

Willamette Agate and Mineral Society: April Newsletter, 2023



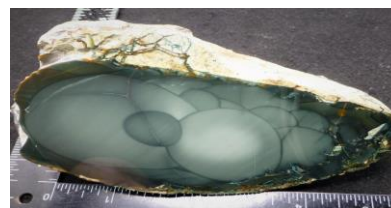
HI EVERYONE:

APRIL IS HERE AND THAT MEANS OUR GEM SHOW IS COMING SOON. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING. WE NEED AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THE SHOW RUN SMOOTHLY...PLUS, IT'S A LOT OF FUN; YOU GET TO HANG OUT WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS AND SEE ALL SORTS OF PRETTY TREASURES.

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER WILL BE JOE AND JANICE VAN CURA WHO WILL SHARE WITH US TIPS ON GEM SHOW DISPLAY CASE ETIQUETTE.

THE SHOW- N- TELL LETTER OF THE MONTH IS D , BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING OTHER TREASURES YOU WANT TO SHARE.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE MEETING: MIMI



Willamette Agate and Mineral Society– General Membership Meeting Minutes March 2, 2023

Officers Present: President Mimi Surgeon, Treasurer Dave Maxwell, Secretary Cassandra, Hutchinson. Board Chair Richard Ilg. Members at Large: Tom Beaty, Suzette, Cody Torres.

Next meeting: April 6th, 2023, 7:00 pm, Center 50+: Board Meeting March 20th at 6:30

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm

2. Introductions of Officers, Chair Positions, New Members and Guests. Welcome new members and guests!

3. Old Business

- **Approval of February meeting minutes. Suzette motioned, Dave second. Minutes approved.**
- **Treasurer report – Account balances reported. Checking account, savings account, 2 CDs – 1 long term, 1 short-term. Good shape financially, 2 more auctions for scholarship fund.**
- **T-shirt sign-ups and display cases for April show. Volunteers needed for April show.**
- **Grab bags filling – 3/18 at 10:00 @ Polk Co Fairgrounds Bldg. C**
- **Aaron – Contact about club shirts. Auction from Herb’s material. Half revenue goes to family/half goes to scholarship fund. Stamps – Effort by NW Federation to raise funds for cancer research. Stamps are collected and sold to raise funds. Funds now go to NW Federation scholarship fund.**

4. Show and Tell; Club members brought material that begins with the letter “C” and shared about their finds. Next meeting will be the letter “D”.

5. Program – Alvin: Periodic Table of Natural Minerals and Specimens (remainder will be in May)

6. Kids Rocks

7. Break

8. New Business:

- **Joe and Janice VanCura will provide a program on display cases at April Meeting.**
- **Voting in of new members. Motion approved. Board Meeting is Mar 20th. Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS) – General Membership Meeting**

Meeting Minutes, March 2nd, 2023

- **Next Field Trip April 8th at Cota’s Rock Castle**
- **April Meeting Housekeeping**

Refreshments – Curtis and Gabriella: Rocks for kids – Richard: Scholarship rocks – Joe: Door Prize rocks – Larry and Damien

- **April Show (April 14-16) – Chair Ken S**

9. Announcements

- **Umpqua Gem & Mineral Show – May 5th-7th (Dave Maxwell has applications for cases).**
- **Tualatin Show @ Forest Grove Armory 3/3-3/5: • Sweet Home Show is 4/1 (10-6) and 4/2 (10-5) Meeting Adjourned 8:39PM**

WAMS OFFICERS AND CHAIR POSITIONS

Officers: President: Mimi Surgeon

Vice President: Barbara Hopkins

Treasurer: Dave Maxwell

Secretary: Cassandra Hutchinson

Members At Large: Tom Beaty, Ken Seward, Suzette Mykyles

Woody White, Cody Torres David Kersenbrock

Federation Director: Larry Ferguson

Board Chairman: Richard Ilg

Advertising: Camille Ainsworth

Education: Scott Lambricht, Pam Stringer

Field Trip Coordinator: Barbara Hopkins Historian:

Hostess: Bonnie Stubenrauch, Terry Christenson

Juniors: Scott Lambricht: Pam Stringer

Librarian: Eddie Hopper

Nametags: Woody White

Newsletter Editor: David Smith

Oregon Council: Ted and Vickie Johnson

Programs: Eddie Hopper

Property Control: Woody White

Public Relations: VACANT, Could be You!

Publications: David Smith

Scholarships Chairman: Joe Van Cura

Scholarship: Kathleen Forbes, Steve Wilson

Show Chair: Ken Stubenrauch

Stamps: Aaron Curier

Sunshine: Bonnie Stubenrauch

Web Master: Andree Kraker

Join us for our 66th annual River of Gems rock and gem show at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon! The theme for 2023 is Jaspers of the Northwest.

Friday, April 14, 2023, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, April 16, 2023, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Admission:

Adults, ages 18 & up: \$5.00

Kids, ages 17 & under: FREE

It's going to be a really big Show: It takes all of us

<https://www.wamsi.net/2023-show/>



Our annual show features dealers, demonstrators, a fluorescent exhibit and display cases showcasing rocks and minerals from around the world, plus many fun games at our Kid's Corner on all three event days.

Other activities

Friday - Sunday: Silent auctions

Saturday, 1:00pm: Treasure hunt (ages 11 and under)

Sunday, 2:00pm: Oral auction benefitting our scholarship fund

Other News and Announcements:

[Gem & Mineral Show - 4/1/2023](#)

Start Date: 4/1/2023
End Date: 4/2/2023
Hours: Sat 10:00 - 6:00 Sun 10:00 - 5:00
Address:
1641 Long Street
Sweet Home HS Gym
Sweet Home, OR
Types: Rock & Mineral Shows
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[Body Mind Spirit Expo - 4/29/2023](#)

Start Date: 4/29/2023
End Date: 4/30/2023
Hours: Sat 10:00-7:00 Sun 10:00-6:00
Address:
873 NE 34th Ave
Washington County Fair Complex
Portland (Hillsboro), OR
Website: <https://www.bmse.net/>
Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

*****To all club members: A friendly reminder if you have not paid your 2023 annual dues, to do so at your earliest opportunity. We count on these funds for operating expenses.**

Also: If you are able to get the monthly newsletters delivered by email; there are benefits:

1. You get the newsletter in color which is a huge bonus
2. You typically receive it a week earlier
3. There are links you can open to other information that you would not be able to access in the mailed version

Many have said they want it mailed because is it part of their membership. This is correct; and we want to deliver the best version to you with these added benefits. Please consider changing to the emailed version if you have a choice and receive these additional benefits. The cost of printing and mailing newsletters limits us to stay at 8 pages in length.

April Show and Tell: Bring rocks relevant to the letter "D"



UPCOMING CLUB FIELD TRIPS:

Rock Castle

Saturday, April 8

39100 River Road, Lebanon, OR

We will meet at Joe Cota's Rock Castle for some rock collecting and lunch. Arrive anytime between 10am and 2pm. Park at the bottom in the club parking area and save the uppermost parking near building for drop-in customers. There is a large 50 cent a pound pile of all kinds of rocks. You'll find obsidian, jasper, agate, thunder eggs, and petrified wood. Club is given one pound for every pound members buy. Club members get a 10% discount in the store and price per pound rough rocks.

Joe provides a sausage/hot dog bbq. If you would like to bring a homemade addition (dessert, side, chips), you can.

Rock Castle accepts cash and credit.

This is intended for [paid club members](#).

39100 River Dr Lebanon, Or 97355 541-451-2740

Please RSVP to our [WAMS Field Trip Coordinator](#) so we can have a head count for food.

Wear sturdy shoes, shade or rain hat, kneeling pad or stool, bucket, rock hammer or shovel is nice and a bucket or two.

China Hollow & Beers Mountain Jasper

Saturday, April 22

8:30am - 3:00pm

Meet Jay no later than 8:30am at the new shop in Rufus, 462 E 1st Street (Old Hwy 30).

We depart for Beers Mountain no later than 9:00am.

It is a short drive to Beers Mountain where we will start the day. All rock at Beers Mtn. is \$5/lb, weighed and paid for prior to leaving. We will travel as a group through the gates on private property. No photos looking North, or at the power right away.

4WD is required for China Hollow. We encourage carpooling in 4x4's from Rufus if possible to reduce the number of vehicles traveling through the wheat fields.

There are two sites at China Hollow for Jasper and Agate. All rocks from China Hollow are \$2/lb, weighed and paid for prior to leaving. We accept cash & checks. There is an ATM in Wasco and in Rufus.

Both sites are high desert and can be cold, windy, dusty or hot. Dress accordingly. You are welcome to bring hand tools and PPE. Safety glasses were popular last year on very windy days.

If weather is unsuitable for China Hollow, we can access Beers Mountain in 2WD vehicles. There is an abundance of China Hollow rock at the shop in Wasco for \$2/lb.

At the end of the day the shop in Wasco will be open, as well as the new shop in Rufus at 462 E 1st Street (Old Hwy 30). Jay's shop has a large variety of Jasper and Agate from Sherman County, with many pieces over 1000 lbs.

Upcoming Club Field Trips Continued :

Succor Creek (Oregon)

May 11 - 13, 2023

This field trip is for **paid members** only.

Richard Ilg will lead trip on May 11- 13 for three days. You'll need to plan 2 travel days. Sign up at one of our regular 1st Thursday meetings or RSVP to our **WAMS Field Trip Coordinator**.

Succor Creek State Natural Area lies in a deep, rocky canyon and is a remote haven for rock hounds and wildlife watchers. Limited souvenir collecting by rock hounds is permitted in the park. A rough 15 mile dirt road leads from Oregon 201 to the park, which has primitive camping and day-use areas along both side of the creek. **No water is available.**

The Succor Creek Bridge is open to vehicles for access to the campsites on the east side of the creek (right/south of the bridge). The road to the left/north of the bridge is not safe for vehicular travel.

Most participants will camp on the night before the field trip begins at 8 am Thursday, May 11.

There are no pay phones or cell phone services at the Park. Staff and Staff Volunteers are not stationed at this site. This is a remote recreational experience; please prepare accordingly.

First-come, first-served camping

4 primitive sites on the west side of the creek

14 primitive campsites on the east side of the creek

Vault toilet

No water or utilities available

SHORT REMINDERS:

***If your ordered a T-shirt don't forget to bring payment to Aaron at the next club meeting on April 6th.**

***If you have not signed up yet to volunteer at our show: Please do so at the next club meeting. This is our way of funding our club activities throughout the year.**

***Thanks to those who volunteered on March 18th at our egg and bag filling at Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall. Volunteers are what makes this club successful and fun.**

*** We are still in need of slabs for the silent auction. If you have any you are willing to donate please bring them to our April meeting and turn them into Richard or Ken. Slabs really contribute to our silent auction revenue.**



WAMS contact information:

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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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