



# W.A.M.S.

## Rockhound Rumblings

### President's Ramble

March 2022

Hi! Hard to believe we are already rolling into March. Spring is right around the corner which brings some great rockhounding trips in our future months.

My main focus at this time is to encourage all of our members to start attending our meetings. We need to bring this club back together as a whole. Reach out to fellow members and friends and encourage them to attend.

We are a club staffed by volunteers. We need people to step up and volunteer some of their time at the WAMS River of Gems Show. This is our main source of revenue and we have gone two years without having it. I am asking all of you to help at the show. It's a great way to meet your fellow members and get to know them. There will sign up sheets for the different areas at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. It is being held in Building C at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

See you there,

Richard Ilg

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## RIVER OF GEMS SHOW UPDATE

The 2022 River of Gems Rock show is only a month away starting set-up to the last day April 13-17. I am still waiting to hear from some vendors. I will be sending them emails to hopefully get the rest of the contracts. Postcards are ready for distribution, pick some up to share at the upcoming club meeting on March 12, 2022 at 2:00PM in Building C at the Polk County Fairgrounds. We will go over the sign-up sheets for volunteers at the meeting also. The permit for hanging the banner is secure, and the banner is ready for Salem sign to hang. With the help we will get from you, our volunteers, we can make this a very successful show!

Thank you,  
your show chair, Ken Stubenrauch

## Field Trip Information

For questions, comments, and/or suggestions please contact Barbara Hopkins call or text 971-218-6405 be sure to leave message if you email, please put "WAMS Field Trip" as subject to: [hopkinsbe29@gmail.com](mailto:hopkinsbe29@gmail.com)

March 13 - Old Marker Ranch - (Hollywood) Petrified wood \$1.50 per pound

April 23 & 24 – Spring Dig

April 30 - Rock Castle Lebanon - .50 cent pile and Potluck sausages and hot dogs

May 7 & 8 - Fire Opal – McCall's daydream - can camp on site. near Bly & Lakeview

June 4th - China Hollow Jasper near Wasco \$2 per pound **I need a leader Please.** High Clearance Vehicles. Must sign up in advance to make sure we have seats available.

Beers Mountain Jasper & agate \$5 per pound. High clearance 4wd is needed to access China Hollow but not Beers Mtn. Carpooling is a possibility from the shop to China Hollow.

June 16-19 Prineville Pow Wow field trips on Fri, Sat, Sun 7 am .

June 23-26 Madras Rock Show field trips on Fri, Sat & Sun.

September 10 & 11 – Fall Dig

**The Rice NW Museum**

A great winter getaway  
Free with your membership name tag.

Rice NW Museum  
26385 NW Groveland Drive  
HILLSBORO, Oregon 97124  
[+1 503-647-2418](tel:+15036472418)  
[info@ricenorthwestmuseum.org](mailto:info@ricenorthwestmuseum.org)

Thursday 10:00AM-4:00PM  
Friday-Sunday 10:00AM-5:00PM

Masks and face coverings are required indoors for ages 5 and above, in accordance with the Oregon Health Authority, CDC, and county recommendations.

**Reservations are suggested  
due to limited space.**

Reservations are for small groups of 5 attendees or less. If you have a larger group, please schedule multiple appointments or explore options for larger groups

**Members are FREE with your  
membership name tag**

Adults: \$12.00

Seniors (60+)/Veterans: \$10.00

Students: \$8.00

Children (up to 5 years): FREE

**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

**Federation Director:** Larry Ferguson

**Board Chairman:** Larry Ferguson

**Chair Positions:**

**Advertising:** VACANT, Could be You!

**Education:** VACANT, Could be You!

**Field Trip Coordinator:** Barbara Hopkins

**Historian:** Barbara Hopkins

**Hostess:** Bonnie Stubenrauch

**Juniors:** Leslie Morgenstern

**Librarian:** Eddie Hopper

**Nametags:** Woody White

**Newsletter Editor:** Djaylan Adams

**Oregon Council:** Ted and Vickie Johnson

**Programs:** Eddie Hopper

**Property Control:** Woody White

**Public Relations:** VACANT, Could be You!

**Publications:** Djaylan Adams

**Show Chair:** Ken Stubenrauch

**Stamps:** Aaron Currier

**Upcoming Gem & Mineral Shows Fairly close to us!**

**March 11-13 10:00-5:00 each day**

**Tualatin Valley Gem Club**

**Forest Grove National Guard Armory**

**2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove OR**

**March 26-27 10:00-6:00 Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun**

**Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society**

**Sweet Home High School Gym**

**1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR**

Willamette Agate & Mineral Society's



**River of Gems**

**April 15-17, 2022**

Fri 9 am—5 pm, Sat 9 am—5 pm, Sun 10 am—4 pm

Admission: Adults, ages 12& up—\$2.00  
Kids, ages 11& under—FREE

Join us for our 65th annual rock and gem show at the  
Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon



**May 6-8 10:00-5:00 Fri & Sat 10:00-3:00 Sun**

**Mt Hood Rock Club**

**Kliever Memorial Armory**

**10000 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Drive Portland OR**



# Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, Inc.

PO Box 13041  
Salem Oregon 97309-1041

## Membership Application

New  Renewal

Individual Membership Name \_\_\_\_\_

Couple Membership Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cellular) \_\_\_\_\_

Email 1\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you have more than one email for your membership/family, please indicate which one to mail the newsletter too.

Email 2 \_\_\_\_\_

1. I (we) would like to receive the WAMS monthly newsletter by  email (color) or by  USPS mail.
2. I (we) would like to receive the Federation newsletter by  email or by  USPS mail.
3.  I (we) would like to receive an email for WAMS announcements, event updates and field trip information.
4.  I (we) are interested in being a WAMS officer/or chairperson.
5.  I (we) are interesting in helping with the annual rock and gem show.
6.  I (we) are interested in volunteering for work parties and/or event committees.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues:

Individual	\$15.00
Couple	\$24.00
Junior(s)	\$2.50

Please return this form by mailing it to the address above or bringing it to the monthly meeting and giving it to the treasurer with your dues. Thank you. Renewals are due by the first meeting of the current year. Members that are considered delinquent will not be able to participate in any WAMS functions or continue to receive the monthly newsletters. Members joining after July 1st will only pay half price.

#### To be filled in by WAMS treasurer

WAMS - Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method:  Cash (or)  Check Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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**WAMS contact information:**

**Webpage:**

[www.wamsi.net](http://www.wamsi.net)

**Facebook:**

Willamette Agate & Mineral Society, Inc.

**Instagram:**

Willamette\_agate\_and\_mineral

**Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/RiverofGems>

**Newsletter email:**

[rockclubnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rockclubnewsletter@gmail.com)

**River of Gems email:**

[Wams.riverofgems@gmail.com](mailto:Wams.riverofgems@gmail.com)

Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (**W.A.M.S.**) is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (**AFMS**), the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (**NFMS**), the Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs, the American Lands Access Association (**ALAA**), and the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors (**S.C.R.I.B.E.**).

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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**P.O. Box 13041**

**Salem 97309**

**To:**