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New Dinosaur Fossils Discovered In Utah

By **MIKE STARK**, Associated Press Writer, General Science / Archaeology & Fossils

(AP) -- A newly discovered batch of well-preserved dinosaur bones, petrified trees and even freshwater clams in southeastern Utah could provide new clues about life in the region some 150 million years ago. The Bureau of Land Management announced the find Monday, calling the quarry near Hanksville "a major dinosaur fossil discovery. "An excavation revealed at least four sauropods, which are long-necked, long-tailed plant-eating dinosaurs, and two carnivorous ones, according to the bureau. It may have also uncovered an herbivorous stegosaurus.

Animal burrows and petrified tree trunks 6 feet in diameter were found nearby. The site doesn't contain any new species but offers scientists the chance to learn more about the ecology of that time, said Scott Foss, a BLM paleontologist.

The fossilized dinosaurs are from the same late Jurassic period as those at Dinosaur National Monument, which straddles the Utah-Colorado state line, and the Cleveland-Lloyd quarry near Price.

It could be a decade or so before the full importance of the Hanksville quarry is known, Foss said. "It does have the potential to match the other major quarries in Utah," he said.

The site, roughly 50 yards wide by 200 yards long, was excavated by a team from the Burpee Museum of Natural History in Rockford, Ill. Museum officials visited the site for about a week last summer and returned this year for a three-week excavation.

Dinosaurs Are Invading Portland!

~submitted by Susan Appleby

These ancient creatures have decided to make an appearance at Portland's very own Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). If you're looking for a fun and educational spring break idea for the whole family, check out this interesting exhibit, titled "Dinosaurs: China's Ancient Giants". View actual dinosaur skeletons, fossils, dinosaur eggs, Chinese murals and more. You will discover the lives of such dinosaurs as the Mamenchisaurus, Velociraptor and Lufengosaurus...just to name a few.

OMSI's dinosaur exhibit will be open until September 1, 2008. Please visit www.omsi.edu for more information, and have a blast learning about China's ancient giants!

There are a number of other exciting dinosaur events taking place in Portland, from a dinosaur egg exhibit at the Portland Classical Chinese Gardens to a rainforest full of dinosaurs at the Oregon Zoo. Please visit www.TravelPortland.com for more information.

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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: \$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

Most of you are probably at the Prineville show this weekend. Hopefully all of you found some nice rocks.

I will be sending out a newsletter in August with more information about the picnic. There will be no newsletter in September. Please continue to send me articles and pictures and I will save these for the October newsletter. Also remember there is no meeting in July.

Mark and I are off to Succor Creek and McDermitt in July. Hopefully the weather won't be too hot or rainy.

See you in August.

Kristi Edwards
Bulletin Editor

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Upcoming NW Shows

July 2-6	4 th of July Pow Wow Madras, OR
July 3-6	Sisters Round Up of Gems Sisters, OR
July 11-13	Bead Faire Oregon Convention Center Portland, OR
Aug 1-3	Gem Faire Lane County Events Center Eugene, OR
Aug 2-3	Farwest Lapidary & Gem North Bend Community Center North Bend, Or

Presidents Message

Geri is on vacation and there is no message at this time.

No Meeting in July

~submitted by Janice Van Cura

There will be no meeting in July, but there will be one in August.

Listed are dates for upcoming meetings and picnic:

July 3- No Meeting

July 21- Board Meeting at 6:30

Aug 4- Show meeting

Aug 7- Club meeting

Aug 24-Club Picnic

No meeting in September

Oct 2-Club meeting at Pringle Hall

WAMS PICNIC

~submitted by Janice Van Cura

The picnic this year is August 24th at Tom and Susan Robertson's place. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be more information in the August newsletter.

Field Trips

~submitted by Dan Bontempo

If you are interested in a trip to the Ochoco's July 25-27 led by Joe Van Cura please contact Dan Bontempo at 541-497-7916 or email at Daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu. You can also contact Joe at 541-753-2401 or email at jvancura@peak.org. If there is no interest the trip will be cancelled.

Joe is also planning a trip in August to the Ashwood area. Watch for details

There is a field trip scheduled to Succor Creek September 19-21. Tom Robertson will lead this trip.

WAMS GENERAL MEETING JUNE 5, 2008

SUBMITTED BY WALTER FRIDAY, SECRETARY

Geri Esch, President at 6:39 p.m. called 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; Members -at-large: Bob Manley, Larry Nasset, Thor Satter and Norm DeRoux, Kristi Edwards, Newsletter Editor.

Announcements: Dues are due for 2008. If new nametags are needed, contact Ted Johnson. The June Board meeting is cancelled but in its place is a meeting on the 2009 River of Gems scheduled for June 14, 2008, 6:30 p.m. August General Meeting Show & Tell, L is the letter. We still need a silver smithing instructor. Newsletter deadline is June 25.

There are Rock shows at Prineville, Madras and Sisters over the Fourth of July weekend.

Show and Tell: Geri Esch hosted. The letter was J.

Program: The program was on the New Senior Center by Marilyn Daily, Center Director. The new Center is at the corner of Portland Road and Highland Street, across Portland Road from the DMV. The new center is designed for a 50-year life span. The Existing Senior Center has been sold to the Salem Clinic. The lapidary shop is located on the second floor and the room is twice as large as the current shop. The facility will have a large elevator and be air-conditioned. The Salem Senior Center is the only nationally certified center in Oregon. The current center will close on August 15, 2008 and reopen at the new location October 6, 2008.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approve Minutes: The May 3, 2008, General Meeting minutes were approved as corrected published in *Rockhound Rumbblings*. The correction: under Sunshine, Linda Groah sent a card only to Karen Porter, under Field Trip Dan Groah noted the departure time for the Prineville Show trips was 7:30 a.m., not 8:00 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Anne Settlemier, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report showing at the end of May, \$2,756.56 in the checking account, \$8,799.81 in CDs and \$10,046.28 in savings for a total of \$21,602.65. Lee Anne Settlemier also presented a WAMS Show Summary. Net Show Profit shown (rounded to the dollar): 2004, \$5,633; 2005, \$3,787; 2006, \$3,141; 2007, \$5,108 and 2008, \$4,267. A motion was made second and passed to pay the bills. Bills were: Oregon Department of Justice Fee \$10, Senior Center rent \$480, Saturday Academy Hertado \$120, Don Esch PA system part \$16.99, Geri Esch storage unit \$46.73 and Kristi Edwards Newsletter \$201.60.

Meeting Location Changes: Geri Esch noted that due to the Senior Center closure we have to adjust our meeting locations. The Board has exchanged the locations and dates of the August picnic to September and the picnic will be in September. The August meeting will be held at the Senior Center on August 7. The picnic is moved to September 7 at a location to be announced. The October meeting has been moved to Pringle hall on October 2. Geri Esch reminded that the regular July meeting falls on July 3 and asked if we wanted to try to move the meeting. After lengthy discussion it was moved second and passed by a majority to cancel the July meeting.

REPORTS:

Show: Geri Esch announced that there would be no June Board meeting. In its place on June 16th, 6:30 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center there will be a special brain-storming meeting for the 2009 River of

Gems Show. All interest parties are invited. Mary Haslebacher announced that we have a signed contract with the Polk County Fair for the 2009 Show. Geri Esch read a thank you note from Hoover School for inviting them to the 2008 Rock Show.

Field Trip: Dan Groah introduced Daniel Bontempo as the new Field Trip Chair.

Scholarship: Ted Johnson reminded that the raffle revenue goes to support the scholarship Fund.

Property Inventory: Bob Manley referred to the *Where is That* article in the in the June 2008 *Rock Rumbblings*. He asked anyone storing WAMS property to give him a list.

Library: Bob Manley noted that many of the WAMS library books are old. He invited us to donate any related books.

History Project: Steve Lawrence said he has received some information but needs more.

Federation: Marvin Bartell reported on the Northwest Federation meeting. The Federation is looking for a newspaper editor. The Federation Rock Show will be June 20-22, 2008, in Ontario, Oregon.

Newsletter: Kristi Edwards needs articles for the newsletter by the 25th of June.

Oregon Council: Vicki Johnson announced the new rock case exhibit is at the State Capitol. The new case celebrates the 150 Anniversary of Oregon as a state on February 14, 2009. The case is by the Rogue Gem and Geology Society from Grants Pass.

Program: Program Chair is vacant. The president asked for a volunteer to fill this position. The program for the next meeting has not yet been determined.

Stamps: Geri Esch informed that cancelled stamps are donated to the Northwest Federation where they are collected and sold to collectors and the proceeds are donated for cancer research.

Sunshine: Jerry and Karen Porter announced their 50th wedding Anniversary and invited all WAMS member to attend.

Lapidary Classes: Ted Silver said the classes are going strong and there is room on Monday nights. Cost is \$30.00 for seven three-hour classes and the classes run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Silversmithing Class: The instructor position is vacant. Currently looking for a shop leader. Now operating as an open shop.

Refreshments: June refreshment volunteers were thanked: Emily Start, Margi Warshow and Lee Anne Settlemier. For August 7, the volunteers are: Nadeen De Roux, John Thompson and Mary Haslebacher.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

New Members: Mary Haslebacher, Vice President, presented new member applicant Robert Sipe. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept this candidate as a member.

Meeting adjourned about 8:30 p.m.

Raffle and door prizes were drawn and awarded.

SPECIAL SHOW MEETING

June 16

Instead of a Board Meeting, this meeting was for all members interested in sharing ideas on changes in the 2009 Show. The Show will be at the Polk County Fairgrounds on April 16-18 (the 3rd full weekend of April) Members in attendance, Janice VanCura, Geri Esch, LeeAnn Settlemier, Dan and Linda Groah, Daniel Bontempo, Normane DeRoux, Dexter Leonard, Tom Robinson, Joe and Emily Start, Philip and Reyne Knutson, Larry Lovell, and Mary Haslebacher.

Theme for Show: Jasper

#1 need is a Show Chairman

Those in attendance agreed we need sub-committees and these are the ones we came up with: Anyone at all interested in any of these please let officers know. These people would keep Show Chairman informed on progress of their committee

Children's area and games: Ideas are needed for educational games, touch and feel, critter making with adult supervision our juniors could help in this area. This committee will figure out which games to keep beside grab bags, wheel of fortune, bean bag toss

Silent Auction: Move or not, kind of rocks, need for more slabs

Front Door: Philip Knutson said he would work on guidelines. It was suggested that doors be locked until opening of Show. People manning booth should be there _ hour before opening, Need for who pays and who doesn't. Name tags for those that are demo-ing and displaying, Large sheet will all volunteers names, times and places be posted so when coming as a volunteer you know where to go. Need 3 people to start the morning shift.

Raffle: area can also be magazine area and information pamphlet area somewhere besides front door.

Display Cases: Reyne Knutson

Demonstrators: Emily Start

Set-up and take down:

Advertising: Norman DeRoux and Daniel Bontempo will work on this committee

Schools: Joe Start and Joe Van Cura

Security: Joe Start will explore the possibilities of doing our own security at the Show. What liability, insurance, background checks, ECT needed.

Budget: Need to set up budget on what to spend for different areas, replace trailer

Florescent Show: We have the rocks we bought that are in storage. The fairgrounds said we could put a tent inside building and we could have a walk through display with lights and recorded scrip.

Dealer Chairman: Mary Haslebacher

There was discussion on instead of a catered dinner on Thursday night to having a pot luck with Club furnishing a ham, (decide if people bring their own service, plates, drinks)

Also there was discussion as to moving games back to center area, silent auction raffle to back room, if dealers need to be cut. There is a need to know what the layout of all these areas, security, will be before the 1st of September and Dealer contract goes out.

Cool Web Sites

www.larsrocks.com/rockhounding.htm

www.meteorites.pdx.edu/

www.memphisgeology.org/

FMS News

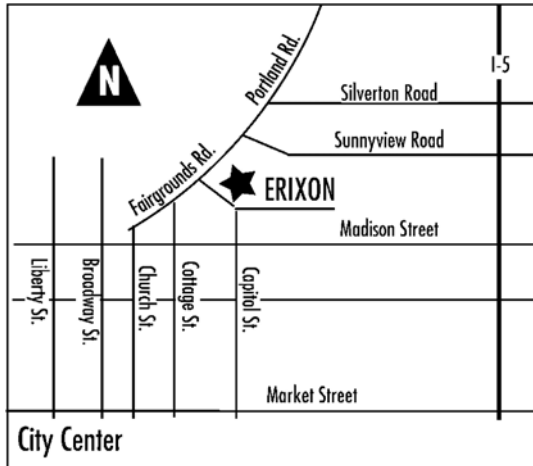
Can be viewed at www.amfed.org/nfms/

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What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting
No meeting in July
Salem Senior Center
1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!

July Program
No Meeting
July Show and Tell
No meeting



Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon



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