz** moved for **Sandy** to purchase a bolt she felt would be best. **Paul Radiel** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Peggy Maggard mentioned possible future programs for the general meetings:

February - Director of the El Dorado Historical Society

March - Show Committee - activities in each area in the show and what's involved

May - **Vi** and **George Mack**

Ray Adams, finance, reported he deposited with Urban Ministries 5 bags of food. **Jim Ballou** took the others to another non-profit organization.

Gene Maggard brought "Aaron's Breast Plate" for us to view. It will be on display at the Show.

Gene Maggard shared his rock hounding find from his trip to Tulsa.

We need to develop and implement the "Find of the Year" program.

Meeting adjourned



You Know You're a Rockhound when you've been lost in the desert for three days, the only water you have left is in your spray bottle, your truck is so overloaded you're not sure if it will make it through the wash ahead, and you have never been happier in your life!

Author unknown, source Rockhound Rambling, Ventura G&M Society Ventura CA, Aug 2003

Vouchers presented for payment

Payee	For	Amount
Ralph Seery	Juniors, Medicine Wheel materials	\$19.20
Lyle Koerper	General Miscellaneous, Keys & Padlock for trailer	12.29
	Show Publicity, Copy of spotlight on Wichita	15.00
Sandy Whiting	Annual Non-Profit Report	40.00
	Receipt Book	7.83
Alice Piper	Cheer, Stamps	16.00
	Cheer, Stamps & life member cards	27.71
Awards Factory	Awards-Gifts, OSA Award Plaque	46.51
	Membership, Black name Badges	70.16
Ruth Weishaar	Hospitality, Anniversary Party expenses	50.33
Carolyn White	Show Publicity, Postage	10.66
Ardis Cruz	Membership, Postage	35.96
	Field Trip Expenses	14.16

On February 24, 2008 at 2:00 pm President **Lyle Koerper** called the general meeting of the Wichita Gem and Mineral Society to order with 45 members present and 4 guests. **Bob Oliver** was introduced as a new member.

Alice Piper, cheer, delivered cards to **Stanley Ayers**, **Elsie Vawter**, and **Ida Crouch**. **Lloyd Riekeman** is hospitalized in Texas after a bad fall. He isn't expected back for at least a month.

Carolyn White, grab bag chair, needs volunteers to work the grab bag booth at the show. Please call her to volunteer — 688-0149.

Gene Maggard, show chair, reminded us that set up for the show starts at 8:00 am that Thursday morning. Please come and help. There's lots to do.

Fliers and coupons are ready for pick up. We'd like you to pass them out to family, friends and business that would hand them out - maybe put one in the bag with the customer's purchased item.

Sandy Riekeman, editor, won the prize on December's field trip. The prize was a "Treasure Chest of Specimens". Included were: rock candy, wire wrapped items, a bolo, etc.

This year our booth at the Garden Show will display stone jewelry, petrified wood, meteorites (one weighing over 108 lbs.), case of Ks. fossils, a sphere being made, tumblers tumbling, etc. — Work assignments for the show were handed out.

Our trailer was broken into a few months ago. All copper was taken. An insurance claim was made and was paid.

This year, to volunteer for a particular station at the show, visit with the person in charge of that booth. Each booth chair is taking care of his(her) own schedule.

April 12th—Workday—at **Allen DeGood's**—9:00am—Bring a covered dish/adult and a smile.

We adjourned to the silent auction in the hospitality room.



Earth Day April 22

7 Layer Cookies

submitted by Susan Bannon

Oven 350. Put 1 stick of oleo on a sided cookie sheet and stick in oven while oven is warming.

Mix 2 cups graham cracker crumbs with 1/4 cup sugar.

When oleo is melted, take the pan out and add the mixture. Press on to bottom of pan and a little up the sides.

Sprinkle 1 cup of canned coconut, then sprinkle 11 oz. of semi-sweet chocolate chips, then 11 oz of butterscotch chips.

Sprinkle on lots of pecans, big pieces. Drizzle on a can of sweetened condensed milk.

Bake at 350 for 10 min. Don't let the edges get brown.

ENJOY

Around Christmas and Thanksgiving my mother always substituted various colors of candied fruit for the 2 chips. That was good and looked festive.

WGMS Wants You!

Nominations now
being accepted
for Board
Positions!



The Night Before Showtime

'Twas the night before showtime and all thru the place,
Every club member stirred at a breathtaking pace.
Like the shoemaker's elves each worked at his task,
All smiles - no grumbles, when hard jobs are asked.

The cases were crowded with exhibits exotic
And show patrons thrilled with phrases ecstatic.
The show days brought hard work but also some fun,
And old friendships re-kindled over coffee and bun.

'Twas the night after show close, but do not despair,
Every club member was still doing his/her share.
The cases all folded and packed in the crate,
The building all tidied before it was late.

And the Show Chairman pondered, "I do have a hunch,
There never could be found a more wonderful bunch!"

Author unknown; source Pebbles Jan 1997

President **Lyle Koerper** suggested we change our May 25th meeting to May 18 and our August 24th meeting to the 23rd. Paul Radiel moved to put this before the membership at the March general meeting. **Ray Adams** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President **Lyle Koerper** called the board of directors meeting to order on March 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community of Christ Church. Those present were: **Dave Hardin, Sandy Whiting, Ardis Cruz, Joe Cruz, Gene Maggard, Ray Adams, Paul Radiel, Lyle Koerper, Peggy Maggard** and **Susan Bannon**. **Alice Piper** was our guest.



We need members to help with the Jr. Program. If you are willing to do a program please contact **Lyle Koerper** or **Gene Maggard**. We have no more programs scheduled.

Joe Cruz, field trips, announced that the field trip was canceled due to hazards at the site.

Sandy Whiting, treasurer, handed out the Quarterly Financial Report. After a small discussion, **Paul Radiel**, Director, moved to accept the Report. **Ray Adams**, Finance, seconded the motion.

Report from Garden Show Effort: 25 members helped in our booth, 4 people expressed interest in membership. Show was advertised.

Sandy Whiting presented the vouchers. Gene Maggard, Show Chair, moved to pay the vouchers. Ray Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Policy of Gem and Mineral Show Admittance: If you work at the Show, admittance is free.

All officers and members who have specific jobs within the club are asked to write up a brief but inclusive job description and give it to **Peggy Maggard** as soon as possible.

Sandy Whiting announced that she'd taken care of our non-profit Ks. Corporate Report to the Secretary of State for the state of Kansas.

Ray Adams announced that the silent auction at the last meeting (February) reaped \$65.00.

Possible programs for our show: meteorites, victoria stone or maybe a film on petrified wood.

We briefly discussed having a Kansas Gem & Mineral Show - including various other Kansas clubs.

Next board meeting is April 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Community of Christ Church.

Joe Cruz, field trip chair, said he was working on a field trip for April.

Meeting Adjourned.

President **Lyle Koerper** is forming the nominating committee. So far it consists of: **Peggy Maggard, Ardis Cruz, Lyle Koerper, Gene Maggard** and **Susan Bannon**.

“When you get in a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.”
Harriet Beecher Stowe

After accepting **Sandy Whiting's** spelling correction to the February Minutes, **Gene Maggard** moved to accept the minutes. **Paul Radiel** seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Vouchers presented for payment

Payee	For	Amount
Mary Clough	Junior Program & Memorial, Stones	\$30.00
Susan Bannon	Junior Program & Memorial, Stones	30.00
AFMS	Scholarship Fund	100.00
Ebersoles	Show Grab Bags, specimen bags	210.00
Greater Wichita Convention & Visitors Bureau	Show Publicity, Yearly Dues	200.00
Lyle Koerper	Show Setup, Table covers, tape, photos	44.99
Lyle Koerper	Show Publicity/ Editor, Substitute QQ	80.58
US Postmaster	Treasurer, postage	16.40
Awards Factory	Awards-gifts	54.74

General Minutes

by Susan Bannon

President **Lyle Koerper** called the general meeting to order on March 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at WSU.

We had 41 members present and 2 visitors.

Alice Piper, cheer, announced the various members she'd sent cards to on behalf of the club.

Joe Cruz, field trip chair, gave a report on the field trip. He indicated that we may have a trip to Wilson Lake in May.

Ruth Weishaar, hospitality, needs volunteers to bring cookies for the May, June, July and September general meetings. Please let her know if you'll help.

Lyle Koerper gave a report on the booth's success at the Garden Show.

Bob Haines demonstrated how to set up a display case for the show.

After a short discussion, **Bill Smith** moved to CHANGE THE GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 25TH TO MAY 18TH and CHANGE THE GENERAL MEETING ON AUGUST 24TH TO AUGUST THE 23RD. **Ray Adams**, finance, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President **Lyle Koerper** encouraged all to volunteer for positions as officers or as assistants.

We need and want help.

Gene Maggard, show chair, announced that Lyle Koerper would be in charge of set up for the Show Thursday morning at 8:00 am. Bill Smith will be his assistant.

Lunch will be a \$2.00 donation on Thursday during set up. Thursday night covered dish supper 6:00 pm. Covered dish/adult. Couples try to bring 1 meat dish and then another dish.

Peggy Maggard, Vice President, needs more volunteers to work admissions.

Schools and Scouts: **Carolyn White**, publicity and grab bags, needs more volunteers to help with the kids on Friday.

Carolyn White needs volunteers to help with the grab bag booths, also.

Jim Ballou, announcer, needs volunteers.

Florescent show, **Ray Adams**, said to feel free to bring a rock to check its ability to fluoresce.

Gem Hunt and Rock Pile stations were explained.

Ardis Cruz, membership, needs volunteers to work the membership booth.

Rock Wheel, **Alice Piper**, needs materials.

We could use donations for door prizes.

April 12th, **Allen DeGoods**, workday. 9:00 am. Covered dish/adult. Show Committee meeting after lunch.

April 25-27, 2008, Annual Show Cessna Activity Center.

Meeting adjourned.

Chips from the Quarry



Sandy Riekeman took a fast and unexpected trip to Mission Texas, to spend a week with her mother and ailing father.



Lloyd Riekeman, who has been hospitalized in Mission and McAllen Texas, since late January, after falling and fracturing his right wrist and breaking his left upper arm, has been transferred to a nursing home in Mission Texas, and hospice has been called in.



Curley Clough had gall bladder surgery the beginning of April and is doing much better now.

Remember, if you know of someone who is in need of a get well, sympathy, or congratulations card, please let **Alice Piper** know at 316-264-7273. Also be sure to let **Sandy Riekeman** know at 316-262-7473 so the information can also be placed her in the Chips from the Quarry.

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."
Sir Winston Churchill

On the Web

by Sandy Riekeman

www.wgmsks.org

Website of The Wichita Gem & Mineral Society

www.rmfmns.org

Website of the Rocky Mountain Federation

www.amfed.org

Website of the American Federation

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2008 Gem & Mineral Show

Dealers ~ Demonstrating Dealers ~ Demonstrators

Dealers

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Paul Radiel - Cabochons

Jim Yanda - Faceting

Mike Csendes - Scrimshaw

Schedule of Show Activities April 24 - 27, 2008

Thursday April 24

8:00 am Cessna Activity Center
Unload Trailer and set up.

12:00 pm Lunch Bread (\$2 donation),
Dealers can set up.

1:00 pm Begin setup upstairs, and
complete setup downstairs

3:00 pm When tables are done, set up
WGMS exhibits

6:00 pm Pot luck dinner for members
and dealers, members ring
meat dish and one other dish,
plus table service. Dealers
and Special exhibitors are
guests. Drink provided.

Friday April 25

9:00 am Show opens, Schools and
Scouts Day

7:00 pm Show closes for day.

Saturday April 26

10:00 am Show opens

1:30 pm Upstairs program "Is that
Ring Valuable?"

2:00 pm Upstairs program "Meteorites
Impact on Earth".

7:00 pm Show closes for day.

Sunday April 27

10:00 am Show opens

1:00 pm Awards presentation,
Rockhound of the Year and
WGMS Endowment Fund
Donation to WSU.

2:00 pm Upstairs program "Kansas'
Unique Meteorites"

5:00 pm Show closes, teardown

Concession Stand Open Each Day

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Schools and Scouts Day

by Carolyn White

Even without Wichita Public Schools we have 995 students signed up for our schools and scouts program.

I checked next years calendar for Wichita Public Schools and they are in session next year so next years show should be even better.

Information about the show has been sent to Recreation Centers, Museums, Senior Centers and Assisted Living Facilities.

The time is now for the show. See page 10 for the schedule of activities.

If you have not signed up to work yet, contact one of the Show Committee members for the area that you would like to work. You can also expect calls requesting that you work. We need all the help from all members that we can get.

Thursday evening pot luck: This is a thank-you for all the dealers. Please plan to attend and bring enough food for yourself/family and for 6 others.

Rocks for wheel and silent auction: Please bring these items to the show on Saturday morning, with all your specimens identified if possible.

Junior Rock Pile: If you will have rocks that you processed at home, bring them Saturday or Sunday. You might want to check with me or Alan DeGood to confirm that we will need them this year. If it turns out that we don't need them this year, save them for next year. Or, if you do not want to store them for a year bring them to the show on Sunday and I will take them and store them.

For those who work at the show, you get free admission. Pick up your Worker ribbon at the admissions desk.

What have I forgotten!! I don't know but I will remember it when I think of it. See you at the Show!

It is not too late to volunteer to help at the show!!! Donations are still being taken for the Silent Auction and the Wheel. There are plenty of sit down jobs that you can do.

**Please volunteer
we need you!!!**

Pot Luck Dinner

Don't forget our pot luck dinner on Thursday night, April 24 at 6:00 p.m., after set up is complete. Please bring table service for yourself, a meat dish and a side dish or dessert to share. Remember we will be feeding all the dealers too.

The club will provide beverages.

Don't miss this opportunity to get to know the dealers and the other club members.

Hourglass Selenite Crystals

by Stan Nowak

On March 6 a meeting was held in Cherokee, OK concerning the Hourglass Selenite Crystal Digging Area. It concerned the status of the opening of the digging area after vials of diluted chemical agents were found by a Boy Scout while digging in the area in April 2007. An additional 162 vials were found by the U. S. Army 22nd Chemical Battalion from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland who were called in after the digging area had been closed.

I had been in the digging area the first weekend of April 2007 helping people dig the crystals properly and was deeply saddened when I heard the area was closed. We had found a huge area of beautiful very large clusters as well as large clear blades.

A brief history of the area was presented by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Great Salt Plains was used as a training area for the U. S. Army and the U. S. Army Air Corps. The vials were used for training in the identification of various chemicals

that the soldiers may encounter in battlefield conditions and what actions they should take.

The vials were about 1 1/2" in diameter and 8" long, encased in a cardboard cylinder with metal end caps. Twelve of these cylinders were then placed inside a metal container about the size of a coffee can. Incendiary devices were then detonated to burn

through the metal and cardboard which would then break the vials and release the chemicals. Unlike today's requirements, no records were kept as to the number or locations of the containers.

A large metal detector on wheels was used over the 300 acre site to help locate any other possible containers. 322 anomalies and another 22 possible disposal pits were detected. The anomalies could be coins, bottle caps, or any other minor metal items.

Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group Inc. was contracted by the Corps of Engineers to examine and help clean up the area. They started to dig in the identified areas on March 15th with a completion in approximately five weeks. Contrary to what many may believe, not the whole digging area has been dug up, only where the metal detector has had hits. Parsons will give the Corps of Engineers a report of what was found and if it appears there may or may not be any other hazards in the area. The Corps of Engineers will then give a report to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife who have the final say as to if and when the digging area should be opened.

The object of everyone is for reopening the area. However, they all agree that they want to make sure the area is safe for everyone to go into.

Since the area has been closed, it has had a major economic impact of the small communities in the area. Since the closing has had such an impact and also has closed a major recreation area for the state of Oklahoma, high priority has been put on this

project by the U. S. Army and Congress. Reports that normally take two months to process are being done in about two weeks and funding is as well expedited.

By the original time frame a public report is due in January 2009; however, if everything goes extremely well that time frame will be expedited.

The bottom line though is that the Great Salt Plains Hourglass Selenite Digging Area will not open in 2008. We are hoping for spring of 2010, but ultimately we ant to be guaranteed that the area is safe for all.

A major concern of many of the local businesses was how will the word get out when it reopens, as I told them that as soon as I get more information I will pass it on throughout the RMFMS and AFMS.

Field Trip

by Joe Cruz

Nothing planned for April so we can all support the SHOW. Please sign up and help in every way you can.

For May I am planning on a trip to the Wilson Lake area. It will be at the end of the month so details will be in the May edition of Quarry Quips.

Junior Corner

by Ardis Cruz

At our General meeting in March, junior visitors **Matthew Leddy** and **Colton Leddy** (cousins) and member **Angie White** got to make wind chimes using polished slabs.

Thank you **Susan Bannon** for planning the last several month's activities for Juniors.

ALL Junior members need to try to come each month as we will try to have something special for you to do. However, we won't be letting the cat out of the bag before hand, so you just have to come to see what's up.....

Attn: Juniors:

by Carolyn White

Saturday, May 2nd, WGMS will have a booth at "OK Kids" put on by the Great Plains Nature Center. We will have information about the club and will have rock samples and specimen cards for the kids. Last year I staffed it with our Juniors and hope to do that again this year.

**Rocky Mountain Federation
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April 25-27, 2008, Wichita, KS

55th Annual Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, Nature's Wonders – Dazzling Gemstone, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd. For more information: www.wgmsks.org Show chairman: Gene Maggard show@wgmsks.org

May 2 – 4, 2008, McPherson, KS

16th annual Rock Sale & Swap, sponsored by the McPherson Gem & Mineral Club. Located at 4-H Fairgrounds, Woodside and Hickory. Contact Jim Nutter 620-241-2433 or Marvin Lundquist 620-241-7003.

May 10, 2008, Prague, OK

Don and Sonja Bykerk, Lapidary Equipment, Rocks, Minerals and Specimens, offered for sale at Public Auction, 410 E Main St., 10:00 am

May 10-11, 2008, Grand Junction, CO

61st Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show, "ARTS OF NATURE", Two Rivers Convention Center, 1st and Main. Grand Junction Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Show Chairman, Dave McCollough, 3032 Milburn Ct, Grand Junction CO 81504, 970-523-5443.

May 16 – 17, 2008, Elinwood, KS

35th Annual Rock Swap, hosted by the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce, Buy – Sell- Trade, Bring your own table, free camping, electrical hook-up \$5.00 per day. Located at the City Park, Northwest corner of Ellinwood. For more information call 620-564-3300.

May 17-18, 2008, Cheyenne, WY

Cheyenne Mineral & Gem Show, hosted by the Cheyenne Mineral & Gem Society, American Legion Post 6, 2001 E Lincoln Way, Show Chairman: Paul Moot 307-634-6773, Asst Chairman: Bob King 307-632-2702.

June 21 -22, 2008, Colorado Springs, CO

Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (CSMS) 44th Annual Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show at the Phil Long Expo Center. Dr. Michael Wise of the Smithsonian is our featured guest and is bringing a display. Our theme is "Gem Stones of the U.S." which ties in nicely with the AFMS Stamp campaign. We're working with Shirley Leeson to provide museum-quality photos of the 7 Colorado gem stones.

June 21 – 22, 2008, Torrington, WY

Norma Beers Memorial Show, Hosted by the Rex Young Rock Club, Torrington Fairgrounds Rendezvous Center, Highway 26/85 West. For more information contact Kim Nielsen 308-632-2385 or Dale Tikalsky 308-632-5574 or tikalsky21@charter.net

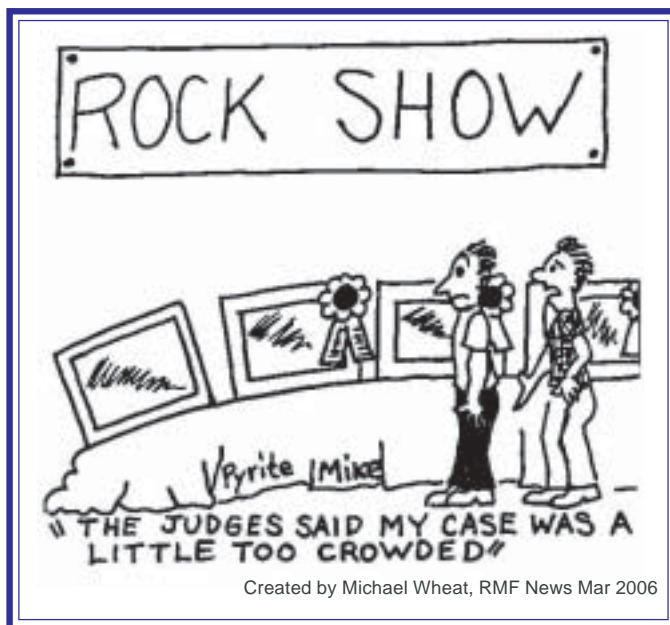
August 21-23, 2008, Kingston, OK

Rock Swap , by R&B Storage & Rock Shop, next to Lake Texoma, located on HWY 70, ½ block South on Muncrief Road, by Ron & Barbara Evans, 580-564-3220 nights, 580-564-5846 or 580-564-9346

September 19 – 21, 2008, Enid, OK

Enid Gem & Mineral Show, Hoover Building at the Garfield County Fair Grounds, Friday & Saturday 9:AM-5:PM Sunday 10:AM-5:PM. For more info. contact Billy E. Wood 580-234-5344. There is a \$1.00 donation, profits go toward Scholarship funds.

Have a favorite show you would like to see listed here. Send the information: Date, location, sponsor, and contact information, to the editor at wgms2001@yahoo.com.



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