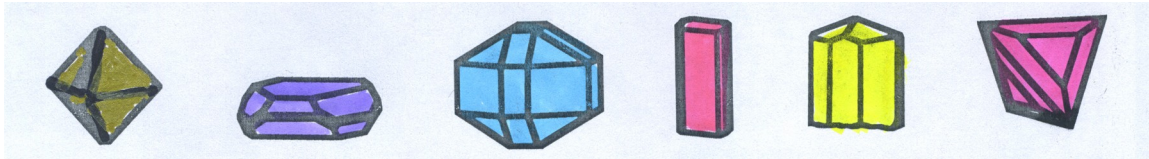


SEPTEMBER NEWS NOTES

PREZ NOTES

Hi, picnics are over and we are to try out this new meeting day and time change. It is hoped the change will allow more folks to take advantage of our meetings and be a bit safer in the winter months because of earlier hours and daylight driving. Invite more of your friends to the new meetings. Don't forget your dish to pass.



VP NOTES.....Inga

After trying 7 speakers for a program for our September 21 regular club meeting, we decided to do Show and Tell.

So, the line-up: At 1:00 PM the Pebble Pups will have their silent auction with play money. Each kid will get the same amount of money. They write on the sheet next to item how much they will be willing to pay for that particular item on the table. Another kid can raise that amount by a minimum of \$1 and so on. After 20 minutes we will award the item to the highest bid. Make sure you keep track of how much you have written down. There will be scratch pads for you and pencils Math is a good thing to learn! Parents may help!

I hope this will be a fun learning experiment for the Pebble Pups.

So, if you really want something, put down a big amount and maybe someone will decide they prefer a few other items instead of the thing you want. You can go around the tables until time is called. We will go over the rules at the meeting.

There will be a planning meeting for board members at 1:30 PM. Everyone may attend, but only board member may vote. Members will get a chance to voice their vote at the regular meeting.

The theme for the regular meeting is: **How you became interested in the hobby?**

What was your spark stone? What is your main interest now?

I know you filled in membership forms with that information. I do not have that information and it would be nice to know when planning programs. What would you like to see more off, etc.

Pebble Pups family may participate in this too.

I will be bringing my laptop, projector, screen to the meeting to decide how to place it in the hall for next month. So, I might as well give you a little flavor on how I became interested in rocks.

Dave Millis expressed interest in presenting a segment for the meeting too.

Let me or Bob know if you want to bring your favorite rock in and tell us more about, tell us how you became interested in the hobby. Let us know what you would like to see in the line of programs during this coming year. We will be gratefully for spur of the moment participation.

We really enjoy everyone's participation in these type of things. It certainly helps to find friends with a similar interest.

Next month, the topic will be "the color of feathers of dinosaurs and other extinct animals and how the scientists determine what colors these creatures had and how these colors interacted with their environments".

The speaker, Dr Jennifer Pateya, will be coming Bloomsburg University. Her field of study is "Color of extinct animals."

We have a few speakers lined up for next year with various topics.

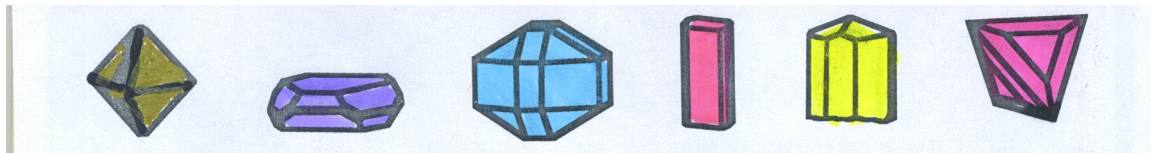
A request: If you have speaker contacts, please forward that information to Bob and/or me. I'm compiling a document with up-to-date program information to have ready for whoever will be booking speakers next. If you are willing to present a program to the club or share your vacation photos, we would just love it!

Hope to see you on Sunday, September 21

At the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S Main St. please use the ramp door at the back of the church. I hope you like meeting in Bethel Hall instead the senior center downstairs, I hope you like meeting on Sunday afternoons. Having met with kids there for about 20 years it will be a different experience having all of you meeting there.

We will have coffee, so bring snacks to share.

Inga



SUNSHINE RAYS.....JoAnn

Hope everyone is feeling well. We've had some pretty nice weather so that makes a person feel pretty good. For those of you "kinda" under the weather, I hope you feel better soon. Janet is hoping to be able to come to the meetings starting in September. She's been having some medical issues and hope they are resolved as good as can be.

Was nice to see those of you who came out to the August picnic. Had quite a nice time and Inga did a good job with the clay, gold panning and whatever else she was doing. She's always so busy. Just too bad that there weren't any kids there this time; they are always busy with vacations and other activities. Dave busted open a "big" geode and gave everyone a piece. It does fluoresce.

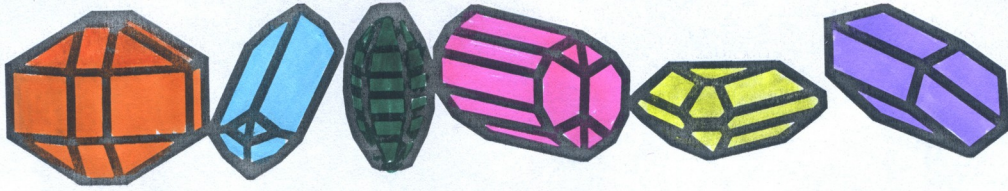
Hope to see you at the meeting on Sunday, the 21st, 1:30 p.m., at the Methodist Church in Athens. All are welcome to bring a friend or two. Let them see what the club is all about. They may be interested in joining.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who celebrate in September. Hope you have a lovely day and enjoyed whatever it was you did.

Stay well; stay warm. ("copped" this from Mary)

JoAnn

Lady Sunshine



THE WORLD'S BEST TOYS...

1. STICKS
2. DIRT
3. ROCKS
4. BUCKETS
5. WATER

