



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

August 2008

WAMS PICNIC August 24th

~submitted by Janice Van Cura

Come one Come all to the annual WAMS picnic on August 24th at Tom and Susan Robertson's house, 1785 Tumalo RD NE, Salem. This year we are eating first at around 1:30, and afterwards we will have tailgating and hopefully a game or two. For food the club is going to provide ham and rolls. Rob Leedy has stepped up to provide several gallons of sports drink. So all you need to bring is chairs, silverware, plates and either a salad or dessert to share. We are having a true potluck, so bring whatever you want and we will see what we end up with. If it is all desserts we will have a real sweet time.

To support the scholarship fund we will have a spot for a silent auction if anyone wants to bring rocks to donate for the cause. For those of you who decide to bring rock to sell or trade at the tailgater the board would like to suggest that you consider donating 5 to 10% of the proceeds to the scholarship fund.

Hope to see you all there

UNCLE WAMS NEEDS YOU!

~submitted by Thor Satter

Well its getting to that time of the year again folks. Time to step up and take a position in WAMS. We need people for board members positions. So keep an open mind if you know someone who might be interested in filling a position. Or maybe you yourself might be interested in taking on a position. It is vitally important that we get these positions filled. Positions available are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Federation Director

Members At Large

If you would like to take on a position but not sure what you could do, then a great starting position would be member at large. This position will help you get an inside look and give you an active voice in our board meetings.

Please contact a board member if you are interested in any of these positions

Ochoco Field Trip Report

~submitted by Joe and Janice Van Cura

A small but fun group had a great time in the Ochoco's July 25th to the 27th. We got a chance to dig for thunder eggs at several beds, Viewpoint, Radford, Whistler and Lucky Strike. Dan Groah, Tom Robertson and Van Curas camped at Whistler so we all could dig Saturday morning while we waited for Daniel Bontempo. At Whistler we found a few eggs, but as this is an old bed the pickings were a little slim. We then went to Viewpoint, where we had better luck. Everyone got a bucket full if they wanted. We stopped to look at Radford, this bed has been dug out many years ago but we did find a few eggs in the tailings. We then went down to Lucky Strike to see Kop and Cindy. Kop had back surgery earlier this year but seemed to be doing OK. Cindy is running the back hoe as he can't lift any rock, which has got to be hard for him. The Settlemeirs were also there for the weekend dig. Wish more of you had been able to come.

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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: \$15.00
- Couple: \$24.00
- Juniors: \$ 2.50

Guests are welcome and are encouraged to attend WAMS meetings!

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Editor's Message

I hope everyone is having a great summer. It has been nice these last few weeks. But when we were in the Prineville area the first part of July it was hot. Also very smokey from fires around us and from California.

We did not make it to McDermitt or Succor Creek. It was too hot and we just we not into all the driving. We did get some nice rocks at Maury Mountain (again). We also went to Quant's, Paulina and Richardson's. As Geri says you can never have too many thunder eggs.

There will not be a newsletter in September. The meeting in October will be at Pringle Hall and those of us that don't know where that is Geri or Janice will tell us at the meeting.

Thanks again to those that have submitted articles for the newsletter. It makes my job easier.

I wanted to tell Rudy that I may make the stew this year at Succor Creek. Maybe we can have a contest.

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards
Bulletin Editor

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Presidents Message

I hope that everyone is well and getting out. I talked to Ray Plummer. It made my day to hear his voice and know that he is doing better. Hope to see him at a meeting soon.

We've been busy with our rocks. Don went to the claim in June. He had met some people, mostly from Washington, to the claim to dig Scull Springs thunder eggs. They had a good time. Whereas we had rain in the Valley, they had good digging weather. We will be heading back in September.

At the end of the June, we did the show at Prineville. Saw quite a few WAMS members there. That's what's great about being a rock hound. You are always amongst friends. I had to kid Ted Silver's brother a few times. Got back home in time for me to do laundry and then headed to Richardson's. Never have too many thunder eggs, you know. We stopped at Madras first to say hi to everyone.

August program is Rudy Appleby, Dan Groah, and Tom Robertson will be answering your questions concerning Owyhee Jasper. Also bring questions about rocks and lapidary. I want to thank them for putting on the program at the last minute.

Remember that the picnic is August 24th at Tom and Susan Robertson's.

Your President,
Geri Esch

Upcoming NW Shows

August 1-3	Gem Faire Lane County Fairgrounds Eugene, OR
August 2-3	Farwest Lapidary and Gem Society North Bend, OR
October 22-26	Clackemette Mineral and Gem Club Canby, OR

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS

~SUBMITTED BY DAN BONTEMPO

Ochocos - July. By the time you read this, the 25-27 Jul trip to the Ochoco area led by Joe van Cura, will have come and gone - hopefully with lots of success stories. After we announced the idea of the trip and asked for folks to express interest and suggest dates, we heard from about a dozen folks, and settled on Sat 25-Jul for the main event. Without a July meeting, we had to rely on word-of-mouth and the list of folks who had contacted us. (In the future when we have a missed meeting, or other late-breaking details, I will try to get info on the website. This time things got away from me because of summer pow-wows and vacation travel. Getting on the *field trip email-list* is a good way to get the scoop on late-breaking news or changes.) The plan was to dig at Whistler Spring, Viewpoint, and Radford claims, as well as a side trip to the Lucky Strike mine.

Ashwood - August. The proposed trip to the Ashwood area in August has been canceled. Bottom line, we heard from very few people, gas is expensive right now, and Joe is reluctant to ask the ranchers to open up for a small group. Joe Van Cura has great contacts with the ranchers in the Ashwood area and would be up for leading a trip next year if enough club members are interested.

Hollywood – August. Brad Newport is inviting club members who turned out with the club to dig in June, or went on their own some other time, to come out on Aug 16-17th for a tailings extravaganza. If your name is on one of Brad's sign in sheets for a prior visit, then you can pick up wood from his large pile for just 75 cents/lb. Several clubs besides WAMS have been out to dig this year, and a lot of rock never gets cleaned off or taken away. Brad has had helpers pile up all the rock from around the pits and has done a bit of washing. He says it's a large pile with some choice wood.

Succor Creek – September. We will not have a trip to McDermitt this September, but instead will go to Succor Creek!! Tom Robertson will lead a multi-day trip on 19-20-21st September to several sites around the Succor Creek State Natural Area. Succor Creek is an unstaffed, no-fee primitive tent camping area. There's no potable water service and the park lies on rough unpaved road.
http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_13.php
There is a good toilet, but bring your own drinking water. Folks can also stay at the Homedale RV park about 23 miles down the road. (I will work on a map early in September, and will send it out to the *field-trip email list*, as well as try to get a link on the club website.)

Friday the 21st the meet point is at the campsite at 8:30am. Digging will be at Succor Creek.
Saturday the 22nd the meet point is 8am in the parking lot of Paul's Market in Homedale. Digging will be at Graveyard Point.
Sunday the 23rd the meet point is 8:30 at the campsite, and the digging will be nearby for Succor Creek thunder eggs. Bring shovels and picks, but we don't plan any serious hard-rock digging. And did I mention lots of water?

Please call or email Daniel Bontempo
Daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu or at 541-497-7916 to sign up. You can also call Tom Robertson directly with any questions (503-363-9678)
Here's a deal: You can leave a message on Tom's cell phone (503-559-5179) when you set out and confirm you are attending. There is no service out at the campsite, but Tom will check messages when he goes into town. If you don't get there, and we have your confirmation, we will try to look for you.

Carpool Anyone? At about 400 miles this is a long drive and quite a few gas \$\$\$. If you would like to find

a rider to split gas, or want to find someone you can ride with, let me know when you sign up and I will do what I can to organize this.

FIELD TRIP EMAIL LIST

~SUBMITTED BY DANIEL BONTEMPO

I would like to get an email list of any club members interested in field trips. When a field trip opportunity comes up, or there are some last minute changes for a trip, this list will help me get the word out to those with interest. Please email Daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu and ask to be put on the *field trip email list*. (I can take phone #'s too but I can't always promise to have the time to make a lot of calls.)

AUGUST PROGRAM

~submitted by Susan Appleby

Owyhee Picture Jasper Q&A
Presented by Tom Robertson, Dan Groah, Rudy Appleby

Think of questions you would like answered about Owyhee Picture Jasper?

What does it look like in rough?
Where can you find it?
Are their guidelines on how to orient the rock for cutting?

Get your questions ready to learn about the different types of the picture jasper from Owyhee. Rough and finished specimens will be on hand to look at.

WAMS Board Meeting July 21, 2008

~submitted by Walt Friday

Janice Van Cura, Chair of Board at 6:33 p.m., called the meeting to order.

BOARD AND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Geri Esch, President; Mary Haslebacher; Vice President, Walter Friday, Secretary; Lee Anne Settlemier, Treasurer; Marvin Bartell, NW Federation Delegate; Janice Van Cura, Chair of the Board; and Members -at-large: Rob Leedy, Bob Manley, and Thor Satter

AGENDA: Janice Van Cura, Board Chair announced the following agenda: Storage, Nominations, Picnic Logistics, Show Chair, Programs, Directory, Show Policy-who gets in free, Federation Report, Show Security and Dealer's Contract.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 7 WAMS General Meeting at the Salem Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. The October meeting will be a Pringle Hall. Program suggestion for August Owyhee picture jasper-what you can expect if you go on the field trip.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the June 23, 2008, meeting were approved as published.

PICNIC. The picnic will be at Tom Robertson's place on Tomalo Drive on August 24, 2008. We will eat at 1:30 p.m. Rob Leedy will supply sports drink. The Robertson's are providing the location but are not managing the picnic. We need to pickup the food and drink the club is providing. WAMS will supply the ham and drinks. A news letter article will divide the potluck needs alphabetically Janice Van Cura will write the article. Games and tailgating after the food. We expect 50 to 70 people for planning and intend to get a count at the meeting. Lee Anne Stettlemier agreed to pickup rolls, plates and drink components. An opportunity will be provided to donate to the Scholarship Fund. Children's game will be card bingo with rocks for prizes.

STORAGE. The club is renting storage for show materials at a cost of \$45.00. Philip and Reyne Knutson have offered the space their floral business was in for free. We are paid at the current storage unit until August 31. A motion was made and seconded to take the Knutson' up on their offer. Motion Passed unanimously.

TRAILER: After discussion it was decided to not purchase a new trailer until after the 2009 Show.

PRINTING DIRECTORY: Mary Haslebacker asked for guidance on printing the directory. It was decided to print enough directories for distribution at the August 7, 2008, general meeting, so each family would receive a copy.

SHOW:

Show Chair: Janice Van Cura reported no one has volunteered for the show chair for April 17, 18 and 19 show. Possible chairs were discussed. Characteristics of the chair include: ability to organize, delegate, take criticism, and give credit to others. The show committee is up and running. Chairs: Display Cases: Reyne Knutson, Demonstrators: Emily Start, Set-up and take down: Vacant, Advertising: Norman DeRoux and Daniel Bontempo, Schools: Joe Start and Joe Van Cura, and Security: Joe Start and Daniel Bontempo.

Show Policy. Who gets in free? After a lengthy discussion it was move seconded and passed. Motion: *The following get into the show free: Children under 12 year of age, club members wearing WAMS*

name badges, Dealer and their workers, demonstrators and people who have display cases. The reason for requiring WAMS name tags is due to the growth of membership the folks working at admissions are not expected to know all members.

Cost of Admission. Janice Van Cura noted that our admission is lower than most of the other shows and we also do not charge for parking. Also our net profit has been declining. At the prior show meeting it was discussed that maybe we should have the board consider raising the admission. After discussion it was moved seconded and passed to raise the 2009 Show admission from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Dealer's Contract: Mary Haslebacher asked if there were any needed changes to the 2009 Show's dealer's contract. It was agreed last years contract would be emailed to each member of the Board for review.

Florescent show: The dealer "Third Rock" has agreed to stay in the back room and provide a free-standing 10 x 10 black tent for one year for the florescent display. WAMS will have to provide some form of cases, signage and possible docent. Offer this idea to the Show Committee.

Show Survey: Rob Leedy proposed that we survey the attendees at the 2009 Show. These would be reviewed after the Show. Suggested questions included: how did you learn about the show, show favorite, suggested changes, complaints and cost to enter.

Next show meeting August 4th.

JUNIOR PROGRAM. Jennifer Ferrell has given notice that she will not continue as advisor to the Youth Program after August. We will need to find a replacement, preferable two people.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Lee Anne Stettlemier reported that she needed to have bills approved for payment for: Marv Bartels NW Federation trip to Ontario-\$491, Storage for show supplies-\$58, Kristi Edwards Newsletter Expenses-\$210, and Salem Storage for Trailer Expenses-\$120. Motion made, seconded and approved to pay the bills.

NOMINATIONS: Jerry Esch will be Chair of the Board Need: President. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Federation Rep and at least three members at large,

FEDERATION SHOW: Marvin Bartell reported on the trip to the Northwest Federation Rock Show at Ontario, Oregon on June20-22. It was hot, there appeared to be plenty of help. I was deemed to be such a success that the city will be sponsoring a rock

show next summer. Forty-two clubs were represented and 56 delegates attended. Next show will be August 4, 2009 in Billings, Montana.

During the break Mary Haslebacher served cherries and blueberries.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:48 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: if needed the board will meet at the picnic, otherwise not till September, if needed.

FMS News

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

AFMS News at www.amfed.org



Dan Groah and Daniel Bontempo on the Ochoco Field Trip



Joe Van Cura with his find.



Ken Settlemier



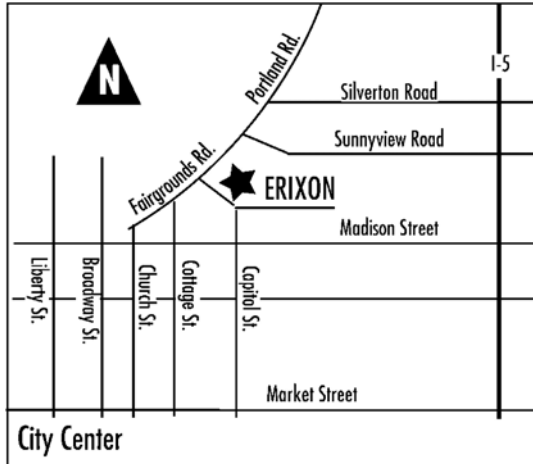
Lee Anne Settlemier digging for thunder eggs

All photos submitted by Janice Van Cura

What's Rocking?

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

August Program
Owyhee Picture Jasper Q&A
By Rudy Appleby, Dan Groah and Tom Robertson
August Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters
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