



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

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~submitted by Rob Leedy

## Succor Creek Field Trip

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Well if you did not make the Field trip to the Owyhee area you missed out on a very good one. We made it to a total of 9 different sites. Some of us more, some of us less. We all came back with a lot of material to play with. Also as a group we saw a total of 9 rattlers Oh YA !! Thanks Joe Van Cura for not letting me step on that 3 footer that was in the thunderegg pit!!!!!! Also thank you Dan Groah for taking us to your special wood location. That was very special. Also I have to thank Tom Robertson for leading this trip and sharing his knowledge of the area and guiding us to the special locations in the Owyhee area. It was neat for me to finally see the places where the material comes from. It makes playing with it even more special. We were at Graveyard Point right when the mine owner opened up a big bug of angle wing agate with his back hoe. That was special and I learned that really the angle wing is the feathers in the graveyard point agate. It was also fun getting to know people in the club that I did not know that well. It's fun to share a trip like this and get to know each other a little more. There were a total of 20 of us that made this trip. Well I hope I will get to know you better on the next Field trip. Thanks!! Rob Leedy The Rockhoundingfool.

## Volunteer Guidelines

Willamette Agate & Mineral Society (WAMS) is a volunteer organization. As such how volunteers act while representing WAMS reflects on the Club. Therefore, the Board has decided to present some basic guidelines that they feel volunteers should comply with while representing the club.

The goal of the club is to promote the hobby of rock hounding and related lapidary skills through education of members and the public on related topics. Therefore, volunteers should conduct themselves at all times in a courteous and helpful manner. They should have the desire and patience to work with people of all ages. A volunteer should not be afraid to say "I don't know, but I will find someone who does." Volunteers need to have respect for the feelings of others and be flexible, making allowances for others limited knowledge or abilities.

Volunteers are not allowed to represent the Club while under the influence of alcohol or chemicals (including alcoholic beverages and recreational drugs.) Complaints about volunteers who appear, smell, or display behavior associated with chemical or alcohol abuse are taken very seriously. Because of the nature of some of our events, there are times when alcohol may be part of the social setting, such as picnics, holiday dinners and field trips. The volunteers that are representing the club on these events should take care to maintain a proper decorum if they decide to drink alcohol during these times.

Volunteers of the club that are performing their duties at the Senior Center in Salem will be bound by the Volunteer Handbook of the Senior Center.

Approved by the board 6/18/07

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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!

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

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- President: Janice VanCura 541-753-2401
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#### Mailing Address

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## Editor's Message

We just got back from camping at Paulina. Our friends from Monroe, Kathy and Merle found some great pieces from just walking around. These 2 are great surface hunters!!!

Mark for once found a bigger rock than I did at Maury Mountain. I guess I need to share the glory. But those of you at Succor Creek remember his big find at Stinkingwater!!

There were many great photos sent to me that were taken at Succor Creek. I will pass on those I did not use on to Susan to put on the web. Also be sure to check out Rudy's pictures from Succor Creek on the web site.

I met a couple from Tennessee at Maury Mt. that had emailed me a few months ago about rocking in Oregon. They had found our web site and were very pleased at those that I sent their email on to. They were having a great time in Oregon. Thanks to those that shared ideas with this family. They found our rock club to be very friendly and helpful.

Enclosed is the map and information about the August picnic. It will be held at Ray and Mary Haslebacher's home this year.

A reminder that there will be no meeting or newsletter for August.

Please keep sending me pictures and articles.

Have great July 4<sup>th</sup>!!!!

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards  
Bulletin Editor

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## Presidents Message

I am real glad that summer is here. We just got back from Prineville and had a great time. There were lots of other members there and from what I heard everyone had a great time on the field trips. Since this is collecting season I have a request for those members that are out in the field. Please think about picking up an extra piece or two for the club. We need to spark up our silent auction next year and a great way is by having each member donate a nice rock or two from their trips out this summer. This would be especially nice if you happen to be someplace that most of us do not get to go very often.

Also, as part of planning for next years show we will need some people to be the point person for parts of the show. I believe that someone has already stepped up to take over coordinating the displays and the school children. But we will really need someone to take on the silent auction. If you are interested please contact Cathy Fisher or myself. Since we are doing some planning this fall regarding how the auction is going to be set up and ran, it would be great to get someone soon.

The Sam's Education Scholarship committee has met and has made a great start in figuring out how the club can award some of the money and raise some more. They are looking for a couple more members. If you are interested please contact Ted Johnson.

Hope to see all of you at the July meeting, or out digging rock.

Janice Van Cura

## Upcoming NW Shows

July 12-15	Thunder Egg Days Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Nyssa, OR
July 13-15	Bead Faire Oregon Convention Center Portland, OR
July 20-22	Digger Dan's Rockhound Club Sutherlin Community Center Sutherlin, OR
July 20-23	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Treasures of the Earth Community Building Reedsport, OR
July 28-29	Rock and Gem Rendvøous Tenino, OR

## July Program

~submitted by Janice Van Cura

The July program is scheduled to be by Ray Plummer discussing the effects and how to heat treat rocks. This should be a hot topic.

## WAMS Meeting Minutes

~submitted by Mary Haslebacher

JUNE 7, 2007 Salem Senior Center

President Janice VanCura called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The members of Board in attendance were Walt Friday, LeeAnn Settlemier, Joe VanCura, Joe Start, Cathy Fisher, Jennifer Ferrell, Marv Bartel, Ray Plummer, and Mary Haslebacher

Janice had our 3 guests introduce themselves. This month's rock for Show & Tell was "U". July's rock(s) will be

"VWXYZ" or any rock you don't know. Maybe you will get an answer.

The Board will meet on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Senior Center. Our July meeting will be on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes from May meeting were published in Newsletter, a motion was made to accept them as published, seconded and motion passed. The Treasures report was given by LeeAnn, a motion was made to accept the report, seconded and passed.

Since Marv Bartel cannot attend the Federation meeting, a motion was made to send Janice VanCura and Dexter Leonard as our rep's., seconded and passed

Our Program was a DVD on "Geology". It was a well done program. Walt Friday used his equipment to put it on a big screen.

Refreshment break 7:20 -7:45

Robin Russell's name was presented for membership. Motion made and seconded and passed.

Steve Lawrence gave a report on the past field trips and the fun they all had.

Kristi Edwards said Thanks to all that submitted articles.

Vickie Johnson said there is now a new display at the Capital Building. A good place to take our visitors.

Ted Silvers said there would be no new classes in Lapidary until after Labor Day.

Theresa Byrne, if not using the tumblers, please let her know.

A \$100.00 will be transferred to the Education Fund in memory of Bob Watkins.

Next months, Walt Friday, Ray Plummer, and the Reynolds will supply the refreshments for July. Our program will be, "Heat treating agate" by Ray Plummer if he is well enough to do it.

The annual picnic is August 5, Sunday Afternoon.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

## **WAMS Executive Board**

~submitted by Mary Haslebacher

Monday, June 18, 2008, Salem Senior Center, 8:30 pm

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Ray Plummer. Members in attendance, Janice VanCura, Chuck Hunt, Joe VanCura, Kathy Fisher, Joe Start, Marv Bartel and Mary Haslebacher. Guests Ted Johnson and Rob Leedy

Joe Start showed the new emergency first aid kit the Club had bought.

Rob Leedy said there is approximately 15-20 tons of rock that is being donated to the Club. Rob said he is planning to get a group together sometime in July. Anyone with a pickup that can go to Eugene and take the rock to Don Esch's at that time can then pick a bucket of rocks. There

is lots of really good material there. Call Rob for more details.

Ted Johnson, Chairperson of the Education Scholarship Committee and Rob Leedy gave the board a list of guidelines being drafted for grades 2-12 that can be applied for "an assist with educational opportunity". After much discussion the Board voted on their Recommendations,

At this time, awards be made to Junior Members grades 2-12

Funds to be used for studies in the Geological Sciences Awardees make a presentation to the General Membership of knowledge gained. Initially, funds made available for activities June-September (Exceptions can be made with Board approval)

Limit awards to allow a reserve to be created and grow into a self supporting fund, so eligibility can be broadened.

Initiate additional fund raising activities and provisions so that annual collections will allow small awards.

A small award will be made on May 1, 2008.

Authorize the Committee to create processes and forms necessary, for Board approval.

Protect 75% of funds collected annually to "Grow" the fund to self sufficiency.

Identify an internal accounting method to accrue interest earned on "Reserved" funds.

Motion made to accept recommendations, seconded and passed.

The Scholarship Committee presented the ideas for fund raising. A motion was made to accept donated items to be auctioned verbally off at the Annual Picnic. Passed and seconded. If anyone has equipment, tools rocks please contact Rob or Ted. These can be a tax deduction.

The Treasure had presented a suggestion of transferring the savings account to Capital One to gain more interest. After discussion, A motion was made not to change to an online account. Seconded and passed not to change.

Janice presented the New Contract from the Polk County Fairgrounds. It is a one year contract for the dates of April 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 2008. There is an increase in rent and also a charge for tables. A motion made to accept the new contract, seconded and passed

After MUCH discussion on different figures and options, a motion was made to raise the Dealers rates. The rates have not been raised for eight years. The motion was seconded and passed. Dealer rate will be \$12 a foot.

There was discussion on tables for the Demonstrators and their selling at their space. A motion was made that if they are selling they need to be charged \$24 for the spot plus the \$4. table cost. Motion seconded and passed.

Janice presented the Volunteer Guidelines. A motion was made to accept with one small word addition, seconded and passed to publish these guidelines in the newsletter.

Bills were presented, motion made to pay bills, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

# Photos of Succor Creek Field Trip



-submitted by Kay Storey



-submitted by Theresa Byrne



-submitted by Kay Storey

**FMS News**

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

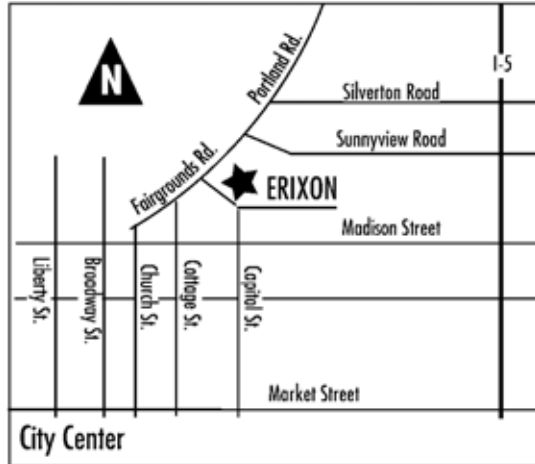
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# What's Rocking?

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

**July Program**  
Heat Treat Rocks  
Ray Plummer  
**July Show and Tell**  
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters  
**V, W, X, Y and Z**



**Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon**



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