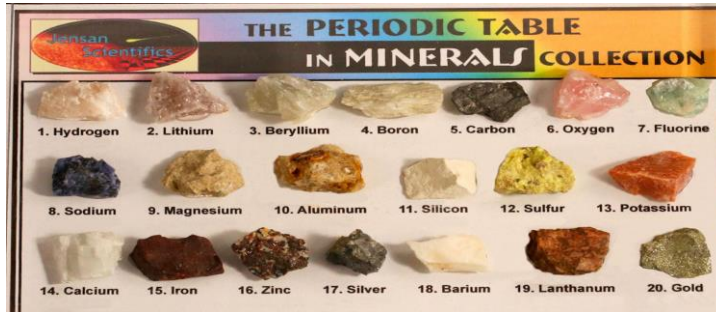


WAMS March 2023 Club Newsletter



Happy March everyone 😊

February was another great meeting, big thanks to Laura Joki for another great program. Don't forget she's one of our speakers at our River of Gems rock show coming up soon in April. Speaking of the gem show...have you signed up to volunteer yet? We have plenty of types of volunteer opportunities for you, whether it's helping at the silent auction, corralling kids at the egg hunt, passing out vote sheets in the display case building, or working at a kid's game booths...all help is appreciated! Remember - even with Ken, our great show Chair, this show cannot run smoothly without the help of our awesome members that volunteer. Please sign up at the March meeting if you haven't already. Also...if want to have fun and help fill the eggs with polished rocks (for the kid's egg hunt event), then put this date on your calendar - March 18, 2023 @ 10:00 am, building C at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Always a fun time and the more people that show the faster it goes.

Looks like the February field trip to the beach was a success. Thank you David Smith for leading it and thank you to everyone for sharing the pictures of the fun time on Facebook for all of us to see. Looks like Barbara gets the prize for biggest agate found that day, it looked awesome.

March's meeting program will be Alvin Lambright, talking about the Periodic Table of Elements. He has a full display he's setting up for this presentation. Junior's meeting starts at 6:30pm, and the general meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm. I hope to see everyone there.

Take care and stay warm, Mimi.



Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS): Meeting Minutes 02/02/2023

Officers Present: President Mimi Surgeon, V.P. Barbara Hopkins, Treasurer Dave Maxwell, Secretary Cassandra Hutchinson. / Board Chair Richard Ilg

Members at Large: Ken Seward, Suzette, Woody White, and David Kersenbrock

Next Meeting: March 2, 2023, 7:00pm 50 Plus Center; (Juniors at 6:30).

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm
2. Introduction of officers, Chair Positions, New Members & Guests
3. Old Business: ** Approval of January Minutes: Suzette moves to approve minutes, Richard seconds. Minutes Approved
**Treasurer report: Vendor contracts and dues coming in. Members should pay dues as soon as possible. Checking and CD Balances shared. Dues paid at Rice Museum, club members get in free with discount at gift shop. Dave Smith donated to scholarship fund from his volunteer work on behalf of First Interstate Bank. Treasurers Report Approved.
4. Show & Tell: Club Members showed their finds that begin with the letter B
5. Program: Laura Joki (rockyourworldgems.com). Geology of the Oregon Coast
6. Kids Rock: Break
7. New Business: • New memberships that came in after January and for February meeting voted on. Motion passed. Woody – Anyone interested in tumbling rocks for the club. Woody would like to pass this on. Ken – Sign-ups for show volunteers available. Aaron – 3rd round of auction rocks – 50% go to scholarship/50% goes to family who donated. Club T-Shirts – order will be placed to have shirts available for April meeting and show. If you have a preferred shirt, bring to March meeting. Richard – Need slabs cut for Silent Auction for April show. 1/4” thick preferred. Barbara – Field Trip sign-ups. • Aaron – Silent Auction
8. Next meeting: Refreshments – Bonne S and Dave S: Jr’s rocks – Stephan Scholarship rocks – David Driver. Door prize rocks – Dean
9. Announcements: Alvin Lambert will present Periodic Table of Elements for March meeting
10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30

February 11th Field trip to Nelscott Beach: By Dave Smith: (Newsletter Editor):

Our field trip to Nelscott Beach on Saturday February 11th went really well. We had 12 to 15 members come over and enjoy the nice weather and early agate hunting. The majority were all adults; so, instructions were easily presented and followed. A local told me it will continue to get better over the next few weeks as more sand is washed back and the gravels are more exposed. It's always nice to catch a good low tide and every wave that comes in presents a new opportunity as it combs the gravels. We have a good sunlight to bring out the shine in the agates. I hope everyone had fun and we should do it again in a few weeks.



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 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

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Scholarship: Kathleen Forbes, Steve Wilson

Show Chair: Ken Stubenrauch

Stamps: Aaron Curier

Sunshine: Bonnie Stubenrauch

Web Master: Andree Kraker

Upcoming Shows and events:

March	April
2 - General Meeting 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general Program -Alvin Lambright (Periodic Table of Elements)	6 - General Meeting 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general Program - Joe & Janice VanCura (Display Case Etiquette)
18 - Gem Show (Egg/Bag stuffing) 10:00 am Polk County Fairgrounds, bldg. C, Rickreall. Or.	8- Rock Castle Field Trip (Barbara Hopkins) 10am - 2pm - Lebanon, OR
20 - Board meeting 6:30 pm	12-13 Gems Show (set up) 14-16 River of Gems Show Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall. Or.
4 - General Meeting 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general Program - Q & A: Ask the Experts (Panel of experts answering questions)	17 - Board meeting 6:30 pm 22- China Hollow, Biggs, Beers Mnt. Field Trip (Ken Stubenbauch)
11-14 Succor Creek Field Trip (Richard Ilg)	1 - General Meeting 6:30 Jr's, 7:00pm general Program - Aaron Currier
15- Board meeting 6:30 pm	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

03/03/23	03/05/23	Tualatin Valley Rock & Gem Show	Forest Grove National Guard Armory, 2950 Taylor Way, Forest Grove, Oregon 97116
03/18/23	03/19/23	Roxy Ann Gem & Mineral Show	The Expo, Seven Feathers Arena, 1 Penninger Rd., Central Point, Oregon 97502
March 2023 TBD		Sweet Home Rock Show	Sweet Home High School Gym, 1641 Long Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386

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

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

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

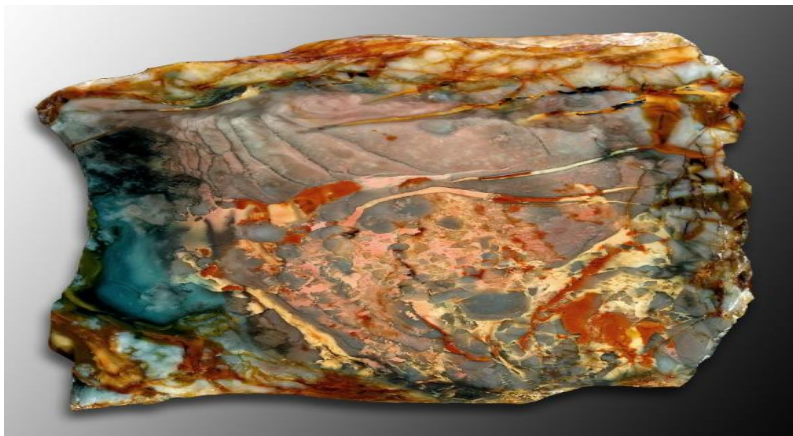
Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9:00am - 5:00pm

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

Admission:

Adults, ages 18 & up: \$5.00

Kids, ages 17 & under: FREE



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

Additional Announcements:

***** Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club asking inviting any of our members to enter a display case at their club's annual show on May 6 & 7. Set up is on Friday May 5 from 1-6 pm with awards at 3:30 and pick up on Sunday May 7 after 4 pm. Their theme this year is "Crazy for Chalcedony" and is preferred but not necessary and will not disqualify you from the People's Choice Awards.**

I have an entry form which I can copy or scan and email if anyone wants to enter.

*****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 chnging to the emailed version if you have a choice and receive these additional benefits. The cost of printing and mailing newsletters limits ustostay at 8 pages in length.

March Meeting Show and Tell: Bring rocks relevant to the letter "C".





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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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