



# Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club

# CONGLOMERATE

Monthly Newsletter of the TCG&MC  
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## Baby, It's Cold Outside!

Welcome to winter everyone!!!! Our December meeting will have lots to cover and include the most important thing, nominating of the 2025 board members and **voting** them into office. There will also be an update on the fantastic renovations to our website and how to navigate them. Perhaps there is a secret location for new rock hunting sites?? You will have to be at the meeting to find out.



For the rock contest we will feature those specimens that have **Red, White, & Green** (or as close as possible). If you have a specimen that has all 3 of these colors please enter it in this month's contest.

We would also like to encourage everyone to bring your favorite Christmas treat to share. Enjoy the treats, come to mingle and share your best rockhounding adventures with some extra mingle time to be festive. And hey don't forget to wear your favorite festive gear. Thank you for a wonderful year and let's end it off with the best meeting ever!!!!!!!

Bill McDonald





# Events



FOR OUR CLUB AND BEYOND!

## 2024 TCG&M Board

President - C.H. Falstad

V.P. - Bill McDonald

Secretary - Alexandria Vanderski

Treasurer - Kurt Brinks

Field Trips - Jon Mull

Historian - Betty Hoekstra

Junior Club - Shari Luttikhuizen

Liaison - Mary Johnson

Membership - Rhonda Gehringer

Newsletter Editor - Jodi Miller

Webmaster - Aaron Nelson

Show Chair - CJ Proos

Social Coordinator - Michelle Lanting

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Dir. at Large - Patsy Williamson

Past President - Michael B. Larson

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm at the Community Center in Zeeland.

12/18 (Wed.) Tulip City General Meeting

1/15/25 (Wed.) Tulip City Board Meeting

1/29/25 (Wed.) Tulip City General Meeting

## Member News

We had several families join our membership at the September show. Their membership is good through December, 2025. For all others, your membership renewal is now due. Sign up at the general membership meeting or contact Rhonda Geringer this month so you don't ever miss out on what is coming up for our club and continue receiving the Conglomerate. Current dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. *(The board would like to encourage individuals to receive the Conglomerate through email, but if you choose to get a hard copy, there is an additional charge to your membership dues to cover printing and mailing.)*



# Field Trips

## William Holland School of Lapidary Arts

## [Registration](#)

For those interested in spending a week learning a new, or enhancing a current lapidary skill, we have the opportunity to attend the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Young Harris, Georgia. **June 8-14**. The link above will take you to the list of classes. If you click on any of the classes, you can discover what you will be learning. Once you decide which class you want to take, click on that class and go to the bottom to fill out registration. Once you submit the registration, you need to go back to the payment page and pay the *\$50 deposit*, which will be applied to your tuition. The \$625 is for your room, all meals, and the class fee.



In addition, we will have the opportunity to go to the William Patty Quarry in Summerville, Georgia to collect Summerville Crazy Lace Agate. Questions? Contact Jodi Miller at [tcgmc.news@tulipcity.org](mailto:tcgmc.news@tulipcity.org)



Jon Mull is also working on a couple of "basement " fieldtrips at the homes of members willing and able to share their beautiful collections. Keep a lookout for those announcements of locations.

## TCGMC Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11/4/2024

**Attendance Total:** 13

**Guests in Attendance:** 1 (Justin Moore)

**Quorum:** Yes

**Location:** Howard Miller Community Center

**Call to Order:** 7:04pm

**Board Members Present.** Falstad (President), W. McDonald (Vice President), A Vanderski (Secretary), K. Brinks (Treasurer), J. Mull (Field Trip Coordinator), E. Hoekstra (Historian), S. Luttikhuizen (Jr. Club Coordinator), M. Johnson (Liaison), J. Miller (Newsletter Editor), C.J. Proos (Show Coordinator), A. Nelson (Webmaster), P. Williamson (Directors at Large)

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved, with minor edits to remove past events.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved

### Board Member Reports:

- President - Continued enthusiasm for Howard Miller Library display.
- Vice President
  - ◇ Sally Hoskins to present Canadian Rocks
  - ◇ 1 of 2 show storage trailers to be moved to new location
- Past President - Not present.
- Secretary - Nothing to report.
- Newsletter Editor
  - ◇ Submit all November Conglomerate information by November 10th.
  - ◇ Request for a printer for Newsletter Editor use.
- Fieldtrip Coordinator - No field trips planned for the remainder of the year. Field trip to Lake Cumberland went very well and photos of the event are currently uploading to Google Workspace.

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# A Message From Our President

First, it is with great humility that I thank this entire club membership for the wonderful opportunity to serve as president the past few years. The time has gone by fast. Way too fast. And it is with some sadness that I step away.

I'd been asked to write about what value the club provides for members. When I initially agreed to pen this I thought it would be easy. Sure, there is the timely Conglomerate that not only keeps us current with the events of the club and other nearby activities, but also educates us on some fascinating topics. It also helps us connect tighter with our members.

There is also the opportunity to go on field trips. All of us enjoy opportunities to add to our collections, and the chance to do this in the comradery of other like-minded or obsessed hobbyists and glean helpful knowledge from those who have been around the block. These trips are fantastic ways to learn so much more about the pieces in our collection we'd never be able to do just buying them. There is a story that comes with each piece. Some of our previous winter field trips taught us how to make things with our pretty rocks.

Then there's our annual show! Do we really get in for free?! Just because we are members and want to help share our enjoyment of this hobby! If you're never seen the thrill of helping others of all ages who come from near and far expand their appreciation of rocks you're missing out on a special event. And sorry. We don't accept non-members helping at the show.

I've already alluded to the fun of serving on the board, getting to know some other passionate rock people, and leading others into the pleasure of the hobby. To say it's work would be a sad characterization. It's time, but time with and for other lovely people. In fact, most of our board meetings have adjourned around 8:30, but we enjoy each other's company so much most stay for another 30 to 60 minutes just catching up. I cannot thank each of our board and other volunteers enough for their service and look forward to what is in store for our club and know the new board will do great things.

Thanks again for allowing me to be president.

C.H. Falstad

Mother Nature truly amazes me sometimes. The other day I stumbled across a picture of a mountain, one side of this mountain had a rock face that had been delicately sculpted by the wind and rain over millions of years to form what could be described as the perfect art form.

My curiosity was sparked so off I went in search of more of these natural rock masterpieces. Low and behold after hours of searching I discovered a plethora of these majestic forms

**Danxia Landform, Hebei, China**

Read more about this landform [Danxia](#)



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- Directors at Large - Nothing to report.
- Treasurer
  - Two CDs are coming due next year. Discussion concerning current funds in account and creation of new CDs.
  - Filling out annual forms for Midwest Federation. Looking forward to the 2025 annual show location.
- Historian - Nothing to report.
- Jr. Club Coordinator - Will add a few updates to the children's page on the TCGMC website.
- Liaison - Nothing to report.
- Membership Coordinator- Not present.
- Show Coordinator - Final show meeting wrapped up well. Location of the 2025 show has not yet been determined.
- Social Coordinator - Not present.
- Webmaster
  - Update on Midwest and American Federation Website Competition. Only two websites entered the Midwest Federation competition. Website competition score sheets also arrived back from the American Federation. Feedback from Midwest Federation positive via Zoom. Feedback from the American Federation was inappropriately destructive and disappointing. Request to purchase a microphone to facilitate hybrid board meetings. Motion to approve the purchase of ~\$120 microphone, approved.

**Recurring Business:**

- Update from nominating committee (Justin Moore)
  - Several positions remain open: Jr. Club Coordinator, President, Secretary, Historian, Newsletter Editor and one Director at Large.
  - Bylaws do allow persons to hold more than one position (with expectation of the President and Treasurer). Fears that not having each position individually filled will decrease the success of the board.

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts Scholarship - Discussion concerning the potential to offer a TCGMC internal scholarship for the continued education in the lapidary arts (similar to the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts Scholarship). More information needed to understand the number of scholarships and amount each scholarship will be worth.

**New Business:**

None.

**Correspondence:** Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Club had their trailer stolen with all the rocks and materials from their show. Discussion to make a donation to assist Three Rivers in the replacement of the stolen items. Motion made and approved to donate \$200.

**Notes:**

- Motion to approve the purchase of ~\$120 microphone for use of streaming hybrid meetings, motion approved.

Motion to approve a \$200 donation to the Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Club to support the replacement of stolen equipment. Motion presented by Bill and second by Jodi, motion approved.

**Items From Visiting Members:** Update on Board Nominating Committee (Justin Moore)

**Adjournment:** 8:12pm

**Next General Meeting:** 11/20/2024

**Next Board Meeting:** 12/4/2024

**Meeting Minutes Recorded and Submitted By:** Alexandria Vanderski

# From the Library Shelves

## Tulip City GMC Books to Borrow

These books are still available to borrow. They will be at the general meeting, so if you are interested in borrowing one or more, see Jodi Miller.

American Mineral Treasures (Staebler & Wilson),

Geology of Michigan (Dorr & Eschner),

Kentucky Agates (McIntosh & Anderson),

Cave Geology (Palmer),

The River Runs North (Harmon),

Totality (Littman),

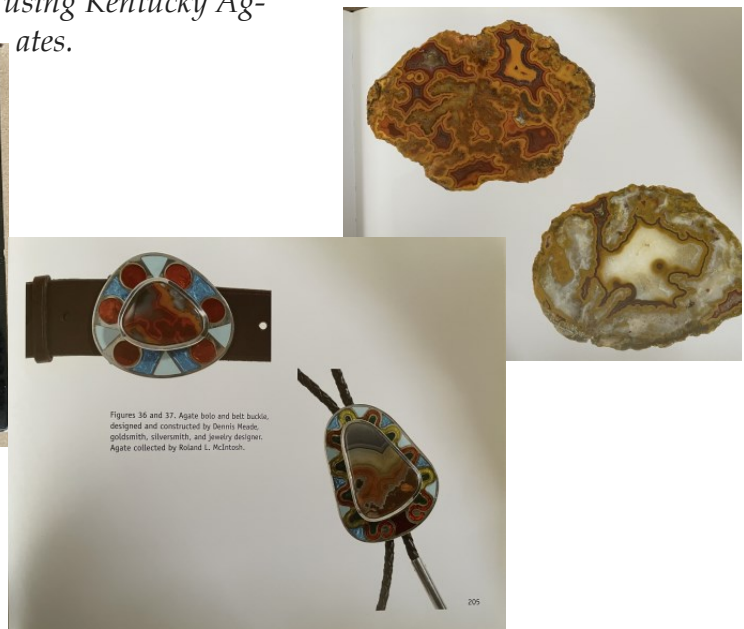
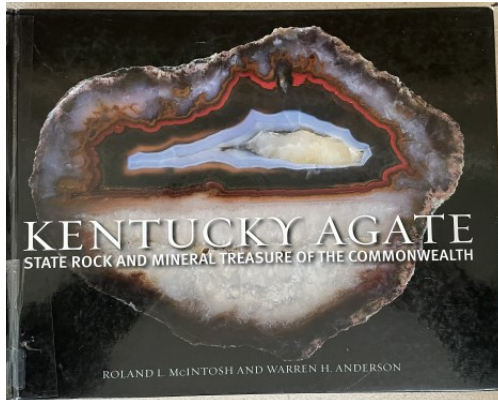
Rocks & Minerals (Eyewitness),

Lithography - Amethyst, Lithography - Apatite, Lithography - Diamond, Lithography - Fluorite, Lithography - Opal, Lithography - Rubelite, Lithography - Topaz,

Emma's First Agate (children's book).

We will feature a review of one of the books each month so that the membership can see what each is about. If you are interested in borrowing one of these, please email [tcgmc.news@tulipcity.org](mailto:tcgmc.news@tulipcity.org)

*Book Review: Kentucky Agate - This is a book with stunning photographs of Kentucky Agates and includes a chapter on agates in general. There is an entire chapter on the locations in Kentucky where these agates can be found, including the geological setting and photos of actual creek-beds. Pages 50-198 are all pictures of Kentucky Agate examples. Finally, the last 7 pages are pieces of jewelry and other items made using Kentucky Agates.*





# Junior Section



Hey Juniors!

This month we will be doing sluicing. You get a bag filled with sand and treasures, wash the sand off, and find fun fossils, minerals, gems, etc! You might be surprised, some might even fluoresce with our long wave lights. We will have people to assist you, and to help you figure out what you find.

Come and meet with the junior club at 7:00 pm. Feel free to bring in a favorite rock or fossil from your collection to show the rest of us.

See you there! Shari



## Member Spotlight: Jon Mull

1. Name – Jon Daniel Mull. Named for both my father and one of my moms brothers who passed away the year before I was born.

2. How many years in the club? I believe I joined at the show in 2004. So, 20 fabulous years this year.

3. Favorite piece. I am sure many of you will agree this is such a difficult question and it gets harder, and changes, the longer you are in the hobby. So, I have three... Two of them are self collected. The first is a 4" x 8" piece of petrified Tempskya wood from Wyoming. The piece includes several large Selenite crystals setting on its length and was found on the side of the road on our way to the Billings, Montana show in 2008 (?). The second is a stunning geode collected in Lewis County, Missouri just a couple years ago. It has multiple generations of Calcite in several colors and a variety of structures including pagodas. The last is a cluster of large Selenite crystals from the Naica mine in Mexico.

The same mine that is famous for its "cave of giants" with tree-trunk sized interwoven crystals. Purchased at that same Billings show!

4. Favorite Field Trip. Another hard one! Some of our early trips to the quarries in Pendleton and Corydon were fantastic, simply because that experience is so hard to come by now. Some amazing material was found over those years. Some of those folks have passed on now, and several of those places no longer allow access. I have to say, all field trips are a treasure, even those that have had challenges! You just never know what you're going to find, but you always come back with great stories.



5. What rock or gem would you like to own? I am always on the lookout for my next favorite geode, agate, or piece of petrified wood. One thing I don't really have in my collection yet is a polyhedroid agate. I have seen them in other collections and they are pretty cool.

6. Where would you like to collect? It would be amazing to collect geodes from the coconut location in Mexico, or from any of the agate beds there. I can't imagine being that fortunate. I do hope to make it to the Dugway beds in Utah someday.

7. Do I do lapidary? Only a little, lately. I have made a few pieces of jewelry and have polished a couple of specimens that are in my case. I would like to do more and hope to have more time in the future. I can honestly say that Ken Hoekstra taught me most of what I know and those experiences are some of my most cherished and rewarding.

Lapidary can be such relaxing and satisfying work.



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM HISTORY

Contributed by Bob Sherwood

## A Western Club Field Trip: 2006

Our last club field trip to Oregon in 2006 was unusual in several ways. Old collecting mates, Ken Hoekstra and I, were joined at different points by Jack and Elaine Decker, Neil Snepp (Central Michigan club) and Ed McDonald (Ft. Wayne club). It began with Ken picking me up at 5:00 a.m. in his newly acquired 2<sup>nd</sup> hand (or was it third) hard-ridden, old, long bed Ford utility van he had nicknamed, "Scooby Doo." Turns out the old girl did not have air-conditioning and we are starting out during an extremely hot spell of June weather throughout the Midwest. With temperature and humidity rising, we drove through Iowa and Nebraska with all windows open and arrived after 14 hours on the road, in Kearney, NE, where the temperature at a bank registered 102 degrees at 7 p.m.! Oh, and did I mention the cigarette outlet powering our compact frig went out, the horn was inoperative, and there was no rear-view mirror, just a side-view!

After overnights in Green River, WY, and Nampa, ID, we drove over the Oregon border at Ontario, following the scenic Malheur River, then slowly climbed over the high Drinkwater and Stinkingwater Mountain passes with the engine overheating. After driving across the flatland of central Oregon, we stopped to pick up some 90 lbs. of petrified wood near Brothers, Oregon, before continuing the remaining 40 miles to Prineville. Three hours prior to our arrival a hailstorm with ping-pong ball-size ice had blown through town shredding leaves, breaking glass and denting vehicles. The Deckers had set up in a campground just before the storm arrived and suffered some damage to their RV unit. Our local friend, Steve Langer, one of the most knowledgeable and prolific thunderegg collectors and his wife Margret, invited us to a BBQ and showed us some of their wonderful collection.

We always pay a visit to the quaint little town of Mitchell in the Ochoco Mtns. when we are collecting in that area. It is situated in the bottom of a narrow canyon, an invitation to disaster when heavy thunderstorms can create a wall of water sweeping away most of the buildings as they did in 1904 and again in 1960. Today, there is still an old-fashioned general store, the Sidewalk Café, the historic old Oregon Hotel, and across the street; Henry, the caged black bear. Out in the field we met a notable old character, "Kop" Kopcinski, who owned the "Lucky Strike egg mine, packing a well-worn .45 revolver for protection against "two-legged, claim-jumping types of varmints" (his terminology). In Prineville, our favorite morning breakfast stop was the little Tastee Treat on Main St. where the good old boys gather for their 50-cent bottomless cup of coffee. The ice cream side takes you back to the good old days; the food side has a horseshoe shaped counter embedded with sliced agates. Most of the customers wore boots and cowboy hats because it is a working man's place. Once they heard we were rockhounds from back east, all kinds of collecting location suggestions came our way. One crusty 80-year-old regaled us with stories about his earlier work as a timber cruiser (logger) in the Cascades where they cut and hauled BIG trees, unlike loggers in central Oregon that he demeaningly referred to as "Sage-brush cutters".

Prior to the shows in Prineville and Madras which also offer field trips, we collected opalized wood at Alex McDonald's Ranch, eggs at Ron Ochs,' multi-colored "Christmas Agate" on the John Marston Ranch, and dug thundereggs in Darrell Friend's egg beds. In each case you pay by the pound for that which you decide to keep. Just north of Madras is the well-known Richardson Ranch—a 17,000 acre spread, which encompasses the old Priday Ranch, and is known for its many egg beds as well as ledge agate and jasper locations. The rock shop and yard is a lapidarist's dream containing literally tons of local material from the ranch as well as imported Amethyst Lace jasp-agate from Nevada, Turritella agatized fossil shell from Wyoming, Kubamba green and black orbed jasper (actually a stromatolite) from Madagascar to name a few. The shop offers spheres of all sizes, by now up to 30" in diameter, all created by John Chester Richardson's unique diamond coring process. We were invited over July 4<sup>th</sup> to their annual rockhound picnic where the family supplies the BBQ beef, bread and beans, the guests contributing side dishes. By this time, we had collected so many rocks that we accepted the offer of the Richardson's to fill a 55-gallon drum and send it by their freight system back to Michigan. We packed up our collections by type and who collected them, in burlap bag bundles, nearly filling the drum.

One must visit Dale Huett's Polka-Dot agate site along the road to Ashwood. Back then it was for sale at \$1.5 million: "\$500,000 for the rock, \$1 million for the view!" which looks out to Mt. Jefferson to the west and is truly spectacular. Gary Buss is another dealer-collector friend who lives in nearby Culver. He unwrapped some of his personal collection of outstanding eggs collected many years ago, then took us into his well outfitted lapidary shop where he had worked up beautifully polished rounds of barked wood up to 18" in diameter, Polish flint, agate, etc. in preparation for the show. In exchange for dead presidents, a few pieces made it back with us to Michigan.

As we had arranged earlier with Joe and Janice Van Cura from the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society, we met 10 members of their club near the OR-ID border where they camped in a primitive campground at Succor Creek. The Creek runs through a picturesque canyon gorge with towering rock walls on either side. We consolidated into 3 4WD vehicles to  
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## CONVENTION

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club would like to thank the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies for allowing it to host the 2025 Annual Convention April 5th in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The venue is the Sandhills Global Event Center in northeast Lincoln. The show will be held in the Center's Ag Society Hall. All Federation meetings and the awards banquet will be held in the Center's Lincoln Room.

The Gem and Mineral Show lasts two days, Saturday the 5th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday the 6th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme is "Petrified Woods of America." We hope you will have plenty of time to shop with our 14 dealers, become involved with the competitive displays, and enjoy the demonstrations, fluorescent booth, juniors booth, and – in honor of the 70th anniversary – the 70 exhibits. The club looks forward to seeing its many Federation friends and to making new friends during the show.

There will be fieldtrips, guest speaker, Eric Fritzsich, a parking lot swap meet, and an Awards Banquet. Don't forget the MWF silent auction, which will be held on Sunday during the show.

The club has negotiated with Comfort Suites East Lincoln - Mall Area, for \$109 plus tax per night for queen rooms with two beds. Make sure to use the group name Midwest Federation and group number ZP55Z1 when making your reservations. The host hotel is approximately five miles from the show site.

### Michele Yamanaka, Editor, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN)

Sometime since our October show, our club storage trailer was stolen. Please be on the lookout for items from the trailer being offered for sale. Here are some of the items:

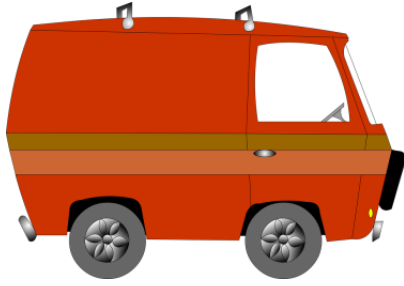
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Display cases-may be in blue or red cloth covers  
Fluorescent rocks  
Glass (Plexiglass?) display case (for fluorescent rocks)  
Black folding tent for fluorescent room  
Rock, mineral, fossil, and fluorescence posters  
case)  
Polished amethyst crystals in matrix  
Dino wheel  
Indoor and outdoor banners and signs  
Three Squares for accepting money

Voice amplifier for fluorescent room  
Lighted three-shelf glass case (our memorial  
Lights to fit tables for the silent auction  
Plinko game  
Collapsible banner and sign stands  
Molds for fossil rubbings

BE ON THE  
LOOKOUT

If you see any of this being offered for sale, please get a screenshot right away with the name of the seller shown. Then call the Fort Wayne Police Department at 260-427-1340 with Control Number 24F135103. Please also let the club know via email, 3riversgms@gmail.com. Thank you.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM HISTORY (CONT.)



to drive up the steepest slope I have ever ridden to reach the top where the view was absolutely breathtaking. Here we spent several hours digging for blue, agatized thundereggs. The next day we drove south of Homedale to the Graveyard Point area for plume agate. A very special opportunity awaited the following day to go into the Owyhee Mtns. to collect jasper from the tailings of four noted picture jasper claims: Wild Horse, Owyhee, Rocky Butte, and Blue Mustang. With permission from the owner of these claims, Tom Robertson led us back through the formidable, desolate and beautiful terrain which took an hour and forty-five minutes to drive the 18 miles! Collecting, especially at Wild Horse was a real treat

with abundant and colorful tailings cascading from the mine. At this point, Scooby Doo was already loaded with close to its gross vehicle weight, so we shipped a couple of dozen postal service flat rate boxes home with eggs, wood, chalcedony, agate and jasper.

Crossing Idaho into Wyoming, we met our friend, Neil Snepp at the Fossil Butte Motel in Kemmerer. We went to the Warfield Quarry and split shale one very hot day for fossil fish and the next day Ken and Neil drove out to the Blue Forest area n.e. of Fontenelle to dig for wood on the high desert. This area is part of the Green River Formation where the wood is approximately 45 to 55 million years old and is so named due to the blue chalcedony which occasionally in-fills. Since the trees were thought to have moved here in a flood initially and lay in a humid, swampy environment, algae formed around many of the limbs which also petrified, leaving a very tough outer coating to remove.

The following day we visited the Fossil Butte National Monument and then the nearby Ulrich's Fossil Shop. At Ulrich's we casually mentioned to the lady behind the counter that we were rockhounds and were especially interested in petrified wood. "My husband has a lot of wood," she said, "but I don't know much about it." With our curiosity aroused, she invited us to meet the next day at their ranch, which was only a few miles further west and very near the border with Idaho. When we arrived, her husband, Don, took us to an out-building where we were amazed to see a huge cache of petrified wood limbs and logs of all sizes. The wood was covered with a layer of deer, antelope, and caribou antlers as well as more antlers hanging from the walls. Some were in boxes, others in nail kegs; the amount of wood was truly mind-boggling! There was no electricity, so I went back to the car for a flashlight. Moving some of the antlers out of the way, we sorted through and took a number of pieces out into the light, each of us selecting a few to purchase. In my case, Kathy liked some of the amethyst crystals I brought along so we did some horse trading. They graciously invited us into their home and treated us to several glasses of her delicious peach iced tea. Then taking us into the great room, we looked at walls hung with an assortment of handguns, rifles, sawed-off shotguns, and knives—many with tags explaining how they came to be separated from their original owners. Back in the mid 1970's, Don had acquired this collection of mostly Blue Forest wood (when much could still be surface collected) AND the weapons from a retired sheriff who had collected it back in the 1930's and '40's. And the weapons had been taken off "bad guys," hence the tags with the background on each. All for about \$500. This was one of those chance, memorable experiences one never forgets!



Our next destination was Sioux County, Nebraska to search for vertebrate fossils. But it's hard to pass Wamsutter, Wyoming, on I-80 without driving back to Delaney Rim where we spent a couple of hours surface collecting the fossil, spiral shell gastropods known as *Turritella* agate. At Jean Kolling's Heritage Guest Ranch, 15 miles n.w. of Crawford Ed McDonald of the Ft. Wayne Club joined us for our 3-night stay in a tidy little B&B guest house. This remote ranch near Toadstool Park, is beyond telephone lines and we found the water to be extremely sulfuric to the extent it was undrinkable. So carrying lots of bottled water to survive the brutal heat and intense sun, we rolled out each morning at 6 a.m. before the heat intensified (up to 119 degrees in Neil's van) and drove the 3 miles back across grassland to the Badlands' cliffs where we would climb down and begin our search for Oligocene fossils such as turtles, oreodonts, saber-tooth cats, etc. We did find parts of several turtles as well as oreodont teeth and jawbones, all requiring hammer and chisel to extract from the matrix. During our stay, Jean told us, there was chalcedony lying on the surface at Sugar Loaf Butte just three miles north of her spread. This turned out to be a prolific site for this fluorescent green material and required a couple of visits.

Continuing north to South Dakota, we joined up with Jodi Zenk and her family in Custer. Over the course of several days we collected rose quartz, tourmaline, mica, feldspar, apatite and lepidolite in the pegmatite mine tailings. But that's another story. After some 6 weeks in the northwest and prairie states, it was time to return to Michigan.

November 20, 2024 highlights

## Hoskins' presentation on collecting in Canada

If you missed the November general meeting, here are some highlights of the presentation by John and Sally Hoskin. In addition to the side show, they

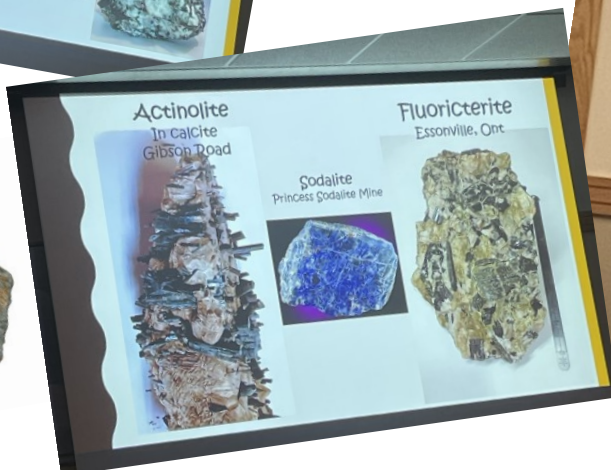
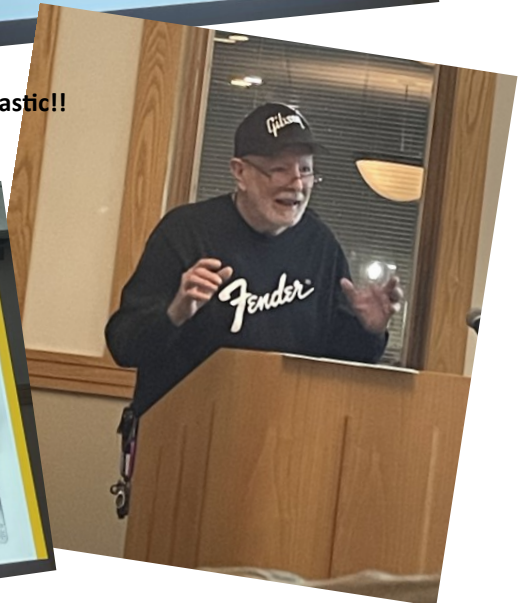
had some wonderful and unique specimens displayed.



Sally had wonderful stories!!



John was enthusiastic!!





Meetings are held monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at the Howard Miller Community Center 14 S. Church Street, Zeeland, MI at 7pm, unless otherwise noted in the **TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE**.

Our Junior Club welcomes and encourages young rockhounds and meets separately during the meeting. To become a member, complete the form at [www.tulipcity.org](http://www.tulipcity.org)

Advertising rates for club members are: \$5 for business card size, \$10 for 1/4 page, \$15 for 1/2 page, \$30 for full page. non-member rates are double. Make check payable To: TCG&M with ad copy to Editor.

Our club is a non-profit 501c3 organization. It is a member of the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The general purpose of this club is to develop interest in and increase knowledge of minerals, rocks, gems, fossils, and the lapidary arts. The objectives of this club shall be promoted whenever possible, through family participation.

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