

Willamette Agate and Mineral Society

August 2023 Newsletter

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President's Address: By: Mimi Mechele McKenney



Hello, rockhounds. Happy August.

Hope everyone has been enjoying summer weather and has had an opportunity to get out and do some rock collecting.

Don't forget August is not a regular general meeting, we are having our club potluck at the Robertson's, Aug. 6. If you were not at last month's meeting and need to sign up, please reach out to Victoria, and she can give you the time and address.

We are halfway through the year, And now is the time when I start reaching out to you and asking if anyone is interested in an officer or chair person position. We will vote on officer positions at the November meeting, and will announce them at the December potluck.

For those of you that are new, we also do awards for our members at the December potluck as well. I will hand out flyers at the August potluck letting you know what the award topics will be, so you have a couple of months to think about who you would like to nominate/ vote for.

September's program speaker is still being confirmed so I will wait to announce that until later. October 's speaker will be Janice Van Cura. In November, Eddie Hopper will share with us a presentation he created of micro photos of rocks and agates. And of course, December is our holiday potluck.

No show-n- tell in August, we will resume it at the September meeting.

See you at the meeting, Mimi

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

July 6th, 2023

Officers Present: President Mimi, Treasurer Dave Maxwell, Secretary Cassandra Hutchinson.
Members at Large: Suzette, Woody, Tom.

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 pm.

2. Introductions of Officers, Chair Positions, New Members and Guests

Welcome new members and guests!

3. Announcements

- General Meeting - no August meeting, picnic is August 6th at 12:00.
- Victoria – Picnic: Sign-up sheet: name, contact, number attending. Volunteers and side dishes needed.
- Ken – Field trips: Hampton Butte, 9/15-17/23 Petrified Wood Field Trip
- Board Meeting is July 17th at 6:30, Center 50+
- Ken – Summer Show: 8/18,19,20/23 Rickreall, Oregon at Polk Co Fairgrounds
 - April 2024 will be Ken’s last show as show chair, need volunteers.

4. Old Business

- Approval of June Meeting Minutes – motioned, seconded, approved.
- Treasurer’s Report- account updates, donations. Motioned, seconded, approved.

4. Show and Tell

Club members brought material that begins with the letter “G” and shared about their finds. Next meeting will be the letter “H”.

5. Program – Aaron Currier – Oregon Beaches.

6. Kids Rocks and Break

7. New Business

- Voting in of new members. Motion approved.
- September Meeting Housekeeping
 - Refreshments – Elisa and Dave S
 - Rocks for kids – Philip
 - Scholarship rocks – Ken
 - Door Prize rocks – Eddie

Meeting Adjourned

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

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Programs: Eddie Hopper

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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

2023 WAMS Annual Club Picnic

Our annual club picnic is almost here. Once again; it will be held at the home of Tom and Susan Robertson on Sunday August 6th from 12:00 PM to mid-afternoon sometime. The property address is at 1785 Tumalo Dr SE Salem, OR 97317. We had sign-up sheets at the last club meeting and hopefully we have all bases covered. Tom said he will have his shop open and we will have some small vendor setups outside. Please come with your side dish and if you are available for setup and breakdown it would be much appreciated. See you all there. Thank you, Victoria, for being our coordinator once again this year.



September 2023 Field Trip: Hampton Butte
Calling all Hampton Butte enthusiasts 09/15-09/17



Save the dates above and get ready for one of the favorite localities among petrified wood enthusiasts. This was the first dig site that got me back in touch with rockhounding after a long layoff. Hampton Butte is widely known for the unusual green petrified wood that can be found there. In addition, red, yellow, and other unusual colors can be found at this site. There is some material on the ground surface, but fine specimens are still available to rockhounds willing to dig.



Other upcoming events

[Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show - 10/06/2023](#)

Start Date: 10/06/2023
End Date: 10/08/2023
Hours: Fri/Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun 10:00-5:00
Venue: Wingspan Event Building, Washington County Fairgrounds
Address: 801 NE 34th Avenue
Wingspan Event Building, Washington County Fairgrounds
Hillsboro, OR 97124
Website: <https://portlandregionalgemandmineral.com/>
Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

[Far West Lapidary Gem Show - 08/04/2023](#)

Start Date: 08/04/2023
End Date: 08/06/2023
Hours: Fri/Sat 10:00 - 5:00 Sun 10:00 - 4:00
Venue: The Mill Casino
Address: 3201 Tremont St
The Mill Casino
North Bend, OR 97459
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/farwestlapidaryandgemsoc/>
Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

[Springfield Thunderegg Rock & Gem Club Show - 10/07/2023](#)

Start Date: 10/07/2023
End Date: 10/08/2023
Hours: Sat 10:00 - 5:00 Sun 10:00 - 3:00
Venue: Willamalane Adult Activity Center
Address: 215 W C Street
Willamalane Adult Activity Center
Springfield, OR
Website: <https://www.springfieldthundereggrockclub.org/>
Types: Rock & Mineral Shows
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<https://www.rockyourworldgems.com/blogs/adventure-blog/tagged/oregon>

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/recreation/rocks-minerals/?cid=stelprdb5385354>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqYPmFcKNBI>

(The link above is a great YouTube video from Hampton Butte)



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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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