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The Difference Between Jades

~ Submitted by Thor Satter

This will be a multi series article, at least 2 parts maybe 3 depending on what we hit on. Also, depending on how much I ramble. If you don't want me to ramble you may find you're reading the wrong article. Now where was I? Ah yes the subject. We can't have an article without a subject.

In our world there are two types of jade. At least from those that are known of. The most famous or well known of these is Jadeite. If you were to say Chinese Imperial jade to any rock hound, they would instantly picture lushes, bright, and very gemmy looking white or green stone. This stone can take on an almost glasslike polish.

I personally find most jades in this form, nice to look at but very bland and uninteresting. There is one though that catches my eye every time. That comes from the old Mayan Quarries. Then we have Nephrite, my personal favorite. This is the form I am most familiare with.

After 5 years (gee has it been that long already?) I have developed a true love for Nephrite. I am to the point where I can tell the difference at a glance in most cases. At close inspection even the eye can easily be trained to tell the differences between jades. Sometimes though it takes a gemologist opinion to tell you what is what.

Ok let's get into the real nitty gritty on Nephrite. Yes its time for the formula break down. NEPHRITE: $\text{Ca}_2(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe})_5\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$. Huh? What is this code? Well my dear readers this is the chemical makeup for Nephrite. Nephrite holds a specific gravity of 2.9-3.0 and the hardness of Nephrite is in the 6.0-6.5 range of the scale. I could easily go on into streak, luster, habit, fracture, and cleavage, which is

white, vitreous, glistening, dense and splintery. Darn there I go again. There are a couple more properties I didn't mention, like crystal system, optic sign, refractive indices, birefringence, 2V, color, and special characteristics. In most case you'll never encounter a need for these on an everyday bases, besides color. If you don't know the color of jade, then please ask me to show you some. In most cases you're going to find a lot of greens and whites.

Well that sums it up for now.

My dear rock hounds enjoy the day. Don't mind the rattling inside your head. It's a pebble of agate, just tumbling your ideas before you think of them.

Magazines

Bring your unwanted rock magazines to sell at the WAMS April Show. Call Cathy Fisher for more information at 503-851-1837.

CPR and First Aid Class

If you are interested in taking a CPR and First Aid Class on a Saturday in April or May contact Joe Start at 503-873-2769. The cost will be \$25.

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W.A.M.S. ROCKHOUND RUMBLINGS



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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.

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Editor's Message

Hello

I had great intentions of getting this newsletter to you before April 1st. But the nice weather came and so did yard work. Mark and I have planted 3 trees and many bushes in our back yard. Our bodies are sore, but hopefully we will recover before serious rock season starts.

The show is coming up and I urge you to help out if you haven't before. It is really a lot of fun.

Susan Appleby has found another interesting link http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/expeditions/treasure_fossil/Treasures/Evolution_of_Horses/horses.html?50

I have included 2 articles that I have found and thought these would be nice reminders once we start camping and rocking.

Thanks to those that have submitted ideas and articles. Steve Lawrence needs some competition for the show and tell. Someone be brave and see if you can out do him.

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards
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Presidents Message

April is show time. I want to invite everyone in the club to attend the show. If you have never been I am sure that you will enjoy the displays, dealers and demonstrations. For those of you that have been you know how much fun it is to get together with members and help out at the show. Thursday night we will have a lasagna dinner for all of the dealers, exhibitors and volunteers. The club is paying for the dinner but members are encouraged to bring a dessert to share. We need all of the members in the club to help for at least two hours during the show. There will be sign up sheets available at the April meeting for specific jobs and times. Please sign up to help. This is the main fundraiser for the club and helps fund our use of the Senior Center, newsletter and other activities of the club.

The show is one of the places that I have gotten to know other members of the club better. There is time to chat with someone you are just getting to know while you work at one of the volunteer jobs. I have heard some great stories from the long time members as they reminisce about field trips long ago. I also look forward to the special rock that I know I will find at one of the dealers. I hope to see all of you at the show and the April meeting.

Janice

Programs

The April program is going to be presented by Gene Gangle. He is giving a presentation on how to use synch mounts to display your cabochons. This should be an interesting presentation.

As a reminder the May program is a rock swap and sell, look in those buckets and bags and bring some of your extra's to sell, trade or share with fellow member. This can be a great time to see what other members collect that is different from what you have or to help out our newer members expand their collections.

For June, Ray Plummer has agreed to present a program on heat treating rock.

Display Case at Senior Center

Be sure to check out the display case at the meeting. The display is from the Monday WAMS silversmithing.

Upcoming NW Shows

April 27-29	Willamette Agate & Mineral Polk County Fairgrounds Rickreall, OR
June 21-24	Prineville Pow Wow Prineville, OR
June 27-July 1	Madras Rock Show Madras, OR

TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

The following articles are from
www.memphisgeology.org

Accepting the challenge of the trail

by MIKE BALDWIN

Whether you are on a mineral or fossil collecting field trip or a backpacking hike in the mountains, there are several techniques that you can employ to make your hike more enjoyable.

[01] Never hike alone. Choose a hiking partner who has a similar pace as yours. Rely on each other during your hike. Help each other reach items in the other's pack. Help each other adjust equipment as needed. If one of you must leave the trail for any reason, the other should wait on the trail with the packs until hiking is resumed.

[02] Start out at a slow pace. Build your momentum. It's not a race. Don't try to keep up with fast-paced partners. Give your muscles an opportunity to get used to the hike. Take a short break 20-30 minutes after you start your hike.

[03] After you have given your muscles an opportunity to warm-up, find your pace. Everyone's pace is different. Find the pace that you can be comfortable with for a long period of time. If you have to take frequent breaks or if you cannot carry on a conversation with your hiking partner without gasping for breathe, you are hiking too fast. Slow down a bit and build up to a faster pace.

[04] To get the full benefit of your lungs on a steep climb, relax your throat muscles and gulp the air in as you breathe. Breathe in deep and smooth.

[05] Don't take too many breaks and don't take long breaks. It takes a lot of energy to get warmed up when you start hiking again after a break. Your muscles are more likely to be sore if you take long breaks. You should get in the habit of taking a 5-10 minute break once an hour.

[06] Keep a constant flow of nourishment to your muscles as you hike. Use a hydration system or keep your water bottle handy and sip on your water constantly. Keep trail mix within reach and nuzzle frequently. Do not eat a heavy lunch. You will find it more difficult to restart after a big lunch.

[07] Use a lock step on steep climbs. Back in the early seventies, when I first started backpacking, I learned a very valuable lesson from an older hiker in our hiking party on the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina. I would hike fast and pass this gentleman along the trail,

but then I would have to take a break and I found it almost impossible to make a steep climb without stopping . . . several times. Every time I stopped this hiker would pass me and keep on going, slow and easy, without changing his pace or stopping for a break. At lunch on the first day I asked him about his technique and he shared this with me. Set a pace that you are comfortable with and do not vary from it. Don't take too many breaks and use a lock step when you are hiking steep uphill. Lock step is simply this: step out with your right foot, keeping your foot flat on the ground, rock your upper body forward and bring your left foot forward. As your left foot moves to the front, straighten your right leg and lock it briefly at the knee. Repeat this series for your left leg as your right foot moves to the front with the next step. This simple little locking action gives your leg muscles a brief rest before the next step.

if you have more hiking tips that you would like to share, [please email them to MAGS.](mailto:mags@memphisgeology.org)

Dangers in the Field

by DAN REED

My best memories are of outdoor adventures, whether it be searching for fossils along a riverbank or taking the new puppy for a long walk in the woods; some of my worst memories are of outdoor adventures as well. This article is not intended to scare the outdoor enthusiast, but to help ensure that your outdoor adventures create great memories.

[0 1] H e a t

The combination of heat and humidity can be a serious health threat during the summer months.

- Drink plenty of water – before you get thirsty.

- Bring plenty of water for your activity.

- Wear light, loose-fitting, breathable clothing.

- Take frequent short breaks in cool shade.

- Eat smaller meals before outdoor activity.

- Avoid caffeine and alcohol or large amounts of sugar.

- Find out from your health-care provider if your medications and heat mix

- Know that equipment such as respirators or work suits can increase heat stress.

[02]Sun

Sunlight contains ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which causes premature aging of the skin, wrinkles, cataracts and skin cancer. There are no safe UV rays or safe

suntans. Be especially careful in the sun if you burn easily, spend a lot of time outdoors, or have any of the following physical features:

- Numerous, irregular or large moles;
- Freckles
- Fair skin; or blond, red or light brown hair

Here's how to block those harmful rays:

- Cover up and wear tightly woven clothing that you can't see all .
- Use sunscreen, a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 blocks 93% of UV rays. Be sure to follow application directions on the bottle or tube.
- Wear a hat. A wide brim hat, not a baseball cap, works best because it protects the neck, ears, eyes, forehead, nose and scalp.
- Wear UV-absorbent shades, sunglasses don't have to be expensive, but they should block 99 to 100% of UVA and UVB radiation. Before you buy, read the product tag or label.
- Limit exposure. UV rays are most intense between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

[03]Snakes

The potential of running into a poisonous snake should not deter anyone from venturing outdoors, but there are several precautions that can be taken to lessen the chance of being bitten when out in snake country - which is just about anywhere in the Mid-South.

First, know that poisonous snakes are not confined to rural areas. They have been found near urban areas, in river or lakeside parks, and at golf courses. Be aware that startled snakes may strike defensively. There are several safety measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a poisonous snake.

- Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.
- When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants. Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.
- Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out

stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.

- Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers.
- Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.
- Never hike alone. Always have someone with you who can assist in an emergency.
- Do not handle a freshly killed snake, it can still inject venom.
- Teach children to respect snakes and to leave them alone. Children are naturally curious and will pick up snakes.
- Don't kill snakes just because you don't like them. Snakes are very important for the environment.
- Your best defense against snake bites is to avoid the snake. If you see a snake, no matter what kind of snake it is – LEAVE IT ALONE.

[04] Ticks and Lyme Disease

Lyme Disease is caused by bites from infected ticks. Most, but not all, victims will develop a "bulls-eye" rash. Other signs and symptoms may be non-specific and similar to flu symptoms such as fever, lymph node swelling, neck stiffness, generalized fatigue, headaches, migrating joint aches or muscle aches.

- Wear light-colored clothes to see ticks more easily.

- Wear long sleeves; tuck pant legs into socks or boots.
- Wear high boots or closed shoes that cover your feet completely.
- Wear a hat.
- Use tick repellants, but not on your face.
- Shower after the outdoor activity. Wash and dry your clothes at high temperature.
- Examine your body for ticks after outdoor activity. Remove any attached ticks promptly with fine-tipped tweezers. Do not use petroleum jelly, a hot match, or nail polish to remove the tick.

[05] West Nile Virus and Mosquitoes

Illness from the West Nile virus is rare, but it does happen. Mild symptoms include fever, headache and body aches, occasionally with a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands. Symptoms of severe infection include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors,

convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Getting rid of standing water in containers such as discarded tires, buckets and barrels helps reduce mosquito-breeding areas. In addition, you can protect yourself from mosquito bites in these ways:

- Apply insect repellent with DEET to exposed skin.
- Spray clothing with repellents containing DEET or Permethrin.
- Wear long sleeves, long pants and socks.
- Be extra vigilant at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

[06] Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac

Poison oak and poison ivy are allergic skin conditions caused by contact with the oils from the bark, flowers, leaves, and/or stems of the plants poison oak, ivy, sumac, ragweed, and primrose.

Symptoms include contact dermatitis or allergic symptoms such as a rash and blisters. In severe cases, symptoms can also include lethargy (fatigue), sleep disorders, and general discomfort and feelings of illness.

What to Consider

Know what these poisonous plants look like. Poison oak, ivy, and sumac grow as vines or bushes, and the leaves have three leaflets (ivy and oak) or a row of paired leaflets (sumac). When spending time outdoors in areas where these plants grow, avoid touching them and wear long sleeve pants and shirts. Also wash any clothing that comes in contact with the plants. Sometimes cases that do not go away are due to repeated exposure through contaminated clothing.

You may continue to be exposed to the oils of these plants by touching pets and other animals that have run through patches of the plants. You can also contract poison oak and poison ivy by inhaling smoke from the burning plants.

Caution: In cases of severe reaction that cause difficulty breathing, seek medical attention immediately. Very hot water from baths or showers can also spread the rash and exacerbate symptoms.

- Stay outside and wash exposed skin with rubbing alcohol or Tecnu (a product made for this purpose), both of which dissolve the sap. If you don't have either of these but happen to have some beer or wine or other alcohol-containing beverage, use this instead.
- Rinse skin with cool water. Don't use soap yet because it can spread the sap on your body.
- Go inside and take a shower, washing with soap. Deposit clothes in a plastic bag.

- Dump clothes in washing machine and wash in hot water.
- Wipe tools and gloves that are keepers with alcohol and water.
- Avoid Bushwhacking.
- Wear gloves, pants and long sleeve clothing if you're going to be in brush.

[7] Quick Points

- While chipping away at stone and rock, wear gloves and safety goggles.
- Carry a First Aid kit and Cell Phone while in the field.
- If you must travel alone in the field tell others where you are going to be and when you expect to return.
- Avoid breathing rock dust when cutting or chipping stone.
- Carry a walking stick – Great for flipping rocks or checking a hole out prior to using your hands.
- Know where you're going – Getting lost is no fun. Look at a map or speak with others that have been in the area.
- Spiders like dark places – Keep your hands out of holes and other dark areas. Unless you can positively ensure no spiders or other critters are inside - keep out.
- Most importantly – HAVE FUN
if you have more hiking tips that you would like to share, [please email them to MAGS](#).

Show and Tell Parables

~submitted by Steve Lawrence

P and Q show and tell

In my paranoid compulsion to procure, process and play with, I present this display of quasi perfect specimens.

- 1) A quaint slab of purple pony agate with a lovely paradigm of color.
- 2) A quick peak at a passionate peach pink quart with pizzazz.....
- 3) A pleasing portion of Paulina limb cast (I dropped short of my quota down Congelton Hollow due to my quick departure from impending claps of thunder and lightning).

- 4) A piece of Quant's tube agate with mild pastels from Prineville.
- 5) A painted picture jasper. A wide panorama of color with no particular pine or palm trees, but a picturesque palette from Mt. Rainier.
- 6) A polished quartered chunk of Petrified Wood from the western quadrant of pretty Bear Creek.
- 7) A pale pink quarry rock to help build my personal pyramid
- 8) A pebble sized cube of pyrite (remember it's not the quantity, it's the quality)

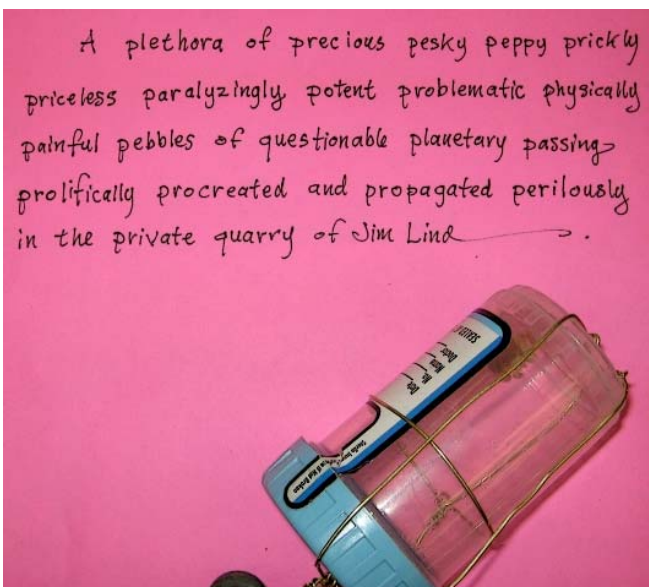
R Show and Tell

A righteous Rock and Roll Reading of Ridiculous Rhetoric

- 1) A regal rhomboid remnant of Roger's Mountain wood that reveals a reverent ripple of radiant realistic grain and recently reclaimed from relative rancher's rathole below the regretfully regulated realm.
- 2) A roaring riverbed red carnelian removed from a reptilian rapturous rift near Sweet Home.
- 3) A richly romantic raspberry rainbow-banded relic of Brazilian agate.
- 4) A rare re-birth of Rainier rhyolite revealing a rugged region of raven, rattlers, ragweed, and rabbit country refinished with a rusty remedy.

Jim Lind's Precious Stones

Is he in competition with Steve?



WAMS March 2007 General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Vicki Johnson for Mary Haslebacher

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Janice VanCura. Janice welcomed guests. Janice introduced the officers. Janice asked that bills be submitted for payment.

Treasurer report: Lee Anne Settlemeir absent.

Secretary minutes were published in newsletter. Motion made and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

Old business: Aaron said to get the T-shirts ordered for the show, only \$10.

There are 8 cases available from the old cases. Email Kristi about cases if you would like one.

Show and Tell was "R". April Show and Tell will be "S".

A very interesting Program on Knapping was presented by Gouday Jones. Thank you Gouday. He is very knowledgeable and there were a lot of questions, which he could easily answer. Very interesting program on knapping.

Break - 7:30

Meeting called back to order around 8 p.m.

Field Trip Report: Steve Lawrence -

.... Rob Leedy was going to lead a field trip March 10 and 11. Hope that went well.

....The Glass Butte trip is the last week of March (spring vacation)

....May 18, 19 and 20 Joe VanCura will lead a field trip to Ochoco and other places, Springs and Queens Point Notification in the Newsletter.

....June 1,2,and 3 - trip to Succor Creek lead by Tom Robertson. This will be a joint trip with the Sweet Home club.

....June 27, 28 and 29 through July 1st. - Bear Creek and Hampton Butte

...Marv - Federation report - will be at Kenowick meeting, will pick-up packets for the Butte Show.

...Vicki Johnson on Oregon Council, reported that she received the information from Dan Groah regarding the Oregon Council. She has visited the exhibit at the Capital Building and would highly recommend that every member make a visit. It will only be there a few more weeks. Then a new exhibit from a different club will go in. There is an Oregon Council meeting at the Sweet Home Show on 03-31-07 that both Vicki and Dan will attend.

...Chuck Hunt - nothing on the Library
...Aaron will take stamps.
...Karen Porter - Sunshine - get well card was sent to Geri Esch. Card was sent to the family on behalf of Marie Kirkwood
...Ted Silver - Lapidary - Saturday - Open next 3 Saturdays.
...- Silver Smith classes on Monday

UPCOMING SHOWS

...Tualatin show - March 8,9,10.
POW WOW 04-21 and 04-22,
Sweet Home, March 31, April 1
Medford show March 31, April 1
WAMS show, April 28, 29, 30
Prineville June 21, 22, 23, 24.

WAMS SHOW REPORT -

...Work parties are needed for work to be done before the show. Items need to be made for Grab bags, Kritters on wheels, sorting rocks, etc. Sundays are work parties at Cathy Fisher's home Sunday afternoons. Come by for any amount of time, the help is desperately needed.
...letters went out to schools. Joe M(I don't know his last name)???? is coordinating this.
...need donations of fossils for Kids.
...Old magazines, rock magazines, are needed.
...Parking was discussed. Please park away from building and let customers park closer to the building.
...there is NO PARKING by the Dump Stations.
...RV parking will be run by Fairgrounds.

For the show - WEDNESDAY Afternoon is set up.
THURSDAY morning put cases up.
Thursday evening is a Lasagna Dinner which is catered by Kitchen Cater, this is paid for by the club for the volunteers setting up. Friday A.M. 9:00 A.M. students will be coming by bus. Sunday Take Down 4:30 to 5:00, out by 7 to 7:30.

Joe Start brought up the need for First Aid Kit and people with First Aide Cards - questions of liability. Board meeting will discuss the First Aid Card/situation.

Per Sue Robertson - Only _ of the cases for the show have entries. We need more people to put a case together. Please sign up to do a case for our show. . Although the theme is Fossils for the show, other displays can be done. Remember, petrified wood is a fossil. It could be fun, why don't you try one. Get application to Sue Roberts.

Sign up sheets to work April Show, everyone is encouraged to get involved and sign up. This is OUR show and the largest source of income for the Club.

Thor, thank you for the article in the March newsletter.

Program for the April meeting will be 'Cinch Mounts' - mounting Cabochons.

Refreshments were provided by the Porters, the Johnsons and Ken Leith.
April refreshments will be provided by Walt Nelson, Ginny Taylor, Renee Knutson, and Linda (I don't know her last name.)

May meeting will be the SWAP/SELL month. All members can participate.

WAMS Executive Board minutes March 19, 2007

~submitted by Chuck Hunt

The meeting was called to order by Board President Ray Plummer at 6:36 p.m. Board members present Cathy Fisher, Lee Anne Settlemier, Walt Friday, Marv Bartel, Thor Satter, Ray Plummer, Janice and Joe Van Cura, Chuck Hunt and guest Ted Johnson, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

The first issue for discussion was Ted Johnson's request for information as to the direction the club would like the committee to develop the "John and Lucille Sams Scholarship Fund". What should be the area of focus for awarding scholarships. With the consensus of the board the scholarships will be in the areas of rocks, minerals, fossils or general geology and available for adults and juniors of WAMS. The committee shall hold a meeting soon to discuss and organize the scholarship program. The rules and requirements for applying for said scholarships. Need to write up requirements for the transfer of funds from the general fund to the scholarship fund when we have a deceased member.

Treasurer Report: Lee Anne Settlemier presented two bills to be paid. Motion made and seconded to pay the bills. Approved.

A big thanks to Walt Friday for presenting a power point slide program before our last few meetings, but with the lighting problems and a couple of other issues the board has accepted his request to close the program.

Joe Start talked about possible CPR and Red Cross first aid training classes for the membership at \$25.00 a person with a minimum of 12 people in the class. He also expressed the need for a WAMS first aid emergency kit for a member to take on our field trips.

Show chairman Cathy Fisher advised that the location of the silent auction will probably be moved to an area

closer to the middle of the floor and possibly use a bull horn to announce the end of the silent auction times since the house system is often unintelligible. There is an exploratory team checking on the price of a bull horn.

This year's brochure will be on fossils.

On the Friday of our show some students will be out of school because of an in service day. So we may see a decrease in attendance. As of now the number of students scheduled to attend is around 500, but that number is expected to increase.

Cathy went out to check the trailer door that was leaking to locate the specific area but the door was stuck and could not be opened. She will check with the door installer to see what can be done.

The board agreed to pursue radio advertising based on information Cathy Fisher had received from one of the stations. She is to gather more information and to present it to the board via email for a decision.

Our advertising dollars will be going on the airways this year with KBZY AM 1490 radio in Salem. They will run 30 prerecorded spots the week before the show and 35 live spots the week of the show plus broadcasting live from the show on Saturday for 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. with two on the air personalities. This service will cost us the same as last year's ad in the Statesman Journal. Motion made and seconded to use KBZY in lieu of The Statesman journal. Approved.

Security: WAMS will hire ProStar security for the show. It will be for 24 hours a day 26-29 April for \$1526.40. Dinner Thursday will cover everything but dessert. Members will be asked to bring dessert that evening.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

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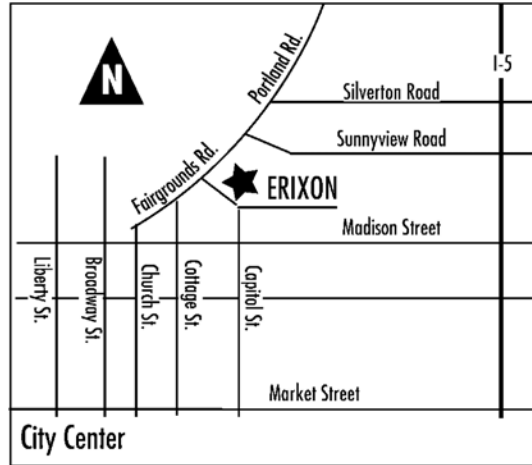
Gouday Jones

Demonstrating knapping

What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting
Thursday
April 5- 6:30 pm
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

April Program
Synch Mounts
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April Show and Tell
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