



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

June 2008

CONGRATULATIONS!

To:

- Victoria Standley
- Sierra Hurtado
- Russell Hurtado

~submitted by Ted Johnson

The 1st annual, educational assistance award recipients, of the Jon and Lucille Sams Scholarship Program, were announced at the May 1st, General Meeting.

Victoria Standley submitted an application for assistance to attend "Young Rockhounds" Camp at Hancock Field Station offered by the Science Camps and Adventures Program, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

Sierra and Russell Hurtado both submitted applications for assistance to attend "Beach"-ology, a Marine geosciences class offered by the Saturday Academy program at Oregon State University.

Each of these programs are one week long. One is in June and the other in August. Partial funding was offered to all three awardees, with Board concurrence and all three accepted. The Scholarship Committee had \$338.00 to award and by partial funding, was able to assist all three applicants to attend the activities they selected.

Your purchase of raffle tickets at the general meeting each month and participation in other events that may be scheduled in support of the Scholarship fund, through the remainder of this year, December 31, 2008, will determine the amount available to award next May, 2009. Another way to be a part of the financial growth of this program would be to make a, tax deductible cash donation to the Scholarship Fund.

As the Jon and Lucille Sams Scholarship Program evolves and matures, the committee expects to make changes to the application and award processes and decisions, always with the goal of assisting individuals (juniors at this time) to attend quality courses, activities, and programs, which further the knowledge and interest in rocks, minerals, fossils, geology and earth sciences.

The Scholarship Committee encourages each of you to give us your ideas regarding activities and events that can be used to raise money for the scholarship fund. Get your ideas to any of the Scholarship Committee members, Members at Large, or the Board Members, who will pass it along to the Scholarship Committee, and we will give it consideration. If you are willing, please include your name, in case the committee has questions regarding your idea.

The Scholarship Committee will continue to meet throughout the year to improve and fine tune the process for this portion of the Club's Educational Program.

**Once again,
CONGRATULATIONS TO: VICTORIA, SIERRA,
and RUSSELL!!!**

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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

Rocking Season is here. Mark and I were at Maury Mt and Paulina Memorial Weekend. We got rained on and the new tent passed the leak test. We had thunder and lightning on Saturday. For the most part the weather was good. Not to hot or wet.

Mark once again found some really nice pieces at Maury Mt. He probably won't cut these either. My biggest find was a silver dime at Paulina. I also found a DVD on the hillside. Our friends Merle and Kathy were with us and Kathy outshined us again.

The price of gas is going to limit our travels this summer. It was at least 10-15 cents more a gallon in central Oregon.

Holley Wood was great and we would like to thank Brad Newport for his kindness and all the fun we had.

Thanks to all of you who submitted articles and pictures. I am passing the pictures on to Susan to put on the web.

Kristi Edwards
Bulletin Editor

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Presidents Message

It looks like I missed a fun weekend by no going out to Holley Wood Ranch, but someone had to stay home to edit the WAMS general meeting minutes. I may not have been there physically, but was there mentally.

It was good to see the turnout we had. Or course I helped clean off the rocks that Don brought home, but I hope to see what you brought back too at the meeting.

Congratulations to Victoria Standley, Sierra and Russel Hurtado and winning partial scholarships for camps this summer. Thank you to the Scholarship committee for the work they have done.

Marilyn from the Salem Senior Center will be giving the program for the June meeting. She will be talking about the Lapidary center at the new Salem Senior Center.

Because the Senior Center will be closed in September the Board discussed about having a General Meeting in August and having the picnic on September 7th instead. That would be one less hassle in trying to find a place to meet in September and then trying to get the word to everyone.

I am planning on leaving for our Harper claim the day after the meeting. Hope the weather isn't in one of its cooler periods.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Karen and Jerry Porter.

See you June 5th with your "j" rocks for Show and Tell

Upcoming NW Shows

June 6-3	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club Puyallup, WA
June 13-15	Oregon Coast Agate Club Newport, OR
June 20-22	68th Annual NFMS Show & Convention Ontario Fairgrounds Ontario, OR
June 26-29	Prineville Gem & Mineral Show Prineville, OR
July 2-6	4 th of July Pow Wow Madras, OR
July 3-6	Sisters Round Up of Gems Sisters, OR

Fun in the Sun in Holley, Oregon

~submitted by Emily Start

Joe and I got to Holley Wood near Sweet Home at 9:30 Saturday morning. We were greeted by the owner, Brad Newport. The location is full of wood! Brad has a large back hoe and dug a trench that unearthed petrified wood. People began showing up around 9:00 am and by the time we got there, there was 40 plus folks already in the trench or working the piles of dirt around the trenches.

I have never seen more inventive types of "safari" style head gear. A good idea to keep the sun off as the temperatures continued to rise through the morning. One group even had 2 small umbrellas! A great idea while they dug.

Brad had set up 2 pop up tent tops side by side with tables in the center and chairs all around, allowing for

much needed shade. The centers of the tables were covered with small petrified wood samples with lapped ends so you could really see the finished product. Many of us ate our picnic lunch in the shade that was provided.

People kept coming through out the morning and happy people were leaving with there buckets full of new finds in petrified wood. I even saw a carnelian limb cast that Joe Van Cura found.

Brad counted 56 people on Saturday and 25 people on Sunday. There were some that had come the week before. The club got a good deal at \$1 per pound. Thanks Brad. Brad was very helpful using his ATV to help people to their cars.

Brad is open 7 days a week until it rains in the fall. During the week is the best time to have the place relatively to your self. The weekends are sometimes busy. The Portland Rock Club, Eugene Rock Club and the Prospector group have scheduled trips, so call ahead before going to dig. The number is 541-405-5990.

Channel 13 from Eugene is scheduled to there this summer.

It was 93 degrees by the time we left at 2:30. Most people were already done and back in their air conditioned cars.

The folks I talked to are ready to go again as a club next year, if not before.

HAPPY ROCKING EVERYBODY!!!!

2009 Show meeting

~submitted by Janice Van Cura

On Monday, June 16th, instead of a board meeting we are going to have a planning session for the 2009 Show. This is an opportunity for all club members to provide input and ideas about things that they think would be good for the show, or ways to improve. Over the last few years the club has been growing and changing. Some of the long-time members are no longer with us, or not as active, and some of the information that they had on how things were done has been lost. But with lots of new members it is time to see if we can update our show with some new ideas and revitalize some old ones.

The board has determined at least four areas that we know we want to improve; getting the florescent show back, improving the income from the silent auction, advertising and creating a budget. There are many more areas. With as big a club as we have there are

plenty of people to divide the tasks up. Working together we can have a great show. Those of you that were in the club when we hosted the federation show, may remember that the federation provided a format to organize putting on a show, of having a show chair with committee chairs managing parts of the show, and an approved budget. This group met periodically, and communicated what was planned and made sure that things were covered and that people were not duplicating others efforts. The board feels that this would be a good model to try and build on. So we are inviting anyone who is interested in helping with the show to come to the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is to start with a open brainstorming session, then if we have time to break into small groups to discuss specific areas of interest, like dealers, displays, children's area, auction, etc. Then we will get back together to let people know what ideas we came up with. The meeting will start at 6:30 at the Senior Center. We will wrap up no later than 8:45, so we can be out by 9. We look forward to hearing your great ideas.

Where is that??

~submitted by Janice Van Cura

The club has lots of past records, scrapbooks, rock tumbles etc. But where are they when you want them. During the board meeting we realized that there is no listing of where all of the club items are being kept. Teresa Byrne has been doing a great job of keeping track of the club tumblers and polishers but where is some of the rest of the items. So the board is requesting that if you have any club items in your possession that you please write down what you have, with your name and send it to Bob Manley, 475 Giles St. Mt Angel or bring the list to the June meeting. Who knows maybe the club has something that we have forgotten all about.

Field Trips

~submitted by Daniel Bontempo

The club's visit to Holley Wood Ranch on Sat-Sun 17-18th May seemed successful. Over 55 folks said they were with the club on Saturday and at least another 15 on Sunday. Owner Brad Newport was pleased with the turnout. He plans to have a Customer Appreciation Day later this summer with \$0.50/lb fees. Folks signing his waiver sheets from a previous dig will be eligible, so this might be a nice opportunity for club members who turned out. (Details will be announced when available.)

WAMS, June, 7-9th. Skull Springs Thunder eggs & Butte Creek Jasper. Don Esch is going out to his claim on the 6th of June for a 4-5 day visit. Club

members can contact him (503-371-1472) in advance to make arrangements to meet up, or ask questions about tools ... etc. Digging on the claim is \$1/lb. The area is off of US-20 near Harper, OR – so it is a long trip. But, anyone who has seen the colorful material Don has had at recent meetings and the show might well consider the trip worthwhile.

NFMS, June 20-22nd. Several possible field trips in conjunction with the NFMS Show & Convention in Ontario, OR. They say on their web page “there are many places to explore in and around the Ontario area. We plan to make some of these attractions available as special events, with transportation, etc., if there is enough interest. These could include trips to Oregon Trail Ruts, Lake Owyhee, Leslie Gulch, Three Fingers Gulch, Jordan Craters, and Lava Beds. How about the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Bend or Geiser Grand Hotel? If enough people are interested and notify us, we will make arrangements.” (<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/onta3.htm>) There will be camping at the Malheur County Fairgrounds, and lots of nearby motel rooms. Contact NFMS directly with questions about scheduled activities. They have contact information for the show coordinator and the VP in their newsletter (<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/nwnews/nw0608.pdf>).

Pow-Wow. Prineville, OR, June, 26-29th Three field trips are planned in conjunction with the pow-wow this year. They said, “*We finally have the locations for the field trips. We just don't have the actual days finalized. One is to White Fir Springs for thundereggs, Hampton Butte for petrified wood, and Joe McDonald's for petrified wood and thunder eggs.*” Contact Rebecca at (becka@crestviewcable.com) for updates. There is plenty of room for camping at the fairgrounds. Trips will leave each morning at 8am.

Pow-wow. Madras, OR, July 2-6th. There will also be several fieldtrips in conjunction with the Madras pow-wow. They are not finalizing the list of trips until after Memorial Day. Promotional material says, “*daily field trips, dig for agate, jasper, thunder eggs, petrified wood for a fee, bring rock hounding tools.*” Contact Rocky McCall, (8330 272nd NW, Stanwood, WA 98292, (360) 629-2515; e-mail: rm711@tqi.net) for updates or questions. There is room to camp at the fairgrounds, and also at nearby Richardson's Ranch.

WAMS, July, TBA, - Ochocoo's Eggs. Joe Van Cura has mentioned leading a trip sometime in July. If you are interested, want to ask about dates, or have other questions, give Joe a call or email.

WAMS, August, TBA, Ashwood Area. Another trip led by Joe Van Cura. Watch for details.

WAMS, September, ???, There is talk of a trip to McDermitt in September, but we will need a trip leader. Someone who has done this before, or knows the area. If you can step-up, please let Daniel know. Also check out the list of trips posted by the Washington State Mineral Society, <http://www.mineralcouncil.org/field.htm> - several trips for agate and jasper in September and October. If you know of other trips, want to be on a trip-alert email list, or just have comments, you can reach Daniel Bontempo at (451)497-7916, or email, daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu.

Field Trips

~submitted by Joe Van Cura

Gerri Esch mentioned in the May newsletter that perhaps we could coordinate our June Field trip with the Prineville Show, June 26 - 29. I think this is a great idea and in fact I will be leading one of those trips and assisting on another. Another member of our club, Wes Kester, may be leading the other trip. The Friday trip will be to Hampton Butte for the green petrified wood. This is the one scheduled to be led by Wes. On Saturday, Gary Buss and I will be leading a trip to Joe McDonald's ranch in Ashwood. At present this is the only day this year that this ranch will be open for collecting. This is a fee dig with a price of \$1 a pound for material collected. Joe's ranch has petrified wood and several thunder egg beds including the Pink Abbey bed, which is one of my favorites. On Sunday, I will be leading the trip to White Fir Springs for thunder eggs.

In July I will lead a trip to the north section of the Ochoco Mountains to the viewpoint area for thunder eggs. Please, let me know if you are interested and what dates would work for you as I have not set a date yet. We would be camping at Whistler Springs and collecting at Viewpoint, Radford, Whistler Springs, and Lucky Strike. Only Lucky Strike is a fee dig.

In August I am willing to lead a trip to Ashwood if we have enough interest. We would be visiting Darrel Friends' for thunder eggs and agate, John Marten's for colorful jasp-agate called Marsten Replacement Wood and Alex McDonald's for petrified wood. We did this trip two or three years ago and it was fun to go out on these private ranches with a small group. Since we had a small group the ranchers let us have the run of their property (we could come and go as we pleased, we had no set schedule), we just paid for our material at a \$1 per pound at the end of each day. We will not do this trip unless there is enough interest. With the price of gas we now have to pick and choose which field trips we can attend. We should talk with other members to see if car-pooling

is an option. Again, let me know if you are interested in this trip and what dates would be best for you.

There has been talk of going back to McDermitt in September or to Succor Creek. Tom Robertson will not be available this year to lead either of these trips, but said that if there is enough interest he will make sure we have a leader and permission to get on the private claims. Please let Tom or me know if you want to do one of these September trips.

Hope to see you out digging. And remember pick up a piece or two for the silent auction.

Display Cases

~submitted by Reyne Knutson
Display Case Chair

I would like to thank everyone who put in a display case for the WAMS show, there were some fantastic rock and crystal displays. Several people commented on the high quality of the displays this year. Also, a special thank you to Joe Start, for getting several businesses to add display cases to our show.

Congratulations to the following people who won prizes of gift certificates for their displays, as voted on by the attendees of the show. Best of Show for crystals, Robert Roner \$25.00. Thor Satter, Emily Start, Juniors - Alex, Cooper & Tanner Butler, Jim Shine and Teresa Byrne each received \$20.00 gift certificates. All of the gift certificates were redeemed at the dealers at the show.

We had five junior cases and they each received an animal rock critter for their fine efforts.

All of you helped to make my job easier. I very much appreciate the members who volunteered to fill the empty cases resulting from cancellations at the last minute. Again, thank you so much to all the members for their excellent displays and also for your participation and help in the setup and teardown.

WAMS GENERAL MEETING MAY 3, 2008

~SUBMITTED BY WALTER FRIDAY, SECRETARY

Geri Esch, President at 6:32 p.m. called meeting to order.

Board and Officers in attendance: Geri Esch, President; Mary Haslebacher, Vice President; Walter Friday, Secretary; Lee Anne Settlemer, Treasurer; Marvin Bartell, NW Federation Delegate; Members - at-large: Bob Manley, Dexter Leonard and Norm

De Roux; Cathy Fisher, Show Chair; Kristi Edwards, Newsletter Editor.

Announcements: Dues are due for 2008. If new nametags are needed, contact Ted Johnson. The March Board meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2008, 6:30 p.m. June meeting Show & Tell is the letter 'J.' We still need a silversmithing instructor.

Show and Tell: Geri Esch hosted. The letter was "I."

Program: The May program was a tailgate party. Members brought lapidary material for sale.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approve Minutes: Ted Johnson brought up that Oregon's 150th Statehood celebration is not until 2009, not May 2008 as reported in the *Rockhound Rumbblings*. The April 3, 2008 General Minutes were then approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Anne Settlemer, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report showing \$5,797.14 in the checking account, \$8,500.00 in CD's and \$10,046.28 in savings for a total of \$24,343.42. Lee Anne Settlemer also presented a report on the 2008 Show with income of \$11,221.11 and expenses of \$5,749.31 for a net ordinary income of \$5,471.80. The bills were approved to be paid.

REPORTS:

Show: Cathy Fisher, Show Chair, reported that 94 people volunteered to work at the show. She thanked all who served and a drawing was held and prizes were presented to lucky volunteers.

Field Trip: Dan Groah announced a three day field trip: June 27th to Hampton Butte, petrified wood, June 28th to McDonald Ranch for petrified wood and thunder eggs and June to White Fir for thunder eggs. Joe Start reminded us of the petrified wood trip to the Holley Wood Farm near Sweet Home on the weekend after Mother's Day, 8:00 a.m., May 17 and 18. The operator will give us a special price of \$1.00 per pound.

Scholarship: Ted Johnson announced three youth scholarships have been awarded. Sierra and Russell Hurtado will be attending Oregon State University's Saturday Academy on "Beach"-ology. Victoria Standley will be attending OSMI's Science camp at Camp Hancock. WAMS will be paying for half of their tuition to attend the camps

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. Marv reported on the number of clubs and memberships as shown below:

States	Northwest Clubs	Members
Alaska	2	169
Idaho	12	774
Montana	6	342
Oregon	21	1,469
Utah	1	119
Washington	29	1,664
Totals	72	4,661

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

Oregon Council: Vicki Johnson reminded the group of the rock case at the State Capitol. A new case will be presented in May celebrating the 150 Anniversary of Oregon as a state on February 14, 2009. The case will be 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: Linda Groah reported that Karen Porter is under the weather and George Goetzelman is recovering from his broken ankle and she has sent cards.

Lapidary Classes: Geri Esch reminded that our society offers lapidary training. 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: May volunteers were thanked. June refreshment volunteers are: Emily Start, Margi Warshaw and Lee Anne Settlemier.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Start proposed we have a standing committee for the show under the leadership of the show chair. Geri Esch said this issue was discussed at the Board Meeting but a decision has not yet been reached. More detail was requested in the Board minutes.

New Members: Mary Haslebacher, Vice President, presented new member names: Kelly Henlin, Bill Fr4ike, Sean Thompson, Gena Oseaney, Christine Gerking and Misty Grove. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept these candidates as members.

Meeting adjourned about 8:15 p.m.

Raffle and door prizes were drawn and awarded.

WAMS BOARD MEETING MAY 19, 2008

~BY WALTER FRIDAY, SECRETARY

Janice Van Cura, Chair of Board at 6:31 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 Dexter Leonard. Ted Johnson and Dan and Linda Groah were guests.

AGENDA: Janice Van Cura, Board Chair announced the following agenda: Introductions, Scholarship Committee, Loaning Club Items to Members, Property Inventory, September Meeting Location, Picnic, Treasurer's Report, Budget Requirements –Club/show, Schedule for Show Meeting, Discussion of Show. Known areas of show improvement: Auction, Florescent Show, Advertising Budget, and Show Committee Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 21, 2008, meeting were approved as published.

SCOLARSHIP. Scholarship Chair, Ted Johnson, was recognized. Ted reported his committee had a debriefing after the scholarships were granted. Some of the areas needing improvements are: the need for complete information with the scholarship application, requirement that the application be completed by the applicant (rather than the parent), need for more detail about the event applied for, including: date of event, event sponsor, name of event, cost of class or event. Ted said that after discussion it was decided to leave the application deadline the same. The committee saw a need to develop a list of junior programs that are available. They are working on a certificate to be given to the winner of the scholarship. Information on the certificate would include: WAMS Logo, amount and condition of the scholarship, etc.

The Scholarship committee also felt we need to build the scholarship fund. One idea was to have an oral action at the Show on Sunday. This would also bring people in on the last day of the show. The committee specifically asked that the board not act on this idea at this time. Now we are only awarding 25% of the revenue we receive into the fund each year. The goal is to make the fund self-sustaining. Each of the winners received about 50% of the cost of the event, for a total of \$338. Lee Anne Settlemeir was asked, and agreed to provide, the amount in the scholarship fund at the next board meeting. Lee Anne noted that the scholarships were based on the amount in the fund at the end of December, not April.

RAFFEL ROCK: Geri Esch okayed Ted Johnson to pick up raffle rock at the storage site at their place.

WAMS PROPERTY CONTROL: Janice Van Cura asked if one of the members-at-large would take on the project of inventorying all of the WAMS property. Theresa Byrne tracks the tumblers but has not tracked the other property. Bob Manley agreed to head up this project and Rob Leedy agreed to help. Members store most of the property at their homes. A newsletter article will be written asking all holding WAMS property to report what they have and where it is stored. It was suggested maybe we need to amend the bylaws to establish a Board level position of Quartermaster.

LOAN OF FLOREICENT ROCK: Janice Van Cura reported WAMS member Aaron Currier has asked to borrow the some of the club's florescent rock collection to make a student teaching presentation. A motion was made second and passed to approve loaning the rocks to Aaron Currier.

SEPEMBER MEETING: Janice Van Cura explained that the Senior Center will be closing at this location in August and reopening in October at the new location. After discussion it was agreed to change the picnic to September and meet in August at the center. The picnic will be September 7 at a place to be announced. We will have to monitor the progress of the new Senior Center to be sure we have a meeting place in October.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Lee Anne Settlemeir reported that she needed to have bills approved for payment for: Subscription to Popular Mineralogy for the youth program for \$94.98 and the amount for Victoria Standley's Scholarship. Bills were approved for payment.

FIELD TRIP TO THE HOLLEYWOOD RANCH: The field trip was successful to the Holley Wood ranch. About 50 people attended.

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR CLUB AND SHOW:

Janice Van Cura introduced the issue. A few years ago the club was small. We may now have reached the size where we need to be more formal in handling our finances. She proposed we plan on putting the budget in place for the 2009 Year.

During the Break Janice Van Cura served "Kitty Litter Cake."

Janice Van Cura reported on receiving a letter from the Hat Rock Hounds to thank us for selling them some of our informative brochures.

ROCK SHOW: Janice Van Cura reminded us that we needed to set a date for a brain-storming meeting about the next rock show. Janice noted we are losing the old timers who we have depended on to always do certain things. We are loosing our corporate memory. The president appoints the show chair and it is currently vacant. In answer to a question Rob Leedy said that from his experience one can become burned out after a couple of years as the show chair. In discussion it was the opinion that we have grown to a point where a Show Committee is needed. The advantage of a Committee was learned from being involved with the Federation Show.

There will be no Board Meeting in June. Instead the date and time will be used for a special meeting to brain-storm ideas for the 2009 WAMS Rock Show. We have a confirmed date for the 2009 Show at the Polk County Fairgrounds, but do not yet have a contract. Rob Leedy will check on the status of the contract. If negotiation is needed Rob Leedy and Mary Haslebacker are authorized to negotiate for the Club.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Janice Van Cura reminded us that the members-at-large makeup the WAMS Nominating Committee. It is not too early to begin working on the slate of officers for this fall.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 p.m.

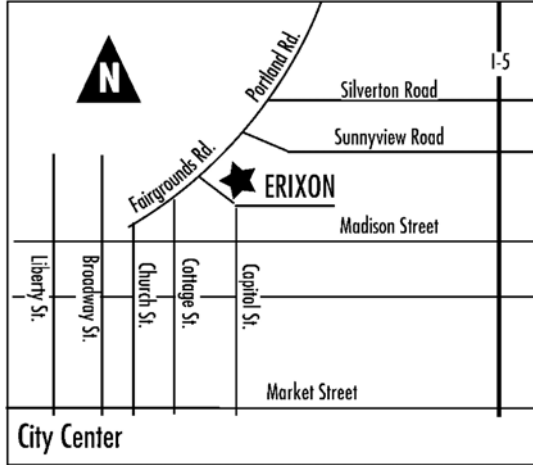
NEXT BOARD MEETING: Special Meeting on Rock Show ideas, June 16, 2008 at 6:30-8:45 p.m.

NWFMS News

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

AFMS News at www.amfed.org

WAMS General Meeting
 Thursday
 June 5- 6:30 pm
 Salem Senior Center
 1055 Erixon St. N.E., Salem
Guests Welcome!



Map to Salem Senior Center – 1055 Erixon

June Program
 Lapidary Center at New Senior Center
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What's Rocking?



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