



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

## November 2008

### WHERE ARE WE AT WITH FIELD TRIPS?

~submitted by Daniel Bontempo

Here are a few field trip questions. Where are good collecting sites on this side of the Cascades? What can we dig? Petrified wood, agate, jasper, thundereggs, opals, fossils? Who could lead these trips? Or, What kind of trip can we do in Winter? How soon will beach collecting come round again? What sites in Central and Eastern Oregon are most attractive to members? I would love to make a list of potential sites and leaders. If you have thoughts, memories, or hear of something another club is doing give me a shout. (541) 497-7916, [daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu](mailto:daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu).

Sites requiring permission, or BLM land, or fee-digs, hard-rock and easy digging - let's list them all. We can decide what works best later. If we want a good lineup next year, the time to start planning is now. One possibility for some fun outings on weekend mornings this winter might be to visit some regional rock sellers and scramble over their miscellaneous piles. These would be like fee-digs, except much less digging. Some call it "silver pick." Remember how much fun some of us had scrambling over Tom's \$1 pile at the club picnic? Who would be interested in an outing like this? We could meet at the site around 10am Sat (or 1pm Sunday), help each other pick and identify rocks. Maybe some members would agree to split bigger rocks, each taking half. We might even arrange prizes for a few contests. How about categories like coolest rock or best buy? Maybe a special category for kid's finds. I think if we are organizing and turning out enough folks, we might even negotiate a better rate, or how about a percentage of rock paid to the club? What if we can arrange that for every two pounds members buy off someone's 50cent/lb pile, the club gets to pick one additional pound for its silent auction table at the annual show? The more folks we turn out and the more we buy, the sweeter the deal we should be able to get for the club. I think these ideas may have legs and would really like to hear some member feedback.

How does this strike you? Would Sat morning or Sunday afternoon work best? Do contests sound like fun? Would you be willing to serve as a judge? Would you be willing to staff a table where we try to ID rocks for members?

If there is enough interest, we could try for the 1st weekend after the Christmas Dinner in December, and maybe another outing in Jan and/or Feb.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

~submitted by Theresa Byrne

This year's Christmas Dinner will be on Saturday, December 6, at 5:30PM at West Salem Roth's Banquet Room. Turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings, will be \$8.00 per member and \$10.00 per guest.

Pre-payment is required. The Dinner Committee (Chris Beaty and Theresa Byrne) will be collecting money at the November meeting. This is the last chance to pay at a meeting before the dinner.

We must have a firm number of people attending at least one week in advance. Those unable to pay at the November meeting should mail their payment to my home address, 1175 Duffield Heights SE, Salem OR 97302, before November 28<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made out to Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, or WAMS

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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, 2615 Portland Rd 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!

**Website:** [www.wamsi.org](http://www.wamsi.org)

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- President: Geri Esch 503-371-1472
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**Mailing Address**

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## Editor's Message

It is election month and by the time you get this we will have a new President. Hopefully many of you will come to the November meeting to vote in new officers.

Mark and I went to Holley Wood Ranch on October 25. We found some very nice pieces. Brad Newport says if you need some rock to cut and polish this winter you can come pick through the rock pile, but **NO DIGGING**. Be sure to call first at 541-405-5990.

Included in this letter is the WAMS membership renewal form. Also Theresa Byrne will be collecting money for the Christmas dinner at the meeting.

I would like to emphasize in order to get this newsletter out each month the deadlines must be met or your information will not be published. So if the information is not to me by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month there is no guarantee that it will be in the newsletter.

Please send articles that you would like to see published in the newsletter. Remember no newsletter in December.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards  
Bulletin Editor

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## Presidents Message

The new Salem Senior Center is open. Look for the sign Center 50 at the corner of the building. The Board met there for the October meeting. Of course we had to check out the Lapidary center, which has room for more equipment and work area than at the old Center. The building has a more welcoming feeling to it also. Don't look for the sign in sheets, because there will be a different system that will be put to use in the near future.

Remember that November is Election month. To keep an organization such as WAMS moving forward, we need volunteers not only behind the scenes, but also up in front of the crowd.

One of our first recipients of the Jon and Lucille Sams Scholarship, Victoria Standley, will be giving a short presentation at the November meeting. Sierra and Russell Hurtado will be giving theirs early next year.

The program for November will be a DVD presentation on Thunder eggs. Walt Friday will be putting the new sound and video system to a test.

Speaking of sound systems, I guess WAMS microphone can be put into storage. Until the Show that is.

Don and I went to a gold claim in California. Not my cup of tea. I had more fun looking through the groundskeeper's stash of agates than I did scraping the rock crevasses for a chance at finding a gold flake or two. We had a good time though. It's always nice to be out-of-doors with a group that likes to work in the dirt.

Your President,

Geri Esch

## Upcoming NW Shows

November 8-9

Skagit Gem Club  
Sedro Woolley, WA

## WAMS General Meeting October 2, 6:30 p.m., 2008 Pringle Hall

~SUBMITTED BY WALTER FRIDAY, SECRETARY

Geri Esch, President, at 6:34 p.m., called the meeting to order.

BOARD AND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Geri Esch, President; Mary Haslebacker, Vice President, Walter Friday, Secretary; Lee Anne Settlemier, Treasurer; Janice Van Cura, Chair of the Board; Marvin Bartell, NW Federation Delegate and

Members -at-large: Rob Leedy, Dexter Leonard, Larry Nasset and Norm DeRoux.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 2009 Dues are due and should be paid in October or November. WAMS Christmas Dinner is Saturday, December 6, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at Roth's West Salem.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the August 7, 2008, meeting was approved with corrections: Daniel Bontempo reported he did not make the wonderful brownies. Sean Thompson deserves the credit. Linda Groah also a noted unspecified typographical errors.

**APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS:** Lee Anne Settlemier, Treasurer, presented three bills to pay: \$20 to Richardson's Rockworks for redemption of a gift certificate from the Rock Show and \$100 for 50 pounds of grit for Tumbler to polish show prizes, and \$130.13 to Lee Anne Settlemier for food for the picnic. The member approved paying the bills.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lee Anne Settlemier, Treasurer, presented a detailed treasurers report. The report was approved as presented.

**PROGRAM:** Janice Van Cura presented an informative program on Thunder Eggs. Janice Van Cura announced the program for November is election of officers. There was a suggestion that the scholarship recipients should make their presentation at this meeting.

**ROCK SHOP:** Ted Silver reported that the new Senior Center is about to open. The shop is about three times as large as the previous shop. He recognized Larry Fawcett and Larry Lovell for their weeks of efforts to get the shop ready for operation.

**SILVERSMITHING:** Ted Silver said the facility for silversmithing is a work in progress. There is no storage for the equipment. There is still need for a silversmithing instructor.

**FIELD TRIP:** Daniel Bontempo asked for ideas for future field trips for next season. He was complemented on the newsletter article.

**SHOW:** Janice Van Cura reported that she and Linda Groah will act as Show Chairs for the 2009 show. For the time being she is acting as the Show "Facilitator." The show committee is up and running. We need chairs for the Silent Auction and Florescent Display.

**OREGON COUNCIL:** Vickie Johnson told of a new case at the State Capitol Building by the Roxie Ann Club. This show will be in place for the 150<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the State of Oregon on February 14, 2009.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** Karen Porter she had sent get-well cards to Nancy and Ray Plummer. She reported that long time member Lucille Puffer had died. Lucille was 100 years old.

**RESIGNATION:** Mary Haslebacker, Vice President resigned because she and her husband would be traveling for the rest of her term.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Vicki Johnson and Sonia Kleiner were thanked for the refreshments. Jane Taylor, Chuck Hunt and Nadine DeRoux volunteered to provide refreshments for November's meeting.

**NOMINATIONS:** Geri Esch reminded that by November we need a slate of new officers. She will be Chair of the Board. Need: President \_\_\_\_\_, Vice President \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_, Federation Rep \_\_\_\_\_, three members at Large \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:38 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING:** October 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Salem Senior Center, 2615 Portland Rd NE.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** November 1, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Salem Senior Center, 2615 Portland Rd NE. Show and Tell letter is "M."

## **WAMS BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2008, 6:30 P.M. NEW SALEM SENIOR CENTER ~SUBMITTED BY WALTER FRIDAY, SECRETARY**

Janice Van Cura, Chair of Board at 6:30 p.m., called the meeting to order.

**BOARD AND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Geri Esch, President; Walter Friday, Secretary; Lee Anne Settlemier, Treasurer; Janice Van Cura, Chair of the Board; and Members -at-large: Rob Leedy, Dexter Leonard, Norm DeRoux, and Larry Nasset. Also in attendance were: Tom Robertson, Dan & Linda Groah and Ted Johnson

**AGENDA:** Janice Van Cura, Board Chair announced the agenda: Slate of Officers, Show-Dealers, Program for November and Scholarship Committee Report. Ted Johnson asked that another item "Oregon Marine Reserve" be added.

**SHOW:** Janice Van Cura reminded that there was a Show Committee meeting next Monday, October 27 at 6:30 at the New Senior Center.

Rob Leedy suggested that we need five or six new halogen lights for the show silent auction. He estimated a cost of about \$10 each. In the past we have been using Rob's lights. **Motion:** It was moved, second and passed to grant authority for Rob to shop for six lights for \$20 or less each.

**SHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** Ted Johnson, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, said the Scholarship Committee met Sunday, October 19. Shortcomings of the application document were discussed: (1) the application needs to make it clear that the scholarship winner must make a presentation to the membership after attending the event. (2) Detailed information must be provided on the event in the application. (3) The application should make it clear that the application is to be prepared by the student with the help of the parent. A motion was made, seconded and passed to- **Motion:** Authorize the Scholarship Committee to revise the application as described in items (1), (2) and (3) above.

Joe Start is preparing a list of possible events that would be preapproved for scholarships. Fundraising ideas were discussed including: (1) giving opportunities for members and dealers to donate to the scholarship fund. (2) Holding an oral auction at the show on Sunday afternoon just before closing. Auction items would be on display during the show. Source of oral action items would come from members and dealers. It was agreed that the concept of a Sunday p.m. oral auction at the show, for the scholarship fund, be presented to the Show Committee for refinement.

Ted Johnson asked the treasurer how much was in the scholarship fund and how much has been raised this year. Lee Anne Settlemier agreed to provide these amounts.

Ted Johnson asked that the Board to begin thinking of appointing a new Scholarship Chair. It was suggested that the Junior Leader should be part of the Scholarship Committee.

**OREGON MARINE RESERVE:** Ted Johnson informed of work underway that would establish nine marine reserves along the coast. These reserves would limit or eliminate collecting of living and non-living material along those parts of the coast. This measure will go to the Legislature at the next session. Several agencies are involved including: Fish and Wild Life, Parks and Agriculture. Regulations would be established by rule making.

**WINTER FIELD TRIP:** Dan Bontempo proposed a tour of dealer "junk piles" on a treasure hunt. The club would negotiate a price that would include a

portion for the club for the silent action. The Board determined that this was within the authority of the Field Trip Committee and they were welcome to setup such a tour. Dan agreed to write an article for the newsletter to this effect.

**PAY BILLS:** Lee Anne Settlemier, Treasurer reported three bills: \$219.95 to Kristi Edwards for newsletter printing and postage, \$120.00 for Storage and \$347.00 to State Farm Insurance for liability insurance. The Board approved paying these bills

**SHOW:** The Board developed a partial slate of officers and a list of possible candidates to be contacted before the general meeting November 6.

In 2009 Jerry Esch will be Chair of the Board.

Needed: President \_\_\_\_\_, Vice President

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Secretary \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_, Federation Rep

\_\_\_\_\_, five Members at Large

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**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:15 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** November 6, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at new Salem Senior Center.

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# What's Rocking?

## WAMS General Meeting Thursday

November 4 at 6:30pm  
Salem Senior Center  
2615 Portland NE, Salem, OR  
**Guests Welcome!**

## November Meeting

DVD on Thunder Eggs

Victoria Standley Scholarship Presentation

## November Show and Tell

Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters  
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