



W.A.M.S.



Rockhound Rumblings

May 2022

President's and VP's Rambles

First off, I want to thank everyone that contributed to the WAMS Show. We had the highest attendance numbers ever I believe. If it wasn't for you the volunteers, we could never have accomplished what we did.

It will be nice to get back to our normal meeting time and place at the 50+ Center. We need volunteers to show up early (6pm) to set out the chairs and tables.

An amazing number of new members signed up at the show. Hopefully all of you can attend the May meeting. We will be doing the drawing for the new member door prize /buckets at the meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

One thing we need is a couple of volunteers to lead our Juniors group. If you would be willing to take on the position, please get in touch with me at (971) 216-1863.

One other quick reminder is to stop by the 50+ Center and get your key tag. If you do not have one make sure you arrive early before the meeting and get one.

Thanks,

Richard Ilg, President

Hi Everyone,

First, thank you to everyone who came to our River of Gems show...we can't do it without our club members volunteering. I am excited to tell you we had 8 renewals and 69 new members (including 14 juniors) at the show. Welcome to our new members, we are glad you are here.

Second, if you're a new member reading this, don't forget to bring your orange ticket when you come to the meeting May 5, 2022 @ 7 pm, we will be drawing three new members names to win those buckets. Also, don't forget to pick up your name tags when you get there.

Lastly, existing members, please see me as you come in so I can double check your information we have on file, it will only take a minute. I will be sitting at a table close to the Hostess table.

Thank you – Mimi, VP

WAMS Club Meeting April 9, 2022 minutes:

Those board members present; Richard, Joe, Phil, Larry, Ken S., Ken S., Woody, Barbara, Tom B., Bonnie, Aaron, and Suzette. Richard called meeting to order at 1:20pm.

New members; Those present introduced themselves. Welcome! Please come and join us at the rocks show and on field trips and at the next meetings. Phil read the list of new members and a motion was made to accept them as members. Seconded. Passed.

Old business; Secretary, Suzette read the minutes for the March meeting. Motion made to accept as read. Seconded. Passed.

Treasure report; new and old business; Phil presented some bills to be paid. Motion made to pay them. Seconded. Passed. He gave the treasure report. Motion made to accept as presented. Second. Passed.

Joe, Scholarship Fun; He has sent many forms out to the high schools and universities. Has not received any responses.

Website; Andree has it up and running though it still has a few bugs to be worked out. A great big thank you! If you want to put an article on the site it will need to be approved by the board officials first.

Aaron; he has the tee shirts from last month's order available. The ones he didn't hand out will be at the rock show. He also will place another order; they should be ready by the show on Friday.

Ken, Show chair; He is in desperate need of volunteers. Kids area, front desk, egg hunt helpers and security night shift. Display cases will be set up on Wednesday. Thursday you may put your rocks in them. Jesse and Barbara will chair the kids' corner at the rock show. The oral auction need some cabochons, jewelry made with rocks to auctioned.

Next month meeting is May 5th Thursday at 7pm in the Senior Center 50+ in Salem. Located on the corner of Silverton Rd. and Fairgrounds Rd. Hope to see you there. We need assistance with set up at 6:30p. Thank you.

Larry spoke on the importance of volunteering; how it can make or break a club. So please volunteer.

Barbara announced the coming two rock field trips; to the Rock castle in Lebanon April 30th. 10a. Joe Coda will feed us hot dogs and if you want bring dessert. The second one is May 7 & 8th, to McCall's Daydream Fire Opal. See our Webb page for details.

Those bringing rocks for: Scholarship rocks; Joe; Kids rocks Richard; and raffle rocks Dave and Don.

Motion made to be adjourned meeting. Second. Passed. Raffles were called. Minutes typed by suzette

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022, 7 AM

China Hollow Jasper led by Frank Forbes (shop 1000 N 1004 Clark ST Wasco, OR)

A New Field Trip: Mt Hood Rock and Gem Club has invited us to go Thunder Egg collecting. The last weekend in July. Check in at meetings and the Event page on Facebook for more information. This will happen in Central Oregon I think east of Prineville.

Field Trip Information continued

The new date for the fire opal claim near Bly is May 28th and May 29th.

https://www.facebook.com/events/491725162624661?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22surface%22%3A%22group%22%7D%7D

The link above is for the Facebook page regarding this field trip.

Jason thinks the main road will be cleared up . We rescheduled for Saturday May 28th. We will be going to Jason McCall's private FIRE OPAL claim, located between Bly and Lakeview.

This is a Virgin claim. No guarantees of finding Fire Opals. You keep what you find, no fees. You're helping Jason find seams and good places to locate rocks.

We may camp on the property Jason's neighbor is also allowing camping in his quarry.

Motels are located in Lakeview about 40 min away, also campgrounds with services.

Members may keep all finds. You will need tools. Water, sunhat and sunscreen, Shovels, picks, rock hammer, buckets, gloves, more WATER, food. Meet at 9 am at the porta potties located at Quartz Mountain 97630

The Fire Opals are pretty easy to find up there. It's a bit remote so not a lot of rockhounds get out that way and they shine pretty good on the ground, especially in the Spring. I believe he has a pit going where you can dig as well. My two main tips would be; bring drinking water, and bring shoes with good ankle support .

<https://www.google.com/.../data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4...>

The link is the google map location to the Quartz Mountain porta potties.

Small car can make it fine last part gravel road with lots of pot holes. Large RV's & trailers shouldn't go past the quarry, no place to turn around. It's 1/4 mile from quarry to claim.

Recommendation: Bring first aid kit / band aids and knee guards or garden pad or stool.

The opal is like glass and cuts clothes and flesh easily. Also, this is hard rock mining- imagine chipping into rock as hard as granite (host rock is very dense, so even the hardest looking chisels will bend.) Lots of water....

Lone pine RV Park \$25 a night

RV park in Klamath County, Oregon

Address: 17500 NF-379, Bly, OR 97622

Open 24 hours

Phone: (541) 591-0035

<https://www.junipersrv.com/junipers-rv-rates-reservations/>

Lakeview tent sites are \$25

Camping Friday:

there are quite a few camping spots up there. I have already been in contact with quite a few of the other claim owners up there and they have given full permission people can camp up there. it is a rock quarry that is a nice big open area that a lot of people camp at and before that is another spot where you will see a pink flamingos wooden cut-out in the trees to the right is a big opening everybody calls it Camp flamingo that is open for camping as well.

WAMS Officers and Chair Positions

Officers:

President: Richard Ilg

Vice President: Mimi Surgeon

Treasurer: Dave Maxwell

Secretary: Suzette M.

Members At Large: Tom Beaty, Ken Seward,
Woody White

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Board Chairman: Larry Ferguson

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Historian: Barbara Hopkins

Hostess: Bonnie Stubenrauch

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Show Chair: Ken Stubenrauch

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Sunshine: Bonnie Stubenrauch

We need Junior club member leaders!

We need photos from your rockhounding experiences.

We need articles, experiences, photos from our members.

We need you to make this a fun, interesting, different, all rock club members newsletter!

We are a group; we all have something to offer!

Tell us about how you started enjoying rocks?

rockclubnewsletter@gmail.com

click on the link!

Send us something!

Please!

See you at the meeting on Thursday, May 5 2022 at 6:00pm to help set up!



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Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Salem 50+ Senior Center, 2615 Portland Road NE, in Salem, Oregon. Executive Board meetings are held with upcoming meetings announced at the general meeting, and all members are invited to attend. **W.A.M.S.** was organized to stimulate interest in the study and collection of agates, minerals, gems, and fossils, and support lapidary work, education, scientific study of natural earth sciences, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section #501(C)(3) IRS

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