

# Willamette Agate and Mineral Society

## June 2023 Newsletter

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**President's Address: By: Mimi Mechele McKenney**



Happy June everyone,

It was great to see a full house last month at the general meeting. Thanks again to Alvin for showing us part 2 of the mineral periodic chart display, very informative. I loved seeing the kids sitting on the floor in front of his display, listening to his presentation. The board looked into using the other half of the room to expand our space, but we can reserve the other half until next year. So for now we'll continue to be cozy and flexible with our seating. Be sure and put our August potluck on your calendars when we announced the date and time at the meeting, and stay tuned for more information on it at the upcoming meetings.

For the June meeting, since we do not have a speaker for our program, we are going to do small group discussion again. I'm going to ask the members to bring in a piece of pet wood from Old Marker Ranch (formerly Holleywood Ranch) that they found. We will break into small groups and share stories, do a mini show and tell, and share tips for digging... since our next field trip after the meeting will be there. Which reminds me of another thing I wanted to mention to the group. I've been struggling to get everything packed into our meetings time slot, and I am going to change things a bit. Don't worry we'll still follow Roberts rules and cover the same things, but in a different order so we don't take away from our sharing time and we aren't so rushed. So bear with me while I try this for a couple of months to see how it goes. And, while I appreciate everyone helping stack chairs and collapsing tables, I'd like us to wait until the meeting is done from now on, and not during the end, to break down the room.

This months show and tell is F.

I look forward to seeing everyone !!

*Mimi*

## **Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS) General Membership Meeting Minutes 05/04/2023**

**Officers Present:** President Mimi Surgeon: Vice President Barbara Hopkins: Treasurer Dave Maxwell:  
Board Chair Richard Ilg: Members at Large Suzette, Ken, Tom, David, and Woody

**Next Meeting** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 7:00 PM, Center 50+, Kids meeting starts at 6:30

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM: With Introduction of club officers, New Members and Guests: Prize buckets were raffled to new members. Voted in new members
2. **Old Business:** Approval of April Meeting Minutes: Martin G gave motion to approve; second by Richard and all approved.
3. **Treasurer Report-** Dave reported status of bank account balances, along with the April show report. Over 4400 paid entrants at the show; a new record. Over \$34,000.00 in show revenue with about \$19,000.00 in expenses; while the scholarship auction generated \$1,673.00. Suzette made motion to approve and Richard Seconded, and all members approved.

4. Ken S. thanked all the volunteers, stressed the need for more people to step into volunteer positions and announced his new co-chair, Andree Kraker. Announced the Summer show on August 18-20 at Polk County Fairgrounds- still tables available.

5. **Show and Tell: The letter "E"** Richard also shared information on Succor Creek Field Trip. Some real nice items from Eagle Rock' Succor Creek and Eastern Oregon.

6. Barbara announced the summer rock retreat at the Prineville Show with day field trip to Bear Creek on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Program:** Alvin Lambright: Part 2

**Kids Rocks:** handed out by doner Dan Groah

**Break: 15 minutes**

**New Business:**

\*\* Rice Museum updates

\*\* Next Board Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30, Center 50+

\*\***Next Field Trip:** May 11-13 Succor Creek

**June meeting housekeeping:**

\*\* Refreshments- Djaylan and Tim

\*\* Juniors Rocks: Dave S

\*\* Scholarship Rocks- Ken

\*\* Door Prize Rocks: Bob W

# **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**

**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: Andree Kraker**

**Stamps: Aaron Curier**

**Sunshine: Bonnie Stubenrauch**

**Web Master: Andree Kraker**

## *May Field Trip to Succor Creek*

A good number of club members made the long trip over to Succor Creek May 11-13; some stayed the whole week. They landed on some good thundereggs and got to soak in the amazing surroundings in that area.



## Upcoming Field Trip

### **OLD MARKER RANCH (HOLLEYWOOD) PETRIFIED WOOD**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023; 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**26250 OLD HOLLEY RD, SWEET HOME, OR 97386**

You need to be an active paid member to participate in this field trip. Sign up at one of our regular 1st Thursday meetings or RSVP to our WAMS Field Trip Coordinator.

Cost: \$1.50 per pound, (club min 20 lbs)

Joe Van Cura will be our field trip leader for this event. Meet at site anytime during the day to dig for petrified wood. They also have a bone pile that you can pick through and not get dirty.

Amenities: water for cleaning rocks, bathroom, wagons, some tools

Gear needed: bring your rock hammer (or hammer and chisel), shovels, buckets for carrying gear and rock washing water. Drinking water, sunscreen, cash, spray bottle and a sack lunch or snack. Rain boots, or a change of foot wear. I got real muddy when I went in the spring before.

Please label all tools and equipment.

Contact the Old Marker Ranch at 541-409-4730 to receive a link to pictures and more information



Good Specimens dug in years past at The Old Marker Ranch

## *Upcoming Rock and Gem Shows 2023*

### Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow - 06/15/2023

Start Date: 06/15/2023

End Date: 06/18/2023

Hours: Thurs-Sat 9:00 - 5:00 Sun 9:00 - 4:00

Venue: Crook County Fair Grounds

Address: 1280 S Main St

Crook County Fair Grounds

Prineville, OR 97754

Website: <http://prineville.rocks/>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

### Father's Day Weekend Rock & Gem Show - 06/16/2023

Start Date: 06/16/2023

End Date: 06/18/2023

Hours: Fri/Sat 10:00 - 5:00 Sun 10:00 - 4:00

Venue: Reedsport Community Building

Address: 451 Winchester Avenue

Reedsport Community Building

Reedsport, OR

Website: <http://www.reedsportrockandgemshow.com/>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

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### Madras Rock & Gem Show - 06/22/2023

Start Date: 06/22/2023

End Date: 06/25/2023

Hours: Daily 9:00-6:00 Sun 9:00-2:00

Venue: Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Address: 430 SW Fairgrounds Rd

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Madras, OR 97741

Website: <http://-/>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

## KIDS PAGE: Explore these links

<https://www.juniors.amfed.org/rock-mineral-activities/games-puzzles>

<https://www.juniors.amfed.org/rock-mineral-activities>

<https://ktvz.com/news/central-oregon/2023/04/24/new-owners-of-petersen-rock-garden-museum-and-peacock-sanctuary-set-sights-on-memorial-day-reopening/?fbclid=IwAR3rZ77E2rdhHC1aLNBJ2zI20zUPVAfnbmlcrm6m7iv1Wl>

### Kids in Rock Clubs?

- Kids help energize the whole Club ❤️
- Seeing kids doing stuff with rocks and fossils is exciting!
- Parents will join, seeing the Club is a good place for their kids.
- They tell other parents, and your club will grow!
- Your club can encourage kids and teens toward careers in science.
- After all, how old were YOU when you started collecting rocks?
- (Older club members will have someone to give all those spare rocks to. 😊)
- PS: And it's FUN!

***Whether or not your club has an organized Juniors program, YOUR CLUB can do so much to encourage kids who love rocks!***

#### **BE A COMMUNITY RESOURCE**

- Do activities for schools and libraries
- Include Kids activities for Sales & shows
- Give scholarships

#### **INCLUDE KIDS & TEENS IN CLUB ACTIVITIES**

- Encourage Juniors' displays in meetings and shows
- Offer free samples with educational information at club meetings
- Include them in field trips and activities
- Consider partnering with homeschool groups, 4-H, Scouts, others

#### **PARTICIPATE IN AFMS KIDS' ACTIVITIES**

<https://www.juniors.amfed.org>

- Check out the AFMS Kids' Corner website for poster contests, etc
- Find a Juniors Club for **Rock Pals** and exchange local specimens

#### **CONSIDER DOING the AFMS FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS BADGE PROGRAM**

- Join the 185 plus clubs around the U.S. who use this to teach and encourage kids ages 5-17.
- Want to learn more? See back of brochure



## June Show & Tell: Bring rocks relevant to the letter "F"



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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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