



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

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Field Trip Information

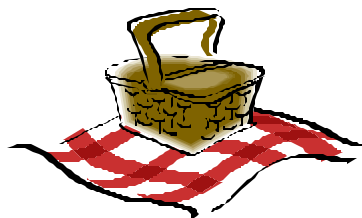
- submitted by Joe Van Cura

The September Field Trip will be to the Owyhee area for agate, picture jasper, and thundereggs. All trips will be leaving from the Succor Creek campground. The first trip will be leaving Saturday, September 20th for either Graveyard Point or Rocky Butte. Sunday will be to the other area and Monday will be for thundereggs. Tuesday can be for whatever we want to do. There is a lot of public land around with agate, jasper, and petrified wood as float. Someone may even find a seam worth attacking. Janice and I will be leaving sometime on Tuesday, but you may stay longer if you wish. Some people have talked about maybe stopping at Glass Buttes on the way back.

I must ask that everyone who is going to RSVP to me. This is a remote area and we don't want anyone lost or broke down without us looking for them. The Succor Creek campground has several sites and a turn around for trailers, but no water, so bring plenty! There is alternate camping outside of Homedale, Idaho. If you choose to camp there let me know and make sure you leave early enough in the morning to be at Succor Creek before we head out. Hope to see lots of you there. If you have any question please contact me at 541-753-2401.

NW Federation Show?

The Task Force set up to investigate the possibility of WAMS hosting a Northwest Federation Show has completed their research and will be presenting their report at the September meeting. After the report the club members will be asked to vote on the proposal to host the 2005 show. Please attend the meeting so that we can have a complete discussion of this information and the Club can make an informed decision, and one that is voted on by as many people as possible.



Annual Picnic Fun

- submitted by Susan Appleby

Thanks to Mary and Ray Haslebacher for hosting this year's annual picnic. Don't know the final count on attendance, but a lot of members showed up. There were several members who brought rock along to sell/trade which always make a rockhounding gathering a bit more interesting.

A special thanks also goes to Geri Silver, Kathy Bennett and Joyce Winters who organized the event. It was a good chance to catch up on others summer trips and experiences. There was plenty of food as usual, fried chicken - plus all the salads and deserts anyone could want. After lunch most everyone joined in for three games of "Rocky" Bingo. The final Black-out game being won by Janine brought her a nice specimen of labradorite (a nice addition to anyone's collection).

Throughout the day there were also drawings for rock prizes and fun prizes - which were just that. Some rocks were painted multicolored, others were painted like animals (a lot of effort on the organizers part) travel bags, and other miscellaneous fun items. Another great picnic for WAMS.

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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

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Editor's Message

Hello, Rockhounds!

It was great to see many of you at the Annual Picnic in August.

Zachary and I had a grand time and caught up with quite a few of you. Many, many thumbs up to Kathy Bennett, Gerry Silver, and Joyce Winters for all of the work they do to ensure that the members have these great social events! It is a lot of work to organize the prizes, games, food, location, etc. Be sure to show your appreciation to them at the next meeting. You'll recognize Joyce & Gerry as the two lovely ladies who usually take up residency right at the front door to greet ya & give you tickets to win doorprizes. And, Kathy will be the Secretary who's doing the REAL work at the meetings (taking minutes & keeping us legal) up at the officer's table.

And, yes, that lovely labradorite specimen decided to go home with me from the picnic – great prize for the Rocky Bingo blackout! ☺

End of summer is approaching, and the kids are all getting ready to head back to school. Though the weather gets a bit more unpredictable, it is still a wonderful time to get out and get collecting. Be safe!

See you at the September meeting!

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AFMS News

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Rockhound Sticker Recognized by CFMS

- Richard Pankey, CFMS Publicity/Public Relations Committee

At the November 2002 Directors' meeting in Visalia, CA, the Directors of CFMS voted to adopt the Rockhound Sticker and design as the "official" recognized symbol for rockhounding. This sticker was developed and introduced by the Publicity/Public Relations Committee at the CFMS and AFMS Shows last July. To date close to 13,000 stickers have been sold throughout the US and Canada.

We hope that all CFMS member societies will also support the Rockhound Sticker program. The Rockhound Sticker is an easy way to identify oneself to others as a rockhound. It provides an easy way to recognize other rockhounds. The sticker not only promotes and publicizes rockhounding, it is a service to rockhounds to facilitate meeting one another. The sticker is an identifier for club members as well as unaffiliated rockhounds. It lets everyone know you are interested in collecting rocks, minerals, or fossils and you are willing to discuss collecting, to share rockhounding experiences and to help other rockhounds. It tells others that you are a rockhound friend.

Many clubs have already purchased stickers to give or sell to their members. Several clubs will be using them as case favors at their shows. Now is the time to order stickers for your club so everyone can have them for the upcoming field trip season.

The stickers sell for 50 cents each for 1 to 59 stickers (minimum order - 10 stickers) or 30 cents each for quantities of 100 or more; price includes postage and handling.

Frank Mullaney, the CFMS / AFMS badge chairman is handling sales of the stickers and he will accept checks or credit cards. When ordering make check payable to: ROCKY FIVE. To order stickers, contact:

Frank Mullaney
5705 Begonia Dr.
San Jose, CA 95124-6535
Ph.: 408-266-1791
E-mail: rockyfiv@aol.com

Proceeds from the sale of the stickers are donated to the AFMS and CFMS Scholarship Foundations.

Promote rockhounding. Proudly display your Rockhound Sticker.

Upcoming NW Shows

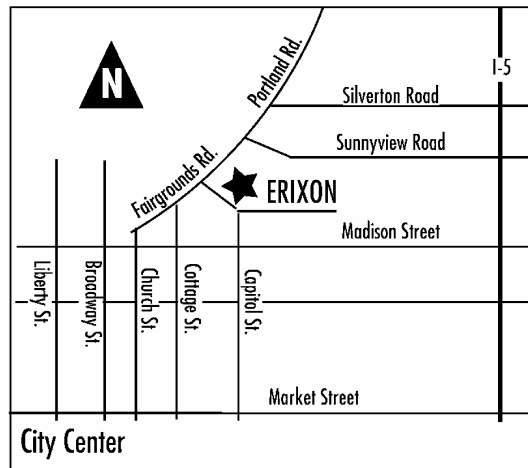
September 2003 20 – 10am-6pm 21– 10am-4pm	FarWest Lapidary & Gem Society Coos Bay, OR
September 2003 20 – 10am-9pm 21 – 11am-6pm	NFMS Club Show Walla Walla, WA
September 2003 20– 10am-6pm 21 – 10am-4pm	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society Castle Rock, WA
October 2003 3 rd – 5 th	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Hillsboro, OR
October 2003 11 – 10am-6pm 12 – 10am-4pm	Northwest Opal Association Tukwila, WA

What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting
Thursday
September 4 – 7:00 p.m.
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

September Program
Jasper – Aaron Carrier

September Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letter
'G' for Show & Tell



Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon



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