

The following is an except from an article forwarded by Shirley Leeson, AFMS President. I wasn't able to determine who the author of the article was.

New Endangered Species The Rockhound

The habitat of the rockhound is diminishing at an astounding rate. More and more of its free roaming areas are being gobbled up each and every day by the changing environment. Soon the range of the Rockhound and its offspring the Pebble Pup will become so diminished that extinction will be imminent.

Currently before congress there are 4 new wilderness bills and one bill that will make some fossil collecting and ownership a federal crime.

The California Wild Heritage Act and The Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act when passed by Congress could reduce the ecosystem of the rockhound, just in California , by around 3.26 Million acres of new wilderness habitats.

The Paleontological Resources Preservation Act when passed by congress will make the collecting and ownership of vertebrate fossils found on public land (BLM, USFS, and State land) a federal crime with punishment with fines and/or imprisonment. Collecting of these fossils on private land is allowed with the proof of collecting on the holder of the fossils. There needs to be allowances for the collecting, ownership and public display of these vertebrate fossils by the amateur collector without the fear of criminal prosecution or civil legal action. We all understand that significant finds like "Sue" need to be preserved for all to enjoy, but the collection, ownership and public display of smaller finds of non-significant, non-descript vertebrate fossils should be allowed in the legislation

So what can we do? First read the proposed legislation, determine the effect of the legislation in your collecting areas. Inform all of your club members of the urgency of the legislation. Formulate a response with recommendations that are attainable. Write letters to your elected officials and present your case and points. If we do not make our voices heard we will loose the battle of the Rockhound and we will become extinct. We can make our voices heard in Washington by supporting and joining the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) as clubs or as individuals. <http://www.amfed.org/ALAA.htm>

(The bill referred to in this article is HR 554)

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Our Annual show for 2009 will be:

April 25, 26 & 27

Great Plains Treasures

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; © 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: editor@wgmsks.org or snail mail to:

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Exchange Bulletins Welcome



From the President

By Gene Maggard

Greetings from your brand new president. I hope that I am able to do a good job for you during the upcoming year and I know that there will be plenty of help from you. How did you like the rock swap/auction on Saturday, August 24? Missed it? You missed a great time. I think that all that attended had a great time. The auction went quite well, in spite of the auctioneers (Lyle and I). I don't have the exact figures but we received over \$1,100 in bids. Thanks to all that donated to the auction and to all that supported WGMS by bidding so generously. Thanks to Leo, Ray, Mary and Sandy W. for helping. Do we want to keep the same format for next year? Let us know your opinion.

Upcoming Shows – The Rocky Mountain Federation convention/show will soon be here, November 7-9, in Tulsa. If you have not been to an RMF convention/show, this is a great opportunity. It is unusual for it to be this close. The Topeka show is October 11-12. This is always a good show.

The second Jr. Rock Pile/Grab Bag workday will be at the DeGood's on Saturday, Oct. 25. See the Show Report for more information.

A question that will soon arise is, do we want to do a booth at the 2009 Lawn and Garden Show. If so, we always have lots of good help to staff the booth, but Lyle has always had to do the coordinating. Is there a WGMS member that would like to take over coordinating the Lawn and Garden Show booth? Somebody please say, yes.

We have some new faces in officer positions, both appointed and elected. We still need some more positions filled on the Show Committee so that people will not have to do as much "double duty." We need some people that like working with youth to do some youth programs at the general meeting. Any interest? Please let me or any officer know if you would like to help.

Last Months Program

By Peggy Maggard

Last months program was our Auction and our **1st Annual Swap Meet**

Seven dealers, numerous swappers, WGMS members and the public enjoyed the 2 hour swap meet held in the parking lot of the Community of Christ Church. There was a wide variety of merchandise available for purchase or swapping. Many of the people attending the swap meet stayed for the pot luck dinner and afternoon auction.

Please let officers know what you thought about the swap meet.

- Would you like to make this an annual event?
- Did you like the location?
- Did you like the date?
- Other suggestions?

I would like to thank the following club members for setting up a booth: A & J Crafts - Ardis and Joe Cruz; Custom Faceting -Robert Haines; L & M Rock and Gems - Leo Heidebrecht; Pawnee Bend Arts & Crafts - Dana Shannon; Peggy's Pearls & More - Gene & Peggy Maggard; Silver Pearl - Debbie Winton; T & J Expressions - June and Lyle Koerper.

This Months Program

By Peggy Maggard

The September program is Sedimentary and Vein Agates. Did you know most agates formed in volcanic rocks? Can you recognize varieties developed in sedimentary environments? What is the different general geology and specific characteristics of different varieties? Doug Moore presents outstanding pictures and interesting narration exploring these agates from around the United States and the world.



Sept 21 - Oct 25

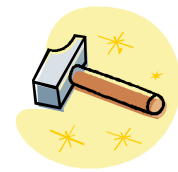


21 Marvin Lundquist	22 WGMS Board 7:00 pm Community of Christ Church Elizabeth Hixon	23	24	25	26	27
28 WGMS Mtg 2pm Rm 101 WSU	29	30	1 Bill Smith Janet Biven	2 Quentin Askey	3 Wuakiya Brunner	4 Quarry Quips Deadline 
5 Alice Piper	6 Angela White	7	8	9	10 C Ray Adams Delbert Ebersole	11
12	13	14 Peggy Stambaugh	15 Janet Douglass	16	17	18 Marcie Fleeker Colby Woods
19	20	21	22	23 Kimberly Ebersole	24	25 Work Day 9am Alan DeGood 

2009 Show Committee

Show April 24, 25 & 26 2009

Show Work Day



By Lyle Koerper

Note: Additional people are needed to serve on the Show Committee.

If you are interested in any way, please call Lyle Koerper, show chair, at 722-7115. There are "some-what big jobs" and some "not-so-big" ones. The goal is to have at least 2 people in most areas.



Maybe it is early to become excited about the 2009 show, but show preparation is needed throughout the year. And, workdays mean a good time - an opportunity for members to become better acquainted and to have interesting discussions about our hobby.

Saturday, **Oct 25** is the date for our next work day. Place: Alan DeGood, 1233 Autumn Drive, West Wichita. We'll begin at 9 am "preparing" rocks for the Junior Rock Pile and processing specimens for Grab Bags. At noon there will be a pot luck luncheon. Yes, there will be some hard work, but also some easier table top activity. The Show Committee will meet following lunch.

Show Committee Members

Chairman.....	Lyle Koerper.....	316-722-7115
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Directions to 1233 Autumn Drive: Drive west on 21st St. N or 13th St N to 183rd St W. Turn south to N. Willow Creek Rd and go west until you reach Autumn Drive. Go north.

Or, take Kellogg (US 54) west to 183rd street W near Goddard. Turn north to N. Willow Creek Rd and go west until you reach Autumn Dr. Go north.

Thanks, Lyle Koerper, Show Chair

Field Trip



There is no field trip scheduled for September.

Library News



Jim Yanda is our new librarian. 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.



Board Minutes

By Susan Bannon

Wichita Gem and Mineral Society's Board of Officers' met at the Hometown Buffet August 18th at 7:30 pm .



In attendance Paul Radiel, Peggy Maggard, Gene Maggard, Sandy Riekeman, Sandy Whiting, Lyle Koerper, Don Atherton and Susan Bannon. Guests included: Ann Radiel, Alice Piper, Joyce Riekeman and June Koerper.

President Lyle Koerper began the meeting welcoming the guests and new member (Don Atherton, Vice President). Lyle extended appreciation for all of Sandy Riekeman's hard work as editor.

Paul Radiel, director, moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Quarry Quips. Ray Adams, finance, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sandy Whiting, treasurer, introduced the following vouchers:

- WGMS ~ Helen Dickson, memorial ~ \$25.00
- Lyle Koerper ~ 8.40
- Intrust Bank ~ Safety Box Rental ~ \$14.00
- Sandy Whiting ~Clerking/Bidding tickets ~ \$94.22
- Lloyds Electronics ~ Copy paper, Card stock, Address labels ~ \$263.27,

The following adjustments were made to the general ledger.

- (DEBIT) Gen. Misc, (CREDIT) Editor, \$0 .18
- (DEBIT) 09 Show Pub, (CREDIT) \$1.77, Editor-Mark Your Calendar Post Cards
- (DEBIT) Membership, (CREDIT) Editor, \$ 50.75, Membership Roster, 30 Membership Applications, 30 Letter Heads
- (DEBIT) Finance, (CREDIT) Editor, \$ 0.94, 40 copies 07-08 Budget
- (DEBIT) Gen. Misc, (CREDIT) Editor, \$ 2.13 Silent Auction Forms

Gene Maggard, Show Chair, moved the vouchers be paid. Paul Radiel, director, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Peggy Maggard, Vice President, announced that 9 spaces had been signed up for our swap meet.

President Lyle Koerper announced:

- Sept. 6—Workday at Alan DeGoods-9 am-covered dish lunch-Show Committee Meeting after lunch.
- Sept. 22-Mon.- Board Meeting
- Sept. 28- Sun - General Meeting at WSU
- Oct 20- Mon. - Board Meeting
- Oct 25 - Sat. - Workday at Alan DeGoods-9am-covered dish lunch-Show Committee Meeting after lunch

Meeting adjourned.

Sept Work Day



Thanks to all who came to help with our work day at the DeGood's on Sept 6th.

We broke 25 buckets of rock for the Junior Rock Pile. We bagged 1700 specimens for the grab bags, including grape agate, fluorite, petrified wood and sharks teeth. We also assembled 100 necklaces.

Lunch was great and everyone had a good time.

Membership News

By Ardis Cruz

The following are corrections that you should add to your current membership directory.

New address:

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Wichita, KS 67203
316-946-0008



New Phone Numbers:

Carolyn White 316-250-6182
Pat Andra 913-426-7126

Don't remember if you've paid your membership dues? Check the year on the mailing address of this newsletter. If it says 2008 your dues haven't been paid yet.



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Show Calendar

Rocky Mountain Federation Convention & Show November 7 - 9, 2008

Hosted by :
Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society
Location:
Tulsa Fairgrounds, Tulsa Oklahoma

**American Federation
Convention and Show
September 24-28, 2008
Houston Gem & Mineral Society**
Located at:
Humble Civic Center
8233 Will Clayton Parkway

September 19 –21, 2008 ~ Enid Oklahoma
Enid Gem & Mineral Show, Hoover Building at the
Garfield County Fair Grounds. For more
info. contact Billy E. Wood 580-234-5344.

September 26-28, 2008 ~ Houston, Texas
Houston Gem & Mineral Society, Humble Civic Center

October 11 - 12, 2008 ~ Topeka Kansas
Agricultural Hall, Kansas Expocentre, Topeka, KS

October 11 – 12, 2008 ~ Sierra Vista Arizona
Huachuca Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show at the Elks
Lodge on Wilcox Avenue, Sierra Vista, Arizona. Contact
Ingrid at 520-459-3718

October 11 – 12, 2008 ~ Payson Arizona
Payson Rimstones Annual Show Tonto Apache Res.
Recreation Center, Hwy 87 by Mazatzal Casino,
Payson, Arizona. Show contact-Barry & Margaret Jones
928-476-3513, froggie1048@msn.com1st

November 22-23 ~ Mesquite TX
Dallas Gem & Min Soc, Rasustol Arena Exhibition Hall

December 5 – 7, 2008 – El Paso Texas
El Paso Gem & Mineral Show, Sponsored by: El Paso
Mineral and Gem Society, 6331 Alabama, El Paso, TX
For information contact: "Gem Center
USA" at toll free number 1-877-533-7153
or in El Paso 533 7153, e-mail: Jeannette C. at
GemCenter@aol.com

February 27 – March 1, 2008 – Golden Colorado
Denver Gem and Mineral Guild 2009 Show, Jefferson
County Fairgrounds, Contact: Janie and Roger Bennett,
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Please send show information to editor@wgmsks.org

For a more complete list of all shows go to:
<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp> or refer to a
copy of Rock & Gem Magazine.

Chips from the Quarry



Stanley Ayers in the Kansas Masonic Home. He
is reported to be in good spirits.



Delpha Bogg's husband was in the hospital with a
sprained ankle.



Venetta Nutter has scoliosis.



On The Web

By Sandy Riekeman

www.wgmsks.org
Website of The Wichita Gem & Mineral Society

www.rmfmts.org
Website of the Rocky Mountain Federation

www.amfed.org
Website of the American Federation

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the subject line!!!



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Next Meeting

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2:00 pm

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