



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

January 2008

WAMS Annual Awards

~submitted by Janice Van Cura

During the Club December Holiday dinner the following awards were announced.

Horizon Award, for the Junior that has most supported the club - Hendrik Mobley

Field Trip Award went to Tom Robertson for his helpfulness by leading several trips.

The excellence in Education Award went to Jennifer Ferrel for her help with the Juniors

Program of the year was awarded to Gene Gangle

Community Awareness Award went to Susan Appleby for her work with the web site.

The Multifarious award was presented in two categories master division and novice. Steve Lawrence was the master division honoree, for his continued use of words. While Aaron Wiltsey was given the novice award for his setting up to the plate to challenge Steve. Both have provided lots of laughs this past year.

New member of the year was presented to Phil & Renae Knutson. They have stepped up and helped during the show and other club activities.

Member of the year was awarded to Janice Van Cura

The Inspirational Rockhound of the year was awarded to Tom Robertson in recognition for the help he has provided to the club, and me the last few years. I consider him a great mentor on how to be a good officer and rockhound.

Those of you who were not at the dinner will be presented with your awards at the January meeting.



Phil and Renae Knutson receiving their award



Jennifer Ferrel awarded the Education Awards
~photos submitted by Susan Appleby

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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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2007 Elected Officers

- President: Geri Esch 503-371-1472
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- Bulletin Editor: Kristi Edwards 541-738-6811
- Education: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- Juniors: Jennifer Ferrell 503-370-2560
- Nameplates: Ted Johnson 503-362-6186
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- Hostesses: Cathy Fisher 503-851-1837
- Refreshments: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- Coffee: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- Stamps: Aaron Currier 503-393-2055
- Sunshine: Karen Porter 503-371-7752

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Editor's Message

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

It has been nice having some time off from the newsletter. I wanted to get this out earlier, but with the holidays it didn't work at that way.

Congratulations to all the new officers and members at large. Also to those that won awards at the Christmas dinner.

There are some empty volunteer positions that need to be filled. It is a great way to get to know the members of WAMS. So let Geri know if you can help out.

Please continue to submit articles or pictures. I would really like these items to be submitted by the 20th of the month. It makes it easier to get the newsletter done before the next meeting.

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards
Bulletin Editor

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Presidents Message

Here it is a New Year. Although it is January, we need to start planning our field trips for the year. Our first trip is usually to the Oregon Coast. We always hope to find that elusive Newport Blue. Danny Groah and Tom Robertson are going to give a program in January on the beaches where you can find the best agates and fossils.

We are still in need of a program chairman and a field trip chairman. These are two important positions that sets WAMS above the humdrum.

Have a Happy New Year,

Geri

JUNIOR NEWS

~submitted by Jennifer Ferrel

Happy New Year!

We have a very cool junior project planned for the January meeting. Club member Sue Huber has offered to teach us how to make "rock rattles" out of clay. We will use patterns from nature to decorate the rocks. Once our rocks are ready, Sue will take them home and fire them. Before giving your rattle to Sue, you will give her your name then pick a color glaze for your rock. The finished rattles will be returned to you at the February meeting. Since the club rock show is coming in April, I would like to do a junior display case. The rattles would make a great display. Also, you may do a display case on your own. I'm sure many of you have nice collections to show off.

Congratulations to Hendrik Mobley for being voted Junior Member of the Year. Hendrik has been in the club for a few years. He has found rocks on his own that he sometimes brings to meetings for others to see.

The January meeting "Show 'n Tell" letter is "D". How many rocks do you have that start with "D"? Bring some in to show us if you like. The "D" rocks I have in my collection are: dolomite, dendrite agate, dogtooth calcite, Deschutes picture jasper, Dallasite, drusy quartz and, Dugway geode. Maybe someone could bring in a dinosaur bone or fossil, or even a diamond.

I look forward to seeing everyone.

Upcoming NW Shows

January 18-20	Gem Faire Washington County Fairgrounds Hillsboro, OR
January 23-27	QIA Pow Wow 42 nd Annual Show Quartzsite, Arizona
February 2-16	Annual Mineral and Fossil Show Tucson, Arizona

REMEMBERING OLD MEMBERS

~submitted by Mary Haslebacher

George and Betty Goetzelman joined the Club in 1980. Soon Bettie became known as the "popcorn lady". She presented Mrs. Atteyh with a bag of popcorn when they were at the show. Betty helped in the kitchen during her early years. I remember when Betty said she had to check on her baby and I wondered how she could leave it so long.. Come to find out it was her bird. Bettie has been missed by all that knew her for her friendly spirit.

For many years George made the badges for the Club. He did many displays and was very instrumental in keeping the program at the County Fair going. Also for years George coordinated the hours for the school children to come to the Show. George is still active in the Club. George loves to post WAMS pictures from meetings and also of the Wood-carvers. He sends the website to members. The Christmas dinner would not be the same if George wasn't there to swear in the new officers. Good work George. Keep it up.

Calling All Flint Knappers

~submitted by Steve Braden

Are there any other flint knappers or flint knapper want-a-bees out there? Flint Knapping is the art of lithic reduction, (the old fashioned aboriginal way) to make stone tools like projectile points and cutting tools. (think arrow heads and knives) I would like to extend an invitation to all WAMS members who are flint knappers or who would like to learn how to flint knap, to join me on the first Friday of each month. I will be making the chips fly in my garage in South Salem from around 7:00 pm till I get tired or too cold!

All levels of expertise are welcome. I have a few tools I can loan to beginners. They really are not expensive and I can show you how to make your own tools for very little. I also have some obsidian available at no cost for beginners.

This is a no-charge opportunity to learn the ancient art of flint knapping and get to know other club members. The finished product can be as impressive as a cabochon and can be made with minimal equipment!

Bring safety glasses, gloves and band-aids! Please call for details and so I can plan for how many may attend on any given night. **503 363-5259**

Used Equipment For Sale

Call Tom Robertson if interested
503-363-9678

Frantom 16" slab saw 800.00
6" trim saw 135.00
10" slab saw Diamond Pacific Cost new 1540.00
For Sell 600.00
Jewelry polisher and dust collector 275.00
8" arbor and pan with motor, 2 new wheels 175.00
Lortone 6 pound tumbler 125.00

For Sale..

One 16" Rock Saw Quality Home made with screw power feed. In very good condition asking \$600.00. Also, one 10" Laratione Rock Saw screw feed. In very good condition asking \$350.00 Both saws guaranteed to rock and roll for your lapidary needs. Also, lots of rock for sale.... various places and prices. Starting at .10 a pound and up. Call Rob Leedy @ 503-371-6421 or email me at therockhoundingfool@yahoo.com

WAMS General Meeting

November 1, 2007

~submitted by Susan Appleby

Meeting was called to order by Janice Van Cura, President. Board and officers in attendance - President, Janice Van Cura; Vice President, Walt Friday; Treasurer, LeeAnn Settlemier. Members at Large - Joe Van Cura, Kristi Edwards, Thor Satter, Marv Vartel, Chuck Hunt and Kathy Fisher.

Six adults and one junior guest were welcomed introduced.

General Announcements were made: Submit bills for payment, Dues need to be paid. Raffle and door prizes will be given away after business meeting, Library is open and books available to be checked. See Ted Johnson if you need a name badge.

Other Announcements: Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 1st at 5:30 pm, make sure you have reserved your spot and paid for dinner.

Show & Tell - the letter "c": Great assortment of C rocks - Midwest calcite, cooper, carey cabochons, large chrysacola and many more.

Program: Jerry Porter - What to Look for in Used Saws:

Check Arbor - if noisy, could be a bad bearing, check condition of blade (they can be expensive to replace), check size of table for size of slices you want to make. Some are more flexible than others. Double

check belt. Check condition - make sure grounded and right size motor.

New saws can be purchased from Loritone, dealers in Rock & Gem magazine, Tom Robertson, Ed's House of Rocks. Jerry recommended hydraulic feed saws as opposed to screw feed - More blade life, able to adjust, better cuts.

Business Meeting:

October 2007 Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.
LeeAnne read budget information and bills. Motion made to pay the bills, seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Elections - nominees were presented for WAMS 2008 Officers. Ballots were passed out for election and also nominations for member awards which are presented at WAMS Christmas dinner. Officers were elected as follows:

President - Geri Esch
Vice President - Many Haslebacher
Secretary - Walter Friday
Treasurer - LeeAnn Settlemier
NW Federation Delegate - Marvin Bartell
Members at Large - Dexter Leonard,

Committee Chairs

Show Chair: Cathy Fisher
Oregon Council: Vickie Johnson
Scholarship Committee: Ted Johnson
Newsletter: Kristi Edwards
Historian: Steve Lawrence
Nameplates: Ted Johnson
Property Control: Theresa Byrne
Stamps: Aaron Currier
Website: Susan Appleby

Show Report: Cathy Fisher - Thanked volunteers who have stepped up as Show Chairs. Theme for 2008 show is Crystals. She needs bases for rock criters - driftwood, flat beach rocks, etc. bring to Xmas dinner.

Field Trip Report: Steve Lawrence - Thanks to Tom, Dan, Don, Aaron, and Joe for leading field trips throughout the year. Field trip to Rice Museum on November 10th.

NW Federation Report: Marv Bartel - No Report.

Newsletter Report: Kristi Edwards - Be sure to send articles for publication in the newsletter.

Oregon Council: Vickie Johnson - Nothing new to report.

Programs: Need volunteer to be Program Chair.

Library: Chuck Hunt - Library was open with books available to be checked out.

Historian/Scrapbook: Steve Lawrence to get property back together.

Stamps: Aaron Currier - still collecting cancelled postage stamps which money received is used for cancer. Also gave info on NARG's (fossil groups) monthly meetings at the Rice Museum.

Sunshine: Karen Porter - Card sent to Emily Start

Lapidary Classes - Ted Silver - Need new teachers. Call Ted or Gene.

Silversmith Classes - Charmaine Mortimer - No report. Classes held Monday evenings at the senior center.

Property Control - Theresa Byrne - Let her know if you would like to borrow a tumbler.

January Refreshments: Taylors, Nancy, Nadine, Ted Johnson, Satters.

Show & Tell for January meeting will be rocks starting with the letter 'D'.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52

Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Minutes of Board Meeting

December 10, 2007

Salem Senior Center

~submitted by Walt Friday

Called to Order: Ray Plummer, immediate Past President and Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Attending: Marvin Bartel, Geri Esch, Cathy Fisher, Walter Friday, Rob Leedy, Dexter Leonard, Ted Johnson, Larry Nasset, Ray Plummer, LeeAnn Settlemier, Joe Start, Janice Van Cura and Joe Van Cura

Outgoing Chairman of the Board Thoughts: Ray Plummer noted this was a joint meeting of the 2007 and 2008 Boards. He thanked the out-going Board for its service. Felt the Board had accomplished much this year. While serving on the Board for five years, for health reasons he would not be able to serve the group for a while.

As Chair of the Board he explained that he felt formal agendas inhibited the spontaneity and communication by board members. Once the Board takes a position the board members should support the Board's position.

Education Committee Report: Ted Johnson, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, was recognized. Ted presented the work of the Committee with two documents: A one-page instruction sheet describing how to apply for a WAMS scholarship and a one page Scholarship Application Form. Joe Start felt that young people would not apply if they had to make a presentation. Felt this was discussed at the committee level and is not reflected in the instructions. The language at issue was on the Instructions form under "Application," items 3 and 4. As presented these read:
"3. Make a written report afterwards for the WAMS Newsletter Rockhound Rumblyings."
"4. Make a short presentation to the membership, fifteen minutes or less. Visual aides will be allowed."
After lengthy discussion Janice Van Cura made a motion that was seconded:
Motion: To accept the Scholarship Committee's work with revision to #3 and #4 by the addition of language to make it "either/or." The motion passed unanimously.

In response to a question, Ted noted that due to limited funds we are only distributing 25% of the annual revenue going to the educational fund. Seventy-five percent will be saved to build the fund in hopes that it will one day be self-sustaining. Revenue is from the raffle and the tribute added at the death of a member. In the future a show revenue activity may be added.

The plan is to distribute the two documents in the January newsletter. It was suggested that the documents also be included through the WAMS Web site. The revised documents forms should be submitted to Kristi Edwards, Newsletter Editor, and Susan Appleby, the Webmaster.

Ray Plummer Thanked Ted and his committee for a job well done.

Group Photo: At the request of Cathy Fisher a photograph of the combined Board was taken.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Anne Settlemier presented a single sheet Treasurer's Report for period 11/01/07—12/10/07. Lee Anne noted that the dinner cost for room, meal and tip was \$1649.59. To reserve the room for next year will require us to pay a reservation of \$125 now. This has not been required in the past. The consensus was to make the reservation.

Salem Storage, where the trailer is stored, is asking that the storage fee for the next three months be paid in advance. Janice Van Cura move and it was seconded: *Motion: The Board authorizes the Treasurer to pay the three month storage fee in advance.* Motion passed unanimously.

Pay the Bills: Lee Anne read a list of other bills related to the Christmas party and junior program. Janice Van Cura move and it was seconded: *Motion: Pay the Bills.* Motion passed unanimously.

Funds Transfer: Lee Anne noted that the General Fund has been depleted. Janice Van Cura move and it was seconded: *Motion: Authorize the Treasurer to move \$3,500 for the "Show Fund" to the General Fund.* Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Absence: Lee Anne said she would be away until February and needed someone to cover for her by paying the bills and picking up the mail. Janice Van Cura agreed to pay the bills. Rob Leedy agreed to pickup the mail.

Federation Dues: It is time to pay the Federation Dues. Janice Van Cura asked Walt Friday as outgoing Vice President, responsible for membership, to update the Federation name list. (The Federation asks that this be hand annotation be on their form so it is easy to tell where the changes are and speed their revisions.) Once this is done Walt should forward the paperwork to Janice so she can write the dues check?

Advances: It has been the pattern to provide working advances for:
Newsletter Editor
Junior Program
Rock Show
The Treasurer is already authorized to issue these advances and may continue without further Board action within the limits already approved.

Needs: Janice Van Cura listed known needs:
Silversmith instructor
More lapidary shop supervisors
Cases made for the trailer
Others added; Another replacement trailer and Trailer sway bar

Appointments: President needs to fill vacant positions. These include:
Adjudication Chair
Program Chair
Field Trip Chair
Public Education Chair

2008 President, Geri Esch, felt communication is important and should be emphasized. She asked about already planned field trips. Discussion

centered on the traditional coastal trip during the winter. We have natural assets on the coast in Barry and Denise Ward and Gene Gangle to monitor the status of exposed beach gravel.

Rock Show: Cathy Fisher said there is a suggestion that we discontinue the clothe bags for the grab bags and instead use stapled paper bags. Consensus was we have member who like to make the clothe bags and we should continue with the cloth bags. The paper bags can be used as a backup if we do not have enough clothe bags.

Rob Leedy suggested we might invite a Kettle Corn vender to the next rock show. No action

Secretary Issues: Walt Friday asked for guidance on who he is to communicate with on Board and General meeting minutes. Janice Van Cura responded that the Board minutes should be sent to her as the Chair of the Board for review. After any necessary revisions she will forward them to Kristi Edwards, the Newsletter Editor. The meeting minutes should be sent to the Geri Esch, as President, for review and after any necessary revisions she will forward them to Kristi Edwards, the Newsletter Editor.

Federation: Marvin Bartel, Federation Representative, asked about the Ontario meeting. The Federation Show this year will be in Billing Montana, not Ontario. The question was asked as to the value of being a member of the Federation. In response: It gives us a voice on issues related to rock hounding. There is a valuable registry of clubs and contacts. There are also workshops.

Larry Nasset noted he was new to the Board, but has served on other boards and urge we speak our minds so we do not find ourselves in a "false consensus." The Board members are the voice of the club. Concern was expressed that the members are not sharing their opinions with board members. Suggestion: the Board should be made more visible by unique nametags or ribbons, sitting together at a table at the front.

Member retention was a concern. It was suggested that the vice president should look at the number not renewing their membership. Walt Friday noted there were only 10 or 20 members who did not renew. (Turns out it was 13.) Some reason he heard: "Can't drive after dark," "Health is not good," "Club emphasis was not what we expected."

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 21, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Salem Senior Center



Geri Esch WAMS President



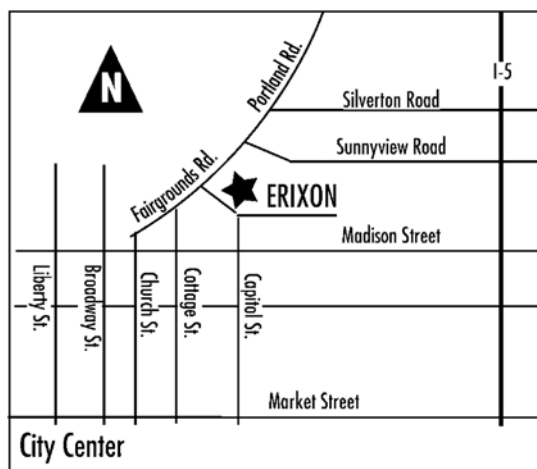
Gene Gangle and George Goetzleman at Christmas Dinner

Photos submitted by Susan Appleby

What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting
Thursday
January 4 - 6:30 pm
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

January Program
Oregon Beaches for Agates
Dan Groah and Tom Robertson
January Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters
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