



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

March 2008

WAMS Coast Trip Feb16-17

~submitted by Emily Start

Did someone say agates and fossil? Those are the key words to use to get our club members to the Oregon Coast. The weekend of Feb 16-17 was our second coast club trip. Friday folks were on their own.

Bob Manley went to Scots Point from 68th street north of Newport. He headed north around Scotts Point and a sneaker wave caught him, but he got away. Last Friday another club member, Mylon Miller, had the same experience at Scotts Point. So we decided no to do that trip on Saturday with the club.

Joe and Emily Start met club members at Moolack Creek parking lot at noon on Saturday. Joe explained the fossils on that beach to about 12 club members that showed up. The sun was shining n us with the ever present wind that kept us bundled up.

Buckets in hand we spread out and got rewarded with agates and shell fossils. It was a minus tide (.1) at 2:51pm revealing the Astoria Formation and lots of rock showing. A rock hounds dream! North of Moolack Creek, Emily Start found a skull fossil, probably a seal skull. Joe found a large vertebra, near the same location that afternoon. Everyone was successful and smiling coming off the beach.

We then headed for 68th street to go to Schooner Creek south of Scotts Point. The parking was limited, lots of rock showing, but limited finds. A few agatized snail shells, but the Astoria Formation was completely exposed and very spectacular. It looked like large loafs of bread with flat tops. The low tide also exposed 2 beautiful cedar stumps washed away from a tidal wave 700 years ago (according to Bill Orr). The stumps were 15-20 feet across and undulating like a bunch of seals frozen in time.

Seven members gathered at 5:30 for Chinese food at a great new restaurant just north of Newport on 101. It is at the old location for Rocky Joes rock shop. The building is painted neon yellow with green trim. You can't miss it.

Joe Van Cura and Barry Ward led about 12 members at Lost Creek. I think it should be renamed Found Creek! There were 70 people besides our club members there on Saturday and 100 plus people on Sunday. Everyone was happy as that location south of Newport continues to be very productive, mostly agate, including the very popular Newport Blues and some fossils too. Joe stayed over to Sunday and so had 2 days of fun at Lost (Found) Creek! That will put you in a good mood for sure. Sunday was .5 minus tide at 3:30pm. Ideal place for rock hounds.

Thank you, Newport. Thank you, Pacific Ocean for sharing your bounty with the WAMS club. We will return to the Oregon Coast another day.

Show Work Parties

Cathy Fisher will announce at the meeting dates for the work parties and rock washing. She will also have sign up sheets for volunteers to help at the show.

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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

Hard to believe it is March already. Soon it will be warm enough to head east and start rocking.

Mark and I went to Lost Creek, but then ended up farther south and found some nice agates and whole sand dollars. There were very few people where we were. It was a beautiful, except the wind made it very cold. We ate at our favorite restaurant in Yachats. I love the clam chowder at LeRoy's.

I have edited this newsletter for errors and changed spelling of names and the dates. If I have misspelled your name let me know.

Thanks to those that have submitted articles for the newsletter.

I am enclosing a link to Aaron Currier's segment on Oregon Field Guide.
<http://www.opb.org/programs/ofg/episodes/view/1909>

Also Evelyn Hamby passed away. Her services were March 1.

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards
 Bulletin Editor

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Presidents Message

Thanks to Herb Bastuscheck for teaching us about Bonseki painting. Your samples and photographs of completed sand paintings were excellent. I am sorry to hear that there are so few masters of this art in left in Japan. To the parents of Junior Members, Herb will be showing them how to paint pictures with sand during the March meeting.

Thanks to Walt Friday for putting the program on the big screen. We could see it so much better that way, especially after you turned the camera so we could view right side up.

Thanks to George Goetzelman for taking photos and emailing them to us.

Theresa Byrne will be giving the March program on Joe Cota's program about petrified wood.

I hope that most of you had the chance to watch Aaron Currier in the segment on amateur fossil hunters on Oregon Field Guild on OPB. I know Aaron is busy right now, but I hope he will bring in some of his finds from his digs soon.

Geri

JUNIOR NEWS

~submitted by Jennifer Ferrell

Hello everyone. The last two meetings have sure been fun. I want to thank all of the parents that helped. I also want to thank Cara Leedy for her help. A big thank-you goes to Linda Busey for offering to be part of our program.

For the March program we have a presentation by Herb Bastuscheck. Herb is going to show us how to do the dying Japanese sand art called Bonseki. He gave the presentation at the last general meeting. I am very excited about this and hope all of you can be there.

For the April program we will be making rock critters and prizes to give out at our annual gem and mineral show. Also for the show, I encourage anyone who wants to put in a display case to let me know. I will also be doing a case or two to represent the junior program and can always use help with that.

The rock of the month is "G". The "G" rocks I have are granite, garnet, green grossular garnet, galena, gastropod fossil, geode, gold, goldstone, graphite,

Upcoming NW Shows

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| March 7-9 | Tualatin Valley Gem Club Washington County Fairgrounds Hillsboro, OR |
| March 7-9 | Oregon Agate and Mineral Society OMSI Portland, OR |
| March 8-9 | Rock and Arrowhead Club Klamath County Fairgrounds Klamath Fall, OR |
| March 29-30 | Sweet Home Rock and Mineral 60 th Annual Show Sweet Home, OR |
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gypsum, grape agate, and gravel. I used to have a piece of geyserite from Wyoming, but my dog ate it. I am not joking.

I thought of some "G" words related to our hobby. Those words include geology, gem, gloves, grit, glassy, greasy, geography, globular, gravity, gas, glacier, group, GPS, and Geiger counter. Can any of you think of more "G" rocks and words? I've included a word search with "G" word just for fun.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Applications are now open for: Willamette Agate and Mineral Society's Jon and Lucille Sams' Memorial Scholarship Fund 2008 award

~submitted by Ted Johnson

Well folks, time to kick-off the clubs new program, "Jon and Lucille Sams' Memorial Scholarship Fund"!

Included in this months' newsletter are the Application Instructions and the Application Form. Both of these will also be posted on the Clubs Website at www.wamsi.org. The instructions and application will appear in the March newsletter as well.

The deadline for submitting an application is the first Thursday in April, 04-03-08, at the General Meeting. Applications can be submitted anytime between now and the April deadline and be submitted to any one of the Scholarship Committee members. The Scholarship Committee intends to announce Award(s) at the May, 2008, General Meeting.

Applicants must be a student, grades 2 through 12 and be a WAMS member or be sponsored by a WAMS member. The funds requested must be for learning opportunities that are Geology related.

Any questions regarding the Scholarship Fund can be directed to a member of the Scholarship Committee.

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Fundraiser for "SERVICE DOG" puppy.

~submitted by Brenda Nelson

My name is Brenda Nelson but you may know me more as Freedoms mommie. I haven't been to a lot of meetings lately due to my own health issues.

Freedom is now 7 years old and is slowing down. She will need to retire within 2 years, So its time to get another puppy to start training to be my next service dog.

I am trying to raise the funds for the puppy and some of her vet care by selling Home-made Fleece hats. They are warm and wash well. I have many colors already made. I can also take custom orders and make the colors you wish. Usually custom orders will be really in less than 48 hours.

Cost is 1/\$5.00 or 2/\$9.00 cash only please.

I will also be making fleece hoods for youth, adult & xxlg. Adult. These will be made to custom orders. 1/\$5.00 2/\$9.00

My last items are for the youth shorts & sun dresses. Prices will be arranged with each custom order.

All monies received will be for the purchase and vet care of the service dog puppy. Much of the fabric as been donated for these projects.

I can be reached at alittebitnutz20@comcast.net or call 971-239-3630 between the hours of 8 am - midnight

Thank you for your time.
Brenda & Freedom

Flint Knapping

~submitted by Len Cleary

Four of us flint knappers visited Steve Braden at his home on the first Friday of February. Steve is a very good instructor and makes us feel at home. I have gone thlot of obsidian and had a lot of fun and good conversation. We will meet there again on the first Friday of March, March 7th at about 7pm. If you feel like having a good time, come on over there then

WAMS General Meeting

February 7, 2007

~submitted by Walt Friday

Gerri Esch, President at 6:39 p.m, called meeting to order.

Board and officers in attendance: Gerri Esch, President; Walter Friday, Secretary; Lee Anne Settlemier, Treasurer; Marvin Bartell, NW Federation Delegate; Members -at-large: Rob Leedy, Dexter Leonard, Thor Satter, Bob Matley, and Norm De Roux

Welcome guests: one guest introduced herself.

Awards: An award

not presented at the December meeting was presented to Hendrick Mobley, Horizon Award.

Announcements: Dues are due for 2008. If new nametags are needed, contact Ted Johnson. The January Board meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2008, 6:30 p.m. due to President's Day on the third Monday of the month and the Senior Center is closed. February meeting Show & Tell is the letter 'G.'

Show and tell: Gerri Esch hosted. The letter was "E & F."

Program: Herb Bastuscheck presented an interesting program on the Japanese art of Bonseki. Herb is the only non Japanese certified in this art. Herb composed a picture on a black enameled tray using white gypsum sand and various sizes of gypsum stones. His program was projected on the screen.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approve Minutes: The January 3, 2008 minutes were approved as published in *Rockhound Rumbblings*.

Treasurer's Report: No report. Lee Anne Settlemier, Treasurer, explained she had just return from an emergency trip and was not prepared to present her report.

Approval of Payment of Bills: \$11.98 for a book for the library, \$208.75 newsletter printing and Postage and \$75.17 for mailing to the schools inviting them to the show and \$23.28 for supplies for the Junior program. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the bills.

REPORTS:

Show: Cathy Fisher, Show Chair, reported that preparations are moving along. Her E-mail is running again. Joe Start asked about his offer to provide security at the show. The response was the Polk

County sheriff's office did not favor this idea and we would assume the liability for any losses.

Scholarship: Ted Johnson announced the scholarships are now open and the first scholarships for juniors will be granted in May. Scholarships will be granted for geology or earth science related camps or classes. Scholarships are funded by raffle ticket sales.

Name Tags: Ted Johnson asked if anyone knew where we could get the letter stencils for the clubs engraving machine used to make our nametags.

Juniors: Jennifer Ferrell. No report as Jennifer was with the junior members

Field Trip: Gerri Esch announced that Daniel Bontempo and Sue Larson will share the duties of Field Trip Chair.

Joe Start announced a second trip to the coast. They will meet at Moolack Beach at noon on Saturday, February 16, 2008. Berry Ward will meet another part of the group at Lost Creek at 10:00 a.m. Other possible trips being considered include Hampton Butte, Ochico Mountains, Glass Butte and the Stinking Water area.

Federation: Marvin Bartell said there was nothing to report. The next meeting is in June.

News Letter: Kristi Edwards -No report.

Oregon Council: Vicki Johnson the new rock case at the State Capitol.

Program: Vacant. The president asked for a volunteer to fill this position. The next program has not been determined yet.

Library: Bob Matley is the new librarian.

Stamps: Gerri 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: No report.

Lapidary Classes: Gerri Esch advised that a new class is opening on Monday nights. Cost is \$30.00 for seven three-hour classes and the classes run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Property Control: Theresa Byrne, no report,

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

Refreshments: January volunteers were thanked. February volunteers: Theresa and Kathy

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members: Geri Esch introduced the new member candidates: Kaydee Farmer, Bob and Carol Cox, Nora Beugli, Katie Hobbs, Jerry Wheeler and Kathy (). A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept these candidates as members.

Meeting adjourned about 8:45 p.m.

Raffle and door prizes were drawn and awarded.

Board Meeting February 11, 2008

~Submitted by: Acting Secretary, Cathy Fisher

President Geri Esch called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Geri Esch, Cathy Fisher, Marvin Bartel, Norm DeRoux, Bob Manley, Larry Nasset, Thor Satter, Lee Anne Settlemier, with guest Ted Johnson.

Lee Anne gave the Treasurers report; motion made to accept, seconded, and passed. A motion was made to authorize up to \$300.00 on new nametag blanks and tag magnets. It was seconded, and passed.

Lee Anne paid our dues to AMFED & The Oregon Council of \$3.50 per member. Lee Anne questioned whether the same Officers who are currently authorized on the WAMS bank account should remain. It was motioned, seconded, and passed to keep the same Officers on the Account.

Cathy Fisher brought up the idea of email vs. snail mail concerning the Newsletter. She explained what Kristi Edwards and Susan Appleby have already accomplished. Lee Anne mentioned that each copy that is mailed out costs the club \$1.00 per member per month for ten months. It was discussed that the Newsletter may be read on line at our WAMSI.ORG web site or if members would prefer to still get the Letter through the mail; please call Cathy Fisher at (503) 851-1837.

Ted Johnson talked about the Nametags, which Officers should be tagged and how the tags should be worded. A list was supplied.

It has been mentioned that New Members need to sign up for their badges. The rules are the 1st badge is free. If a replacement is needed within 5 years, there will be a charge of \$5.00.

Geri Esch mentioned that someone was having problems with the WAMSI Website. Ted Johnson asked Daniel Bontempo for an update and was told the error had been corrected.

A discussion was held on the subject of providing our own Security at the Gem Show. Cathy Fisher said she would send a copy of the Official State Police rules to Geri Esch and Norm DeRoux.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Chris Beaty delivers 340 of her home-made grab bags for the show.

NFMS News

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

AFMS News

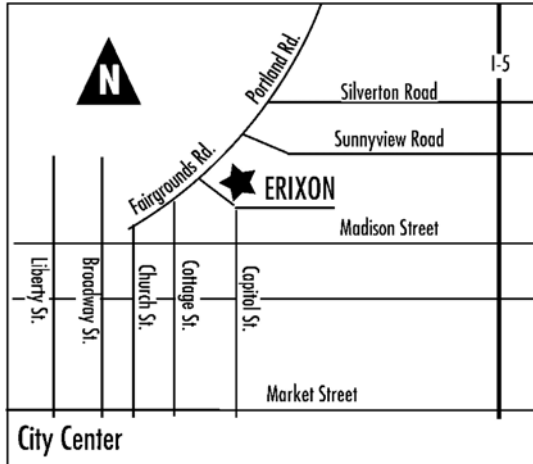
Can be viewed at www.amfed.org

What's Rocking?

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

March Program
Joe Cota's program on petrified wood
Theresa Byrne

March Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters
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