



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

March 2007

Show Work Parties

~submitted by Cathy Fisher

Hello all,

We have decided that the work parties will be held every Sunday at 12pm at Cathy Fisher's home until the show. That way you may come when you are available, even if it's just for a couple of hours. If you could make it even once we will finish on time.

It would be open house style and you will be able to work on any of the projects that you feel like.

Cathy's address is 1595 Park Ave NE Salem, OR and her phone is 503-851-1837

We will also have pizza, water, coffee and pop.

Projects that need work are:

1. Construct and paint game tables. BYOSG!
2. Stuff plastic eggs with rocks.
3. Cut, sew, string and fill grab bags.
4. Make bean bags.
5. Make jewelry.
6. Wash prize rocks.
7. Make an ASK THE EXPERT banner
8. Make signs for the door way.
9. Make critters
10. Separate fossils
11. Prepare buckets for school children

Display Cases

There are 8 display cases that are up free. It is first come, first serve. If you would like one please contact Kristi Edwards at 541-738-6811. These will need to be picked up on the schedule day. If you are a lucky winner, you will be notified when this will occur.

Meeting Programs

~submitted by Janice Van Cura

March Program

For the March program we will have a talk and demonstration by Gouday Jones on Knapping. Gouday Jones is a well known Knapper in the local area. He will give a short explanation and then a demonstration on how to Knapp. If you are interested in seeing how this is done or learning more about how you could do this be sure to come see the program. For those that want to learn more during March there is a Knapp in at Glass Butte and interested rockhounds are welcome. Information on the dates of the event and other items will be available at the meeting.

May Program

A suggestion was sent to the Board that we have a club swap and sale for a meeting program. The Board discussed this at the February Board meeting and decided that this sounded like a fun idea. Any member that wanted to could bring items that they have to either sell or trade with other members. This gives everyone a chance to see what other members are doing and to expand their own collection. In order for members to have some time to prepare items if need be we decided to hold this in May. We will have a short mention of what is available and then a long break for people to browse and visit. Please let someone on the Board know if you plan on bringing items so we make sure there are enough tables. The club will also be selling some of the older and duplicate books we have received for the library. If this turns out to be fun maybe it can be an annual event.

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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

We are getting closer to the show and Cathy is need of some help. If you can volunteer just a couple of hours that would be great.

Chuck has found an interesting web sit and that link is www.memphisgeology.org

Also you can check out the Geology Department web site at Oregon State University. It has some beautiful pictures of crystals and rock.

That link is at:

www.geo.oregonstate.edu/~taylore/minerals/

Again thanks to those that have contributed to the newsletter.

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards
Bulletin Editor

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Presidents Message:

One of the things that I have really appreciated over the years of my membership in the club is how much fun this group has at the various events. The meetings have always been informative and it is great to see fellow members. The classes are a real plus for the club to be able to offer to members. The field trips have been some of the most memorable and where I have gotten to know fellow members one on one. The show gives me a chance to help out and we have a great bunch of dealers that I always find something I just have to have. All of this has worked because members step up to volunteer when needed. In order for this to continue I need to ask for some help. I need someone to be a program chair. There are several programs already planned, for example May, and a couple set up for the fall. I do not have a program for April, and with my work schedule it will be hard for me to pinch hit for a missing program. So I need someone to please help out. If you could do a short program for April or know someone who could that would be great. We will need some of the time to discuss the show. But if no one steps up you may just have to listen to me tell you about preparing taxes as that will be all I have time for the first part of April. By the time you receive this newsletter a group of members will have had a field trip to the coast. I hope that they had a good time. Due to work I won't be able to go. So hopefully some one will write an article for next month's newsletter letting everyone know how it went.

Janice Van Cura

Mining for Jade

~submitted by Thor Satter

Quote by Thea Surasu, President of Blue Moon Jade
"Opportunities like one only come once in a blue moon"

Planning a trip of this magnitude can be overwhelming. It requires scrutinizing, planning and rechecking of supplies and timetables to ensure that everything costs as little as possible. Because when crunch time comes, it boils down to considering paying \$10, 20 or even \$30 dollars a minute. No time spent on refining and rechecking is ever enough, or so it would seem.

Running this operation is like running a smooth ship and every ship needs a captain. That's my job and I am a fair, yet tough captain.

The day begins with coffee, muffins and juice. The jade rangers sit and go over the day's plans, making sure everyone knows what their duties are. We then do a head count and one last equipment and supply check, before we make the last 60 mile push into the boonies.

Upcoming NW Shows

March 9-11	Tualatin Valley Gem Club Washington County Fairgrounds Hillsboro, OR
March 10-11	Whidbey Island Gem Club Oak Harbor Senior Center Oak Harbor, WA
April 27-20	Willamette Agate & Mineral Polk County Fairgrounds Rickreall, OR

We have to arrive at least an hour before the helicopter shows up at 9am. This gives us enough time to pack supplies and equipment in to the cargo nets. We could show up the night before, but my crew and I like to get in one last good sleep on a real bed before sleeping on the hard ground for a week.

Once the helicopter arrives at the pickup site, the captain has a meeting with the pilot. Plans are laid out and everything is set. First I need to get flown in to Jade land base camp, so I can unhook and unload the cargo nets when the copter flies them in. Hooking and unhooking the nets can be quite dangerous. If you are not paying attention you could easily get hit in the head with the hook or get your feet caught in the net.

After all the gear, supplies and crew are back on terra firma, I have one last meeting with our pilot to make sure he knows what day and what time to pick us up. This is usually about 6 days, giving us plenty of time to hunt jade. Moments later the copter is gone and we are alone.

Among our equipment is a SAT phone, in case of an emergency. A call to STAR would be placed and the local mountain air rescue unit in Trinity County would respond. Thankfully I have never had to make that call.

Getting camp set up usually comes in second to finding the first piece of nice jade for the session. The jade bug bites and everyone goes mad for those bumpy green nuggets. It does not take long before someone can be heard yelling BOT!! Since these are mostly place claims, the earth does most of the work for us. I am thankful for all the help my crew and I get.

Once enough jade is found in an area a cargo net is laid out and then it is time for the muscle to earn their keep. Meaning it is time for those healthy young men to break their backs carrying jade stones to the net. I have had to carry jade stones weighing 70 pounds at least 2/10 of a mile to get it into the closet net. For stones weighing over 100 + pounds we use an old military stretcher. This goes on for days until once again it time to leave.

The last day is the hardest, not from being sore, but from all the management and rechecking I have done is about to peek. If something goes wrong in the plan while the pilot is in flight, he has to land and wait for someone to hike to his position and explain. All goes well and within the next 2-3 hours we will be on the road again. Everyone is safe, all equipment accounted for and the vehicles are over weight from a large bounty of jade.

Next stop is a pizza parlor at the bottom of the mountain for a hot slice of pie and a cold drink.

Side Note: Thea Surasu also made a meditative album of healing music. For meditation, charka alignments and more titled : Singing bowls of Shagri-la Sacred Soundscapes for meditation

WAMS February 2007 General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Susan Appleby for Mary Haslebacher

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, by President Janice VanCura. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Show & Tell was "Q". March Show & Tell will be "R".

Steve Lawrence got the presentation on Rockhounding in Oregon rolling. Information on collecting locations, along with favorite rockhounding tales from members.

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

Treasurer Report: Lee Anne Settlemier absent.

Old Business: Aaron taking orders for T-Shirts until next meeting.

Break 7:35 pm

Meeting called back to order <8:00 pm>.

Field Trip Report: Steve Lawrence, A field trip to the coast was discussed and it was decided to hold it on February 23rd. Meet Aaron at Moolack Beach at 10:00 am. Same weekend as Newport Wine and Seafood Festival so lodging will be very limited.

Federation Report: Marv Bartel had no report on Federation.

WAMS Show Report: Cathy Fisher gave a report on April Show and that volunteers are needed. There will be a work party at her place every Sunday until the show. Call for information. Volunteers needed for Kids Corner. Parking change at fairgrounds. They will advise campers where to park.

Newsletter Report: Kristi Edwards. Submit articles on rockhounding, lapidary or tips and tricks for printing.

Oregon Council Report: Vickie Johnson. No report.

Library: Chuck Hunt. WAMS has a library full of books on our hobby available for checkout..

Refreshments: Thanks to Steve Lawrence, Thor Satter

and Reyne Knutson for bringing refreshments for February. The Porters, the Johnsons and Ken Leith volunteered for the March meeting.

Stamps: Aaron Currier. Bring your cancelled stamps in. Leave about a half inch border if possible.

Sunshine Report: Karen Porter. No Report.

Lapidary: Ted Silver. Check with Ted for Saturday schedule.

Silversmith Classes: Charmaine Martimer. Classes held Monday at 6:00.

New Members: Nine new members were accepted into the club. Welcome all new members.

Janice declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Raffle and Door Prize tickets were called.

BOARD MEETING,

~submitted by Chuck Hunt

February 12, 2007

Meeting called to order by Ray Plummer at 6:35 p.m. Members present were Ray Plummer, Thor Satter, Kathy Fisher, Joe Start, Janice and Joe Van Cura, Walt Friday Marvin Bartel, Kristi Edwards and Chuck Hunt Guest Tom Robertson.

Tom Robertson advised that there were 7 old cases that need to be gotten rid of by the club. Motion made and seconded to give away the cases on a first come first serve basis. Approved. They will be picked up Sat. March 10th between 10 a.m. and noon at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Kristi Edwards will be the contact person and keep a list of those people requesting the cases. There also were about 30 old glass front to some of the old cases and they were awarded to Kathy Fisher.

Kathy Fisher advised that there is a leak at the door of the old white trailer and appears to leak when the wind blows the water into the trailer. At this point nothing is damaged.

Programs ideas for the coming year for WAMS:

1. A tailgate night (May?) like at our picnic
2. Flintknapping
3. Petrified wood identification, possibly by some who attended the Walt Williams class on petrified wood.
4. Faceting
5. Lostwaxcasting
6. Creating doublets

Show

Motion made and seconded to have the Polk County Fairgrounds cater our Thursday night dinner. It will be a complete dinner of lasagna, salad, bread, etc. \$5.75 each. Motion passed with one nay vote.

During the show WAMS may use the break room, but not deliver food to members our dealers out on the floor.

The parking issue was addressed and decided to let people use common sense on parking. If club members are physically able park in an area that is designated for parking, but if able leave the front parking to our guests.

Club tumblers: The club needs to consider purchasing a few more tumblers with the increase in membership. The issue will be visited at the next executive board meeting.

Motion made and seconded to reimburse Don Esch for relining his vibratory tumbler that he has been using to tumble club material for the show. Cost \$30.00. Approved.

Sundays at 12 noon Kathy Fisher will open her house to members to come and work on projects for the show from now until the show. Needed work on the ring toss, bean bag or rock toss, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 7:48 pm

FMS News

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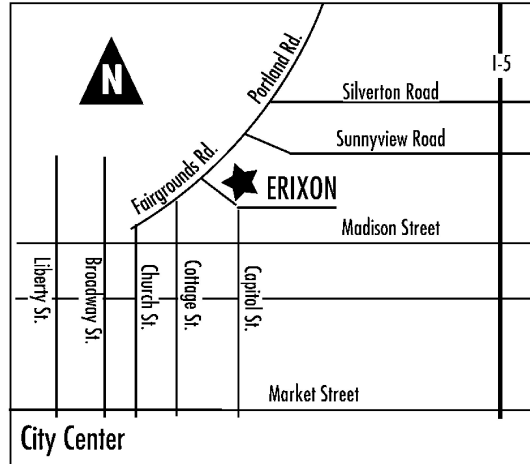
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What's Rockin

WAMS General Meeting
Thursday
March 1 – 6:30 p.m.
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

March Program
Knapping
Gouday Jones
March Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters
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