



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

January 2007

WAMS Awards

~Submitted by Susan Appleby



Betty Stearns at 2006 WAMS Christmas Dinner

The list of this year winners are:

Lifetime Achievement Award

In recognition of more than twenty years of continued dedication to the support and promotion of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society.

Bettie Stearns

Nominees: Mary Haslebacher, Bettie Stearns, George Goetzelman, Ted Silver, Jerry Porter, Tom Robertson and Susan Robertson.

Horizon Award:

In recognition of the Junior Member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society for support of the club and who most shows promise to be a lifelong rockhound.

Naomi & Ariana Elsbernd (06)

Nominees: all juniors, including Naomi & Ariana Elsbernd, Victoria Standley, Elsa McKinney, and Alex Butler.

New Member of the Year Award:

In recognition of the new member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who has most shown enthusiasm and dedication toward supporting the club and promoting the hobby of rockhounding.

Cathy Fisher (06)

Nominees: All members who officially joined WAMS after Jan. 05 Cathy Fisher, Linda Busey, Thor Satter, Ray Plummer, and Jim Lind.



Cathy Fisher

Field Trip Achievement Award:

In recognition of the Member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who has gone above and beyond normal activity to collect a rock, gem, or mineral during a sanctioned field trip.

Ken Leith and Steve Lawrence (06)

Nominees: Tom Robertson, Don Esch, Joe Vancura, Rudy and Susan Appleby, Aaron Currier for leading the coast trip. Ken Leith for finding and digging out a 200+ pound piece of petrified wood on the Bear Creek field trip. Steve Lawrence for working on a seam of agate at Graveyard Point. He spent a couple of hours chipping away at the hard rock to expose a large section of agate.

Program of the Year Award:

In appreciation of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who provided the most entertaining program at a general meeting.

Joe & Janice Vancura (06)

Nominees: Jan: Travis & Emily from OMSI hosted by Aaron Currier; Feb: Aaron Wieting from PNW Friends of Mineralogy hosted by Dexter Leonard; Mar: Nancy Plummer Intarsia; Apr: Dan Groah, Tom Robertson, and Joe Start Oregon Agates; May: Walt Friday

Video of WAMS Show; Jun: Charmaine Mortimore Silversmithing; Jul: Aaron Currier Carnegie Museum; Sep: Rudy Appleby & Tom Robertson Jasper; Oct: Joe & Janice Van Cura Thundereggs.

Multifarious Award

In recognition of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who was most resourceful, creative, and multifarious with the use of "letters of the alphabet" for show and tell.

Steve Lawrence (06)

Nominees: Susan Appleby, Joe Start, Ted Silver, Janice Vancura, Joe Vancura, Steve Lawrence, Aaron Currier, Jennifer Ferrell, and George Goetzelman.

Community Awareness Award

In appreciation of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who most provided information to membership regarding important issues affecting the hobby of rockhounding.

Marvin Bartel (06)

Nominees: Ted Silver for fair activity, Kristi Edwards for editing the Newsletter, Susan Appleby for managing the website, Marvin Bartel for Federation reporting, Tom Robertson, Aaron Currier, Joe Start.

Excellence in Education Award

In appreciation of the member of WAMS who has most supported the education of children toward the sciences and hobby of rockhounding.

Jennifer Ferrell (06)

Nominees: Joe Start, Janice Vancura, Aaron Currier, and Jennifer Ferrell.

Inspirational Rockhound of the Year Award

In recognition of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who most promoted the hobby of rockhounding.

Bob Watkins (06)

Nominees: Everyone who collected rocks, led field trips to collect rocks, and/or taught members about rock collecting, lapidary, and identification.

Specifically nominated by the membership: Ted Silver, Aaron Currier, Tom Robertson, Ray Plummer, Jennifer Ferrell, Gene Gangle, Bob Watkins, and Emily Start.

WAMS Member of the Year

In recognition of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who most promoted the club.

2006: Ray Plummer

Qualifications: Everyone who is a standing member of WAMS: Nominees submitted by the membership: Ted & Vicki Johnson, Jerry & Karen Porter, Aaron

Currier, Rudy & Susan Appleby, Cathy Fisher, Ray Plummer, Ray and Nancy Plummer, Joe & Janice Van Cura, Ted Silver, and Tom & Susan Robertson.



Steve Lawrence with his two awards



Janice and Joe Van Cura

Equipment Wanted

Richard Dowty is looking for a kiln. If you have one for sale or know of one please call Richard at 503-633-9800.

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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!

Website: www.wamsi.org

2007 Elected Officers

President:	Janice Van Cura 541-753-2401
Vice President:	Walt Friday 503-363-9861
Secretary:	Mary Haslebacher 393-5228
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Show Chair:	Cathy Fisher 503-851-1837
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Education:	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Juniors:	Jennifer Ferrell 503-370-2560
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Oregon Council:	Dan Groah 503-873-6930
Rules and Awards:	Ted Silver 503-585-2559
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Advertising:	Susan Appleby 503-391-4221
Publications:	Chuck Hunt 503-304-3886
Scrapbook/Historian:	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Hostesses:	Cathy Fisher 503-851-1837 Linda Busey
Refreshments:	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Coffee:	Nancy Plummer 503-361-7466
Stamps:	Aaron Currier 503-393-2055
Sunshine:	Karen Porter 503-371-7752

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Editor's Message

Hello

Happy New Year!!

Hopefully everyone had a nice holiday. I am looking forward to the weather getting warmer to start field trips. Please let Steve know if you have a place that you would like to go.

I apologize for the meeting minutes not being published in November's newsletter. I went back to Kinko's and they were so apologetic that they refunded the entire print job. So I am going to give them another chance. This time I will double check it before it goes into the mail.

I wanted to thank Christine Beaty and Emily Start for all the work they did on the Christmas Dinner. The dinner was great, the decorations were wonderful and the music was good. Thank you again!!!

Please let me know if you have anything that you would like to see in the newsletter. I always need ideas.

See you at the meeting

Kristi Edwards
Bulletin Editor

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Presidents Message:

Welcome to 2007. I hope that this will be a rocking good year. I look forward to getting to know more of the members during the year. The club is a great place to learn more about our shared love of rocks and gems, and to get to know fellow rockhounds. My best memories of my time with the club up till now are those shared with fellow club members either on field trips or working together on projects. Like life you get out of the club what you put into it. This year there are several opportunities to get involved. First there are committee positions that need to be filled, programs chair and Oregon Council representative positions both need to be filled along with several other. These will be discussed at the January meeting. Then on April 21, 22 & 23, 2007 we will have our show in Rickreal. This is one of the clubs biggest events during the year and one of my favorites. I always learn more about rocks and have great times with fellow rockhounds working at the show. So think about what you would like to learn about, or how you can share your passion for rocks, and volunteer for the club.

For the program in January Ted Silver and Gene Gangle have graciously agreed to present a program on cutting rocks and lapidary equipment tips. This should be a great way to start the year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Janice Van Cura

WAMS GENERAL MEETING, November 2, 2006

~submitted by Chuck Hunt
Salem Senior Center

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Plummer at 6:40 p.m.

There were seven guests this evening.
The officers and guests were introduced.

Announcements: Board meeting on Nov. 20th at the Senior Center. WAMS

Christmas dinner set for Dec. 2 at the Roth Hospitality Center.

Theft of items from the Show and Tell table.

Guidelines for Show and Tell:

1. Items displayed for show and tell are displayed at your own risk. WAMS is not responsible for missing or stolen items.

2. Any item small enough to be concealed or will fit in a pocket should be in

Upcoming NW Shows

January 24-28	Quartzsite, AZ 41 st Annual Pow Wow
Jan 19-21	Gem Faire Inc Show Annual Washington County Fairgrounds Hillsboro, OR
Jan 26-Feb 6	J.O.G.S International Exhibits Tucson, AZ
Jan 27- Feb 4	Wholesale Show Tucson, AZ
Jan 27- Feb 10	Arizona Mineral and Fossil Show Tucson, AZ

a Riker Mount, display case of some sort, a clear plastic container, or kept on your person and only shown during the show and tell portion of the meeting.

3. Chairs will be available to be placed behind the tables for you to sit at and "guard" your valuable stones, fossils, etc.

4. If you do not want people handling items, please make a "Do Not Touch" sign.

5. Think twice before bringing something really valuable.

It was advised that the club cannot be responsible for stolen items for numerous reasons, but Show and Tell will go on if members still want to display their items. The club is still open to ideas from the membership.

Regarding the Secretary's Report for the Oct. 5th meeting, since the printer dropped one or two pages of the newsletter the minutes of the meeting were read by Pres. Ray Plummer. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Approved. Minutes of the Oct. 16th Board Meeting also read by Ray Plummer. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Combined reports from Sept. /Oct. were read by treasurer Janine Kidd. Motion made and seconded to accept the report as read. Approved.

Treasurer read a list of bills received. Motion made and seconded to pay the bills. Approved.

Introduction of nominees for WAMS officer positions 2007. President Ray Plummer advised he would accept a unanimous vote for all members on the ballot, except members at large positions. Motion made and seconded to accept the ballot with a unanimous vote of members. Approved.

Motion made and seconded that WAMS have a total of six Members at Large. Approved.

Motion made and seconded to approved the ballot as amended with six Members at Large. Approved.

WAMS officers for 2007 are as follows:

President: Janice Van Cura
Vice President: Walt Friday
Secretary: Mary Haslebacher
Treasurer: Lee Ann Settlemier
Federation Director: Marvin Bartell
Members at Large:
Walter Nelson
Joe Start
Jennifer Ferrell
Chuck Hunt
Joe Van Cura
Thor Satter

Break 7:25

8:05 p.m. Meeting resumes

Old Business:

The club needs to make boxes to store the case glass fronts.

WAMS trailer is in storage and Ray Plummer has the code and keys to the trailer. If anyone needs to get in contact Ray.

New Business:

Vote in new members:

1. John and Eugenia (Gina) Reynolds

(Juniors) Aaron and Kristin

2. Keith and Susan Larson

(Juniors) Mike and Thomas

3. Harley and Kay Wilcox

Motion made and seconded to accept new members. Approved.

General Business:

Field trips: Steve Lawrence needs ideas or request for next year.

Federation Report: Marv Bartell advised nothing new

Show Report: Cathy Fisher advised there are sign up sheets available for positions at the show. Aaron Currier advised that the theme for the 2007 brochure and show will be fossils.

Newsletter Report: Kristi Edwards advised that she needs more articles for the newsletter.

Oregon Council: Linda Groah advised that a new club will be setting up a case at the Capitol soon.

Program: for January ?

Library: Chuck Hunt nothing new, just waiting for more space.

Historian/Scrapbook: Nadine Romero

Stamps: Aaron Currier Keep the stamps coming in to fight cancer.

Sunshine: Karen Porter.

Refreshments for January: Jan and Thor Satter, Theresa Byrne and Joe Start.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Submitted by Chuck Hunt

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WAMS Executive Board Meeting Nov. 20, 2006

~submitted by Chuck Hunt

The meeting was called to order by Board Pres. Kit Leshk at 6:36 p.m.

Members present were Kit Leshk, Cathy Fisher, Janice Van Cura, Walt Friday, Chuck Hunt, Ray Plummer, Janine Kidd, Joe Start, and Jennifer Ferrell. Members absent Mary Haslebacher, Marvin Bartell, and Joe Van

Cura. Guest and Lee Ann Settlemier and Rob Leedy.

Business meeting items:

TRAILER INSURANCE

Discussion of insurance on our trailer as well as the WAMS club insurance. Janine Kidd checked with a State Farm insurance agent and found that they can't write a policy on the trailer, but for the same amount that we are paying for club insurance she can get a policy to include the contents of the trailer. Motion made and seconded to explore the possibility of changing the policy to State Farm coverage. Approved.

ROCKS Rob Leedy advised that he is working with a gentleman who has many tons of rocks and after he helps him with two sales, the remainder will be donated to the club for a receipt of the donate material. There will be approximately 40-80 pickup loads. Rob will need some help in knocking down the bins that the rocks were in as part of the deal. He will also be the chairman for organizing sales and club pickup to haul to the club depository. Probably in the spring time.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER Motion made and seconded to pay for three Christmas dinners for last minute shows. Approved.

WAMS SHOW APRIL 2008

There still appears to be date conflict with the Polk County Fairgrounds regarding the date of our show. They have booked a quilt show for our contracted weekend, April 20,21,22, 2007. The weekends before and after are available, but they conflict with our dealers being at other shows, in Oregon, Washington, etc. There proceeded a lengthy discussion as to which direction the club should proceed, date, venue-wise, etc. We will check with our vendors to see if they have any flexibility in their schedules. Also we will need to research our options for the 2008 show.

JANUARY PROGRAM Aaron Currier ?

Motion made and seconded to provide a President's Special Award valued at \$25.00. The award will be to and individual that the President feels has done an outstanding job supporting the club, field trips and working on club projects. Approved.

Janine Kidd read bills for payment. Motion made and seconded to pay the bills. Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Special Board Meeting, December 2, 2006,

~submitted by Mary Haselbacher

Roth's IGA, Wallace Rd. Salem

President Ray Plummer called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. Attending were Ray Plummer, Vice President Janice VanCura, Treasurer Janine Kidd, Secretary Mary Haslebacher, members at large, Jennifer Ferrel, Joe Start, Walt Friday, Chuck Hunt, Joe VanCura, newsletter editor Kristi Edwards. Janine reported that she had procured the new insurance. It is State Farm Insurance co. The Club now has \$3 million liability (instead of \$1 million) and \$20,000 for items we own, (contents of trailer or other properties) with a \$500 deductible. The trailer its self will not be covered. When in tow, the person needs to have full coverage.

In the last month, it was discovered that the date of our Show in April had been given to someone else through misunderstandings. There have been many meetings; phone calls trying to find out what we could do or where to go if we wanted that date. The Fair people are offering us a good deal if we would have the Show the weekend before or weekend after usual date. After much research, Joe Start and Kathy Fisher found we could have Salem Armory, but a lot would have to be changed and the cost would be more. Linda Groah and Janice VanCura has called and polled our dealers on what dates most could come and their thoughts on changing locations... After weighing all the facts and figures a vote was called for to have the 2007 Show at Rickerall on April, 27, 28 and 29th. There was a second. A vote by show of hands approved and passed the motion. The Board will still procure information and prices on other facilities for the 2008 show as we know that we have to get a new contract as this was our last year on current contract with Fair.

We need to applaud these people for all their time involved in solving this dilemma.

The Board will review the Dealer contract before it is sent out for the 2008 Show to check wording on liability if something like this would come up again.

There being on more items for discussing, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Cool Websites

submitted by Susan Appleby

Starting to plan your rockhounding trips for the new year? Some useful links follow:

A great book to get would be >> Gem trails of Oregon

Stop when in Newport. Large Selection of Regional Books and Maps for the Agate Hunter
http://www.4facets.com/books_OR.html

Nature of the Northwest ... Learn more about rockhounding on the Oregon Department of Geology web site:

<http://www.naturenw.org/geo-rockhounding.htm>

Rockhounding Map's information and colorful photos <http://www.thepowellbutteview.com/Rockhoundingco.>

Deschutes & Ochoco National Forests - Central Oregon Rockhounding Map - click on "where to look" <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/recreation/rockhounding/index.shtml>

Oregon rockhounding: <http://www.all-oregon.com/rockhounding.htm>



Jennifer Ferrell enjoying dinner

2007 officers below

NFMS News

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

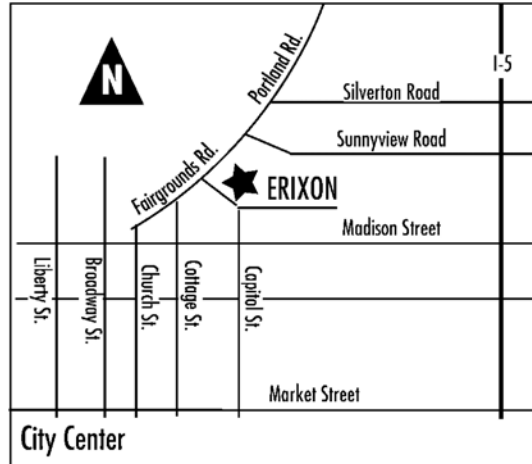
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What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting
Thursday
January 4 – 6:30 p.m.
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

January Program
Ted Silver and Gene Gangle
Rock cutting and lapidary tips
January Show and Tell
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Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon



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