



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

January, 2004

WAMS Concludes 2003 with Holiday Social

- submitted by Janine Owens

Our hats are off to the divine ladies of our Social Committee – Kathy Bennett, Gerry Silver, and Joyce Winters – for a really well-organized and fun affair to celebrate the season!

WAMS members gathered at the Lum-Yuen restaurant on Portland Road for an evening of socializing, fun, and a great buffet dinner on December 13th. All members left with at least one free raffle prize, and some lucky members left with two!



Rob Leedy gives the event a 'thumbs up'

The evening also signified the end of the 2003 year term for the elected officers of WAMS. Outgoing officers were Jim Bennett (President), Kathy Bennett (Secretary), Janice Van Cura (Treasurer), Don Townsend (Federation Director), Chuck Hunt, Don Esch, and Jodee Leshk (Members at Large), and Rob

Leedy (Board Chair). Please be sure to thank them for a job well done for their hard work in 2003!

Your elected officers for 2004 are Aaron Currier (President), Kit Leshk (Vice President), Chuck Hunt (Secretary), Linda Groah (Treasurer), Susan Robertson and Gerry Lundeen (Federation Directors), Don Miller, Tom Robertson, and Archie Jahnke (Members at Large). Past President Jim Bennett, Bulletin Editor Janine Owens, and the 2004 Show Chair will participate with the above officers to complete the Executive Board.



WAMS Officers for 2004

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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!

2004 Elected Officers

- President: Aaron Currier 503-393-2055
- Vice President: Kit Leshk 503-393-9102
- Secretary: Chuck Hunt 503-304-3886
- Treasurer: Linda Groah 503-873-6930
- Federation Directors: Gerry Lundeen 503-364-6487
Susan Robertson 503-363-9678
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- Show Chair: Rob Leedy 503-371-6421
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- Juniors: Jennifer Ferrell 503-581-6970
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- Publications: Jack Cole 503-463-6441
- Scrapbook/Historian: Bob Harrison 503-364-2288
- Hostesses: Joyce Winters 503-364-5233
Gerry Silver 503-585-2559
- Refreshments: **Volunteer needed**
- Coffee: **Volunteer needed**
- Stamps: Peg Townsend 503-364-9829
- Sunshine: Jennifer Ferrell 503-581-6970

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Editor's Message

Happy New Year to All! I want to first of all thank Kathy Bennett, Gerry Silver, and Joyce Winters for undertaking the organization and

planning for our 2003 Holiday Social. I had a wonderful time, and was pleased to be able to attend. I know that these ladies have expressed a thought or two about finding someone else to take on this project, but maybe (maybe?) if we make sure to let them know what a great job they are doing they'll give it another whirl! ☺

Another big thanks to the outgoing elected officers that served WAMS for 2003. You all contributed your time, energy, and ideas to making this past year very successful for our group.

And, welcome to our new group of elected officers who have volunteered to do the same for 2004! It is always fun to have new (and old!) personalities working together and fresh ideas to put into action. Let's see what we can accomplish this next year to benefit WAMS.

See you at the January meeting (on Elvis' birthday) ☺

Janine Owens, WAMS Bulletin Editor
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A Call for Volunteers ...

A task force is being assembled to organize a new "Memorial Display Case" that will debut at our next annual show in April. This case will be dedicated to the memory of WAMS members who have passed away. The task force will work with the families of our past members to seek donations of perhaps a favorite specimen or display piece that can be displayed in the memorial case. If you are interested in chairing this task force, please contact one of the Members at Large (see page 2 of the newsletter for a current listing). Step up and help honor those who have contributed to WAMS and rockhounding!

QUARTZ CRYSTALS - 2 lg clusters at 75-100 lbs each, about 23"L X 21"W X 9"H on each, nice sized crystals, good clarity. One purchased for \$3000, selling for \$1500 and the other for \$2500, selling for \$1250 or both for \$2500 or make a reasonable offer - Keizer, (503) 463-5545 - lv msg.

President's Message

Hello everyone,

I hope all of you had a fun holiday season full of rock-related gifts and giving... I did. It's been a year now since I've been on the Executive Board and two since I was president. I'm looking forward to this third year before Kit moves up to be president next year. It should be a fun time as we begin the planning for the 2005 Northwest Federation Show at the same time we're putting together our River of Gems Show this April... yep folks, it's only about 4 months away, can you believe it? We will be organizing the show a little differently this year in practice for the NFMS show later. We will be looking for more members to step up and get involved as many of the members who have worked closely with our show will be focused on the NFMS show. I would also like to find someone to help plan our meeting programs... unless you want to learn about fossils every month... since that's my primary interest. So far, though, we plan to have a NFMS slide show for January, a demonstration on soap stone carving for February, and a talk on display cases for March. There has been interest in talks on Opal, as well as gemstones... so we need to find someone who would like to talk about those topics. Thanks to everyone who agreed to take an executive position this year. It's going to be fun working with so many past board members who will have fresh ideas... you can look forward to a very productive and educational year. I'm looking forward to more group field trips this year too... even though I may have to go a different direction to find fossils. Happy hunting, cutting, polishing, grinding, faceting, knapping, and learning in 2004. See you at the January meeting... the 8th, remember?

Regards,
Aaron Currier, President

NW Federation Show Report

-- submitted by Janice Van Cura

We have established a date and location. The show will be the first weekend in August 2005 at the Linn County Fair and Expo. We still need volunteers for some areas to plan the show. In particular, we are looking for someone who is interested in helping coordinate displays and registrations at this time. We will need other people as the show gets closer. I have scheduled a planning meeting for the committee on January 21st at 7:00 at the Senior Center for everyone that has signed up to help in a given area or is interested in helping on the show.

Thank you for all of your support.

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Following a long-standing tradition, member George Goetzelman swore in the 2004 WAMS officers.



George Goetzelman congratulates 2004 Officers

The Holiday Social is also the event during which members receive awards and recognition for several categories for the past year. This year's award recipients were:

Lifetime Achievement Award - In recognition of more than twenty years of continued dedication to the support and promotion of WAMS. Nominees: Gene Gangle, Tom Robertson, Leonard & Muriel Watkins, Lucille Sams.

Awarded to: Lucille Sams

Horizon Award - In recognition of the Junior Member of WAMS for support of the club and who most shows promise to be a lifelong rockhound. Nominees: Joe Lockwood, Victoria Standley.

Awarded to: Victoria Standley

New Member of the Year Award - In recognition of the new member of WAMS who has most shown enthusiasm and dedication toward supporting the club and promoting the hobby of rockhounding. Nominees: All first year members.

Awarded to: Margaret Ball

Field Trip Achievement Award - In recognition of the Member of WAMS who has gone above and beyond normal activity to collect a rock, gem, or mineral during a sanctioned field trip. Nominees: The Townsends & Myrna Gardner for their appearance at Ashwood, Bill Jacobi for not only participating in most of the long distance field trips but doing so feeling under the weather, Sonia Kleiner for her (we'll call it) compassion for searching out that one last special find, Barry & Denice Ward from Lincoln City who drove all the way to the Ochoco's and Succor Creek.

Awarded to: Sonia Kleiner

Program of the Year Award - In appreciation of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who provided the most entertaining program at a general meeting. Nominees: Phil Oakley on carvings, Tom Robertson on jaspers, Don Esch on beach combing, Lyle Ang on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Awarded to: Lyle Ang

Multifarious Award - In recognition of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who was most resourceful, creative, and multifarious with the use of "letters of the "alphabet/colors" for show and tell. Nominees: Rob Leedy, Susan Appleby, Ted Silver, Jennifer Ferrell

Awarded to: Rob Leedy

Community Awareness Award - In appreciation of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who most provided information to membership regarding important issues affecting the hobby of rockhounding. Nominees: Gerry Lundeen, for his efforts with relaying news and information from the Northwest Federation meetings.

Awarded to: Gerry Lundeen

Excellence in Education Award - In appreciation of the member of WAMS who has most supported the education of children toward the sciences and hobby of rockhounding. Nominees: George Goetzelman, for his efforts at State Fair visiting with their families, and signing up schools for our show, and helping at the show; Kit Leshk, for his efforts at the show helping to coordinate all the visiting school children, expanded the school listing; Rob Leedy, for organizing more events like the treasure hunt and delivering boxes of rocks to schools for kids; Jennifer Ferrell, for stepping up to lead the Juniors Club.

Awarded to: Jennifer Ferrell

Inspirational Rockhound of the Year Award - In recognition of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who most promoted the hobby of rockhounding. Nominees: Everyone who collected rocks, led field trips to collect rocks, and/or taught members about rock collecting, lapidary, and identification; Don Miller, teaching silversmithing, knapping, rock sales, and overall generosity; Chuck Forsyth, teaching silversmithing; Charmaine Mortimore, teaching silversmithing; Ted Silver, teaching lapidary classes, rock sales, and field trips; Gene Gangle, teaching lapidary classes and adjudication; Rob Leedy, for his efforts with the show, field trips, and rock sales; Joe VanCura, for organizing and attending field trips, show, rock sales.

Awarded to: Don Miller

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Don Miller, recipient of the Inspirational Rockhound of the Year Award, and Mary

WAMS Member of the Year - In recognition of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who most promoted the club. Qualifications: Everyone who is a standing member of WAMS. Nominees: (chosen by the membership) Janice Van Cura, Joe Van Cura, Kit Leshk, Tom Robertson, George Goetzelman, Rob Leedy, Don Miller, Joyce Winters, Chris Wissinger, Kathy Bennett, Rudy and Susan Appleby, Aaron Currier, Ted Silver, and Ted and Gerry Silver.

Awarded to: Ted Silver



Ted Silver, recipient of the Member of the Year award

Lodging Information for January Field Trip to Newport

- submitted by Janine Owens

Are you planning to join club members on the weekend of January 17-18 to comb the beach for agates & fossils? If so, you may be interested in making reservations at the Waves Motel. Our group has stayed there before; the rooms are affordable, clean, and comfortable, and I understand they have recently renovated quite a few of the rooms. The Waves Motel is located at 820 N.W. Coast Street; their toll-free reservation line is 800-282-6993. The managers, Mike & Michele Zuege, have offered discounted rates of \$89 for two nights, or a one-night rate of \$48-\$58, depending on the view. Make your reservations now, and put that weekend on your calendar for a fun trip that many of us look forward to each year!

Note: David Sellers reports that the gravel bar at Moolack is exposed and the collecting is very good right now. He found a good handful of agates and fossil bones in a recent quick visit. Thanks, David ☺



Cool Websites

- submitted by Susan Appleby

Link to just about anything you need to

know about rocks:

<http://www.gembiz.com/ccrmc/links-3.htm>

Need information on paleontology? Fossil News is a bi-monthly publication which has extensive links to other sites: <http://www.fossilnews.com/>

Interested in faceting - a wealth of information for beginners and experts alike:

<http://www.usfacetersguild.org/>

Colored-Stone website has information on upcoming Tucson show, resource guide and many articles to read in their archives: <http://www.colored-stone.com/>

Information and educational services to everyone interested in gemstones: <http://www.gemsociety.org/>

and I'm sure I've mentioned this one before - but an outstanding resource for all rockhound interests:

<http://www.rockhounds.com/>

Field Trip Report

-- submitted by Joe Van Cura

The January field trip to the coast will take place on the 17th and 18th. Arrangements have been made with the Waves Motel (800.282.6993) for lodging (see the article on page 5). There is also camping at South Beach Campground. High tide is at 7:17 A.M. If we meet at Lost Creek around 9:00, we should be able to follow the tide out.

Rob and I would like your input as to the type of field trips you are interested in. Should we have more one-day trips, weekend trips, or even a week long trip out of state? If anyone is interested in leading a trip please contact either Rob or myself. If there is a particular place you would like to go please let us know. At this time the only trip we have scheduled besides the coast trip is a return to McDermitt in September.

Silversmithing Class Update

-- submitted by Jodee Leshk

The silversmithing class is going great with Ted and Charmaine instructing. There is a rumor that Charmaine might be teaching some different silversmithing techniques and styles through the coming year; stay tuned for updates. The members of the silversmithing class are doing some interesting projects. For those that are interested, the class is held on Monday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. We hope that more members will join us or at least come and see what we are working on and lend their encouragement. The chain making class was great. Several people have expressed an interest in making earrings, so we are now adding another class: EARRINGS. We are dedicating the month of January to designing and making earrings. We will start with simple patterns and work toward the more complex ones. Anyone who is interested should show up on Monday night class.

Hope everyone had a great New Year!

Lapidary/Senior Center Update

-- submitted by Ted Silver

Happy New Year to all; hope you had a wonderful Christmas. As the new year unfolds and new rock hounding opportunities beckon, remember the lapidary shop is open evenings except Friday, 6:30 till 9:30 p.m. (or 6:00 p.m., if you prefer). Please call the respective supervisor for the night you would like to be sure they will be there. Jennifer Ferrell on Monday, Ted Silver on Tuesday, Gene Gangle on Wednesday, and last but certainly not least, Jack Cole on Thursday. If no answer call me. 503 585 2559. Gene and I are

planning on classes beginning with the new year so give one of us a call. You'll have fun! Just ask anybody who has taken the class.

Jewelry lab is open on Monday nights for basic classes and chainmaking (and more!) Charmaine and Jody will probably have more on that.

We need your newspapers!! I finally have two receptacles placed in the main lobby for newspapers. Proceeds from the newspaper recycling go direct to the operating expenses of the Center and help us keep the lab fees down. Thanx.

Minutes from November 6th Meeting

-- submitted by Kathy Bennett

Welcome to our visitors.

See Archie at the break if you need a name tag.

Don Esch gave a talk on collecting beach rock and Aaron added regarding fossils.

Sign up for the Holiday Social at the break if you have not already done so.

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I" rocks for the show and tell.

Break.

Business Meeting

Secretary's report was in the newsletter and accepted as written.

Janice gave the Treasurers report and it was accepted. Bills were read and voted to pay them.

No field trips are planned for this month.

Nothing new from the Federation report.

Rob had nothing new for the show report.

Newsletter- Janine said keep on sending in the articles. If you are not getting a newsletter contact Janine.

Kit read the nominations for next year's positions. They were: President-Aaron Currier; Vice President-Kit Leshk; Secretary-Chuck Hunt; Treasurer-Linda Groh, Rules & Awards- Ted Silver; Members at Large Don Miller, Tom Robertson and Archie Jahnke and Susan Robertson -Federation Director. There were no additional nominations and they were voted in to those positions.

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Remember to give your stamps to Peg. She has a big bag to carry them all.

Sunshine Report- Muriel Watkins had surgery yesterday.

Thanks to everyone who brought goodies.

The January meeting will be held on the second Thursday of January (the 8th) Ted Silver will be checking with the Senior Center to see if this is ok.

Adjudication will be next April. Get working on your cabs.

Aaron has more of the Oregon Fossil books available for sale.

There are openings in the lapidary class. See Ted or Gene.

We received a thank you from the prospectors club for donations of rock from club members.

The Christmas Dinner will be held December 13th at Lum-Yuen. This is our December meeting. Hope to see you all there. The price for dinner is \$10 for members.

The meeting was closed and raffle drawings were held.

Minutes from November 17 Board Meeting

- submitted by Kathy Bennett

Motion was made to buy member of the year plaque and was accepted.

Question came up about display cases. The board had approved 10 new cases this year and to replace 10 next year. We are looking for someone to make them. They will get the correct specifications for ours and contact some people for a bid to make them.

There was discussion about our 2004 show. Kit is going to rework the door prize display case for the April show.

We had two membership applications that were approved.

There is a 75 pound vibrating polisher for sale for \$400. Discussion on if we should buy it.

Discussion regarding dealers. There is one opening. It was voted to offer the opening to West Coast, Earth

Treasures or Colonial Knit Shop in that order.

December 8, 2003 will be the next board meeting.

BLM Rock Collecting Guide

-- submitted by Ken Leith

The following is an excerpt from the Bureau of Land Management's official "Rock Collecting Guide" for Oregon & Washington. The entire guide can be found in it's entirety on the BLM website at the following web-site link:

<http://www.or.blm.gov/Resources/Minerals/collecting/collectingguide.pdf>

COLLECTING LIMITS & PERMITS: You can collect a reasonable amount of rocks and minerals from BLM lands, but a permit or fee may be needed if you exceed certain amounts as described below. Note that the collecting limits for petrified wood are slightly different.

<p><u>A Reasonable Daily Collecting Amount</u> - fits into the trunk of a car or, - is a partial pickup truck load and, - weighs less than 250 lbs., - and the material is for non-commercial use. (For petrified wood, see below)</p>	<p>No BLM permit or fee is required.</p>
<p><u>More Than a Reasonable Daily Collecting Amount</u> - is a full pickup truck load or, - involves more than one trip (or partial load) and, - weighs more than 250 lbs., - or the material is for commercial use, - or explosives or power equipment is used. (For petrified wood, see below)</p>	<p>Requires a permit and fee from BLM.</p>

. PETRIFIED WOOD: Collecting petrified wood is free up to 25 pounds per day, plus one piece, but no more than 250 pounds per year. Pooling of quotas among two or more people to obtain pieces over 250 pounds is prohibited. A permit is needed for amounts over these limits.

. REMAINS, ARTIFACTS, AND FOSSILS: The excavation, collection or destruction of any human remains and archaeological or historical materials located on federal land is illegal and prohibited by federal and state laws. This includes skeletal materials, arrowheads, flakes, pottery or potsherds, mats, rock art, old bottles, and pieces of equipment or buildings. Any human remains should be left intact and reported to federal or state authorities immediately. A permit is needed for collecting vertebrate fossils, but not for common invertebrate fossils.

What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting

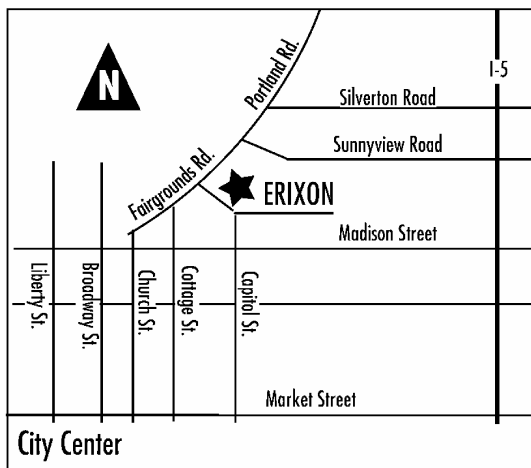
Thursday
January 8 – 7:00 p.m.
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

January Program

To be Announced – Organized by Aaron Currier

January Show and Tell

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



Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon



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