



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

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Ideas for Advertising the 2007 River of Gems

~submitted by Susan Appleby

With the upcoming show only a few months away, I wanted to ask everyone if they you could think about advertising opportunities for the show. Ads are placed in the local newspapers, NW Federation newsletter, but every little bit helps.

Show fliers will be available at meetings and are also available for download on our website. Pick a handful up to take to your local businesses and give to friends.

If you have any suggestions (or contacts) for free advertising - radio stations, newspapers, television, etc. please let me know and I'll keep a list. The club sends postcards out to people who have attended the show previously. and publicity with an article in local papers always helps.

So think about some good places to get the word out about our 52nd Annual River of Gems. We're on our way to another great show!

Saturday Lapidary Classes

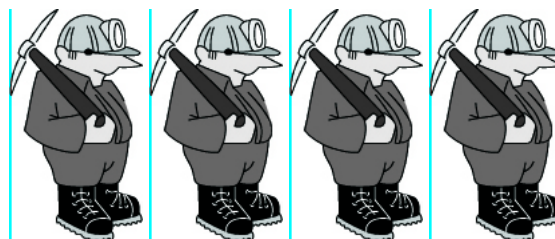
~submitted by Ted Silver

Chemeketa Community College wants to run some Saturday classes but not every Saturday.

The Center management is trying to get enough people in on Saturdays to justify opening. We can help! They're still trying to fill every Saturday but as of now we have confirmed dates as follows: February 3 8:30 -12:30; February 10 9:30-12-30; March 3 8:30-12:30; March 10 and March 17 9:30-11:30. As always, these times and dates may change but right now they look pretty solid. I'm asking for volunteers to help supervise on Saturdays. I hope to get enough supervisors to share the load and not have to expect one person to cover all Saturdays. Anyone interested

in helping please call me and or show up at the Center at 8:30 February 3. If you're not an authorized

supervisor show up anyway. We can handle the paperwork.



Ask Rocky

WAMS expert for all your rockhounding questions.

Ask Rocky is back with a wealth of information on our hobby. If you have any questions you would like to ask - be sure to send them to info@wamsi.org.

Questions and answers will be printed here. Rocky has answered many interesting questions and can be viewed at www.wamsi.org. Search for a topic - go to your Internet Browser's main menu > Edit > Find and enter the subject you are looking for. You may be lucky and find something about it and if not, send Rocky your question. By reading though Rocky's answers you may just learn something new.

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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

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Non-member and members with a business - \$4.00/issue, \$35.00/year (10 issues), or \$17.50 for 1/2 year (5 issues). Same size regulations as above.

Mailing Address

WAMS - P.O. Box 13041 - Salem, OR - 97309-1041

Editor's Message

Hello

I am so looking forward to warmer weather. I would much rather have the rain than the cold, snow and ice we have had.

I am in need of help with articles for the newsletter. If there is something you find interesting to you and want to share it with the club, let me know. It is difficult to try and find something every month to put in the letter. I don't always have a lot of spare time to search the internet and find articles.

I really appreciate those that help every month and the one person I really appreciate is Susan Appleby. If it wasn't for her help there would not be very many articles.

A Flyer for the WAMS rock show is included in this newsletter along with the application for display cases.

In search of some research for myself I have found Lapidary Journal on line. It lists a great many shows around the US and not just in our region. The link to that site is:

<http://www.lapidaryjournal.com/cal1.cfm>

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards
Bulletin Editor

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Presidents Message:

I hope everyone survived the cold weather and no one had their rocks freeze and break. We have friends who live where it gets cold and they talk about burying rocks they store outside in the winter to protect them. I have never worried about that here, but I can see how it could happen. A little water, a lot of cold and you don't need to wonder what is in a rock, it is split in two.

But when the weather turns it will be time to think about going and getting some new rocks. Steve Lawrence, our fieldtrip chair has graciously agreed to lead a discussion on fieldtrips for the February meeting. The plan is to have a round table discussion of club and other fieldtrips, past present and future. So if you have any good stories you can share we would like to hear them. Or if you want to know more about where you can go, or suggestions for where you would like the club to plan a trip to this is the time and place to bring it up. This is your club and we want to provide the programs and trips that are interesting to our members. We know that not all of us like the same type of rocks so we will try and mix it up during the year. But with out your input we do not know what you like or what you are tired of hearing or going to.

Also, the board cannot do everything all by ourselves. We need your help. Several volunteer positions have not been filled, and that means some of us are trying to do several jobs. Or some jobs are not getting done. Please look at the vacant spaces in the listing in the newsletter and if you are interested talk with a board member. We can tell you what the job entails and help you get started.

The show is coming up and we are asking all members to help out sometime during the show. If we all work at least one shift we can have a really great show.

See you all at the meeting

Janice

Upcoming NW Shows

Feb 8-11	Tucson Gem & Mineral Show Tucson Convention Center Tucson, AZ
Feb 10-11	Whidbey Island Gem Club Oak Harbor Senior Center Oak Harbor, WA
Feb 24-25	Idaho Gem Club Expo Idaho Center Boise, ID
Feb 24-25	Everett Rock and Gem Club Wash National Armory Everett, WA

WAMS GENERAL MEETING,

~submitted by Mary Haslebacher
JANUARY 4, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, by President Janice VanCura.

The Center has advised her that there has been break-in of cars lately in the parking lot. Janice advised all not to leave things in sight.

There were six guests in attendance.

Show & Tell was "P" & "M". One person said "You need a strong back and a weak mind when digging rock" February's Show & Tell will be "P" & "Q".

Ted Silver and Gene Gangle gave a very good program on the use of equipment, oils for coolants, diamond blades, ECT. The best advice, "don't hurry the cutting process, slow is the best policy".

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

Out going Treasurer Janine (Owens) Kidd read the year end bank and Treasures report. Motion made and seconded to approve. Motion passed

Bills to paid was presented by Treasurer, Lee Anne Settlemier, motion made and seconded to pay bills. Motion passed.

Awards not given at the Christmas party was given out by Aaron Currier.

Ray Plummer gave the Presidents award.
Break 7:38 pm

Meeting called back to order 8:00 pm.

Senior Center said they would let the Club use Lapidary Shop on Saturday if interested and can find a supervisor. Janice will look into the matter.

Two names were given to vote on for membership, Philip and Reyne Knutson, motion made and seconded to accept them as members. Motion passed. Welcome.

Steve Lawrence said there was no field trip in the immediate future. Coast weather has been bad. Succer Creek will be about the 2nd weekend of June. During Spring Break the flint Nappers will have a camp-out. Call Steve if interested. Aaron Currier said if anyone is interested in fossil field trips, call him.

Marv Bartel had no report on Federation.

Kathy Fisher gave a report on April Show and the importance of it to the Club. Vickie Johnson has volunteered to be the new Oregon Council representative. Thanks Vickie

Steve Lawrence, Thor Satter and Reyne Knutson volunteered to bring refreshments for February

Kathy Fisher will bring rocks for the door prizes.

Karen Porter has sent a get well card to Jessie Elson and Tom Beaty, they both suffered broken bones.

There being no other business, Janice declared the meeting adjourned. 8:35 pm

BOARD MEETING, ~submitted by Mary Haslebacher **JANUARY 8, 2007**

Board chairperson Ray Plummer called meeting to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance were President Janice VanCura, Vice President Walt Friday, Treasure Lee Anne Settlemier, and Secretary Mary Haslebacher, members at large Thor Satter, Joe VanCura, Marvin Bartel, Walt Nelson and Jennifer Ferrel. Retiring Treasurer Janine (Owens)Kidd.

Walt Friday and Thor Satter volunteered to be responsible for obtaining mail from the Post Office.

Jennifer Ferrel needs an updated membership list of new members to know how many junior members she will have.

Janice VanCura will finish up dating membership list and present it to Walt Friday to continue for the year 2007. The list shows WAMS has 178 members and 22 junior members. There are some members delinquent on dues; Janice will call so the list can be sent into the Northwest Federation

Walt Friday will keep the membership list updated each month and e-mail copy to Board members

Mary Haslebacher reported on Dealers at Show, we may be 16 feet less than last year due to the change in dates.

The Board then discussed all aspects of the show, from parking, dealer dinner, use of back room, ECT. Janice and Kathy Fisher will be working out all these items in January when they meet with the Fair personal.

The Scholarship Committee Rob Leedy, Ted and Vickie Johnson, Susan Appleby, Bob Sams will need to meet and agreed on scholarship for someone.

Bills were presented, \$24, for keys and locks and \$105 for Salem Storage for van. Motion made and seconded, Motion passed.

Next was discussion of newsletter and the cost involved and imbursement of money paid out. A motion was made to create a petty cash of \$200. for the Newsletter editor not only for present one but any new ones. Seconded and passed.

Marv Bartel and Walt Friday will get together with Janine Kidd to audit books in January.

Meeting adjourned 7:48 pm



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Save the Date

Wams next show is approaching quickly. We will be having work parties to prepare for the show. Cathy Fisher asks for the following donations:

- 4 x 8 plywood
- 2 x 4 studs
- colorful paint for boards
- hinges that lock in place
- glue guns, glue
- small toys (for rock critters)
- eyeballs
- pipe cleaners
- shells
- beads of rock
- pie tins
- fabric
- tie string for bags
- easter eggs
- buckers
- plastic grocery bags for silent auction



FRIDAY
APRIL 27
9 am - 6 pm

SATURDAY
APRIL 28
10 am - 6 pm

SUNDAY
APRIL 29
10 am - 4:30 pm

Polk County Fairgrounds • Rickreall, Oregon

FOSSILS

THEME FOR THE
2007 SHOW

DONATION
\$1.00

(Kids Under 12)
Free

Details:

Setup:

Wed. and Thurs.
Ask about times.

Display Case Setup

Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Potluck Dinner

Thursday, 6:00 pm
(All members, dealers and
demonstrators welcome.)

Takedown: Sunday at 4:30 pm

EXHIBITS OF ROCKS, GEMS AND MINERALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

The show is dedicated to
the school kids on Friday.



KID'S CORNER

Games • Educational • Fun

Sunday - 1:00 pm - Kids Rock Contest

TREASURE HUNT

Saturday - 1:00 pm (Kids Under 12)

Volunteers Needed. Join in! Please be sure to talk with Cathy Fisher. Show setup starts on Wednesday and plenty of jobs to be done through takedown on Sunday after the show. Believe it or not ... all is done by 7:00 p.m. A learning experience and lots of fun.

Display Cases

a fun way to show your
favorite collection.

Application forms are
available on WAMS website.
Contact Susan Robertson for
more information.

Interested in Demonstrating?

Contact Susan Appleby for information.

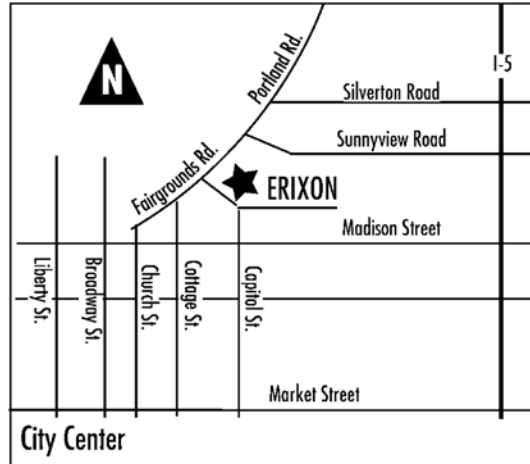
For Information Call Cathy Fisher - Show Chair
503.851.1837 or email
rockhuntingsgem at comcast.net

Visit our website at **www.wamsi.org**

What's Rocking?

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

February Program
Field Trips
Steve Lawrence
September Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters
P & Q



Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon



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