



Willamette Agate and Mineral Society: May Newsletter, 2023

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS: MIMI MECHELE MCKENNEY



HELLO EVERYONE, WHAT A GREAT SHOW WE HAD IN APRIL. I'D LIKE TO THANK KEN & BONNIE, AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT CAME AND HELPED MAKE THIS SHOW A SUCCESS.

MAY 4TH IS OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING AND WE'LL BE GIVING AWAY THE STARTER KIT BUCKETS FROM THE SHOW. NEW MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. ONE NAME/ FAMILY WILL BE DRAWN FOR EACH BUCKET.

MAY'S PROGRAM WILL BE PART 2 OF ALVIN LAMBRIGHT'S PERIODIC TABLE OF MINERALS.

WE HAVE A LOT TO PACK INTO THIS MEETING SO WE'LL BE STARTING PROMPTLY AT 7:00 PM.

MAY'S SHOW-N-TELL LETTER IS E, OR ANY OF THE TREASURES YOU GOT AT THE CLUB FIELD TRIPS THIS MONTH.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN MAY,

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

April 6th, 2023

Officers Present: Treasurer Dave Maxwell, Secretary Cassandra Hutchinson. Board Chair Richard Ilg (stand-in president). Members at Large: Suzette, Woody.

Next meeting: May 4th, 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

- Approval of March meeting minutes. Joe V made motion to approve, seconded, and approved.
- Treasurer report – Dave reports accounts are in good shape. Balances shared with membership. Dave updated membership on recent laptop purchase for club use and bills for show. Interest rates are up, possibility of opening a CD with show funds. Suzette motioned, seconded, approved.

4. Show and Tell

Club members brought material that begins with the letter “D” and shared about their finds.

Next meeting will be the letter “E”

5. Program – Joe and Janice VanCura Setting up a display case at shows

6. Kids Rocks

7. Break

8. New Business

- Big thanks to members who went out to pick up rock for the silent auction.
- Aaron – Auction and T-shirt update. Shirts ready for pick-up. Final auction for estate rocks.
- Joe V – Scholarship Oral Auction at April Show. 2:00 pm Sunday April 16th, need volunteers to help during auction.
- Member brought up emergency kit for field trips. Leaders do take first aid kits.
- Voting in of new members. Motion approved.
- Board Meeting is April 17th at 6:30, Center 50+
- Next Field Trip April 8th at Cota’s Rock Castle
 - Sign-up for next field trips – China Hollow & Beers Mtn, Succor Creek
- May Meeting Housekeeping
 - Refreshments – Bonnie/Linda/Carrie
 - Rocks for kids – Dan and Phil
 - Scholarship rocks – Joe V
 - Door Prize rocks – Stephen/Steve
- April Show (April 14-16) – Chair Ken S

9. Announcements

- Umpqua Gem & Mineral Show – May 5th-7th (Dave Maxwell has applications for cases)

Meeting Adjourned 8:21

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

Other News and Announcements:

The 66th annual "River of Gems Show was a record breaker in attendance. The results exceeded our expectations and a very special thanks goes to all of those who volunteered to help out over the three day event ; we could not have made this happen without you. Several attendees completed membership applications: the vendors did very well, the scholarship auction was a success, and our demonstrators/speakers drew a lot of interest. This was very well planned and executed. I can't express my gratitude enough to those who stepped up and played a role. Like any event; we found things to improve on, but felt very good overall. We would like to have more slabs for the silent auction for next year and are asking members to consider donating now so we have more time to prepare. The slabs were a huge success in our silent auction, but we did start to run low on the final day. Please enjoy the pictures below and on the next page from the show. A lot of smiling faces !!!





April Field Trip Fun

The Rock Castle in Lebanon: From April 8th



China Hollow From April 22nd



What an action filled month in April. Not only our annual River of Gems show; but two awesome field trips. Although they did not hit Beers Mountain; the trip to China Hollow turned out productive for numerous club members.

Also: Our trip to the Rock Castle in Lebanon was a great one as some of our new members participated in a fun day. Club members purchased over 600 lbs. in material; which was matched by Joe Cota to the club. Field Trips are a great way to meet new fellow club members and experience great memories. I encourage everyone to consider leading or participating in the fun.

Upcoming Club Field Trips:

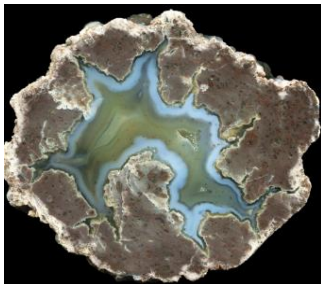


Succor Creek Natural Area

Duration: 3 days

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Field trip is for paid members only. KEEP up with info. Weather and road conditions can affect this trip. Richard Ilg will lead trip on May 11- 13 for three days. You'll need to plan 2 travel days. Sign up at meeting 1st Thursday 6:30 children program and 7:00 pm for adults. 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 will camp the night before the field trip will start at 8 am Thursday. 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. Year-round camping (first-come, first-served) Four primitive sites on the west side of the creek; 14 primitive campsites on the east side of the creek . Vault toilet : No water available.





OLD MARKER (HOLLEYWOOD) RANCH: SATURDAY JUNE 3RD

26250 OLD HOLLEY RD, SWEET HOME, OR 97386

DURATION: 3 HR 30 MIN

PUBLIC • ANYONE ON OR OFF FACEBOOK

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

Meet at site anytime during the day , dig for petrified wood. They also have a bone pile that you can pick through and not get dirty.

You need to be a active (paid member to go on field trips) Membership applications at wamsi.net see membership.

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

Gear needed: 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. It can be very muddy this timeof the year.



Kid's Corner



We have a good history in our club of getting the young ones involved with learning; and becoming lovers of Rocks and Minerals. It's no secret that the kids in this club are also it's future. Bring yours and get them in our enrolled in our juniors club. It will teach them so much and they will engage with others. These are skills that are so important at an early age.

Talk to Scott Lambright and Pam Stringer for more.

Check out the link I copied from the Tualatin Valley Rock & Gem Club as it has several Kids Links they will enjoy

<https://tvgc.org/educational-resources-for-young-folks/#:~:text=Young%20Mineral%20Collectors>



<https://ricenorthwestmuseum.org/>

Upcoming Rock and Mineral Shows

Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club Show - Rock Jamboree in 2023 - 05/27/2023

Start Date: 05/27/2023

End Date: 05/28/2023

Hours: Sat 9:00-6:00 Sun 10:00-4:00



Venue: Clackamas County Fairgrounds

Address: 694 NE 4th Ave

Clackamas County Fairgrounds

Canby, OR

Website: <http://www.clackamettegem.org/>

Umpqua Club's Gem & Mineral Show - 05/06/2023

Start Date: 05/06/2023



End Date: 05/07/2023: Hours: Sat 9:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00

Venue: Douglas County Fairgrounds

Address: 2110 Frear St

Douglas County Fairgrounds

Roseburg, OR 97470

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Umpquagem>

May Show & Tell : Bring rocks relevant to the letter “E”



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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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