

Nominating Committee on the Prowl

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Who? Me? Run for office? No thanks!
The President's job - that should be Frank's.
But listen now, I've some suggestions to make.
How about a display case -
'twill only take a couple of evenings for someone to make.

Program Chairman? I don't see how
I can manage that position just now.
But let's keep up the good speakers this year,
maybe have a demonstration on cab making here?
You bet I'll attend every one, never fear.

Bulletin Editor? Oh, I can't write
a decent article - mine sound so trite.
But can't we have more rock cutting tips,
a column for news, and some humorous quips,
and something about our rock hunting trips.

Display table? I like it fine.
Oh, no, that selenite isn't mine.
My minerals and gems are all packed away.
Anyway, I was much too tired today.
Don't you realize just how much rocks can weigh?

I'm in good standing. I've paid my dues.
I never fail to give you my views.
Meeting night comes and there I will be.
I'm present, please note, for all members to see.
Gee, don't you wish there were more members like ME?

Original Source unknown, taken from Rocky Tales, Lake Havasu G&MS Lake Havasu City Arizona,
October 2004

If you are interested in running for an office, ANY OFFICE,
please contact Peggy Maggard.

Remember:

WGMS NEEDS YOU!!!



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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!

From the President

by Lyle Koerper

Congratulations to **Paul and Ann Radiel**, recipients of the Rockhound of the Year Award.

The Rockhound of the Year Award recognizes WGMS members who have provided outstanding and sustained support for our yearly show. **Paul and Ann** have done that, and more. **Paul** is an outstanding cab maker, and a patient and effective teacher. **Paul and Ann** represent a key "anchor" for our show demonstrations. **Paul**, of course, is a member of the Board and has served in many WGMS leadership positions. Thanks, **Paul and Ann**.

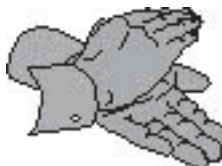
"Nature's Wonders, Dazzling Gemstones" was very successful. We offered an outstanding product of displays, demonstrations, vendors and special programs for students and adults. There was good attendance. And, there was wonderful participation by WGMS members. From the time of set-up on Thursday to load-the-trailer Sunday evening, everyone was pitching in doing the work that needed to be done.

Thanks to all who helped. I hope you enjoyed participating.

Membership News

by Ardis Cruz

Please welcome our newest member **Bernadine Roberts**. **Bernadine** joined at our March meeting.



Add to your directory

Bernadine Roberts 09/14
1228 N Coolidge Ave
Wichita KS 67203-3053
316-266-4812
Joined 4-2008

Bernadine is retired from the Army and her interests are: Cutting/Polishing, Field Trips and Jewelry Making.

NEW ADDRESS-please correct your directory.

Elsie Vawter
CRC-KS Room 212
620 E Wood St
Clearwater KS 67026-9757

Last Months Program

Everyone had a great time at our April Show. Hope you did not miss it!!!

from Carolyn White:

The Schools and Scouts program on Friday brought in 1150 students and 185 adults.

This Months Program

by Peggy Maggard

Vi and George Mack will share with us how they have been collecting and making jewelry from Victoria stone for many years. **Vi** will give a brief history about Victoria stone and **George** will give tips about how to polish and set Victoria stone.

Victoria stone (also called imori) is a man-made stone created by Dr. Imori. Made starting in the 1960's to perhaps as late as the 1980's Dr. Imori did not share his formula with anyone, dying without passing on his knowledge. The result is that Victoria stone is pretty rare and hard to find today.

Although victoria stone is man-made, it was created from natural minerals such as quartz, fluospar, feldspar, magnesite, and calcite. The minerals were fused together (melted) and then somehow made to crystalize and reform into a new rock". The stone has a "fibrous aggregate structure", creating wonderful patterns and chatoyancy when cut to its best advantage.

Victoria Stone (Imori) - Mohs 5.5-6

Field Trip

by Joe Cruz

May 31st I am planning a field trip to Wilson Lake to hunt fossils. Details will be given out at our May meeting.



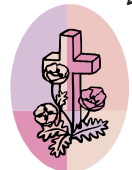





Library News

by Noel Troll

Remember the WGMS library is located in our meeting room at W.S.U. Members are allowed to check out books for one (1) month. So come and "check out" our library. We have a lot of great books.

WGMS Calendar of Events

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11  <i>Mothers Day</i>	12  Show Committee WGMS Board 7:00 p.m. CCC	13	14	15	16	17
18 WGMS Meeting 2:00 p.m. WSU Sherry Whitmore	19	20  Ralph & Arleta Seery	21	22	23 Deadline for Quarry Quips Articles Arleta Seery	24 Ramona Lingafelter Sally Henning
25 Gary Moore	26  <i>Memorial Day</i>	27	28  Barbara Hoppins	29 Randy Woods Jim & Venetta Nutter	30	31
1 Elmer Jennings	2	3 	4	5	6 Nina Simmons	7 Max Bauman Merle & Carolyn White
8 Caitlin Gass Michael Bayouth	9	10 	11	12	13	14 Sara Murphy  <i>Flag Day</i>
15 Mary Clough Curley Clough  <i>Fathers Day</i>	16 WGMS Board 7:00 p.m. CCC	17	18  Lyle & June Koerper	19 Johnny Saunders	20	21  <i>Summer Begins</i>

Community of Christ Church, 3500 S Webb Rd, Wichita

Refreshments

If you signed up to bring cookies to the May meeting, please be sure to bring at least two (2) dozen.

Thanks from Admissions

Ruby Moore, Arleta Seery, Aileen Wilson, Debbie Winton, Elizabeth Hixson, June Koerper, Susan Bannon, Naomi Matney, Ruth Weishaar, Vi Mack, Bob Hicks, George Asher, Susan Bannon, Sherry Whitmore, Patti Ballou and Gene Maggard. A Special Thanks to everyone at the Membership table who helped us out when we got super busy. If I missed someone, I am sorry for the oversight.

Peggy Maggard

Thanks from Membership

Thank You, to everyone who helped out at the Membership Table.

Ardis Cruz

Thank from Silent Auction

I want to thank **Mary Clough** and **George Mack** for taking over the duties at the Silent Auction. And thank you to **Tony McClafin** and everyone else who helped at the table.

Sandy Riekeman

Chips from the Quarry



Thank you to everyone at WGMS for thinking of us, **Joyce & Sandy Riekeman** on the death of **Lloyd Riekeman** (husband & father) on April 23, 2008.

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

Do you have a favorite website that you would like to share? Send the url and a short description of the site to wgms2001@yahoo.com ~ ~ Be sure to include WGMS in the subject line!!!

Show Calendar

Rocky Mountain Federation Convention & Show November 7-9, 2008 Central Park Hall Building Tulsa State Fairgrounds Hosted by : Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society

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. For more information: www.csms.us info@csms.us 719-683-2603.

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

Board Minutes

by Susan Bannon

President **Lyle Koerper** called the board of directors meeting to order on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community of Christ Church. Those present were:

Sandy Whiting, Ray Adams, Carolyn White, Paul Radiel, Lyle Koerper, Ardis Cruz, Peggy Maggard, Dave Hardin, Gene Maggard and **Susan Bannon**.
 Guests were: **Mary Clough, Curley Clough** and **Alice Piper**.

The minutes from the March meetings were passed as printed in the Quarry Quips.

Sandy Whiting, treasurer, presented the vouchers for payment. **Paul Radiel**, director, moved the vouchers be paid. **Ray Adams**, finance, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ardis Cruz, membership, moved the application for membership of **Bernadine Roberts** be accepted. **Carolyn White**, publicity, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

After some discussion, **Sandy Whiting** moved, "Life Members get free admission to the show plus one helper, if needed. Exhibitors get free admission." **Paul Radiel** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nominating committee consists of: **Peggy Maggard**; chair, **Mary Clough, Gene Maggard, Carolyn White** and **Susan Bannon**.

We discussed how to get more members active in the club, how we could get to know each other better, have a mentoring program with new members.



Lyle Koerper spoke of live ads for the show on radio and TV.

Ray Adams announced the last silent auction earned nearly \$30.00.

August 24 (**SATURDAY**), meeting schedule, at the Community of Christ Church:

9:00 am - Set up for Swap

10:00 am – Noon Swap

Noon Pot Luck Lunch inside Church

1:30 pm – Auction Starts

If you sell at the swap, you **MUST** have a tax number, but you can swap or trade without a tax number. You must supply your own tables, etc. Be sure you have plenty of change. Call **Peggy Maggard** by July 15 to reserve your

spot in the parking lot at Community of Christ Church, 3500 S Webb Road.

If you are a Board Member, be sure to give **Lyle Koerper** a job description of your job.

Sandy Whiting initiated the idea of using a professional to make patches for the "Rock Hound of the Year" and the Outstanding Service Award".

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meeting, May 12, 2008 at Community of Christ Church.

General Minutes

by Susan Bannon

There was no meeting in April, as this was our Annual Show.

Vouchers presented for payment

Payee	For	Amount
WSU	Scholarship Fund	\$1250.00
John Patton	Show Cleanup	250.00
Carolyn White	Show Publicity	77.34
Gene Maggard	Show Expenses	\$75.86
	(Rockpile 22.96, Hospitality 23.17, Chairman 9.73, trailer tag 20.00)	
Gene Maggard	Show Electrical	475.23
K-15 Storage	Show trailer space rental	200.00
Lyle Koerper	Show Expenses	203.38
	(Setup 164.01, treasurer 12.47, publicity 26.90)	
Ardis Cruz	Field Trip	18.04
Imagistics	Annual maintenance on Copy Machine	552.00
Wichita Eagle	Show Publicity	2121.95

2008 Show Committee

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Fluorescents	Ray Adams	316-942-7006
Gem Hunt	David Hardin	620-584-4716
Grab Bags	Carolyn White	316-688-0149
Jr Rock Pile	Alan DeGood	316-794-8391
Membership	Ardis Cruz	316-218-0250
President	Lyle Koerper	316-722-7115
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Schools and Scouts	Pat Clough-McCombs	316-210-7380
	Carolyn White	316-688-0149
Secretary	Susan Bannon	316-689-8256
Security	Tony McClafline	785-489-2248
Setup	Lyle Koerper	316-722-7115
	Bill Smith	620-296-4652
Silent Auction	Sandy Riekeman	316-262-7473
Special Exhibits	Jim Ballou	316-722-7913
Special Programs	Peggy Maggard	316-742-3746
Publicity	Carolyn White	316-688-0149
Treasurer	Sandy Whiting	316-744-8848
Volunteer Coordinator	Patti Ballou	316-722-7913
Wheel	Alice Piper	316-264-7273
Working Demos	Bob Haines	316-683-9021

2008 Show Report

by Gene Maggard

First I give a huge THANKS to the Show Committee members and all the club members who helped with the show. All the committee members did a great job in doing their part and more, and all the club members who worked at the show also did a great job. We especially had really good help and lots of it for setup and teardown. Staffing on the hectic Kid's Day was also very good, with extra help available when and where needed, as was the case for the entire show. Our junior members are terrific. It was really fun working with them and watching them work. What a great bunch of young people.

It is Monday morning after the show and I am reflecting on the weekend. The show is a financial success. **Sandy Whiting** has already issued

preliminary numbers and if there are no big surprises in expenses, we will net substantially more than past averages. Attendance was up by about 250 for adults and down about 30 for paid youth admissions. Admissions collections are way up as a result of both increased attendance and the increased admission fee.

It seems to me that the show continues to function more smoothly each year. Is this because I am becoming more comfortable as show chairman? It is not good for an organization to have the same people in the same offices year after year, so next year you will have a new show chairman. I will serve in another function if the club membership so chooses.

Accolades to **Carolyn White** for the great job that she did organizing the youth program on Friday. Even though the Wichita school system was out of session that day, she was still able to fill the upstairs program with students from other systems. **Carolyn** and her kids were also there for the entire show and worked wherever needed.

The Touch/Feel rock table continues to be a great success. My first recollection of the idea for a Touch/Feel table was from **Mary Clough** a few years ago, when she talked me into bringing some rocks for it. We have had the table since that show, and the kids, not to mention the adults, love it. One thing, though. I am not bringing another high dollar mica rock for the table. It was somewhat distressing to watch the kids peel the mica off that rock. The rock still made it back home not too much the worse for wear.

Rockhound of the Year – It was very pleasing to me to see **Paul** and **Ann Radial** win the Rockhound of the Year award. I think that this award was very well deserved, not to mention overdue. **Paul** and **Ann** have been a pleasure to work with and are real assets to WGMS.

Otherwise, everybody involved did a great job, resulting in a very smooth running and trouble free show. Here is to an even bigger and better show, next year. Clear your calendars now for April 23-26 in order to maximize your time and enjoyment at the 2009 show.

Wrap up meeting: Show Committee members, the wrap-up meeting will be held at the time of the May board meeting, Monday, May 12, 7:00 pm, Community of Christ Church, 3500 South Webb. Please bring your ideas both on improvements that we can make and things that we did really well and want to repeat. We will also review vendor performance and the 2009 theme. Regular board business will be conducted after the wrap up meeting.

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Next Meeting

May 18, 2008

2:00 pm

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May 23, 2008

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