



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

April 2006

51st Annual River of Gems Show

—submitted by Rob Leedy

Hey you all, you ready to rock at the 51st annual River of Gem's show? I will have sign up sheets at the April meeting. Please sign up for the time and place you would like to volunteer for the show. We are a club of more than two hundred members. We need you to make this show succeed. Remember, this is basically our clubs only fundraiser for the year! I ask all of you to please make a commitment of at least a half day of volunteering for the show. Especially, for break down at the end of the show. Please, if you sign up for a position at the show; treat it as if it was your job. Be on time and show up with a positive attitude!!!! Let's shine and show the public what playing with rock is all about.

We will be having spaghetti feed for every one at 6:30pm on Thursday the 13th of April. The club will provide spaghetti, bread, and drinks. If your last name begins with A thru K, please bring a salad, casserole, or any food fit for rock hounds to eat. If your last name begins with L to Z, bring a desert to die for {Susan Robertson must bring her to die for crepes}.

One final note, it's a sad one though. Always remember the one big down fall of being a true rock nut, is that there is no AA to solve any major problems from being a rock hound. So blame the person that got you started being a rock nut, and then punish them with a nasty law suit. From your fellow local rock nut

Field Trip Information

June - Bear Creek - Joe Van Cura

July - Succor Creek - Tom Robertson

Glass Butte - Don Esch

Hampton Butte and a trip to collect sunstones are also a possibility

Work Party At Tom Robertson

- submitted by Rob Leedy

Hey rock hounds of WAMS, there will be one last and final work party for doing things to get ready for the show. It will be at Tom and Susan Robertson's house April 8th. We will start at 12:00pm, with pizza for every one that shows up to volunteer their time and skills. If you do not know how to get to Tom's, please call him for directions. His home number is 503-363-9678. We need as many members to show up as we can, as we have a lot to do. The more we have the quicker we will be done. See you there or you will be square.

T-Shirts

-submitted by Aaron Carrier

The T-Shirts that were ordered at the last two meetings will be available. Bring \$10 for each T-shirt and \$15 for a long-sleeve shirt if you ordered one. The shirts will also be available at the Rock Show at my fossil table in the demonstration room.

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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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Editor's Message

Hello Rockhounds,

This is my first newsletter and I appreciate the help and the articles that were submitted to me. Now that I have done my first one I think in the future each issue should be easier. Hopefully that will be true.

I encourage you to help volunteer at the 51st annual River of Gems show that is coming up April 14-16. Be sure to let Rob Leedy know if you are able to help in any way. He will have sign up sheets at the meeting.

Be sure to check out the upcoming field trips that Steve Lawrence is putting together. Let Steve know if there is a place that you would like to go to and he can help set that up.

If you have any news items or articles that you would like to see in the future newsletters, be sure to email me or you can call me.

I really want to thank Susan Appleby, Ray Plummer, Rob Leedy, Jennifer Ferrell, and Theresa Byrne for your support and encouragement. Also a thank you for submitting your articles.

I am looking forward to the show and again please volunteer if you are able. I found it to be a great time last year. I know it will be a great time again this year

Kristi Edwards
Bulletin Editor

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Presidents Message:

It's that time of the month again, trying to think of something really exciting to talk about. HaHa...It's been pretty busy around here. Bob Watkins and I have been working on "J" rocks, Jaspers & Jades, for show and tell at the April Meeting. Believe me; getting a good polish on Jade ain't easy!

If someone has a good tip for polishing Jade, send me an email rayplummer@comcast.net. Also, if you know of any way to dopp stones so they can take some heat without melting the dopp wax, let me know. Have tried water glass and it works somewhat if you have large enough stone and dopp stick. Smaller ones don't stay on the stick well due to the heat.

A big *****THANK YOU***** to Kristi Edwards for taking over the editorship of the newsletter. I know she will do a great job.

Another big *****THANK YOU***** to Nadine Romero who is taking over as the club historian/scrapbook keeper.

It's really great to have folks who volunteer to do the things that make our club what it is.

By the time this gets published, a lot of you will have been to the Sweet Home Show and hopefully had a good time finding some new treasure to add to your collection.

Talking with Rob and seeing emails from Ted, it looks like things are coming along pretty good for the Show in April. Don't forget to sign up to help. It's a lot of fun and a little work, but more fun than work.

My wife, Nancy, has a new intarsia project that she thought of for me to work on for her. I started the initial cuts of material. We will see how it works out and probably make some jewelry, if it turns out well.

Lapidary Class is standing room only from what I hear and Ted has a waiting list. That's Great! Also, there are a bunch of new members attending Silversmithing Class. It's good to see members taking such an interest in learning to work their materials.

For some reason my brain has gone into duh mode so I will close for this month and see you all at the meeting.

Ray Plummer
President

Upcoming NW Shows

April 8-9	Mt Hood Rook Club Gresham, OR
April 8-9	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Idaho Falls, ID
April 14-16	51 st River of Gems Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Rickreal, OR
April 21-23	Rouge Gem and Geology Society Grants Pass, OR
April 21-23	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society Kennewick, WA

Selling Items at Meetings

- submitted by Theresa Byrne

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!

Volunteers Needed

The following positions are open and need to be filled:

Show School Program Coordinator
Programs Chairperson

Please contact President Ray Plummer for more information.

JUNIOR NEWS

-submitted by Jennifer Ferrell

There are many fun activities coming up.

We have three display cases to fill for the WAMS show in April. I need lots of help. We will put in the display boards made at the last three general meetings. As mentioned before, you can label yours at home or I can label it for you. Labeled or not, please bring your display board to me at the April meeting. I'll take all of them to set up at the show. Also for the April meeting, bring your favorite rock. We can label those as well to put in a case. I want to take photos of everyone to accompany our displays. If anyone has a photo from home to use, bring that. I will try to contact kids that cannot make it to the meeting.

At the April meeting there will be a mineral treasure hunt and some surprises. Bring rocks that start with the letter "J" for show and tell. In May we need to start scheduling field trips. If anyone has a suggestion of where to go, let me know. If there is anything you need to talk about with me, just call (503) 370-2560 or email me at jen1983ferrell@yahoo.com.

I look forward to seeing everyone.

Support Our Troops

-submitted by Susan Appleby for Art Winters

Help Kids and Families in Afghanistan and IRAQ.

Support our Troops. We are gathering shoes, clothes and other items for the troops deployed in Afghanistan from the 141st Support Battalion in Portland. They are providing free transportation for all the supplies overseas.

The troops distribute these items to the local people when they visit the villages in Afghanistan and Iraq. This helps the soldiers make friends and establish a good rapport. Being able to offer items help the troops break the ice and provides much needed items for the people.

Following are the items the troops have found most useful for the kids and adults.

- shoes and socks
- warm clothing
- individually wrapped hard candy (no chocolate) - candy always bring smiles to their faces
- school supplies (paper, pencils, pens, chalk, rulers, pencil sharpeners, etc.

Please bring items that you would like to contribute to the April and May meetings. Please let others who might like to contribute know about this opportunity to get these needed items to our troops. Free shipping will be provided by the 141st Support Battalion.

Thanks.

For more information contact Art Winters at 503-364-5233.

Minutes from March 2 General Meeting

-submitted by Susan Appleby for Mary Haslebacher

WAMS General Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2006
Submitted by Susan Appleby for Mary Haslebacher

Meeting was called to order by President Ray Plummer at 6:36 pm with 100 members and guests present.

Guests were introduced along with general announcements

New badges are ready.

Upcoming rock shows - Sweet Home April 1-2, Mt. Hood Rock Club - April 8 - 9.

Library available during meeting for those who would like to check out books.

Final T-Shirt orders need to be turned into Aaron.

Jewelry Workbench going out of business sale.

A committee was formed for the Jon and Lucille Sams Educational Fund. Susan Appleby, Ted and Vicki Johnson, Linda Groah and Rob Leedy will be on the committee, along with Bob Sams.

Show & Tell of "I" rocks brought in by club members.

Presentation was given by Nancy Plummer on Intarsia. The powerpoint presentation will be available in the WAMS library for checkout.

Secretary Report: Susan Appleby sat in as Secretary as Mary Haslebacher was out of town. Meeting Minutes from the November and January General and Executive Board Meetings were in the Jan/Feb/March Newsletter. The minutes were approved with no corrections. Minutes for the February and March meetings will be in the next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Janine Owens. The Treasurers Report for month ending February, 2006. Report was approved by membership. New bills were presented and read. It was moved and seconded and voted to pay the bills.

Old Business:

Kristi Edwards has volunteered to be the Newsletter Editor. Thanks to Kristi for doing this important job. Send articles and information to her for the newsletter.

River of Gems Display Cases - Be sure to turn your forms into Susan Robertson by April 1st, if you would like to put in a display case at the show.

WAMS Display Cases have been extensively damaged by water damage. There will be a work party on March 6th to Polk County Fairgrounds to see if anything can be recovered. Mt. Hood Rock Club has offered to rent us 40 of theirs for \$3.00 each (along with transporting them to our show). The fairgrounds may pay for this rental fee. There was a motion to rent the cases. It was seconded and approved by membership.

Break >> Meeting was reconvened at 7:30

New Business:

Three new members were voted in. Betty Lettimer, David Smith and Thomas Stevens. Welcome!

Field Trips: Steve Lawrence. Aaron Currier gave a report on the Coast Field Trip. 26 members were able to attend. They had great weather and covered several beaches around the Newport area. It was a one day trip due to lack of lodging (Newport Wine & Food Festival).

Additional Field trips are being planned for this year. Glass Buttes, Hart Mtn (May) Kristi Edwards will lead; 2nd weekend in June - Bear Creek, Joe Van Cura will lead. July 6-7 - Succor Creek, Eastern Oregon - Tom Robertson and Joe Van Cura will lead. Possible trip to Rogers Mountain. The NW Mineral Prospectors also

have a gold panning trip coming up in Quartzville. Talk to Ray Plummer for details.

Northwest Federation Report - Marv Bartel. The latest NWF Newsletter had information that is being discussed. Check your newsletter. The NWF was having some difficulty getting newsletter published, but you should have received your November issue and a March issue should be received soon. As a member of WAMS you are put on this mailing list. If you are not receiving it, let Ray know.

WAMS Show Report - Rob Leedy. There will be a work party at his house on March 4th to work on prizes for wheel of fortune and grab bag material. Work party will also be held at Tom and Susan Robertson's on April 8th at 11:00 am to finish up projects for upcoming show. Rob says be sure and volunteer to work at the show. There are all sorts of jobs to do >> and everyone of them is fun. Sign up sheets will be out and will be available at the April Meeting also. Volunteers needed for everything from Set up on Wednesday to take down on Sunday at 4:30 pm. With a lot of help we are usually done by 7:00 pm and go to Farrell's Restaurant next door to the Fairgrounds for dinner.

Newsletter Report - Kristi Edwards. Thanks to Kristi for volunteering to be newsletter editor. Be sure to send her lots of good information on field trips, articles about our hobby you read about, tips and other information that would be of interest to our members.

Oregon Council - Dan Groah. The Sweet Home club now has material in the display case at the State Capitol. South Douglas County will put in a case in May. Clubs around the state display gems and minerals in the case throughout the year. It is located on the ground floor of the Capitol building.

April Program: Tom Robertson will give a presentation on Agates - the theme for the 2006 River of Gems.

Library - Chuck Hunt. The library is available during meetings to check out books and other media.

Historian/Scrapbook - Nadine Roberts has volunteered to take over this position.

Stamps - Peggy Townsend. Be sure to bring your cancelled postage stamps to Peg. Leave about a half inch border around stamp if possible. Money from sale of stamps is used for cancer research.

Sunshine Report: Gerri Silver.

Lapidary Classes - Ted Silver. The classes are filled up at this time and there is a waiting list. Tuesday is open shop night for those who have gone through the classes. Classes are held Monday and Thursday nights. Walter Friday is opening the shop at break

during our general meetings for those who are interested in taking a look.

Silversmith Class - Charmaine Mortimore. Open every Monday night from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Projects range from simple to advanced. Cost for open shop is \$1.25 per hours. She plans to teach casting a little later in the year.

Property Control - Theresa Byrne. The club has tumblers available for members use. Contact Theresa if you would like to borrow one.

Show and Tell for April Meeting - "J". Jade, Jasper, Jurassic Fossils, . . .

Refreshments for April Meeting will be provided by Linda Groah, Sandra Davis, Dave Smith and Walt Nelson.

Meeting was closed at 8:37 pm.

Tickets were drawn for the Door and Raffle Prizes.

March 20, 2006 WAMS BOARD MEETING

-submitted by Ray Plummer

6:35 P.M., North Salem Senior Center
President Ray Plummer called meeting to order and declared there was a quorum. Ray, Bob Watkins and Chuck Hunt met with the Polk County Fair staff and a Board member of the Fair. They explained that by not being notified of the water damage right away to the cases we had lost over \$5000.00 plus the now cost of renting cases from other clubs for the Show. The Fair Personal said they had some cabinet makers that needed to do community work but needed to start right away Their proposal was:

1. They would donate shop labor to help building of new cases
2. They have a credit from a lumber yard for \$200-\$300 to use to help purchase material
3. They will cut out 60 cases to our specification
4. Will deduct cost of renting cases from other clubs from our rent

Discussion followed. It was decided that the Fair is being very good to us and this is the best shot we have at getting new cases done with a minimal cost and labor for us. A motion was made and seconded that we have the Fair do the above items.

Passed, no nays

Also our Club will provide a supervisor and we will need to purchase new hardware and materials to

complete the 60 cases. We will pursue obtaining dry storage. If no Van found we will rent space. We will look into possibly converting the one van to just hold cases. Also look into building racks that roll.

A suggestion was made to change to tempered glass on the cases where glass is broken and can not be saved from ruined cases. Prices will be looked into..

Motion made and seconded to allow up to \$5,000.00 for the expenses of obtaining new materials needed. (lumber, hardware, ect.) to be taken from the replacement fund. Motion carried, no nays

Board has been advised that no one is to discuss anything with Fair or their employees except Ray and whom ever he wants with him.

Work Party at Rob Leedy's

-submitted by Rob Leedy and Theresa Byrne





AFMS News

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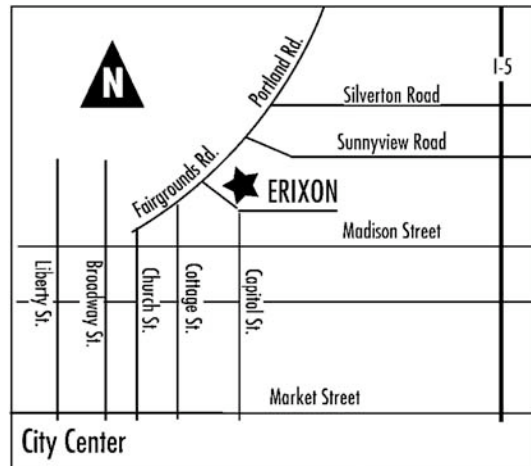
NFMS News

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

What's Rocking?

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

April Program
Oregon Agates presented by Tom Robertson
Members can bring their agates to show also
April Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letter
'J' for Show & Tell



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