

W.A.M.S. Newsletter

February 2023



President's Report

Hello everyone and happy February. I'm hoping winter weather is turning a corner and soon behind us and sunshine, tulips, daffodils and the sound of lawn mowers are on the way. Looking forward to doing a lot of rock hounding this year with everyone, and WAMS has some great field trips lined up already.

January's meeting was great, it was wonderful to see everybody and have such a big turnout. We did break-out sessions and discussed various Oregon rocks-- where to find it, how to dig it, memories of trips, and tips for cutting and polishing it...there were some great discussions.

In February our speaker will be Laura Joki, a rockhound, business owner and geology guru... I'm excited for her to come talk to us. The topic of February meeting will be: New Discoveries about the Oregon Coast Range and Gems to Find in and around it.

Something new to our newsletter is our January through June calendar, listing dates, times and locations for upcoming events for the club. Each month the electronic version of the calendar will be updated if there are changes, updates or cancellations. We hope this helps you plan ahead to be able to join us for future events, meetings and outings. July through December's calendar will be posted in the July newsletter, after we have finalized dates for the facility.

Don't forget we are doing the alphabet Show-n-Tell, and the month of February is the letter "B". Of course, that doesn't mean you can't bring other items that you need help identifying or that you found and want to share.

Stay warm and safe, see you at the meeting, Mimi

January Club Meeting Minutes:

Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS) – General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2023

Officers Present: President Mimi Surgeon, Vice President Barbara Hopkins, Treasurer Dave Maxwell, Secretary Cassandra Hutchinson. Members at Large: Tom Beaty, Ken Seward, Suzette, Woody White, Cody Torres, and David Kersenbrock.

Next meeting: February 2nd, 2023, 7:00 pm, Center 50+ 1.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm 2. Introductions of Officers, Chair Positions, New Members and Guests Welcome new members and guests! 3.

Old Business • November minutes approved.

- Treasurer's report (Dave M) – Increase in show fund and scholarship funds – CD was opened with scholarship funds. Treasurer's report approved.
- Presentation of annual awards for members who were not present at Christmas party – Richard Ilg
 - Auction Update – Auction at Christmas party, January Meeting, and at least 3 more. Half of funds raised go to scholarship fund, remaining funds given to family of club member who donated the lot to the club. 4. Show and Tell Club members brought material that begins with the letter "A" and shared about their finds. 5. Breakout groups Members broke out to into 8 groups. Each group assigned a different rock to discuss places to dig/find, memory of the trip, handling or digging tips, cutting/polishing tips. Groups to report out on group discussion. 6. Kids Rocks 7. Break 8. New Business
- Treasurer business • Club Member Norman Harper has passed, Club will take \$100 from fund and put into scholarship in memory. • New memberships approved. Membership is approx. 190 members.
- February meeting will have presentation from Laura Joki about rockhounding on the Oregon Coast.
- Board Meeting is January 17th at 6:30, Center 50+
 - February Meeting Housekeeping o Refreshments – Deana, Felicia S, and Victoria K o Rocks for kids – Dave S and Tammy o Scholarship rocks – Philip Ocupe o Raffle rocks – Dan Groah
 - April Show (April 14-16) – Chair Ken S. Bonnie has material for grab bags if anyone is interested in making bags. o Ken needs 2 people to help with volunteers and advertising o Committee meeting January 11th at 6:30, Center 50+. Need committee chairs for various positions. o Egg and Bag Stuffing Party - Saturday March 18th at Polk Co Fairgrounds (Bldg. C) at 10 am. 9. Announcements
- Looking for field trip coordinator or helper and historian positions.

Meeting Adjourned 8:39

February 2023 Meeting Guest Speaker on 01/02/2023

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W.A.M.S Events Calendar

***Here is a tentative list of some of the upcoming events that we wanted you to see so you can start making plans for the upcoming year: Thank you Barbara Hopkins for your proactive work.

Saturday February 11: 9:30 Nelscott Beach - Dave Smith

Saturday April 8: 10-2 Rock Castle 39100 River Rd Lebanon OR - Barb Hopkins

Thursday April 13- Pot luck dinner for vendors, and helps- Set up your Display case and bring a large Potluck item to share 5 pm? Polk County Fairgrounds. Show April 14-16.

Saturday April 22, 8:30, 462 E 1st St Rufus, OR: China Hollow, Biggs, Beers MT. - Ken Stubenbauch

Thursday May Thursday May 11 at 8 am, - May 13 at 6 pm. Succor Creek. Most that are camping will show up Wed. Afternoon. - Richard Ilg

May (tentative) Sunstones, Spectrum Mine - Connie

June (Tentative date) Old Marker Ranch - petrified wood - 26250 Old Holley Rd, Sweet Home, Oregon: Joe Van Cura

June 16,17, 18 Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow- \$10 family membership required. 1280 N Main St. Prineville Oregon: 7 am Crook Co. Fairground

June 22.23, 24,25 Madras Rockhound Pow Wow \$10 family membership, 430 SW Fairgrounds RD, Madras, meets 7:30-8 field trips every day- surprise.

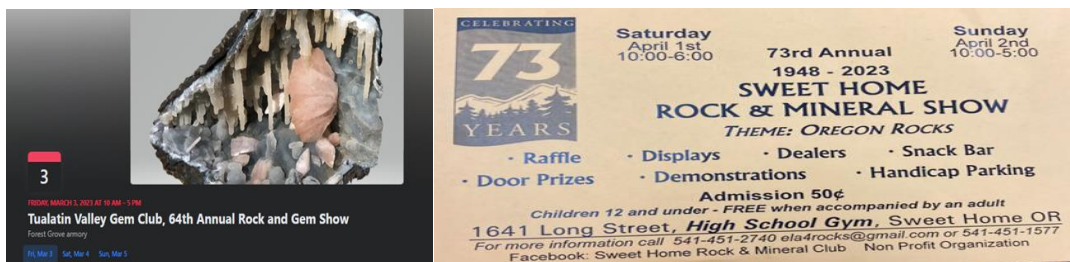
You'll be Near the Polka Dot - they have multiple rock material, Also close to Richardson's ranch- Wide variety of material.

August - potluck picnic - Victoria

Sept 4-10 Rockhound Artisan retreat Clarno OR - Omsi camp \$400 +

Sept 9-10 Madras Pow Wow Fall Dig - if you attended other trips. Teenaway community campground Washington

December - Holiday Potluck Dinner- Center 50+ 5-8pm



CELEBRATING 73 YEARS

Saturday
April 1st
10:00-6:00

Sunday
April 2nd
10:00-5:00

73rd Annual 1948 - 2023

SWEET HOME ROCK & MINERAL SHOW

THEME: OREGON ROCKS

- Raffle
- Displays
- Dealers
- Snack Bar
- Door Prizes
- Demonstrations
- Handicap Parking

Admission 50¢
Children 12 and under - FREE when accompanied by an adult

1641 Long Street, **High School Gym**, Sweet Home OR
For more information call 541-451-2740 ela4rocks@gmail.com or 541-451-1577
Facebook: Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Club Non Profit Organization

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Tualatin Valley Gem Club, 64th Annual Rock and Gem Show
Forest Grove armory
Fri, Mar 3 Sat, Mar 4 Sun, Mar 5



Willamette Agate and Mineral Society

Calendar of Events ~ Jan - June 2023

January

5 - **General Meeting** 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general
Program -Breakout Session

11 - **Gem Show** (Committee mtg) 6:30pm

17 - **Board meeting** 6:30 pm

February

2 - **General Meeting** 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general
Program - Laura Joki

11-**Nelscott Beach Field Trip**
(Dave Smith) 9:30 am

21 - **Board meeting** 6:30 pm

March

2 - **General Meeting** 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general
Program -Alvin Lambright
(Periodic Table of Elements)

18 - **Gem Show** (Egg/Bag stuffing) 10:00 am
Polk County Fairgrounds, bldg. C, Rickreall. Or.

20 - **Board meeting** 6:30 pm

April

6 - **General Meeting** 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general
Program - Joe & Janice VanCura
(Display Case Etiquette)

8-**Rock Castle Field Trip** (Barbara Hopkins)
10am - 2pm - Lebanon, OR

12-13 **Gems Show** (set up)

14-16 **River of Gems Show**
Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall. Or.

17 - **Board meeting** 6:30 pm

22- **China Hollow, Biggs, Beers Mnt. Field Trip**
(Ken Stubenbauch)

May

4 - **General Meeting** 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general
Program - Q & A: Ask the Experts
(Panel of experts answering questions)

11-14 **Succor Creek Field Trip** (Richard Ilg)

15- **Board meeting** 6:30 pm

June

1 - **General Meeting** 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general
Program - Aaron Currier

16- **Prineville Pow Wow**

20 - **Board meeting** 6:30 pm

22-25 **Madras Pow Wow**

All events are at the 50+ Senior Center unless otherwise specified

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

Chair Positions:

Advertising: Camille Ainsworth

Education: Scott Lambright, Pam Stringer

Field Trip Coordinator: Barbara Hopkins Historian:

Hostess: Bonnie Stubenrauch, Terry Christenson

Juniors: Scott Lambright: 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



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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 _____

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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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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