



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

May 2006

MYRNA GARDNER

-submitted by Mary Haslebacher



Myrna working at the 2001 Show

Photo submitted by Theresa Byrne

Our club was formed on November 1, 1947. In the next seven years we held non-competitive exhibits. In 1954, some of the members and dealers pooled their money to have a show. It was held under the grandstand at the State fairgrounds.

This is a tribute to a wonderful person, who for almost 50 years served our club, Myrna Gardner

Myrna spent many hours, days, and months on working to incorporate our club. The paperwork was enough that most people would have quit, but Myrna and some of the other older club members were persistent. In 1958 the club was incorporated under Oregon Chapter 61 as a nonprofit club.

Myrna was married to the love of her life, Al Gardner, who didn't know one rock from another, but he soon learned. Myrna was show chairperson for the 44th show. She served as treasurer, secretary, and showcase chairperson many different times.

Al and Myrna went on many field trips and traveling to other states in their RV to hunt and display their rocks. Myrna is well known through out the northwest for her miniature rock trees, having displayed them at many shows. She taught many people how to twist the wire, and choose the right rocks to make the trees.

Myrna was the ultimate giver. Even when she worked, she was at the beck and call of the club. Even if you hadn't asked her she was already ready to volunteer. She seemed to know what it takes to make a club prosper.

For those who knew her she will be missed. I wish everyone would have had the opportunity to have known her.

T-Shirts

-submitted by Aaron Currier

Aaron is planning a 3rd order of shirts so let him know if you are interested. Those that have ordered will be at the May meeting. Cash and checks accepted

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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 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

It is hard to believe that April has come and gone. That means it is time to get out the picks, shovels and buckets. It is time to go rocking!!

Steve has done a great job of lining up field trips. Be sure to let him know if there is some place special that you would like to go.

The River of Gems show was great. I could not believe how many tickets that Donna Stephens and I sold the first 2 hours. It was really busy there for awhile and Donna had brought some great helpers with her.

I forgot to thank Janine Owens in the last newsletter for help and talking me into doing this letter. She has done a great job in the past. I wasn't sure if I could pull this off. But with her help and the help of those who submit articles it has been fun.

I want to recognize Jennifer and the great job she has done with the juniors. Great showcases at the show!!!

If there is something you want included in this newsletter in the future email or call me.

Kristi Edwards
Bulletin Editor

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Presidents Message:

Hi all! Holy cow, its May already and we have just put to bed another River of Gems Show, the 51st to be exact. The show went well, no major glitches thanks to the many volunteers who devote their time and energy to make it happen.

I just can't believe that on Friday we had so many school kids come to the show. According to Don Esch's count 1599 kids attended. That's got to be some kind of record attendance.

Cleanup went well and only took about 2 _ hours. We are getting it down to a science.

I did finally get the jade polished as some of you know. I also have finished the necklace, bracelet, ring, and earrings. If anyone wants to find out how to polish jade, just ask and I will be glad to share how I got the polish.

I would like to ask for 2 or 3 volunteers to take over being the meeting hosts and greeters. The gracious ladies, Geri Silver, Joyce Winters, and Kathy Bennett who have been greeting all of us and acting as hosts would like to take a break. They have been doing this job for about 3 years. Thank you ladies for doing such a great job. So be thinking about it and raise your hand to volunteer when I ask at the meeting. (this is a great way for newer members to get to know folks in the club) hint hint !

Another position that needs to be filled with a volunteer is for the Show Chairman for next year. Rob Leedy did a good job this year and will be available for the new show chair to pick his brain. Right Rob?????

I'm not sure what the program is this month. It was planned to have Aaron give a program on his trip but I think that Walt is going to do a DVD program on the show. At least there was some discussion about it and I am not sure what was decided between Walt and Aaron.

If anyone has pictures they took during the show, could you please get me a CD of them or email them if only a couple so I can put them together for a slide show to go along with Walt's DVD.

That's about it for this month. Again, thanks to all the folks who volunteered to help put on the April show.

Ray Plummer
President

Upcoming NW Shows

May 5-7	Gem Fair Washington County Fairgrounds Hillsboro, OR
May 14	Rings and Things Embassy Suite Hotel Tigard, OR
May 15	Rings and Things Lane Event Center Eugene, OR
May 21-22	Hatrockhounds Umatilla Fairgrounds Hemiston, OR
May 8-18	Rambling Rockhounds Shaniko, OR

JUNIOR NEWS

-submitted by Jennifer Ferrell

Let's get the mushy stuff out of the way first – I am very proud of you all for making our show display cases such a hit. I heard many nice compliments. It was great to see some of you helping out at various booths. The following kids were able to participate in the display case project and will receive a junior achievement badge for showmanship and a certificate of participation:

Cooper Butler - "Best Display by a Junior on His Very First Visit"

Tanner Butler – "Most Photographed"

Ariana Elsbernd - "Best Use of Small Rocks in a Display"

Naomi Elsbernd - "Best Use of Stars & Photos in a Display"

Kary Flocker - "Best Use of Rock Slabs in a Display"

Russell Hurtado - "Best Balancing Act with a Large Rock in a Display"

Sierra Hurtado - "Largest Number of Rocks in a Display"

Elsa McKinney - "Most Creative Placement of Rocks in a Display"

Hendrik Mobley - "Best Labeling of a Display"

Taylor Moore - "The Silent Auction is my Game"

Victoria Standley - "Best Individual Junior Display"

The Juniors are getting involved in a badge program offered by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). After each junior completes training on a subject (collecting, identifying, etc.) he or she will sign a form with me then I'll mail the form with a request for the badge. The badges will be mailed back to me. To get a rockhound badge, you need to earn six or more of the nine available badges. I have paperwork about this for those wanting more information. Please do not feel left out if you were not able to get involved in the display case project. There is no time limit for earning the badges and they can be done in any order. Tell me about rockhounding you've done on your own. You may have already earned a badge and don't know it. Kids who can't make a meeting can contact me about what's going on.

This month's junior program is "Making Crystals". There are kits for everyone to take home. I will bring a completed crystal then demonstrate how to make one. Kids not there will still get a kit.

I'm changing how we do the junior meetings. We'll check in at 6:30 p.m., sit down and stay for show-n-tell. When that's done, we QUIETLY walk to the shop. We'll do projects until break. For families that need to get out earlier, this is a chance to do so without the kids missing out. There will be stuff to do until 9:00 p.m. for those who can stay.

There is a two-barrel tumbler and lots of grit available for the juniors. Many of you already have tumblers at home. Let me know if you don't have one and would like to try tumbling.

Remember to bring rocks that start with the letter "K" for show-n-tell at the May meeting. "K" rocks I have are: katherinella fossil, knightia fossil, kunzite and kyanite. See if you can come up with more.

Hope to see you all soon. Check out the first "Junior Profile" in this newsletter.

Jennifer Ferrell, Junior Coordinator

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KARY FLOCKER

MAY 2006 JUNIOR PROFILE

-submitted by Jennifer Ferrell

Interviewed in person on April 15, 2006

Age: 10

Birthdate: April 12

Grade: 4th

School: Pringle Grade School in Salem

Family: Anne, Laura, sister Kalia; their grandparents live next door

Pets: 3 outdoor cats, 4 indoor cats, 2 horses, 3 chickens, 2 dogs, 1 hamster, 1 rabbit and 23 aquarium fish (some with babies coming)

Favorite Color: Blue

Interests: Art, drawing, reading and writing (especially poems)

Favorite Rocks: Collects rock eggs and rock hearts

Best Memory: Any traveling. Have been to Disneyland and Sea World; Seattle, WA; Black Butte Ranch, Eagle Crest, Salishan and Seaside, OR

Favorite Movies: "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Benny & Joon"

Favorite Actor: Johnny Depp

Favorite Books: Redwall Series including the following books in the series:

Redwall, Mossflower, Salamanstom, Lord Broctrez, Marlfox, Mattimao, Triss, Mareil of Redwall and Taggerung

Years in WAMS: 2

Federation Case for Sale

-submitted Tom Robertson

Tom has a Federation case that is 4 feet with a liner that belongs to Don Townsend. It is going for \$50 and if you are interested call Tom at 503-363-9678

Field Trips

-submitted by Steve Lawrence

May 19-21 Sunstones on private claim
Contact Kristi Edwards for details

May 26-29 Glass Butte led by Don Esch
and Hampton Butte led by Steve Lawrence

May 26-29 Quartzville
Northwest Gold Miners
Contact Ray Plummer for details

June 9-11 Bear Creek
Led by Joe Van Cura

July 6-8 Succor Creek
Led by Tom Robertson

If you are interested in the sunstones I will provide maps at the May meeting. You will need to contact Lee King by email at mailand@oregoncoast.com or write Lee at Lee King

P.O. Box 159
Pacific City, OR. 97135

He would like the names that are going and Let him know you will not hold him responsible for injuries. I will also provide a list of his rules at the meeting. If you can't go in May we may be able to go in September.

If there is a place you are interested in going please contact Steve Lawrence.

Minutes from April 6 General Meeting

-submitted Mary Haslebacher

Meeting called to order by President Ray Plummer, 6:33 p.m
Introduced WAMS Officers.

Introduced 14 guests. Bill & Bev Luke, from Montana wanted the Society to know that Butte Montana will be the site for the NW Federation Show in 2007. In all there were over 137 people at meeting.

Reminded everyone to get their bills turned in to Jeanine so can get voted on to pay...

Board Meeting will be Monday, April 17, 2006 at 6:30 at the Center.

Members introduced themselves and told about the rocks beginning with the letter "J" this month. Some beautiful items.

Minutes printed in newsletter was approved, motion carried and passed.

Janine gave the Bank balance (income & expenses paid) motion made to accept, seconded and passed to accept

The March program was on OREGON Agates. Tom Robertson, Dan Graoh, Aaron Currier, and Joe Start presented the program.

Ray called for a 20 minute break. This would be enough time for members and guest to check out the displays.

Meeting called back to order

Jeanine read off the new bills that needed to be paid. Motion made to pay bill, seconded and passed to accept.

Tom Robertson will receive the cases from Mt Hood Club for our use at Show. We have volunteers to take them to show, return them to Tom after Show and then take them back to Mt Hood Club

The new case project is going very well at the Fairgrounds. After taking the cases apart, we find we won't have to replace all hardware and most of the tops are ok. We will be putting tempered glass in as one of the members boss is giving the Club a special deal. Motion made, seconded we accept offer. Passed.

Tom Robertson and Joe Start are looking at vans for storage. They will exam Mt Hoods trailer and see how it is set up...

Names of five people wanting to join club was read. They stood up when introduced. No discussion. Motion made to accept them as member, seconded and passed. Welcome to Vanessa Hanson, Carmila Foster-Hunt, Aaron Wilsey, Carol and Robert Fisher.

Northwest Mineral Prospectors Club (NWMPC) has a web site and would like to link with us. Some of their outing could be available for our Club to go on. This is being researched by Ray Plummer.

Steve Lawrence, field trip chairperson, reminded all to check newsletter or website on field trips and also there will be a field trip to the coast during the week in the near future.

Rob Leedy reminded all to sign up to help at show.

Mays program will be done by Aaron Currier on the Carengie Natural History Museum. It will feature some really large specimens of minerals, crystal, and bones.

Show and Tell for May will be the letter "K"

Next months refreshments will be furnished by Nadine Romero, Sonja Kleiner and Karen Porter

April 17, 2006 WAMS BOARD MEETING

-submitted by Mary Haslebacher

SALEM SENIOR CENTER, 6:40 PM

Board Chairperson, Kit Leshk, called meeting to order. Attending the meeting were Board members, Kit Leshk, Ray Plummer, Janice VanCura, Janine Owens, Jennifer Ferrell, Chuck Hunt, Joe Start, Joe VanCura, Marvin Bartel, Rob Leedy, and Mary Haslebacher. A guest attending was Aaron Currier. There was a quorum present

Tonight agenda was to discuss the 2006 Show while everything was fresh in our minds and also if there was anything that will be needed to addressed in the 2007 Show.

There needs to be better instructions for the procedures at the front desk and need at least 4 people. We need a stamp to stamp people if they want to leave and come back. Only other rock show brochures to be on desk, means no commercial or for sale items, other than WAMS

We will work on an information pack for each station so that new members will have the instructions for manning the different areas.

We need instructions for members parking, only in gravel not in front of building. Members not working will pay.

Because we have so many children on Friday we need to check fire code on how many in building at one time. It may mean we will have to turn away some schools that sign or want to come at early time.

We need a first aid kit available in a designated area that we can allow the public to use.

Janine presented new bills for payment. It was moved and seconded that we pay bills. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded we will not refund the dealer, Dugout's, deposit since they cancelled and we had to find another dealer which involves time and

money. Motion carried. Mary H. will write letter to them.

Aaron Currier suggested we look into more profitable ways of spending our ad dollars. Aaron gave the Board a couple of brochures on setting up scholarships.

Joe Start gave us some figures on the cost of different types of containers, trailers and storage. Discussion was tabled until we talk with Fairgrounds on what they will allow.

Meeting adjourned. 8:53 PM

AFMS News

Can be viewed at www.amfed.org

NFMS News

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

What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting

Thursday

May 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem

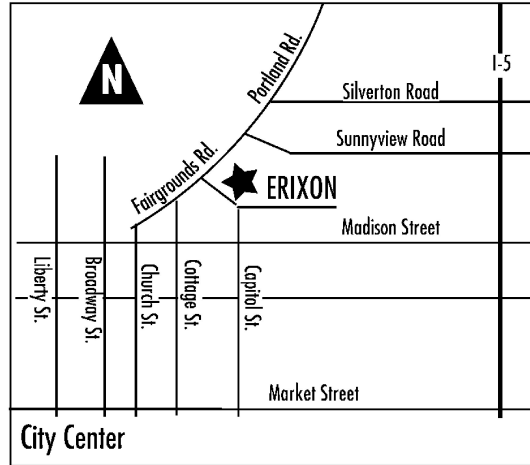
Guests Welcome!

May Program

Video of WAMS Show recorded by Walt Friday

May Show and Tell

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



Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon



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