



W.A.M.S.



Rockhound Rumblings

President's Rambles

November 2022

Hello to all club members. November is here with all the great fall weather. Holidays are just around the corner.

We have elections of officers at our November meeting. If you would like to run for any of the positions let me know.

We are in the planning stages for our Xmas Party in December and will have sign ups at the meeting.

We need volunteers to help set up and decorate. We are also responsible for cleanup at the end/ There will be more info at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on the 3rd . See you there.

Regards,

Richard Ilg



WAMS General Meeting Minutes. October 6, 2022

Richard opened the meeting at 7pm.

Those present; Mimi, Suzette, Richard, Dave M., Woody, Eddie, Barbara, David S., Bonnie, Larry, and Joe. New people; Welcome. Please join in our events; field trips, rock shows and meetings.

Old Business; Motion made to accept the minutes as typed in the newsletter. Second. Passed.

Treasurers report; Dave M. has already paid for the Spring rock show and the one in August of 2023. Motion made to approve the September treasure report. Second. Passed.

Show and Tell; There were many beautiful rocks to see and wonderful stories to go with them. Thank you for sharing your wonderful rocks.

The September rock show; Richard presented for Ken. The show was a success even though the turn out was low. We were competing with several local events. Camille will be assisting Ken as our new "advertising agent". She has a lot of experience. Thank you.

Cory who does our Florence show at the Rock Show wants to retire. Our club owns most of the rocks and "booth", and lights. So, if you are interested in taking over this really important part of our show please let Ken or Richard know. All you need to do is learn the information.

We will have a rock show meeting in November; date and time to be announced, to begin the planning of the 2023 rock show. Mimi; our current Vice President, will be our 2023 Club President. Her position is vacant, so we are looking for someone who likes computers, understands the spread sheet Excel; willing to attend the monthly meeting. (Includes the board meetings). Please let Mimi or Richard know.

New members; Motion made to accept the new members. Second. Passed. Welcome. Please join us on our field trips and volunteer to help with the upcoming Christmas dinner and the rock shows.

Kids rock give away! Boy, did they make a haul. Thank you, teachers, for the kids' class before our main meeting.

New Business; Barbara; field trip this Saturday to Coda's Rock Castle in Lebanon. He will have cooked hot dogs so bring side dishes. He donates pound sold for pound for free to our club. If you have a location or type of rock you would like to go rock collecting for let, Barbara know.

We are also seeking volunteers to lead future field trips.

Woody would like to retire from tumbling rocks for the rocks shows. If you are interested let

Woody or Richard know. The club owns the tumblers and you will be reimbursed for the grit and electricity.

December 10, 2022 is the date for our annual Christmas dinner. Set up is at 3pm; dinner served at 5pm. Please mark your calendars. It is a potluck with someone cooking the main meat dish.

Janice went to Annual Federation rock show held in Hillsboro. She attended their business meeting. They had a few policy procedures updates; reminders. They need a volunteer to attend the BLM and other forest/land management meeting to let them know that there are people who like to go onto their land to collect rocks and minerals. Next Federation meeting is in Billing Montana in August 2023.

David Smith; our new newsletter editor, needs your correct email address. So; if you have not gotten one in your email then let him know. You can get them snail mail but the cost is rising. Also, if you have something you like to share with the club in the newsletter you can email it to David.

Next month's refreshments; Victoria, Curtiss, Bonnie, and Tim.

Rocks; kids; Woody and Phil; Door; Dave and Phill; Scholarship; Joe. Thank you.

Motion made to adjourn. Second. Passed.

Minutes typed and presented by Suzette



FOR THOSE NEWER CLUB MEMBERS , ALONG WITH OTHERS WHO DO NOT ACCESS OUR WEBSITE OFTEN; I WANTED TO INSTALL OUR CLUB HISTORY INTO THIS EDITION, SO YOU CAN BE READY ABOUT HOW WE EVOLVED AND SHARE WITH YOU OUR CLUB MILESTONES ALONG THE WAY: BY DAVE SMITH: NEWSLETTER EDITOR

WAMS History

The Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, Inc. was organized to simulate interest in the study and collection of agates, minerals, gem materials, fossils, lapidary work, and the educational and scientific study of natural earth sciences. WAMS is a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

WAMS was formed November 1, 1947 under the name of Willamette Gem Cutters. It began with a group of people interested in gems and minerals and was at first a social society where people compared rocks and minerals.

The name was soon changed to Willamette Agate and Mineral Society to cover all phases of lapidary and mineral interests. By 1950 the group had joined the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, thereby becoming affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and members began to display their collections and lapidary work at Valley and Eastern Oregon gem and mineral shows.

In 1956 the organization held its first non-competitive show in the old Isaac Walton Building on Mill Creek.

In 1957 the first competitive show was held at the State Fairgrounds beneath the grandstand. In 1958 the Society was incorporated under the Oregon State laws for nonprofit organizations. WAMS. is also a member of the Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs.

In 1963 The Willamette Agate and Mineral Society started the second Junior Rock Club in Oregon (The Mineral Minors).

Working with other Oregon organizations, WAMS. helped to raise money to build the Lon Hancock Room at OMSI in Portland to house Mr. Hancock's gift of John Day artifacts.

In 1966 we worked to make the Thunder Egg, the official Oregon State Rock and presented a case of thunder eggs to the State which is on display in the Capitol Building.

Rockhound Rumbblings is the official publication of the organization. The first issue was printed in 1967 and is published monthly for circulation to members as a means to keep them informed on local, northwest and national news concerning the gem and mineral hobby. In 1968 Willamette Agate and Mineral Society won the All-American Award for Community Service given by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

The club project of 1978 was a trailer-van for storing the club gem show display cases and equipment.

In 2000, WAMS moved the meeting location to the Salem Senior Center and started lapidary classes.

In 2001 WAMS started silversmithing classes.

In 2003 WAMS membership exceeded 200 rockhounds. In 2009 WAMS membership exceeds 250 members and our club meetings have been moved to the new 50+ Center in Salem.

Today WAMS is still going strong with about 200 members. In addition to membership benefits in the club, WAMS provides educational opportunities for local schools and youth groups. The first day of our annual "River of Gems" Show is dedicated to School Groups and we have the joy of entertaining and educating the hundreds of kids that attend each year. The Jon and Lucille Sams Memorial College Scholarship Fund is also available to qualified students applying to college to study the earth sciences.



In conclusion; the history of a club this successful depends on the people within. That being said; we need volunteers to step up. Find your passion and go with it. We have so many opportunities; but we can't continue with 20% of club members doing a majority of the work. Please ask what you can do to help. Also; if you are not getting the newsletter; contact me at rockclubnewsletter@gmail.com and give me your correct method of delivery. We are hoping we can get more members to get the newsletter emailed to them to save money as we are currently spending about \$150.00 per month.

Events Page:

Rock Castle Field Trip

By Barbara Hopkins

Saturday, October 8, 4:32 PM

We had about 30 people turn out for our field trip. Thanks Richard Illg for hauling 500 pounds of rock for the club show. Frank Forbes was helpful greeting members and helping to identify rocks. This was the first field trip for several members . For many it was the first time at Rock Castle.

Very successful trip with members finding agates, petrified wood, Jasper and thunder eggs. We had about 6 juniors with either a parent or grandparent.

May have a winter beach trip after a storm. Next event December 10th potluck 3 pm set up appetizers at about 5 pm and dinner 5:30 or 6.

I think we still need a volunteer to cook meat for dinner. Typically two types of meat. In past years there has been Ham, chicken fettuccini, salmon, chicken or beef. It would be great if we get two different volunteers to cook a special meat dish. The club reimbursement for cost of dish.

Sign up in November to bring an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert.

We need numbers to know how much main dishes to make.





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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 _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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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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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