



**Willamette Agate and Mineral Society**

**September 2023 Newsletter**

**Visit our website: [WAMSI.net](http://WAMSI.net)**

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



Hello fellow agate lovers,

Wow, what a month...amazing turn out at our annual club picnic, and a fun outdoor rock and gem show a few weeks later.

Big thank you to Tom and Susan for hosting the picnic, and big thank you to Victoria for organizing the event and rounding up fun door prizes for everyone.

I hope everyone got to make it out to the End of Summer rock and Gem show we had a few weeks later. It was another great show, warm but not too hot, and occasionally, we had a breeze come through the booths. I want to thank Ken and Bonnie for a fun outdoor show, and all the members that volunteered at the event. As we have said in the past, we can't do these shows without you.

Next, I want to talk about the club positions open that we need to fill before we swear-in our officers in December. If you've been curious about helping monthly at the meetings and being an officer or chairperson, please review the open positions below. If you are interested in any of the positions, please talk to the current person at the meeting, and they can answer your questions. Descriptions are pulled from our bylaws and procedures.

### SUNSHINE (Chairperson)

- Send cards to members whose families have medical needs or who have experienced a recent death in the family.
- Maintain an awareness of the health, well-being, and status of club members.
- Contact members who have become ill or otherwise unable to attend meetings and perhaps need assistance from other club members.
- Get cards to be sent as needed, and update members at club meetings when appropriate.

### SECRETARY (Officer)

Duties described in the By-Laws the Secretary and any additional are described below:

- The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors and be available to the Society.
- The Secretary with the President shall sign all vouchers, written contracts, and obligations of the Society.
- Secretary shall keep a complete record of minutes of all meetings for a period of 5 years. This needs to be kept electronically if possible.
- Forward meeting minutes to newsletter editor before due date.
- Correspond with other parties as directed by the President or Board Chairperson.
- Picks up club mail at the PO Box and brings it to meetings.

### MEMBERS AT LARGE (Officer) we need 2-3

- The Members at Large shall be the liaison officers between the Members of the Society and the Board of Directors.
- May be used by the President on various Society Committees.
- Present a slate of nominations for WAMS officers at the regular October meeting.
- Serve on the audit committee and review club financials in January.
- Meet and greet visitors and new members at club meetings.
- Work with members who may have questions or issues they are concerned about.

**SHOW CHAIR** (Board position) this could be co-chaired.

The Show chairperson's job is to delegate responsibility and then provide the atmosphere of leadership to develop incentive, personal ingenuity and imagination for club members to get the job done.

- Select a Show Committee and have an organizational meeting(s).  
Conduct all Show Committee meetings. Establish and maintain good communication with all Show Committee Chairs.
- In charge of preparing a realistic budget and working within the budget.
- See that good records are kept and maintained for future Show Chairperson.
- Make a presentation at your club at meetings. Keep them apprised of the progress.
- Keep the Board of Directors informed about the show planning and all major decisions that may need a vote.
- Responsible for obtaining key to site and returning key. Responsible for opening and locking up site.

**HOSTESS (CHAIRPERSON)**

The Hostess chairpersons' job is to greet and welcome members as they arrive, provide raffle tickets for sale and door prize tickets, provide a sign-up sheet for logging members attendance, sign-up sheet for name tags, and other misc club pamphlets, upcoming shows and informational brochures.

Don't forget the show-n-tell letter is H or bring a treasure you got at the show.

See you at the meeting,

Mimi

# End of Summer Rock and Gem Show a Hit

Another successful End of Summer Show is in the books. Over 35 awesome vendors were on site and a lot of outstanding material went home with some happy rockhounds. This show just gets better each year. The vendors were very pleased with the three-day event and the heat was not overbearing.



# **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!**

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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**



***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. For anyone new to this area; it is dry camping you want to make sure you have a good supply of water; plenty of fuel, and camping gear. We will have juniper trees around us with some shade. Day 2, we will take a trip to the north side where last year we found 3-4 petrified tree trunks. Stay near others as these hillsides can get you turned around in a hurry; I have done it myself. We will have a signup at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting .

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

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

It just so happens our September Show and tell letter is “H” . Get creative or bring your favorite Hampton Butte specimens.



# Important Club Information and Reminders

**Meeting Calendar: 2023-2024**

**Club Meetings:** September 7<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, November 2, January 4<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>,

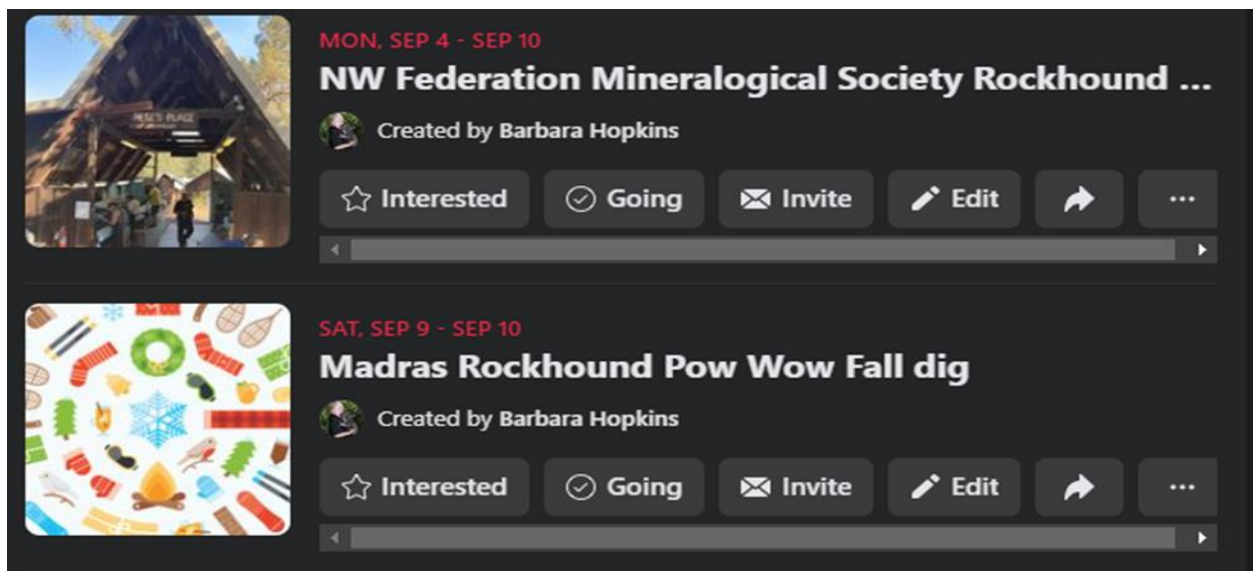
**Picnic:** August 6<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Party:** Not yet available

**Board Meetings:** September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December: No meeting, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June: No Meeting.

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**\*\*Facebook page:** For all club members who view and post on our WAMS main Facebook page; please be aware of the rules and remember this is not a page to sell material on. If you want to sell rocks and lapidary equipment/jewelry, we have a WAMS Classified page specifically for that.





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OREGON COUNCIL OF ROCK AND MINERAL CLUBS  
**HAMPTON BUTTE WORK PARTY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

ALL MEMBER CLUBS ARE INVITED TO HELP WITH SITE  
RESTORATION ON NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

QUESTIONS - DAVE WILLIAMS - [IGNEOUS80@Q.COM](mailto:IGNEOUS80@Q.COM)  
OR 541-677-9341 (NO TEXTS)

Meet at the Brothers Rest Area on Highway 20 (MP 42.8) east of Bend @8:00 am or at the site @9:00 am. Bring lunch, water and your field gear. Be prepared for hot or cold high desert fall weather. You will also need a long handle shovel and short tine rake. We will fill and level earlier digs. The ground is soft and the holes are less than 24" deep.

**Directions from Brothers Rest Area** – Take Highway 20 east to Van Lake Road. Turn north and follow Van Lake Road 10.5 - 11 miles to SE Price/Twelve Mile Road and turn right. Follow Price Road about 2 miles to the site. It is 22 miles one way from the Brothers Rest Area to 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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