



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

November, 2005

WAMS Holiday Social

- submitted by Linda Groah

The WAMS Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 11, from 4-7 PM at the Senior Center. The dinner will be catered and the menu includes glazed ham, lemon chicken, green salad, scalloped potatoes, rolls and butter, assorted desserts, and punch or coffee.

As in the past, the club will help defray the cost for members, so club members will pay \$11 for dinner, while any guests you bring will pay \$16. All ages are invited. While the cost may seem high, that is because the Senior Center must charge (and they are giving us a really reduced rate) for our use. But when we met at a restaurant last year, it was crowded, so we are trying this venue to have enough room for all 227 members and their guests!

In addition, there will be music (courtesy of Joe Start's bluegrass trio), plus a game and several door prizes. Also, the new board members will be installed, and special awards will be given out.

Because the caterer (Annette's Westside Café) needs to know how many are coming before the big day, we need you to notify Linda by Wednesday, December 7. You may pay at the November 3 meeting (see Gerry Silver at the door), or send a check (made out to WAMS) to Linda ahead of time, or pay at the door when you come to the party.

You can sign up for the Christmas Party at the November 3 meeting, or send an e-mail to Linda Groah at dang_AT_ncn.com, or call her at 503-873-6930. (Editor's Note: A form is enclosed in this newsletter, for your convenience.)



2005 Annual Award Nominations

- submitted by Kit Leshk

It is getting close to the end of the year and it's time to consider nominations for the various yearly recognition awards and to consider whom to vote for the Outstanding Member (or Couple) of the Year. Enclosed in last month's newsletter was the "WAMS Annual Award Nominations - 2005" form. Please read through it, think about it for awhile, then, for each category, select a club member whom you think should receive the award. Return the form at the November meeting. A box to place the returned forms will be at the sign-in table.

2006 Membership Dues

- submitted by Ray Plummer

It's getting close to that time of the year when dues are going to be due. So this is just a friendly reminder. I would like to see all members have their dues paid by December 31, 2005 this year. Paying your dues by the December 31 deadline will ensure that you don't miss any issues of the newsletter, you will not lose membership continuity for eligibility for office or lifetime membership, and you won't have to re-apply to be voted in as a new member.

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W.A.M.S. ROCKHOUND RUMBLINGS



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 6:30 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 dues are due by December 31 for the following year. Anyone joining WAMS between January and June pay the full amount. Anyone joining WAMS between July and December pay half the amount. Potential new members are encouraged to attend three meetings as a guest before completing and submitting an application.

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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2005 Elected Officers

President:	Kit Leshk 503-393-9102
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Coffee:	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
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Editor's Message

Hello Rockhounds,

Our November meeting is going to be a busy one! Remember to pay your dues and turn in your nominations for the annual awards at the November meeting.

As we're winding up the year for the club, I am also publishing my last newsletter as Editor. I have enjoyed the past few years, but I'm also ready to let someone else run with it, and I'm excited to see how it grows.

During my time as Editor, we have accomplished a lot within the club to advance the level of our communications and our visibility. I am proud to have participated in some of those areas. We secured an internet domain name for WAMS (www.wamsi.org). We developed a fantastic website; Susan Appleby does a terrific job to maintain the website and give it fresh content regularly. This newsletter is uploaded to the website each month prior to the meeting, and in two versions (.pdf and plain text). We created a membership database; Ray Plummer does an excellent job to keep that list up-to-date, and routinely sends the updated version to me for group emailing and production of the labels for the newsletter. These efforts ensure that our club members don't miss their newsletters, and have an online resource to find out what's happening within our club. And with 235 current members, that's a good thing!

I wish to thank those that have helped me along the way during my stint as Editor. I can't name everyone who submitted an article, but they were all very much appreciated! I do wish to give a public round of applause to Susan Appleby, who has submitted more than her fair share of material for the newsletter. Susan has consistently provided me with little (and sometimes big!) articles now and then that have been lifesavers. She also keeps the Upcoming Shows link on the website current, and I use that information for the newsletter. I also wish to thank my son, Zachary, who has assisted me more times than you know with labeling and stamping. He's been Mom's helper in a big way ☺

I ask WAMS members to help your new Editor by providing articles and submissions, and to submit them timely. Every little bit helps!

And, I wish the new Editor best of luck and lots of fun with Rockhound Rumbblings! I am here to help get you started and assist in any way I can.

Janine Owens
Editor, Rockhound Rumbblings

President's Message

Hello Fellow Members,

I can't believe it's already November. The year has gone by so fast. I looked back at my previous President's Messages and decided to answer some of the questions that I asked in my January message which were: "... Well, it's a new year and it's time to think about your 2005 rockhound adventures. What will they be? Dusting off some of that equipment and starting a new project? Maybe getting that piece of equipment that you have been thinking about for so long? Going on some rock hunting trips?..." Well, I didn't exactly "dust off my equipment" but I sure did use them a lot. I cut a lot of thundereggs and slabbed a lot of rock. I worked on and finished many cabochons (too many to count). I finally mastered the Richardson's high speed sander! I learned how to obtain a really good polish from my polishing wheel. I even got a new (used) piece of equipment this year. Oh, and I went on some rock hunting trips. All in all, it was a very busy, productive, and fun year. I hope everyone else had a lot of the same experiences.

To go along with my questions in my January message, I also stated: "*Perhaps it's volunteering for a committee position or to help out in some other way*". Well, WAMS undertook and accomplished a lot this year. Some were: 40 new display cases were made. We put on our annual River of Gems show in Rickreall in April. We sponsored and put on the Federation Show in Albany in August. How was this done and why were we so successful? Because of the many volunteers that filled committees and helped out to get things done. Thank you one and all.

Well, now down to business. The November meeting is a real important one. We will be electing new officers for the coming year. We will be voting on changing the bylaws. We also need the Annual Award Nominations form (included in last month's newsletter) turned in so we can announce the lucky recipients at the December dinner. Please plan on attending the November meeting and vote for your new officers, vote on the bylaw change, and let us know who you think should be recognized by turning in the Annual Award Nominations form.

See you all at the November meeting,

Kit Leshk, President



Upcoming NW Shows

November 4-6	Springfield Thunderegg and Rock Club Eugene, OR
November 11-13	Gem Faire Eugene, OR
November 12-13	Skagit Rock & Gem Club Sedro Woolley, WA
November 18-20	Gem Faire Portland, OR
January 25-29	QIA Pow-Wow Quartzsite, AZ

Rock Sale at November Meeting

- submitted by Theresa Byrne

Two members will be selling items at the November meeting. Look for Dexter Leonard selling minerals, and Bettie (Stearns) Christopherson with a variety of items.

Do you have extra rocks, slabs, lapidary equipment, etc., that you'd like to sell? WAMS allows members to sell these items at the monthly meetings. Previously, members were required to donate 10% of the proceeds to the club. However, the Board recently deleted this requirement. Members may now keep 100% of the proceeds. A maximum of three people will be allowed to sell items at a meeting, and each seller's items should all fit on one card table. Due to this restriction, registration is necessary. Please call Theresa Byrne at 503-364-7190 to register. First come, first served!

Who Gave Me \$6?

- submitted by Theresa Byrne

Someone gave me \$6 at the October meeting. Unfortunately, I didn't write down what it was for. Would that person who gave me the money please "remind" me who they are, and what the money was for.

ANNETTE'S WESTGATE CAFE

1311 EDGEWATER NW
SALEM, OR 97304
PH. 503-362-9588

1/2 OFF MEAL

Buy 1 meal and 2 drinks at menu price and get a 2nd meal of equal or lesser value for half price.

Not to be combined with other offers. Good with coupon only.
Limit 1 per family. Expires 11-30-05

What Does the Oregon Council Do?

- submitted by Dan Groah, WAMS Oregon Council Representative

Lately, WAMS members have been asking me "just what does the Oregon Council do"?

Probably the most important function of the Oregon Council is to be a watchdog of governmental legislation that has an adverse effect on the collecting part of rockhounding. The council itself can lobby a government agency or it can use the work of other organizations and funnel their results to the Oregon Council. As an example, at the last Oregon Council meeting in Hillsboro in October, Rod Becker, a member of the Oregon Public Lands Association reported on a couple of items on which his group was working. Rod reported that an easement into public lands in the coast range near Tillamook was blocked by a private company and the government wasn't doing anything to reopen this so the public could regain access to some gold prospect location. Another item Rod shared was the law that restricts public use of navigable rivers at high water marks. The controversy is just where is the high water mark? Rod said he is researching this and will report back to the Oregon Council.

On the federal level is the "America the Beautiful" bill that apparently passed Congress last year without even being read to the assembly. It was a small part of a 3000 page appropriations bill that was signed by the president. The gist of this bill is that it cancels the legislation that covers the Golden Age and Golden Access passes. Every adult would need a yearly pass to access federal public lands. This pass cost \$100. Apparently the feds have a least backpedaled the senior part, saying that seniors would only have to pay \$10. Groups have been protesting and agencies are listening. There will be copies of documents that I used to get this information on the head table at the November meeting. Also, there will be some copies of a form letter that you could use to write to a Congress person.

The Oregon Council oversees the display case in the Capitol Building in Salem. Because WAMS is the council club in Salem, the WAMS council representative has the responsibility of seeing to the case. The Mt. Hood club has a display in the case at this time. They will be going out in mid November and the Sweet Home club will be going into the case.

The Oregon Council also gives an award yearly at the Portland Regional Show for excellence in displaying Oregon materials.

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Every rock club in Oregon is eligible to send a member representative to the Oregon Council meeting which occurs about 3 times a year. Clubs that have more than 100 members can and should have two Oregon Council representatives. WAMS at this time has only one. All meetings are at rock and mineral shows which a lot of us go to anyway. This would be another way to be active in WAMS.

Senior Center News

- submitted by Ted Silver

You probably read about it in the newspaper and I can confirm there is a high probability of a new Salem Senior Center being built. The City of Salem is currently involved in a 90 day ‘period of discussion’ with a development group concerning the proposed development of the vacant block at the SW corner of Pine Street and Portland Road. The purpose of the discussion period is to bring involved parties together to discuss needs, wants, financing, possible conflicts, and basically to find out if it can be done. Right now it looks like it can happen and if it does the lapidary shop will probably be enlarged.

A committee representing the involved parties recently toured the Center looking at all the activities and services provided by the Center to determine the basic requirements and evaluate current and proposed programs. The lapidary shop was quite busy that day and the committee determined that ‘Wow, you guys need more room’. I and other program representatives met with the committee and I was given the opportunity to present some ideas. Walt Friday and I have for additional equipment and expanding interests for the lapidary community. We were told to not expect all the space we’d like but at least more space than we now have. It looks good!

Upcoming Senior Center Events

Holiday quilt raffle – Be sure to check out the beautiful holiday quilt being raffled off by the Sewing Club. Tickets are \$1.00 or six for \$5.00.

Poinsettia sale – Order sheets are available at the front counter. These are very nice plants delivered in time for the holidays (pick them up at the Center).

Tree and wreath auction – Annual fund raiser for Friends of the Center. Silent and oral auction of specially decorated trees and wreaths, as well as numerous raffle items. A really fun night. Hors d'oeuvres, too!

Help Column

- submitted by Ted Silver

Remember the ‘How You Can Help’ article I submitted a while back about saving pull tabs for kidney dialysis? Mark and Apryl Bucholz really took it to heart (or kidney). They collected a whopping 3 pounds of pull tabs. I don’t know exactly how the program works or how many minutes of dialysis each tab provides but three pounds of ‘em has to go a long way. Way to go, Mark and Apryl!

Lapidary Shop Hours

- submitted by Ted Silver

Just a reminder, the lapidary shop is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 till 9:00. Tuesday is reserved for open shop (any authorized WAMS member is welcome). Monday and Thursday nights are also open with the understanding that students will be given priority on most equipment. Having a busy and active shop helps us all to learn the concept of sharing, just as we would expect on open shop night, as well as sharing techniques and ideas. To avoid exceeding the shop limit of 5 persons it is a good idea to contact the respective supervisor before traveling to the Center.

Minutes from October 6 General Meeting

- submitted by Chuck Hunt

The meeting was called to order by President Kit Leshk. There were 94 members and guests! Show and Tell: This month’s rocks start with the letter “E”. There were excellent, exaggerated, and ergonomic, examples of minerals beginning with the letter “E”.

Program: Rudy Tschernich from the Rice Museum presented a very good and well-received program on Eastern Oregon Zeolites.

General business meeting began at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter (July and Sept.). Approved.

Treasure's Report: Motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Approved. Motion made and seconded to pay the bills. Approved.

Note of interest: The Rice Museum will have a sale Nov. 2-6. Shows coming up: The Springfield show coming up in Eugene Nov. 4th - 6th. Portland Gem Faire Nov. 18-20.

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Ray Plummer has compiled a CD of the Federation Show in Albany and it is available for \$1.00 each. It is very well put together and there are close to 1,000 pictures on it. Thanks Ray! It will cost about \$2.00 to mail it.

Janice VanCura has Federation pins from the show in Albany for \$2.00 each.

Break

8:10 p.m. Business meeting continues

Old Business:

Linda Groah advised that the Christmas dinner will be held Dec. 11 at the Senior Center from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. More details to follow.

We still need a volunteer to meet the school children on the Friday of our gem show in April. Ann Gasser has volunteered to take care of contacting the schools. Contact Kit Leshk if you can be there Friday and meet the school children.

WAMS has tumblers to loan if you are interested in tumbling some of those stones lying around your abode to see what they would look like polished. Contact Theresa Byrne.

New Business:

New members presented: Donna Stephens, June Brown, and Norman DeRoux. Motion made and seconded to accept the above as new members. Approved.

October is the month that is opened for nominations for officers in WAMS, who will be voted on at the November meeting and installed at the December dinner. WAMS is run by volunteers and now is the time to think about the different positions that need to be filled. Would you be interested in filing one of those positions? Talk to one of the Members at Large.

The Awards Nominations: The pink sheet that was in the October newsletter should be filled out and deposited in the box at the November meeting. The announcements will be made at the Christmas dinner.

Dues are due, and need to be paid by the end of December. Why wait? Please fill out the membership form that was in the October newsletter and attach your check and bring it to the November meeting!

We have a request to change our By-Laws: Article III Membership Section 1. Any person who has attained the age of (18) eighteen years is eligible to present his/her application

in person to the Society for adult membership. Application shall be approved by a vote of the Board and presented to the Society for acceptance. The underlined portion will be eliminated, so that the Board won't have to vote on the applicants and then another vote by the membership as well. This is a housekeeping change. This will be voted on at the November meeting.

Federation Report: Dexter Leonard advised nothing new.

Show: Chairman Rob Leedy advised that someone is needed to use the club's 40/50# tumbler (grit provided) to tumble some material. We use the tumbled material in our grab bags at the show as well as in the Treasure Hunt. See Rob Leedy if you can provide a temporary home for the tumbler.

Newsletter: Janine Owens says that we are still looking for a new editor and there is one possible volunteer.

Oregon Council: Dan Groah advised when you get a chance go to the Capitol building in Salem and take a look.

November Program: It is in the works. Suggestion: Invite one of the geologists that were at the Portland regional show to talk to the club. Also suggested was a presentation of the program on the CD that Ray Plummer put together of the Federation Show.

No program or meeting in December since that will be our dinner on the 11th of December.

Library and publications: The library was out and in use. We are still looking for a person to be in charge of retrieving the library and returning it to storage after the meeting.

Stamps: Save them to turn in at the next meeting. Leave about an inch around the stamp.

Sunshine Report: Gerry Silver reported that Vicky Miller-Johnson had surgery and a "get well" card was sent.

Field Trips: The Succor Creek trip has been postponed.

Show and Tell for November will be "F", like fish.

Thank you who brought refreshments. Refreshment for November will be Sonia and Nancy.

Adjudication: Two people volunteered material. Ted Silver advised that both pieces of material showed a high degree of effort and were judged very good.

Volunteer: Ted Silver will be sure that there is material for the door prizes next month.

Minutes from October 17 Executive Board Meeting

- submitted by Chuck Hunt

The meeting was called to order by the Board President Aaron Currier at 6:35 p.m. Members present Ray Plummer, Aaron Currier, Theresa Byrne, Kit Leshk, Rob Leedy, Tom Beaty, Dexter Leonard, Mary Haslebacher and Dan Groah. Absent were Jennifer Ferrell and Janine Owens. Guest Linda Groah.

First item of business:

Linda Groah explained the Christmas Dinner, catering, cost, etc. (cut off date to purchase tickets will be Dec. 7). Question: Do we want a Blue Grass Band? Joe Start and his group could play. Motion made and seconded to charge \$11.00 for each member and \$16.00 per non-member. The cost will include money for entertainment and door prizes and the club will pay \$5.00 for each member. Approved. Motion made and seconded to amend the above motion. The charge will be \$11.00 for each member and \$16.00 for each non-member and additional money for entertainment and door prizes will be absorbed by WAMS. Approved. Motion made and seconded: "In addition to cost of meal and facility this motion will included up to \$300.00 for decorations, door prizes and entertainment. Approved

Mary Haslebacher advised that for the 2006 Show there is a vacant space of 32 feet; all of the other dealers want 24 feet, but Rob Leedy would accept 32 feet if he was allowed. Motion made and seconded to offer vacant dealer space replicating Ray for Gems to Rob Leedy. Approved.

New Members: Motion made and seconded to recommend to the membership as new members Jeanne Read, Terry Myers, and Jaysa Nesbit. Approved

Changes in application form discussed.

Reminder Dues are Due!

Need a check-out book for WAMS library and a librarian.

Additionally need help for treasurer who never gets a break at the general meetings when everyone else gets one and she becomes inundated during the break.

Nominating committee discussed candidates for the November election.

There was a discussion about the club cases and storage at the Polk County Fairgrounds and the club plans to sell 16 or 17 cases.

Motion made and seconded to recommend approval to the society to approve the amendment for membership. Approved.

AFMS News

Can be viewed at www.amfed.org

NFMS News

Can be viewed at www.amfed.org/nfms/

What Editors 'Ate

By - Dolores Rose, SCRIBE RVP

It is deemed a bulletin editor's fate -

Current stories to locate,

Information to educate,

Pictures that will illustrate,

Recent news to relate,

Wow, all the data to accumulate!

Then I sit and type 'till it's way too late -

I'm not even sure that it's accurate,

With no problems to irritate,

No errors to exasperate.

One more mistake to eradicate,

I'm sure I'll hyperventilate!

Piles of copy that inundate -

A lack of help I anticipate,

Oh, to have an associate,

A worker who will help collate.

Cuz the members would miss the meeting date,

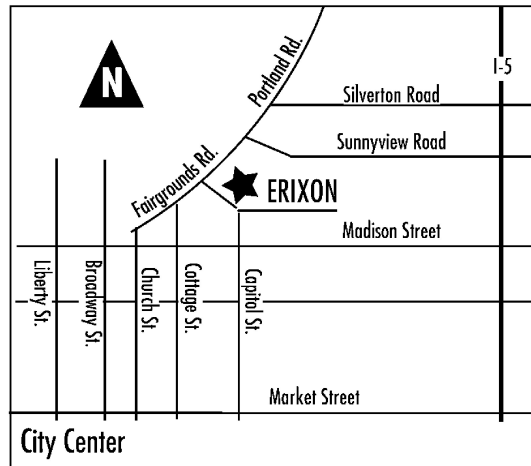
If the bulletin is mailed too late!

What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting
Thursday
November 3 – 6:30 p.m.
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

November Program
To Be Announced

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



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