



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

June 2007



Bob helping at a work party in 2006

In Memory of Bob Watkins

Bob Watkins passed away on May 30, 2007. Bob had been a member of WAMS since 2003. There was a memorial service for Bob at the senior center June 2.

Bob had a passion for: silversmithing, wood carving, storytelling, fishing, music, flintknapping, aboriginal skills and crafts, rock hounding, family and friends. Some of Bob's more visible works include: portions of the acid ball and carousel horses at Salem Waterfront Park, and collaboration with Terry on the Kalapuya Brave and the Bavarian Children at the Mt Angel Glockenspiel

Bob was also a member of the Cherokee Nation, the Mid-Willamette Valley Angling Club, Capitol Carvers, an enthusiast of events at Glass Butte and Echoes of Man, and a frequent participant and demonstrator at local rock and craft shows, and had been an instructor at Chemeketa. He was an avid collector of all things important and loved to share his knowledge with others.

Bob was also one of WAMS greatest volunteers. He will be missed.

Wanna Go Rock Hunting Again

~submitted by Rob Leedy

The Springfield sale will be held again Saturday June 9th.

This sale is located at Wayne and Thelma Brutscher at 1347 North 30th Springfield, OR 97478. Their phone number is 541-747-0183. **Please do not call unless you need directions.**

The directions are from I5 head east on Hwy 126. Turn right on Mohawk Blvd. Head south and take 2nd left on Olympic St. Head east and go to 30th street. Turn right. House is on left side heading south.

(Rob will have flyers at the meeting)

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W.A.M.S. ROCKHOUND RUMBLINGS



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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

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Editor's Message

Mark and I just got back from 10 days of camping and rocking. So hopefully there will be no errors in spelling this month. Sorry Aaron, we really do know that you sell **T-Shirts!!**

We camped at Hampton Butte with friends from Monroe and dug at Bear Creek and Paulina for 3 days. Mark found some nice limbcast, but I will take the credit of showing him where to dig. We had a great time with our friends. One night the temperature was 26 degrees.

I encountered not only my first, but 2 rattlesnakes at Stinkingwater. I did not know I could leap or run so fast. I hope never to have that happen again.

From there we met up with the group at Succor Creek. We found lots of nice jasper and had a great time despite the 90 degree weather.

I really want to thank Tom Robertson and Dan Groah for great time. We appreciate you taking time to lead this trip.

And Rudy, thanks for looking at our rocks. You were a great help and we really loved your stew. You may be elected to be the cook on the next field trip.

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards
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Presidents Message

It is hard to believe that we are getting ready for the June meeting and that summer is almost here. The show was a great success and I want to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to Cathy Fisher for chairing the show, and to all the club members who helped. Financially the show did great. The funds that we earn each year at the show help finance the activities of the club, like this newsletter, so that we can keep our dues low and membership is available to all interested rockhounds and pebble puppies.

I hope to get out and look for some rock several times this summer. It would be great to meet up with fellow members out in the field. One of the aspects of rockhounding that I have enjoyed the most over the years is the people Joe and I have met along the way. I think it really is true that rockhounds are some of the friendliest people around. When we were just starting out, it seemed that everyone we met was willing to help us out. They told us where to go, literally, what to look for and what a leaverite was. (For those new to rockhounding a leaverite is a rock you want to leave right where it is.) As a growing club we have lots of new members and I hope to have the opportunity to do the same for them. Here's to meeting you out on a dig shovel in hand.

Please consider when you are out collecting this season that each year at the show we have a silent auction to raise funds for the club. The club auctions off rock that has been donated to the club from various sources. One of the best sources is when members pick up a few extra rocks on their travels to donate to the club. This material always adds a little extra to the auction. Thanks in advance.

Janice Van Cura

Upcoming NW Shows

June 8-10	Bead Renaissance Show Monarch Hotel and Conference Center Portland, OR
June 15-17	Oregon Coast Agate Club Lincoln County Fairgrounds Newport, OR
June 21-24	Prineville Pow Wow Prineville, OR
June 27-July 1	Madras Rock Show Madras, OR
June 30-July 1	Sisters 11th Annual Show Sisters, OR

June Program

~submitted by Janice Van Cura

Originally the June program was to be a presentation by Ray Plummer on heat treating, but because he has been under the weather that had to be postponed. Therefore, the program will be a DVD presentation on geology. This should be very informative for those of us who only know what rocks we like not how they were made or what basic type of rock they might be. Maybe I will relearn the difference between igneous and metamorphic rock. Hope to see you there

Ochoco Field Trip

~submitted by Joe Van Cura

It is hard to believe that it took until May for me to attend my first WAMS field trip of the year, but that is what happened. I always look forward to heading up to the Ochoco's for thundereggs. We had a small but enthusiastic group for this trip, including a couple of fairly new members.

I arrived at the camping spot just after noon on Friday to find Bob Manley and his grandson Will visiting with Dave Fisher and his friend Greg. After Dexter and Margo Leonard and Steve Lawrence arrived we headed up to the White Fir Springs jasper site. We spread out and started new holes or expanded on existing ones. In short order, we all began to find some eggs and pieces of jasper. In a couple of hours we had enough so we headed back to camp. By this time the Becklund boys, Eric and Bruce were in camp along with Eleanor Wershow. We still had daylight left so we walked up to the White Fir Springs agate bed. We all found some rock that we had to keep, especially Bob and Will. They found a good pocket of nice whole eggs the size of softballs.

Saturday dawned a little cooler with some cloud cover which made for a nice hike in to White Rock Springs. The White Rock Springs egg bed is in the wilderness area so our collecting was limited to surface hunting. After an extensive search of the area, we all had a few eggs and pieces of agate to carry out. We stopped at the trailhead for lunch and then headed over to Queens Point. This was also a hike in but it is not in the wilderness area so we were able to bring shovels and dig. This area is not as large and the eggs are a lot smaller, but we all found some. After the hike out, I remembered that my lovely wife added a note to my previous article mentioning a potluck for dinner. I had forgotten this when I did my grocery shopping. Not that it mattered since I left my groceries on the kitchen counter. A big thanks to Bruce and Eric for supplying a great chicken enchilada casserole for the potluck. Thanks also to everyone else who took pity on me and shared their food.

We had a big surprise when we woke up Sunday morning to find it snowing out. Since the road was closed to Jeremiah's bed we decided to go our own way on Sunday. I took Eleanor up to the jasper eggs and everyone else went up to the agate eggs. The snow soon turned to rain and started coming down a little heavier so Eleanor and I headed back to camp and then home. I hope everyone who was there had a good time and maybe the next time we go to the Ochoco's we will go up the 27 road to all the egg beds in that area.

Submitted by Janice Van Cura



Bob and Grandson Will



Group at Campground

Nostalgia and Hitting a Bull's Eye

~submitted by Gene Gangle

It is summer. Field trips pick up and lapidary shop activity slows down. For some reason, memory crowds in this time of year, with remembrance of things past. I share now several stories and I will work hard to find a rock-hound theme.

FIRST STORY. Last month, I noticed a Salem-area boy placed fifth in State in the javelin with a throw of 174 feet 2 inches. In the '70's I was a first-year weight-events coach at McNary High School in Keizer. Remember the '70's? Women were burning selected foundation garments, Vietnam was going strong, gold shag carpet was in. That spring at McNary, on the first day of track practice, one of the athletes threw the javelin 175 feet. On the first day of practice! I asked him if could do some other event. He was a junior and wanted to letter, so he wanted to make varsity, i.e., be one of the top three in his event.

I explained we had two boys who threw the javelin over 200 feet and a third boy was in the high 90's. So, he did the high jump instead (and he did letter). Go, spear chuckers! Go Celtics!

SECOND STORY. A few years later, I had back-hall supervision at Sprague High School during early-morning bus arrival, prior to the start of the school day. I overheard a boy tell his friends he was going to start his weekend early by getting suspended. His friends wondered how and he explained he would pick a fight with some little guy getting off the bus just now. He would get sent to the office and get suspended for fighting. Suiting action to his words, he went over to a group just coming in from outside, pushed a little fellow from behind and threw a punch at him. Well, the little guy crouched down, ducked under the punch and proceeded to slap the petunias out of this would-be truant. The little guy was a champion wrestler and the so-called friends were in high humor at the summary judgment brought upon their friend. And, Gene Gangle's School of Natural Consequences dictated outside intervention was not necessary. It could hardly have been called a fight, the one fellow's "friends" would give him a difficult time for the rest of the day, if not beyond, and I saw no need to involve the Administration. This boy got his butt kicked in front of his friends, and they would not let him forget how pathetically his strategy worked. Go little tough guys! Go Olympians!

THIRD STORY. This last story involves a WAMS member, Ray Haslebacher, who has a farm out towards Mt. Angel. He decided to take the recently-established lapidary skills class. This whole business of making a cabochon was new to him, but Ray is a patient man by temperament – he plants in April and harvests in October – and his daily use of a variety of machinery made for a wonderful coming-together of interest and skill. You see, Ray hit a bull's eye right out of the chute (that's a horribly-mangled metaphor, but it is good authentic western gibberish). Ray had selected a Brazilian agate slab which he admired and he executed a perfect cabochon. First time! Red, black and wonderfully polished. I have told Ray I may forget his name in the years ahead, but I'll always remember that cabochon. Go Ray!! Go WAMS!!

I will stretch things here and give a rock-hound spin to these stories. In years past, McNary High School has had wonderful javelin athlete talent and the State of Oregon has wonderful agate and jasper and petrified wood – and, I hesitate to say it special because I know what the word "special" means in educational circles, but Oregon has special lapidary material.

I'm hard-put to get a rock-hound theme out of the Sprague story. Sometimes when we try to make

things happen, we encounter surprises? Anyway, rock-hounds tell good stories, and I hope you think this is a good story.

I can't really add to the Ray Haslebacher story. Ray epitomizes the potential we all have when we bring to the table interest and patience. Even though it has been quite a few years since Ray took the lapidary-skills class and created his wonderful cabochon, that time is still vivid in my memory.

Go McNary spear-chuckers! Go Sprague little tough guys! Go WAMS lapidary shop students. And, I still remember your name, Ray!

On Saturday night it would be fun to plan to have a club potluck for those that want at the campground.

Sunstone Information

~submitted by Kristi Edwards

Many of you have asked for the information on the Sunstone Area that Lee King owns. If you want to dig on his claims please send him an email at mailand@oregoncoast.com or mail him at P.O. Box 159. Pacific City, OR 97135

You can also visit his website at www.pieraverockshop.com.

I will bring the maps and his rules to the meeting.

WILLAMETTE AGATE & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

May 3, 2007

~submitted by Mary Haslebacher
Salem Senior Center

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by President Janice Van Cura. She asked that all bills be submitted.

Secretary report was printed in newsletter, a correction was needed on the word t-shirts (it shows don't always relay on spell check) even with 3 of us reading it before. Motion made to accept with correction, seconded and passed.

Field trips were announced; please contact Steve Lawrence for the trips. Marv Bartel attended the NW Federation meeting. The complete meeting will be published in NW newsletter but most important is they are having problems filling offices. They need people to run for office. **Marv will be unable to attend the Butte Montana meeting in August, please let him know if anyone is going if they will attend business meeting.** There was mention that

the Lapidary Magazine is going on line rather than publishing a hard copy. Other magazines may follow.

Aaron Currier needs your stamps by July meeting so they can be taken to Butte in August.

Sunshine chair, Kathy Porter has sent out a lot of cards this last month.

Kristi Edwards says to please write articles on trips or something you have read that is interesting.

Vickie Johnson said the rock display at Capitol will be changing May 16.

Silver-smithing chair, Charmaine Mortimer needs someone to help do classes.

Property control chair, Theresa Byrne said tumblers are all out and if done using needs to get back to her for others to use.

Break for Show & Tell and the sale and displays.

Meeting called back to order.

There were eleven people asking for membership. Their names were called and they stood up as called. Motion made to accept all as members, seconded and passed. Welcome to the Club. Gregg & Susan Prince, Mary Riker, Brian Olson, Linda Rosenbeck, Louis Neuman, Herb Bastischeck, Stan & Shelly Mowatt, Michael & Arleigh Lulay

Treasure, LeeAnne Settlemeir submitted the bills to be paid. Motion made to pay, seconded and passed.

Lee Anne then gave a report on the 2007 Show. As it turned out it was a very good show. As of now shows profit but a complete report will be given next month as she has had only 4 days since show and all bills are not in.

Show Chair, Kathy Fisher gave a report on how the show, changes and all went. There were 68 cases altogether. Everyone gave Kathy a "Well done." Thanks Kathy. The President has appointed Kathy to be Show Chair next year.

Refreshments will be provided next month by Ann Gassmer, Christine Beaty, Mary Riker and Janice Van Cura. Door prizes volunteer will be Dan Groah

Meeting adjourned. 8:17 pm.

WILLAMETTE AGATE & MINERAL SOCIETY

Board meeting, May 21, 2007

~submitted by Mary Haslebacher

Salem Senior Center

Chairperson Ray Plummer called meeting to order at 6:35 pm. In attendance were Janice VanCura, Thor Satter, Chuck Hunt, Cathy Fisher, LeeAnn Settlemeir, Joe Van Cura, Joe Start, Mary Haslebacher and guests Tom Robertson and Dan Groah

Ray presented an e-mail from Jennifer Ferrell, resigning from the Board stating, "She needs to take care of some things and it's not fair to board that she can't show up enough". She will continue working with the Juniors.

Janice said that Ted Silvers will no longer chair the Rules and Awards committee, so the Club will need to find another.

Chuck said he will be a traveling library until a new case is built to house all the books and materials the Jackman's has donated to the Club. Many thanks to them.

There was much discussion on the 2007 Show. In all it was a very good show. Comments from the Dealers were positive. There were over 5000 people who attended the Show. There are some minor details that need to be changed. Also the club may go back to doing it's own security at night. This will be investigated more. Cathy is working on guidelines for each item at Show. Although a contract hasn't been signed, the dates of April 18, 19, & 20, 2008, have been reserved at the Polk County Fairgrounds. The theme will be "crystals".

LeeAnn gave the Treasures report; motion made to accept, seconded and passed. Bills for payment were presented, motion made to pay, seconded and passed. A motion was made to buy a spare tire for the trailer after the problems of a flat tire after the Show. Seconded and passed. Joe Start will get the tire and rim.

Since the General fund is a negative, a motion was made to transfer \$2500. from Show Reserve. Seconded and passed. Also a motion was made, seconded and passed to have LeeAnn transfer \$2500 to the replacement fund

The First Aid kit that was sent to us was the wrong kit so they refunded the money and the money will be put back in bank.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

There was discussion on rock that would be donated to Club. Below is the information that the Board asked about Nov 20, 2006.

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.

FMS News

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AFMS News

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Photos from Show

Submitted by Teresa Byrne

Silent Auction



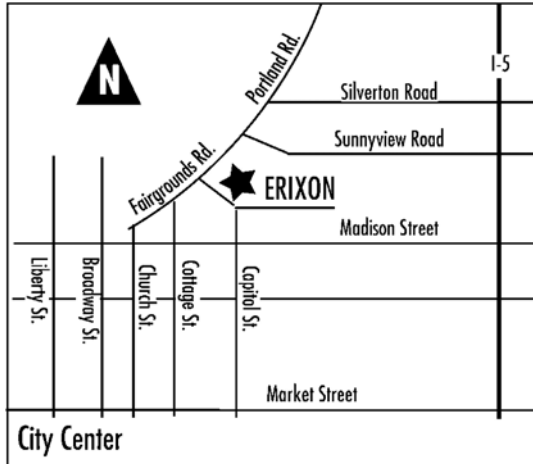
Debbie Serves Popcorn With Flair



What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting
Thursday
June 7- 6:30 pm
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

June Program
DVD presentation on Geology
June Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters
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