



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

## January, February, & March 2006

### JUNIOR NEWS

*Submitted by Jennifer Ferrell*

There are lots fun things coming up for the junior program.

We are doing a project to put in the display cases at the show in April. Some of you have worked on yours already. Anyone who is interested can bring their own rocks to the next general meeting (March 2) and I'll provide rocks too. You can label the rocks at home or I can make labels. You can do theme boards such as all minerals, etc. I will set up the cases on Thursday, April 13, after the 6:00 p.m. dinner in Rickreall. Any junior who wants to help me is welcome. **If any club member wants to help, we need donations of Styrofoam (or other material) for risers.**

At the March 2 meeting, I will have cool stuff to give out. Susan Robertson made great rock-carrying bags for everyone. For those of you who don't have a bag yet, come to the meeting and get yours or call me. Janice VanCura got us activity books. I have a rock puzzle to do. Also, I have information about a badge program for kids. Each time we do an activity, I can record it. For each new skill learned, you earn a badge. I'll have that information at the meeting too.

I am making a junior phone directory. I would like to include birthdays so we can celebrate each month.

Call me at (503) 370-2560, or email me at [jen1983ferrell@yahoo.com](mailto:jen1983ferrell@yahoo.com), if you have questions or to give me your birth date.

I hope to see lots of kids at the March meeting. Don't forget to bring in any rocks you have that start with the letter "I" for show-and-tell. Thanks to all members who have donated rocks, supplies and time to help us out.

### Show Work Party

*- submitted by Rob Leedy*

Hey all you rock nuts out there. Are we ready to rumble???

It's time to start getting ready for our 51st annual rock show held in Rickreall OR, at the Polk County Fair Grounds.

We will be having a work party on March 4th at 12:00pm, at Rob & Cara Leedy's home at 1335 Vista Ave SE Salem OR.

Please come and enjoy the fun of putting together fun crafts, for the Wheel of Fortune. What do you need to bring? Your warm body, a good attitude, two hands capable of gluing figures on rock, and if you have it, an artist eye for art.

We will have something for every one to do. Please call and tell Rob or Cara you will be coming. Our phone # is 503-371-6421. Also, if you have a glue gun, please bring it along.

Remember, the show this year is April 14 thru the 16th. We will start to set up for the show on April 12th and 13th.

Please take some time out of your life to volunteer to help with the show. This is our only fund raiser for the year. Hope to see you all at the show and at the work party.

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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!

Website: [www.wamsi.org](http://www.wamsi.org)

### 2006 Elected Officers

President:	Ray Plummer 503-361-7466
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Sunshine:	Gerry Silver 503-585-2559

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#### Mailing Address

WAMS - P.O. Box 13041 - Salem, OR - 97309-1041



## Editor's Message

**This is our first and (I hope) only quarterly Newsletter.**

Unfortunately, Nadine is unable to do the newsletter and we need to find someone who will step up to the plate and take over.

As President, it is ultimately my responsibility to see that the newsletter gets published in a timely manner. So, I am hereby doing so.....

At the meeting March 21, 2006, I will be calling for volunteers to take over the newsletter.

In the meantime, please send articles, pictures, etc to [rayplummer@comcast.net](mailto:rayplummer@comcast.net) and I will see that they get where they are supposed to go. Please put "WAMS Newsletter" in the subject line.

Thanks

Ray



## President's Message

Hello Everyone !

Here we are, and it's March already! Time does fly. I hope everyone had a good time on the field trip to the beach on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be having more trips coming up in the near future, so stay tuned to this station for updates.

The end of March is spring break and of course the knap-in at Glass Buttes, and I know the regulars will be going. If you are interested in going, and have never been, see Bob Watkins or Terry Kramer they can tell you all about going over there and what you need.

We will have a sign up sheet for volunteers to sign up to help at the show in April. The sheet will be available at the meeting March and April meetings. Please sign up to help, it's a good way to meet your fellow members.

I will be asking for volunteers to form a committee to oversee the John & Lucille Sams Educational Fund. So think about it and if you are interested, please volunteer.

Thanks,

Ray Plummer

## Upcoming NW Shows

April 1 – 2	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society, 1641 Long Street Sweet Home, OR
April 8 – 9	Mt. Hood Rock Club Mt Hood Community College Gresham, OR
April 14 – 16	River Of Gems Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Polk County Fairgrounds Rickreall, OR

## 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.

## T-Shirts

-submitted by *Aaron Currier*

I will be accepting orders for WAMS T-Shirts at the March meeting. You can order 1 of 2 styles, Large logo (white on any color) or Small logo (white on any color). The Cost is \$10.00.

## Selling Items at Meetings

-submitted by *Theresa Byrne*

WAMS allows members to sell rocks, slabs, lapidary equipment, etc., at the monthly meetings. Up to three people may sell at a meeting, and each seller's items should fit on one card table. Please call Theresa Byrne, at 364-7190, to register.

## Tumblers to Loan

-submitted by *Theresa Byrne*

The club has several tumblers to loan to members. We have 3-pound, 10-pound, and 15-pound rotary tumblers, which can be used with any grit or polish, plus 18-pound vibratory tumblers that are only used for the final polish. Call Theresa Byrne, at 364-7190.

## Minutes from November 3 General Meeting

- submitted by *Chuck Hunt*

The meeting was called to order by President Kit Leshk at 6:38 p.m. There were 87 guests and members present.

Kit advised that this is an important meeting since we will be electing officers and voting on an amendment to our Bylaws.

Show and Tell: The letter of November is "F" and there were numerous examples such as a "fabulous field trip find", fluorite, flint, fichtus, fern, chalcopryrite, feldspar, etc.

It was noted that our next meeting will be Jan. 5, 2006 and that the letter for "Show and Tell" will be the letter "G" (gastropods, gastroliths, geodes, etc.)

Aaron Currier is arranging for a speaker for Jan. from OMSI on their programs, scholarship programs for adults/students, etc.

The Feb. program will be a slide program from the past president of "Friends of Mineralogy".

Program: Aaron Currier presented a program on obsidian with some help from Kit Leshk. Aaron also advised that there is a sea of information on obsidian on the "Google.com" website. He had to narrow it down to "Obsidian Oregon" to be able to work with the information. There was information on color, lack of crystalline structure, locations for collecting, etc. He noted that "snowflake obsidian" is an example of crystals starting to form in obsidian. Very good program with much information.

Break

8:05 p.m. The business meeting is called to order.

Secretary's Report: Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made and seconded to accept the report as printed. Approved. Motion made and seconded to pay the bills, such as printing of the newsletter, web posting, and ballot printing. Approved.

Old Business: Motion made and seconded to accept as new members Edmond Pyritz, Cory Pyritz, Christine Baker, Jeanne Read, Terry Myers, and Jaysa Nesbitt, Approved.

Kit noted that information about the Christmas Dinner was printed in the Nov. newsletter.

Ray Plummer advised that dues are due by the end of Dec.

New Business:

Federation Report: Dexter Leonard advised that there was nothing to report.

WAMS River of Gems Show April 2006 report: Rob Leedy absent.

Newsletter: Janine advised that the Nov. newsletter was her last but that she has found a volunteer who she will aid Nadine Romero. Thanks Nadine!

Oregon Council Report: Dan Groah absent.

Sunshine Report: Gerry Silver had to leave early, but Chuck Hunt advised Barb had received a card from the club for her recent injury.

Field Trip: No report, but of course we always have our Feb. trek to the coast for the elusive Newport Blue agates.

George Goetzelman advised he had the badge maker and needed a replacement. Ted Johnson tentatively volunteered to take over the badge making duties.

Thanks to all those who brought refreshments for the November meeting: Nadine, Sonia, and others.

Refreshment volunteers for Jan. will be Janice, Pam, Theresa, and Ann(?).

Elections were held by ballot and the results are;

Pres.: Ray Plummer

Vice Pres.: Janice VanCura

Secretary: Mary Haslebacher

Treasurer: Bruce Miller (The President had been advised by Bruce that he will not be able to fill the position for at least six months since he will be out of town for his company.) The board will take it under advisement to look for a replacement.

Federation Director: Marvin Bartel.

Members at Large:

Walt Friday

Joe Start

Joe VanCura

Chuck Hunt

Jennifer Ferrell

The amendment to the By-Laws Article III, section 1, was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p. m. Submitted Chuck Hunt Secty

## **Minutes from November 21 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.

# Minutes from January 5 General Meeting

- submitted by Mary Haslebacher

First meeting of 2006, called to order by President Ray Plummer at 6:40 P.M.

Ray welcomed all, introduced the new officers for 2006. Introduction of the 6 guests attending.

Reminder all to buy their raffle tickets during break. The drawings for raffle & door prizes would be right after meeting. Also if dues are not paid they are delinquent after this meeting.

Ray asked for members to submit their bills for payment.

The Junior club would meet during the business meeting to work on their projects with leaders Jennifer Ferrell and Susan Robertson.

Aaron Currier introduced the OMSI representatives Travis Southworth Neumeyer and Emily Prnd'hum. They presented a look into geological collections, programs, and scholarships, named Past, Present and Future

Secretary's Report: Mary Haslebacher: The last minutes for 2005 will be published in the newsletter. Treasurers Report: Janine Owens, read the report of bills paid and money in bank account. It was moved and seconded, voted and accepted.

The new bills presented for payment were read. It was moved and seconded, and voted to pay.

OLD BUSINESS: Awards not received during Christmas Dinner was presented by Aaron Currier.

The last of T-shirts were displayed and sold. Aaron will re-order if there are enough people wanting them.

NEW BUSINESS: 4 new names were presented for acceptance into the WAMS. It was moved and seconded. The 4 were accepted/

A by-laws change was read for the way dues are paid. Some discussion and vote will be next meeting

SHOW & TELL: This month was the letter "G". There were some Great items presented by club members

7:30, broke for refreshment break

Meeting called back to order

New Field trip coordinator is Steve Lawrence and assistant Kristy Edwards were introduced. Field trips will be published in newsletter.

Federation reporter, Marv Bartel. No report

WAMS Show Chairman- Rob Leedy. Need lots of tumbled material for the 2006 show. Especially need someone to take the big tumbler and run it.

Newsletter Editor- Nadine Romero: The newsletter will be out this coming week. She apologized for it being late

Oregon Council- Dan Groah- no report

Program Chairs- Aaron Currier and Dexter Leonard have programs lined up for the next 4 months. They will be listed in the newsletter.

Library/Publications: Chuck Hunt is in charge of getting library out and opening for members use.

Stamp Program for cancer research: Peg Townsend. Bring all you can

Sunshine Reporter Gerry Silver not present but had sent cards to Lucille Sams and Myrna Gardner

Lapidary Classes; Ted Silver gone, Gene Gangle said new classes would be starting. Contact either one of them,

Silver-Smith classes: Charmaine Mortimer. Classes are on Monday evenings

Property Control, Theresa Byrne. Has different size tumblers members may use.

The club also has a 35 mm camera for use for club functions

Show and Tell for February will be the letter "H"

Refreshments for February will be by Nadine Romero, Susan Applebee, Ken Lieith and Tim Meyers

Door Prizes: Steve Lawrence will go to WAMS rock pile and bring them.

Raffle and Door prizes awarded.

Meeting Closes at \*8:30pm.

Mary

# Minutes from January 16 Executive Board Meeting

- submitted by Chuck Hunt

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Board Chairman Kit Leshk.

Members present were Jennifer Ferrell, Walt Friday, Joe Start, Ray Plummer, Rob Leedy, Joe and Janice VanCura and Chuck Hunt. Members absent were Marvin Bartel, Nadine Romero, Janine Owens and Mary Haslebacher.

SHOW TOPICS: Rob Leedy

SCHOLARSHIPS: Regarding Camp Hancock scholarships Rob suggested possibly playing Bingo at the Gem Show and the proceeds going into a dedicated fund for scholarships, not necessarily a full ride scholarship.

Also talk of developing an endowment fund and only spend the interest. Developing a contest through the schools that attend the show to write an essay as to why they would want to go to Camp Hancock.

Any donations to the scholarship fund would be a tax donation since we are a charitable organization under Section 501 (c)(3). Also that the scholarship could be for Camp Hancock or a college.

Motion made and seconded to set aside \$100.00 in the event of a death of a club member and place the funds into a WAMS scholarship fund instead of sending the fund to the NW Federation. Approved.

SHOW AWARDS: Suggestion show awards for first, second and third as well as a People's Choice Award for the 2006 show.

CLUB CASES: Need to get rid of 16 or 17 cases at \$35.00 each. Making them available to club members first. We need a list of club members that want a case at the next meeting in Feb. The end result would be that the club would now have 40 new cases and 20 of the older cases.

Kit advised that Ann Gasser is the school contact person for the club. Kit will give the post card list for mailing to Rob in an XL database.

Kit advised that the club's Lortone tumbler is in need of repair. Motion made and seconded to fix the Lortone tumbler with a new 12# barrel and belt for a maximum of \$75.00. Approved.

Juniors Program: Jennifer Ferrell advised that she is in need of a budget for the juniors and that she is working on it.

Bylaw Change: Ray Plummer introduced a Bylaw change at the regular Jan. meeting regarding membership, timely dues payment, etc. It will be read at the Feb. meeting and voted on at that time. Motion made and seconded to recommend to the membership a "yes" vote on the amendment.

Christmas Party 2006: Christine Beaty has volunteered to chair the Christmas Party. Motion made and seconded to secure Roth's Catering and Hospitality Center in West Salem for the Christmas Party and make a \$100.00 deposit to secure the facility. Approved.

Walt Friday volunteered to open the lapidary shop during the meeting break so that interested people can take a look at facilities.

Rob Leedy advised that the theme for this year's show is "Agates" and that he has agate handouts for the students covered.

It was decided to hand out Federation CDs to the schools that attend the WAMS April show.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

## AFMS News

Can be viewed at [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

## NFMS News

Can be viewed at [www.amfed.org/nfms/](http://www.amfed.org/nfms/)

## Up-Coming Attractions

*-submitted by Aaron Currier*

**March** – Intarsia – Nancy Plummer

**April** – Agate – Tom Robertson

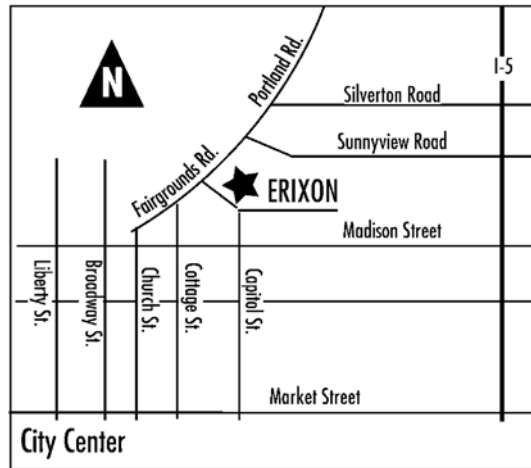
**May** - The Carnegie Museum of Natural History – Aaron Currier

**June** – Silver Smithing – Charmaine Mortimore

# What's Rocking?

**WAMS General Meeting**  
Thursday  
March 2 – 6:30 p.m.  
Salem Senior Center  
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem  
**Guests Welcome!**

**March Program**  
How to Intarsia – Nancy Plummer  
**March and Tell**  
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letter 'I'  
for Show & Tell



Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon



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