



## ROCK TALK

White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club  
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## President's Message

August, 2009

**WAY COOL.** If you missed the meeting for this month you missed seeing some really AWESOME fossils and agate specimens. It sounds like all the people who went to Wyoming had a great time. Judging from the fish fossils that were there for show and tell it was well worth the trip just for those not to mention the blue wood, the fluorescent agate, Wyoming blizzard stone and a rollicking good time. No fish fossils for me but the scientific end of our expedition to Nevada was successful and collecting some really AWESOME (I seem to like that word tonight) trilobites and great geologic formations definitely made my trip worth missing Wyoming, well sort of.

This month's trip is to Luna, New Mexico for some more really AWESOME agate and crystals and more. So if you missed out last month don't miss out this month. Hope to see you there. Also make sure you make plans to go to Magdalena, NM with us in September this is always a great trip and a great time and Eunice has lined up great field trip. There are also some good shows coming up in the next few months but it is always more fun to be with friends and collect your own specimens. So join us for the meetings and the outings. Dave Bingell is our new VP and has some great things lined up for our educational segment. Thanks to Dave for filling that position. Thanks also to Nellie for offering free specimens in her back yard. Before I forget a great big thanks to Ireland for doing such a great job of suspenseful reading off the numbers for the winning tickets in the drawings.

So come on out and join us. You're definitely missing out if you don't.

Enjoy!

Pete

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Membership dues are \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for couple/family. Dues are due the first of January of every year along with a completed application. Meetings are held at J.B.'s Restaurant on the Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, Az., 1st Tuesday of the month, social hour starts at 5:30/meeting at 6:30.

# Meeting Minutes

White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club  
Minutes of August 4, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:34p.m. by President Pete Scholten.

There were 2 guests present, Karen & Denny Tryon, members of a Tucson club and visiting in the area. There were 28 members and 2 junior members present.

The President called for a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting. Tonie MonDragon, Secretary, made a correction to the minutes to include the appointment and acceptance of Ron Dale as the Club's webmaster. A motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Laura Scholten, seconded by Sandra Angelo, and approved unanimously.

Pete Scholten made announcements on upcoming shows (see Calendar), a new book titled Agates II, and a new 2010 calendar available with pictures of agates and jaspers. Pete passed around discount tickets for the Payson (October) show.

Nanz Marshall announced there is a highway cleanup on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will meet at the Big K parking lot at 8:30a.m. and caravan to our adopted mile on Highway 60.

Nellie Hill announced she was offering free rocks from her back yard at 191 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Drive, Show Low. You can stop by between 7a.m. and 7p.m. and collect what you would like. Do not remove any rocks from the front yard.

Eunice McQuiston announced that the Frampton rock sale was going on through August and the price had been lowered to 50 cents a pound. Past newsletters give the address and phone number, and you should call before going to their house.

Pete asked for a motion to alter the agenda to start with "old business" tonight. Nanz made the motion and Ursula Wilson seconded and it was unanimously approved.

As old business Pete announced that David Bingell had volunteered to take the Vice President office, and asked if there were any other candidates. There being none, Laura made a motion for David to take the Vice President position, seconded by Robert Stalder, and approved by a unanimous vote.

Pete called for officer reports: David, Vice President, stated his educational program would be Show and Tell from the Kemmerer trip. In September or October the program would be presented by Bill Stalder and David

would present the other month's program on the subject of caring for jewelry with gemstones.

Larry Legge gave the Treasurer's Report. Charlene Bingell gave the Editor's report stating that David and Eunice had made contributions about the Wyoming trip and welcomed any other contributions or requests for research.

Eunice gave the Field Trip Chairman's report on the Wyoming trip stating there were 30 rockhounds from Montana, Idaho, Washington, California and Arizona, and everyone had a great time. She asked all members who attended to share their thoughts and experiences. She mentioned that her pictures and specimens collected were on the table.

Eunice announced the next fieldtrip would be on August 22 for Luna Agate. We will meet at the Safire Restaurant in Springerville at 9a.m. Eunice has contacted the ranger district and cleared the way for us.

The September trip to Magdalena, New Mexico, will be on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and we will be visiting a couple of areas, including one site 3 miles north of Socorro where we will be allowed to collect fossil shells.

After Officer Reports, Pete resumed the agenda item on old business. Pete brought up the subject of the \$1,950 bill from Show Low School District for our show. At the July meeting we had authorized a donation of \$250 to the H.S. Science Club and \$250 to the J.H Band for their assistance. The School Board was still asking our donation with respect to the Elementary Playground. Eunice made a motion to move this discussion to the Board so they can discuss and made a recommendation for the membership to vote on. Nanz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The Board will be contacted with a meeting date.

Under New Business Nanz announced that the Show Low Chamber of Commerce had approached her for an ad costing \$250 to be included in the new town made that will be circulated for the next 2 ½ years. Nanz made a motion to expend this amount, seconded by Karen Stokes. There was discussion and mention was made that the Bylaws required that expenditures not budgeted and over the discretionary \$100 Board limit needed to be published in the newsletter and voted upon at the next meeting. Sandra Angelo moved that the subject be tabled until the September meeting and inviting comments on this subject. Karen Stokes seconded the motion and it was approved.

Under New Business Karen Stokes stated she was making grab bags for the 2010 show and would appreciate donations of small stones, tumbled rocks and crystals. Pete reported there is a 20 minute DVD available for \$5.99 about the Tucson Show. David will review the item and make his recommendation to the Club.

Pete announced there has been an equipment donation to the Club that includes a Lorton Combo unit from the Mateoskys and from Janie Ballard a 10" saw, a trim saw, a 6" Star combo unit and a wet belt sander. All pieces need some work. Fred McQuiston has them in his garage and you can inspect the equipment there. There was some discussion and Laura Scholten made a motion to advertise the equipment in the Bulletin and put some pictures on the website and auction the equipment at future meetings. Robert Stalder seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Pete announced he had received a notice of increase in fees for mineral claims (the Club holds 7 crystal claims on Escudillo Mountain). Larry and Nanz noted they had received the same notice and Nanz had spoken to a person at the BLM and our fees would be staying the same at \$10 per claim, plus recording and certified mail costs. Our claims cost the Club less than \$100 a year. Pete asked for discussion on whether the membership wanted to continue their ownership of the claims and it was the unanimous consensus of the members present that the claims were a benefit to the club.

The meeting took a break for 10 minutes and resumed at 8 p.m.

David began the educational program by inviting comments from members who took the Wyoming trip. Eunice, Tonie, Nanz, Charlene, Larry and David all reported glowing accounts of the trip and the generosity of the Kemmerer people who made the arrangements and guided the trip, including George Putnam, owner of the rock shop, and his staff and the quarry owners and workers. Nanz suggested if we go again to visit the Atlantic City Mercantile, a restaurant and bar, with many interesting collectibles on display. Tonie suggested we have a reunion next July in Kemmerer.

Pete Scholten reported on his trip to Nevada with a scientific expedition in search of trilobites. Fred Sundberg was leading the trip, and had an international group doing research. Pete reported they were successful in finding what they were looking for and he personally returned with several very good specimens.

The drawings were held: 50/50 winners were Cathie Walker for \$22.50, and a crystal specimen, and Linda Stalder won a book on the Geology of Arizona. The door prize of a mineral specimen was won by Karen Tryon.

The silent auction would continue for 3 minutes following adjournment. Gary Amator made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Stalder and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonie MonDragon, Secretary

## Next Meeting

Mark your calendars: Our meetings are always the first Tuesday of the Month- Next month will be September 1st - at JB's Restaurant on the Deuce of Clubs in Show Low- social hour starts at 5:30 meeting starts promptly at 6:30 PM

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday August and September Babies!- We only have today - this moment in time- so CELEBRATE! No matter what your age!

### August

Paul Gaspar - 24

Rod Murphy - 4

Zenith Yandell - 21

Gloria Petty -2

### September

Jan Sandberg - 7

John Scholten-8

## FIELD TRIPS

### Field trip updates:

#### August Field Trip- August 22, 2009

Luna New Mexico;

Meet at the Safire Restaurant in Springerville

Time; 9:00 AM

Vehicle; High Clearance preferred

Area ; Hills North of Luna

What will you find ; Luna Blue Agate and Crystals

Travel Time/Distance; Approx. 100 mile each way

What to bring ; usual rock hunting gear, bags, buckets, water, bug spray, lunch, chairs, walkie-talkies if you have a pair, etc.

Warning ; If storms start to build up, please leave the area immediately. Always have a partner with you.

I have contacted the Quemado Ranger District repeatedly with no return call to me. I can only assume it is okay to collect, but

keep in mind, the limit of pounds allowed. Be selective. Collect only what you need. I will provide maps to the collecting area.  
Eunice

## SEPTEMBER

### Magdalena New Mexico Field Trip

September 11 and 12, 2009

By bumping the field trip for this month by one weekend, it will allow a few more members to go on this trip. Please make note of this on your calendars.

The actual trip day will be the 12<sup>th</sup> but if you arrive on early enough on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>, I will have maps to other places for you to explore – or maybe you would like to return to your favorite places.

There is a possibility that the Western Motel is already full- (575) 854-2417, with our club members so other suggestions for lodging is as follows- High Country Lodge (575) 854- 2062 or Eagles Nest (575) 854-3135..

The main trip for this outing will be just north of Socorro for Escondida Fossils. A map will be provided but I'm hoping James and Damaris (owners of the Western Motel) will lead us to the site. They have been to this site to check it out for me they say it is promising. There are mine tailings in the area also.

Field trip: September 12<sup>th</sup>

Meet at the Western Motel

Time- 9:00 AM New Mexico Time

Vehicle- Any, but always better to have a high clearance

What to Bring – your usual tools, buckets/bags, bug spray, UV Light if you have one for night collecting, chairs, lunch, water, walkie-talkies, etc.

Travel time/Distance – 165 miles from Show Low area- approx. three hours

What you will find – fossil crinoids, brachiopods, and sea fans. Some brachiopods have retained portions of their mother of pearl shell material.

Warning - Always partner with someone. Don't go off by yourself. Watch for any critters that slither.

Only collect what you need.

Meet back at the motel at 5:00 PM to go to the Magdalena Café for Dinner?

If you plan to go on this trip, please make your reservations now.

Have a fun time- Eunice.

## Roster Updates:

Can now be looked at on our website- password is given to members only.

# Wyoming Memories

## How I Spent My Summer Vacation

I spent the best part of my summer vacation seeing the beautiful sites of the Southwest. The Southwest of Wyoming that is. Kemmerer is a very tranquil town with several good restaurants and streets designed for more traffic than there was. The Fossil Butte Motel was the place to be. Full of rockhounds sharing experiences from their last trip out, and at the same time planning their next excursion.

My excursions started with the fish fossil quarry. We caravanned out to the quarry on the shore of Fossil Lake and saw a demonstration on how to crack the rock. The quarry owner and his workers were very helpful, having set up blocks of the rock to sit on and sheets of the rock nearby for us to split. They kept bringing us more blocks because we were hungry for the fish. I heard the quarry owner say next time he would know how much rock we could work our way through. He was amazed. We finished the dry rock and started in on some that was fresh and still damp. I was very lucky to find a wonderful Priscacara specimen, which I had professionally preserved by Robert at Creative Creations (rock shop). Everyone was happy with their finds.

That afternoon about 8 of us followed George Putnam (owner of Creative Creations) off the beaten track to go gold panning. We sloshed around in water deeper than our boots (well those of us who thought to bring boots). I guess it didn't really matter, we all were developing webbed feet by the time we were done. We had lots of fun and fell short of changing the path of the stream. But, alas, no gold. Other people on other days at other streams did find gold, so we know it's there!

The next day it was off to find blue forest petrified wood. We left the highway and zigged and zagged around oil drilling stations. I still don't know how our guide found where she was taking us, but there was wood. Lots of wood on the surface and lots of abandoned piles around holes and some of us made more holes. Everyone found some good specimens. The wood is unlike any I have seen. It is agatized in a light blue shade which deepens when polished. The wood is encased in a natural cement that encircles the wood and makes it very heavy. I am not a chemist but am told the cementation is removed by soaking in swimming pool chemicals.

On Wednesday George Putnam and his friend Jim led Eunice and I up to Crystal Hill for blizzard rock. The view from that hill was worth the ride up the rocky track with the drop-off on the side. We could see the Uinta and the Wind River Mountain Ranges. While George and Jim sledgehammer a vug on the side of the hill, Eunice and I surface collected some beautiful specimens with druzy crystals on top and blue veins of agate(?) running through it. Jim was rewarded with a huge chunk with a crystal cavern inside. He was beaming! We carefully drove down the track with the drop-off on Eunice's side this time, and had lunch by a stream where the fellows did some gold panning. A lovely day.

I returned to the fossil quarry for more fishing the next day. There is nothing more exciting than unearthing a fish that has been buried for 50 million years. Unless, it's unearthing petrified wood, or finding a crystal vug!!! or finding GOLD!!!

Did I hear someone say Reunion next July?

In closing I want to thank Eunice McQuiston for all her work and planning in putting this trip together and George Putnam for seeing that everything went smoothly and seeing that everyone's expectations were exceeded. It was the best summer vacation I have had in a long time.       Tonie MonDragon

### Thoughts of Kemmerer

Sitting in this Wyoming quarry of fossil fish, I was only slightly aware that for the first two hours of my 4 hour experience, all I had really done was make large rocks into small rocks. I realized that I was a pink jumpsuit away from becoming one of Sheriff Joe Arpaio's darlings. I was encountering difficulties focusing on the thin chisel blade and my hammer, which oddly enough, seemed to have a mind of its own.

Realizations continued to flood into my brain. Not only was I engaged in manual labor, but I had paid someone to let me do it for them. If word gets out about this, I could be doomed! Larry and Nanz could get me to roof their house, and I'd do it, paying them the entire time! Sandra would have me cleaning gutters and she could make money while I did it! I think I saw a fish swim away from me just then. The most powerful realization hinged on the fact that if my wife caught onto this scheme, it could be devastating. I could be doing chores around the house for the rest of my life, all the while, paying her!

I focused on the slab just placed in front of me. I tried to get these realizations out of my head, and thought that if

I came home with something really great, then perhaps I could be spared a chore or two.

I carefully tapped the edge with my hammer, and saw the fissure open up. I only tapped my chisel a few centimeters into the slab, then pulled it out, and moved it down a little. I continued in this manner until I had the entire three sides opened. The slab still didn't open, and with the luck I'd been having, I'm expecting to find a fossilized "Honey Do" list. So I sent the chisel down a little deeper. No pieces were spalling off of the slab, so I was very happy with that.

Then without any warning, the slab split in two! I separated the slab, and in front of me there was a "mass mortality" of six small fish, and a few more that were swimming to hide under a "scab." This is the other side of the two slabs that hadn't separated. I was going to try to work it off, but our guide said in a frantic voice "NO!" It would be something he would do, but doesn't expect me to have the skills to know how to do it without damaging the piece. He recommended that I take it home and clean it off with dental picks. Feeling a bit like Moses, I took them gingerly to the back of the truck. I wonder how he knows I have dental picks at home?

The ecstasy of the find was brought back to reality by the sensibilities of my wife. We planned to leave Kemmerer the next day to spend a few days with our grandchildren. But that wasn't until after experiencing the best Chinese food this side of Broken Bow, Nebraska. She wanted to know how exactly we were going to transport these two large fragile plates back home. "Carefully," I supposed out loud. I felt my chore list grow, and now I'm wondering how much that word is going to cost me.

The fish have survived 50 million years in the ground. All have survived grandchildren and the next 11 days on our sojourn back home. I've been thinking of taking the few I have collected over the last two decades at various rock shows and put them into small fish tanks, but I realized then that I don't have that many friendships to jeopardize, and even fewer friends with such a warped sense of humor. So we'll let them swim around the house for a while as we try to figure out what exactly to do with them.

No, really, how did he know I had dental picks at home?

My final act that day was that of the naïve good guy in the movies saying to the bad guy "is that all you have?" That's the part in the movie where 10,000 highly trained

minions of the bad guy show up to wreak havoc on the good guy. Perhaps this tactic would work in this quarry pit as well. I stood up and said loudly in my mind: "Is this all you have to offer?" That's when the bad guys in a claim about 17 feet away found a mass mortality site of at least 15 fish, all larger and better looking than mine. I hate those movies. I'd rather be running and screaming from dinosaurs with dental picks.

Those of us from our Rock Club that went to Kemmerer were really in the thick of it all and seemed to enjoy ourselves immensely. We all left in a dusty white finish and pale as the wall where the quarry began. I know that it was frustrating, but fun too, and as to the manual labor? Guys and Gals, be prepared! That's all I've got to say. "Be very prepared."

David Bingell

### **Wyoming in July – Trip Report**

#### **July 12 to ?, 2009**

This trip is a memory now, but oh what a memory! Thirty rockhounds representing 11 clubs from Montana, Idaho, Washington, California and Arizona arrived in Kemmerer (pronounced: KEM-er by the locals), Wyoming to participate in the "events" that were provided by George Putnam of Creative Creations.

Confusion reigned Sunday evening when we all met at the open-house get-together, but came together when we met at George's store on Monday morning. Because you could sign up for any event on any given day, I will tell you about my adventures and hope that others will share their experiences (see above).

Most all signed up for the fish fossil quarry on Monday. All you needed to do was find a spot to sit and then split. The quarry workers provided you with a thin bladed chisel and the slabs of limestone. All you had to do was split and hope a fish fossil popped out at you. Most of the time, they did! I don't believe anyone went away without a fish or two.

About 1:00, those who had signed up for gold panning met George at the highway and proceeded to a spot on the Hamsfork River up in the mountains. The scenery was beautiful, wild flowers were in bloom however, the quest for gold was unsuccessful.

Tuesday we went to the Blue Forest Petrified Wood collecting area. Most were successful in finding the wood-beautiful limb casts, a branch embedded in matrix, rounds, etc. The wood was like none I had ever seen before. Hope I brought home some good pieces. I

won't know until I can talk Fred into cutting some of it. The wood was from the Eocene era and formed on the Bridger Formation.

Tuesday evening we all met at the Fossil Butte Motel, on the patio, for pizza and door prize drawings. Larry, Nanz and David, from our club, won prizes; Deanna Smith, from the Leaverites, won a prize; and Donni Moen, from the North Idaho Club won the grand prize which was 8.73 grams of Alaskan Gold (value about \$275) which was donated by George.

Wednesday's schedule took me to the Blizzard Stone collecting site. Tonie and I were the only ones signed up for this day but George waived the five person minimum and along with a friend of his, Jim, we headed for this site. The last mile to the top of the hill was one to remember. Glad I was on the inside. The view from the top went on "forever." This site was located on top of a hill that looked like the "Badlands" but all you had to do was look down on the green valleys. The Blizzard Stone was plentiful and very unique. My favorite! It is also fluorescent.

After spending a couple of hours at this site, we went down the hill (much better going down although I was on the outside this time!) to a fork of the Green River where George's friend could try his hand at gold panning. He was unsuccessful but I heard Ed Vos from the Payson Rimstones did find gold the previous day. Way to go Ed!

Thursday, Tonie returned to the quarry. It was a popular place. I stayed in town. She returned around 3:00. A reminder to anyone thinking about this site in the future, be prepared to get covered with a fine, powdery limestone dust.

The mornings were cold but by mid-day, it was warm. There were a few disappointments on this trip. For those who went on the "jade, opal and sweetwater agate" event, the jade and opal remained elusive. The sweetwater agate was plentiful. The gold panning made no one rich, but hey, you had the fun of trying!

I wish to thank George and his guides Wendy, Robert, Bob, Bobby, Art and Lonnie for giving everyone an absolutely fantastic time in Wyoming. Your hard work and generosity was so very much appreciated.

For those who went on the trip, I hope you enjoyed your experiences and all arrive home safe with stories to tell.

Eunice

**50 year collection summer sale continues**

**Please call before heading out-**

Nancy & John 928-245-4993 (John

Prices have dropped to 50 cents a pound

Rainbow petrified wood, Blue agatized petrified wood  
Golden yellow agatized wood (horsetail or juniper), Green chromium petrified wood – from newly discovered deposit, Petrified ironwood, Various petrified wood from AZ and NM – some rare & no longer obtainable, Palm wood from AZ and NM, Palm root from CA, Agate – many types, including St. John's flower agate, Apache Creek, Luna blue, crystals, etc., Zebra rock near Payson, Obsidian and Apache Tears Chert and Pastellite from Burro Creek, Colorful jasper from AZ and CA, Onyx from Mayer, Bloody Basin, CA, etc., Picture rock from Alamo Lake, Septarian Nodules from AZ, Selenite from AZ, Minerals from CA – Black Tourmaline, purple Lepidolite, etc., Fossils – many types, including Phytosaur bones, headplate, Nautilus (sm. & lg.), Coral, etc., Lots of Miscellaneous rocks  
Equipment: 12 inch Slab Saw, older LORTONE with newer motor and new blade – asking \$300,  
Bring buckets, bug spray, drinking water, garden gloves, and spray bottles. FYI – We've seen a few rattler and black widows here.

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming from Show Low, go all the way through St. John's, and cross bridge. First right on to well-maintained dirt County Road 6040 (Salt Lake Rd.) for 6 miles. At the 6-mile marker, next right onto 15 Country Road N6417 (green gate – please keep closed). Approximately 1/3 mile and we're on the right. Park in front of the house on right.

## Rock & Gem Shows

**SEPTEMBER 2009:**

4-6--SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA: Gem Faire; Gem Faire Inc.; Earl Warren Showgrounds/Exhibit Hall, 3400 Calle Real; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

4-7--FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA: Show; 48th annual show; Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society; Town Hall, Main and Laurel; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6,

Mon. 10-4; free admission; contact Don McDonell, 643 N. McPherson, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, (707) 964-3116

5-7--SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO: 26th annual show; Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society; Silver City Recreation Center, 11th St. and Gold St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5, Mon. 10-4; free admission; more than 60 dealers from the U.S., Mexico and Asia, free daily field trips, silent auction, Wheel of Fortune, raffles; contact L. Lett, (575) 538-3216; e-mail: show09@stockmanfamily.net; Web site: <http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com/>

16-20--DENVER, COLORADO: Show, "Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show - Fall"; Martin Zinn Expositions; Holiday Inn - Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St.; Wed. 10-6, Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; 200 wholesale and retail dealers, free shuttle bus to Merchandise Mart; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665, fax (505) 867-0073; e-mail: mz0955@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

**October;**

10-11--PAYSON, ARIZONA: 12th annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club; Mazatzal Hotel & Casino Event Center - Bingo Hall, Tonto Apache Reservation; adults \$3, children under 12 free; discount tickets available at Payson Chamber of Commerce, Payson Library, Parks & Recreation Office; contact Barry Jones, (928) 476-3513

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp>

September - Saturday

5<sup>th</sup>

Highway Cleanup at

8:30 AM – meet Kmart parking lot- only takes an hour of your time!

**Next page- pictures of fun in Wyoming**



Outside of Creative Creations



Signing up for different events



THE GANGS ALL HERE !!



We wish we found this one- this was for sale.



Working on the chain gang!



This is the white powdery dirt and dust- yummm.





Blue Forest Petrified wood collecting area



Wyoming Blizzard Stone



Larry's Branch of Blue Forest Wood



Gold- Gold - Gold- where are you....



David's mass mortality- total of 5 fish.



Better view.

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**Items to be Auctioned- more information to  
come....**