



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

June, 2003

WAMS Picnic

- submitted by Kathy Bennett

August 2, 2003 – IT'S PARTY TIME

FUNTIME IS HERE! Bring your favorite dish, or if you would like help deciding we will go by your last name:

A-F main dish

G-K salad

L-P dessert

Q-Z miscellaneous (which could include fruits, vegetable, pickles, olives, devilled eggs or whatever else you can think of)

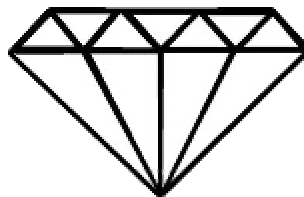
Also you will need to bring your own portable chair, plates and utensils. Be ready to have some fun. Don't forget your rock for the tailgate/trunk party to trade, sell or just give away.

We will be playing Rock Bingo; you can bring agates for agate poker. We will have dominos for those who would like. Or you may just choose to tell rock stories about the one that got away (too big to carry). Mary also has some fun-sounding games.

The festivities will begin at 11:00 AM and go to 3:00 PM at the home of Ray & Mary Haslebacher. They are located at 6992 74th Ave. NE, Salem. Phone (503) 393-5228. We've included a map, too.

Hope to see you all there and the committee hopes you all have a terrific time.

Your picnic committee..... Gerry Silver, Joyce Winters and Kathy Bennett



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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!

2003 Elected Officers

- President: Jim Bennett 503-363-4974
- Vice President: Kit Leshk 503-393-9102
- Secretary: Kathy Bennett 503-363-4974
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- Advertising: Susan Appleby 503-391-4221
- Publications: Volunteer Needed
- Scrapbook/Historian: Volunteer Needed
- Hostesses: Joyce Winters
- Gerry Silver 503-
- Refreshments: Volunteer needed
- Coffee: Volunteer needed
- Stamps: Peg Townsend 503-364-9829
- Sunshine: Jennifer Ferrell 503-375-6268

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Member: Non-business - One (1) free ad per year or \$1.00/issue or \$8.00/year. (Business card size or 12 lines or 1/10 page).
 Non-member and members with a business - \$4.00/issue, \$35.00/year (10 issues), or \$17.50 for 1/2 year (5 issues). Same size regulations as above.

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Editor's Message

Hello to Everyone!

I hope everyone has rested up from our annual show. In my opinion it was another good one. Thanks again, Rob, for your dedication to making it all run so smoothly!

There are many great shows coming up, as well as our good weather for collecting. I hope many get out and get in some good collecting – or at least find some great deals at the shows!

And please be sure to send in field trip reports to be published in the Bulletin – share your travels & experiences with fellow member. We all want to know what you've been up to ☺

Janine Owens, WAMS Bulletin Editor
email: sunshynnn@attbi.com

p.s. My email address will be changing on 07/01. I have been advised that my new email address *should* be: sunshynnn@comcast.com. Mail sent to the email address above should be forwarded to the new address.

Tumblers Available

Tumblers are available for loan to members. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Byrne at 503.364.7190 or email tabyrne@juno.com.

Silversmith Classes Available

For more information about the current silversmithing class schedule and possible open shop times, contact Charmaine Mortimore at 503-304-0746

Did you know

... Amber becomes charged with electricity when it is rubbed briskly with a cloth, and attracts to itself small pieces of tissue paper and straw. This was well-known to Thales of Miletus, a Greek scientist of the 6th century B.C. and it was this that gave rise to its Greek name, ELECTRON, from which is derived the modern word "electricity". (Golden Spike News 5/03)

... Necklace – the word came into being about 1590, first simply indicating gold or silver braid. This braid was also known as lace, from the French word meaning wire or cord. The Ornamental braid was usually sewn on garments, but when it was decorated with precious gems and worn around the neck, it was called a necklace. (Golden Spike News 4/03 via Hygrader 3/03)

Upcoming NW Shows

June 2003 6 – 12pm-7pm 7 – 10am-6pm 8 – 10am-5pm	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club Puyallup, WA
June 2003 20 – 10am-6pm 21 – 10am-6pm 22 – 10am-5pm	Oregon Coast Agate Club Newport, OR
June 2003 26 – 9am-6pm 27 – 9am-6pm 28 – 9am-6pm 29 – 9am-4pm	Prineville Rockhound Show & Pow Wow Prineville, OR
July 2003 2 nd – 6 th	Rockhound Pow Wow Club of American Madras, OR
July 2003 3 rd – 6 th	Sisters Roundup of Gems Sisters, OR
July 2003 11 – 10am-6pm 12 – 10am-6pm 13 – 10am-5pm	Portland Bead Renaissance Show Portland, OR
August 2003 1 – 10am-6pm 2 – 10am-6pm 3 – 10am-5pm	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club Pasco, WA
August 2003 2 nd – 3 rd	Far West Gem & Craft Show Coos Bay, OR
August 2003 8 th – 10 th	Seaside Gem Show Seaside, OR
August 2003 9 – 10am-5pm 10 – 10am-5pm 11 – 10am-4pm	Annual Gem & Mineral Show Lakeview, OR
August 2003 15 th – 17 th	McMinnville, OR
August 30 th – Sept 1	Willamette Valley Gem Show Canby, OR

Minutes from May Meeting

-- submitted by Kathy Bennett

7 PM Welcome to all including guests -having guests stand and introduce themselves.

The program was Rocks of the Pacific Crest Trail by Lyle Ang.

Show and tell of rocks with the letter E; next month will be F.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:10PM by president Jim Bennett.

Gene Gangle had a heart attack and was in the hospital in Portland. He was having a stint put in. His wife is having a hip replacement. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Gene should be out in a couple of days. Be sure to take it easy, Gene.

Secretary's report was in the newsletter. It was accepted as printed.

Treasurer's report was given by Janice and accepted as read.

Motion was passed to transfer \$1500 from the show fund to the general fund.

The members at large were asked to get with Janice and do an audit by next meeting.

Show report was done by Rob. A big thank you to all that helped with the show.

Field trip reports were printed in the newsletter.

Federation report – Gerry has a packet in case anyone wants to go the show.

Oregon Council Report – Gerry is asking that we get a new volunteer.

Publicity report – Jodee is asking that we get another volunteer.

Newsletter report – Janine thanked Susan Appleby for doing the last newsletter. Keep sending new articles.

Old Business- More discussion on the door to the trailer. No resolution yet. We have over \$1000 in the trailer fund to do it.

Theresa Byrne has club tumblers that members can check out to use.

Be sure to bring your newspapers to the senior center. They turn them in for cash.

Still room in the silver and lapidary classes. See Don Miller or Ted Silver. The 12th of May there will be a demonstration on how to make silver chains.

New Business- the club needs volunteers for the following –

Summer picnic- Three Musketeers – Joyce, Gerry & Kathy will do again. The picnic will be August 2, 2003 at Mary's house again. Thanks Mary.

Organize the Juniors program – we may have a volunteer (or two)

Coffee maker- Someone needs to rescue Ted (any takers?)

Library – Jack Cole

Scrapbook/Historian – Bob Harris

Refreshments- Thanks to Archie, Susan, Janice & Brenda. Next month volunteers are Archie & Judy

Program next month – Phil Oakley on Chinese carvings.

Voted to pay the bills.

George asked if we wanted to do the State Fair again and the club said yes.

Meeting was adjourned and door prizes and trailer fund drawings were held. (WE GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS)

June Program

-- submitted by Phil Oakley

Chinese Carvings

- "Short" history of some 9000 years of Chinese carving
- Discussion of present conditions
- Some personal experiences
- Examples of Neolithic to contemporary

Please join us at the June meeting to enjoy the presentation by Phil.

Minutes from May Board of Directors Meeting

-- submitted by Kathy Bennett

Attending: Rob, Jim, Gerry, Kit, Jodee, Janice, Janine, Aaron, Don Esch & Kathy

Members held a lot of discussion regarding the show. Aaron had an idea on advertising. Are the newspaper ads worth the money? Would it be better spent on mailing lists instead? Maybe have a door prize drawing every day and get the names off entries for the door prize? Also look harder for free advertising. Jodee will again work with the publicity and will get a subcommittee to help her. We need to rework the flier. Take off the term "donation" and replace it with "admission". The board wants to proof it next year before printing.

Problems with the dealers were discussed and possible changes will be made to the contract. Mary will rewrite it and bring back to the board.

Next board meeting will be June 16th at the Senior Center.

Discussion on how to contact schools for the show. Kit has authority to change how he contacts.

Discussed display cases. Jim will try to contact someone for an estimate. He needs a sample case to show. Would like to start getting more cases and eventually replace a lot that we have.

Discussed trailer door and decided to have it replaced. Have bid and will pay from the trailer fund and self-insurance fund. Will need to have a work party to get this done.

Summer picnic has a budget of \$150 cash and access to other prizes for the function. Will again provide the chicken. Will have 3 games of Rocky Bingo, plus other games and prizes.

Four new members were voted in.

The Board is going to go over the standing rules and bylaws and make suggestions for changes.

AFMS News

www.amfed.org

Uniform Rules Now on the Web

-- Marty Hart and Jim Hurlbut

They've been a long time coming, but we are pleased to announce that you can now obtain the latest AFMS Uniform Rules with the click of a mouse.

The file is posted in pdf format and you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader in order to obtain the rules. Acrobat Reader is a free program found on most computers...or you can download it from Adobe (www.Adobe.com) at no charge. All 99 pages of the rules book are there and take only a few seconds to download, even with a "dial-up" connection. Once downloaded onto your computer you can print out the rules with ease.

To obtain your copy, visit the AFMS website <www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm>. If you don't have access to the internet or just wish to purchase either the entire rules set or 2003 updates, contact your regional federation supplies chairperson. The cost is nominal.

NFMS News

www.amfed.org/nfms

Field Trip Invitation to All NFMS Members

Where: Rock & Arrowhead Club sunstone claim near Plush, Oregon

When: June 14th & 15th (Saturday and Sunday)

Duration: Stay one day or overnight. A club member will be on site until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. There are no services at the claim.

Hosted by: Rock & Arrowhead Club of Klamath Falls

Minerals to be found: Schiller (copper) sunstones from the Club's claim. All other colored sunstones available at the Dust Devil mine (fee dig mine about 5 miles away from the club claim) & BLM Public Claim about 3 miles from the Club's claim.

Difficulty of dig: If you can bend over and touch your toes you will collect sunstones. No digging, no climbing, no kidding!

How to get there: The host club will meet at the Big R Farm Supply Store (6225 S. 6th Street) in Klamath Falls at 7:00 a.m. on June 14th to guide guests to the claim. A second stop will be made in Lakeview at the fairgrounds to allow for last minute shopping, gas-up and to meet up with other guests. The claim is about 3 and a half hours from Klamath Falls, 1 and a half hours from Lakeview. The last 30 miles of the trip are on an improved dirt road.

Please contact one of the following for specifics:

Garwin Carlson
541.882.8276

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What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting

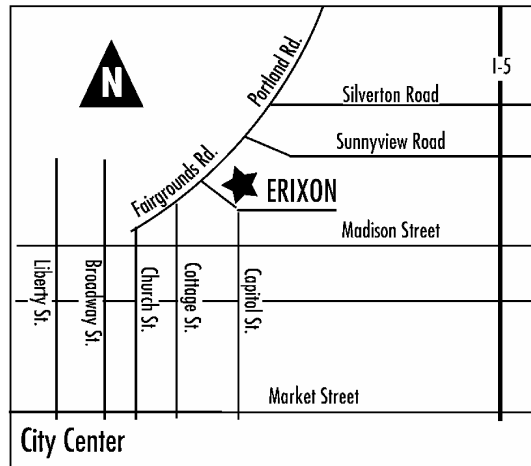
Thursday
June 5 – 7:00 p.m.
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

June Program

Chinese Carvings – Phil Oakley

June Show and Tell

Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letter
'F' for Show & Tell



Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon



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