



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

August, 2003

## Annual Picnic Reminder

- submitted by Kathy Bennett

Our annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 2nd, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. at Ray and Mary Haslebacher. They have graciously offered the use of their property again this year. Our thanks go to them.

They live at 6992 74th in Salem. Go east on Hazelgreen Rd from Salem and turn on 75th and it will take you to 74th. Their phone number is 503-393-5228.

Bring your favorite dish or if you need help deciding here is a suggestion:

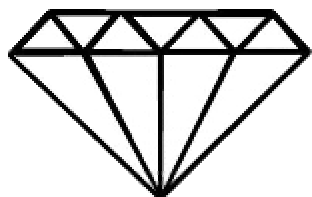
A-F Main dish

G-K Salad

L-P Dessert

Q-Z Misc (fruit, vegetables, pickles, olives, devilled eggs, or whatever you can think of.

Bring rocks to trade, or just get rid of. Bring a chair, plate and utensils. Be ready to have fun. You can play agate poker, washer toss, dominos or any game you want to bring. We will again have 3 games of Rocky Bingo (free) and some fun door prizes. If you have any questions call Gerry Silver, Joyce Winters or Kathy Bennett. We hope everyone will be there.



## Field Trip August 16-17

- submitted by Rob Leedy

### Ya Got Gold Fever?

Well, there's gold up in them thar hills! Tom Quintal of the Gold Miner's Club will be there to teach you how to find gold using a variety of different methods and equipment. We guarantee you'll find gold.

We will set up camp Friday night (August 15) about 1 mile above Yellowbottom Campground on Quartzville Creek above Green Peter Dam (see the map in Gem Trails of Oregon for detailed directions).

We will start the gold mining clinic at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning (August 16). You can come for the day or for the weekend. We will have a potluck dinner Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and beverage.

See you there! If you have any questions, please give me a call at 503-371-6421.



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The Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, Inc. (WAMS) is a nonprofit organization and an Oregon Corporation, founded November, 1947. WAMS is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS), the Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs, the American Lands Access Association (ALAA), and the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors (S.C.R.I.B.E.).

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Salem Senior Center, 1055 Erixon Street NE, in Salem, Oregon. Executive Board meetings are held with upcoming

meetings announced at the general meeting, and all members are invited to attend.

WAMS 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.

**WAMS Membership**

Membership fees are due by December 31st for the following year. Potential new members are encouraged to attend three meetings as a guest and complete an application form. Members will then vote to accept the new member. Members joining WAMS between the first of the year and October pay the full amount for that year. After October, full payment is due in December for the following year.

**Membership Dues:**

- Individual: \$12.00
- Couple: \$18.00
- Juniors: \$ 2.50

Guests are welcome and are encouraged to attend WAMS meetings!

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- Coffee: **Volunteer needed**
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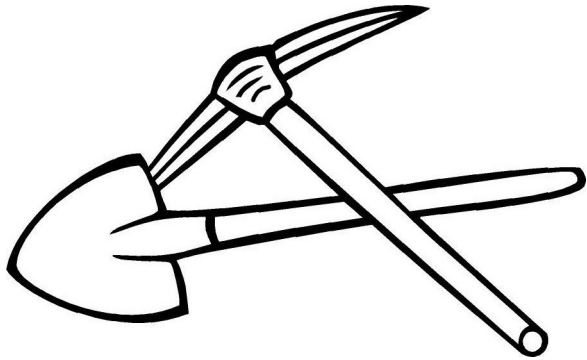
## Editor's Message

Hello, Rockhounds!

We're sending out a very brief issue of Rockhound Rumbblings to remind everyone about the Annual Picnic (Saturday, August 2), and the upcoming field trip August 16/17 at Quartzville Creek. Remember, there is no monthly general meeting in August, so make plans to attend the picnic and/or field trip to catch up with your fellow rockhounds. The next general meeting will be Thursday, September 4.

See you at the picnic!

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## Upcoming NW Shows

August 2003 1 – 10am-6pm 2 - 10am-6pm 3 – 10am-5pm	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club Pasco, WA
August 2003 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Far West Gem & Craft Show Coos Bay, OR
August 2003 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Seaside Gem Show Seaside, OR
August 2003 9 – 10am-5pm 10 – 10am-5pm 11 – 10am-4pm	Annual Gem & Mineral Show Lakeview, OR
August 2003 16 – 10am-6pm 17 – 10am-5pm	Nisqually Valley Rockhound Society Yelm, WA
August 30 <sup>th</sup> – Sept 1	Willamette Valley Gem Show Canby, OR

## AUGUST 2003

### Tide Predictions for OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center Dock, Yaquina Bay, OR Pacific Standard Time

DATE	HIGH TIDE		LOW TIDE	
	HT TIME (ft)	HT TIME (ft)	HT TIME (ft)	HT TIME (ft)
1 F	2:22 8.5	<b>3:48</b> 7.7	9:08 -0.6	<b>9:24</b> 2.4
2 S	3:12 7.9	<b>4:24</b> 8.0	9:46 -0.1	<b>10:20</b> 2.0
<b>3 S</b>	4:08 7.2	<b>5:03</b> 8.2	10:25 0.7	<b>11:24</b> 1.6
4 M	5:15 6.5	<b>5:46</b> 8.4	11:08 1.5	
5 T	6:36 5.8	<b>6:35</b> 8.6	12:32 1.1	11:58 2.3
6 W	8:09 5.6	<b>7:31</b> 8.8	1:45 0.6	<b>12:57</b> 3.0
7 T	9:39 5.8	<b>8:31</b> 8.9	2:55 -0.0	<b>2:09</b> 3.5
8 F	10:51 6.2	<b>9:33</b> 9.1	3:58 -0.6	<b>3:22</b> 3.6
9 S	11:46 6.6	<b>10:31</b> 9.3	4:55 -1.0	<b>4:29</b> 3.5
<b>10 S</b>	<b>12:32</b> 6.9	<b>11:25</b> 9.4	5:45 -1.3	<b>5:27</b> 3.2
11 M		<b>1:13</b> 7.2	6:31 -1.4	<b>6:19</b> 2.9
12 T	12:16 9.3	<b>1:50</b> 7.5	7:13 -1.2	<b>7:07</b> 2.6
13 W	1:03 9.1	<b>2:26</b> 7.6	7:52 -0.9	<b>7:53</b> 2.4
14 T	1:47 8.7	<b>3:00</b> 7.7	8:28 -0.4	<b>8:38</b> 2.2
15 F	2:32 8.1	<b>3:32</b> 7.7	9:02 0.2	<b>9:24</b> 2.1
16 S	3:17 7.4	<b>4:05</b> 7.7	9:35 0.9	<b>10:12</b> 2.0
<b>17 S</b>	4:06 6.7	<b>4:38</b> 7.6	10:08 1.6	<b>11:04</b> 1.9
18 M	5:03 6.0	<b>5:13</b> 7.5	10:43 2.4	
19 T	6:13 5.5	<b>5:53</b> 7.4	12:03 1.8	11:21 3.1
20 W	7:42 5.2	<b>6:42</b> 7.3	1:08 1.6	<b>12:11</b> 3.6
21 T	9:16 5.3	<b>7:40</b> 7.3	2:16 1.4	<b>1:19</b> 4.0
22 F	10:27 5.6	<b>8:41</b> 7.5	3:19 1.0	<b>2:36</b> 4.1
23 S	11:14 6.0	<b>9:37</b> 7.9	4:12 0.5	<b>3:41</b> 4.0
<b>24 S</b>	11:51 6.3	<b>10:28</b> 8.3	4:57 0.1	<b>4:34</b> 3.7
25 M	<b>12:22</b> 6.7	<b>11:15</b> 8.7	5:38 -0.3	<b>5:19</b> 3.3
26 T	<b>12:53</b> 7.1	<b>11:59</b> 8.9	6:15 -0.6	<b>6:03</b> 2.9
27 W		<b>1:23</b> 7.5	6:50 -0.7	<b>6:45</b> 2.4
28 T	12:43 9.0	<b>1:53</b> 7.9	7:25 -0.7	<b>7:30</b> 1.9
29 F	1:29 8.9	<b>2:25</b> 8.2	8:00 -0.4	<b>8:16</b> 1.4
30 S	2:18 8.5	<b>2:59</b> 8.5	8:36 0.2	<b>9:06</b> 1.0
<b>31 S</b>	3:10 7.9	<b>3:35</b> 8.7	9:14 0.9	<b>10:01</b> 0.7

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## The Legend of “Leaverites”

- from SCFMS Newsletter Sept/Oct 2001 et al. via Hy Grader 6/2003

“Leaverites” are the most common of all stones. Some are older than others and many moons old. They generally cannot be used for much because of their ugly nature. These stones are said to be so ugly that only mother earth could love them and want them. They are truly the loneliest stones in the world.

As legend would have it, one day long ago, a little boy and his grandpa were diggin' for gold. Each time the little boy chipped out a stone, he would show it to his grandpa and ask, “Is this gold?” His grandpa replied, “Na, that’s just an ugly stone. Leave ‘er right there.” Later that day when the boy showed his grandpa some other stones he found, he asked, “Is this gold or are these some more of the leav-erite-there’s?” From that point on, the little boy and his grandpa called those ugly stones “Leaverites” for short. Over the years, the “Leaverites” have become so lonely that they grow eyes and look for someone to take them home.

## August Birthstone - PERIDOT

- from Dusty Rocks 7/2003

Peridot is a variety of the Olivine group. It is the August birthstone and also the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary stone. The French were the first to call this yellowish-green stone Peridot. Until the eighteenth century, Peridot was called Topaz. It was used as a gem by the Egyptians as early as 1500 BC. They called it “the gem of the sun”. The Romans called it the “Evening Emerald.” It was believed to drive away evil spirits and protect against the “terrors of the night” only when set in gold. Major source is the United States. **Hardness:** 6.5 to 7 (out of 10) **Toughness:** Fair **Warm Soapy Water:** Safe **Ultrasonic:** Risky **Steamer:** Never **Torch:** Never



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