



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

April 2009

WAMS SHOW COMING SOON!!!

- submitted by Linda Groah

We are getting ready for the last minute needs of the 2009 WAMS River of Gems Show. It will be held April 17 - 19 at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

Phil Knutson is the volunteer coordinator, and you can sign up with him for any of the many, many jobs that need to be filled before, during and after the show.

Set up for the show is on Wed. April 15 at noon.

This is the day we set up the facility with tables, cases and electrical for the show. For the past several years, Tom Robertson has been in charge, and always does an outstanding job, with the help of many volunteers. Tom is requesting a "Shadow" this year, to learn all the ins and outs of being the "set-up chair." Please let Tom know if you would be willing to do this job.

Thursday is the dealer set-up day, and people signed up for the display cases may start putting their rock in during the day. **All WAMS members, dealers, demonstrators and volunteers are invited to the dinner at 6 PM.** Spaghetti and french bread are provided. We need everyone attending to bring a salad or dessert to share.

Joe Van Cura reports we have several hundred students coming on Friday. **He needs more small polished jasper pieces for the teachers' buckets.** If you have some, please call Joe. We try to have every student receive a piece.

We are also still looking for some NICE pieces of rock or jewelry or other items for the **oral auction, and for the raffle prizes.** Let Rob Leedy or Linda Groah know if you have something to donate.

The **Silent auction** is also looking for more great rock. Additional items can be brought on Thursday

during set up by members wishing to donate for the silent auction. George Goetzelman has slabs to donate, but we need someone to pick them up from him. Call George or Linda if you want to do this.

Daniel Bontempo would like about 10 large rocks for the "touching table." These should be about 30 lbs, so they won't "disappear" during the show. Any WAMS member can contribute these, and bring them on Thursday afternoon, and take them home again on Sunday evening.

Remember - it takes ALL of us to put on a successful show. Thank you to everyone on the planning committee, and all who work for the show.

Flyer Blitz

~submitted by Daniel Bontempo

If every member posts one or two flyers in the places they visit or do business the visibility of this year's show can be greatly increased. There are a couple of nice flyers on the club's website www.wamsi.org/rog.html - also we will have a stack of flyers on the front table at the April meeting. Please print out a few copies or pick up a few flyers at the meeting and put them where they will be seen. Or give one to a neighbor or co-worker.

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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
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Guests are welcome and are encouraged to attend WAMS meetings!

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Editor's Message

I just received a notice that the Rockhound Rumbblings will receive an award at the Federation show in Billings. Emily Start will also receive an award for her story on the WAMS coast trip Feb 16-17, 2008. Congratulations Emily.

Thanks to all of you that sent articles for the newsletter. As you will notice most articles are about the upcoming show. Please help and volunteer at the show. It is great fun.

Gene you passed the Haiku test according to the 1980 Random House Inc. dictionary. Mark looked up the definition and he has probably forgotten that we had to write these in junior high. Congratulations from Mark, you have done a great job. He has become such a great critic and editor that he should become the next newsletter editor.

Daniel has included coupons for the show. Thanks to Daniel for all your work on this.

Hopefully, there are some field trips being planned soon and shared with the club. We are planning to go to Maury Mt, Paulina and Succor Creek. If you want to join us let us know and we will let you know the dates.

See you at the meeting.

Kristi Edwards
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Howdy ho all ye fellow rock nuts,

Sorry I have been laid up. I must apologize for my lack of fulfilling my obligations of being your president. Looks like I will be having back surgery soon. I hope to be put back together, so I can go digging rock soon!

Well as you all know, its show time. It is our time as a club to show the public what we are all about, and to raise some needed funds, to pay the bills for the year. I want everyone to be encouraged to help put on the best rock show in Oregon, in my biased opinion. We need everyone to pitch in for at least one day each. Please if you sign up for any of the time slots for any of the jobs, be responsible, be on time, be courteous and please share with our fellow guests, your wisdom and knowledge about the beautiful world of lapidary arts. If you cannot make any of your obligations, please call Janice Van Cura or Linda Groah and tell them that you cannot make it.

Thanks from your broken down President,
Rob Leedy

WAMS SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

~Submitted by Philip Knutson

The April WAMS Spring Show is rapidly approaching and there are still many openings which need to be filled by volunteer helpers. Listed below are some positions which club members may volunteer for.

Show Setup -- Wednesday, April 15th, starting at 12:00, at least 10-15 members are needed to set up the tables and display cases.

Easter egg Hunt -- Saturday, April 18th at 12:30, 6 members at a minimum and more would be helpful to layout the eggs and to supervise the egg hunt which starts at 1:00.

Fluorescent tent, raffle ticket sales, club item sales, misc. help, and silent auction all have openings. Please note that workers at the silent auction are not allowed to cherry pick or to bid on items when they are working.

Signup sheets will be available at the next meeting, if you are not sure what you want to do, sign up for the miscellaneous category, as extra people are always

UP COMING SHOWS

April 3-5	Gem Faire, Inc Hillsboro, OR
April 4-5	Mt Hood Rock Club Gresham, OR
April 4-5	Roxy Ann Gem & Mineral Medford, OR
April 4-5	SE Idaho Gem & Mineral Pocatello, ID
April 11-12	Mt Baker Rock & Gem Bellingham, WA
April 17-19	WAMS 54 th Annual Show Rickreall, OR

helpful to give breaks to the other workers and to help in areas that are shorthanded.

Got a Prize?

~submitted by Daniel Bontempo

I know you have been asked for oral auction items, and door prizes, and other donations. But we come asking one more time. In addition to the door prize drawings and raffle that are done at the show each year, we are going to have a special drawing for promotional purposes. Some of the ads placed in newspapers, and some of the coupons given out on kid's day will offer a free ticket for the "special drawing". We will also offer a free ticket to anyone who signs up for our mailing list. The intent is to generate a good list of names and address that can be used for promotional mailings. (The coupons given out to the kids are also expected to motivate families to return on Sat/Sun.)

We can spend some of the advertising budget on a couple of prizes. But free is better! Do you have an item that shows well that you would consider donating? Possibly an item you did not offer to the auction because you were unsure if it would bid its value? It has been several years since the club generated a list like this, and your donated prize is almost certain to help make a big difference in future advertisements and promotions. If you have an item you think might be suitable, please contact Daniel Bontempo (541-497-7916 or at daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu).

Large Rock

~submitted by Daniel Bontempo

As part of the displays at the show, there will be one table for large (that means too big to carry off) rocks that are not in a case in order to promote touch and feel. If you have a 30lb or heavier specimen, can bring it to the show on Thursday, and most importantly can pick it up on Sunday afternoon, we would love to have you display it. Please contact Daniel Bontempo at 541-497-7916 or at Daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu to let us know what is coming, and so we can make some display labels.

Field trip

~submitted by Richard Dowty

Hello everyone:

I was very happy to meet everyone that was at March WAMS meeting. Just a little reminder, please signup on my roster for field trips; this is very important for there may be a last minute function. As a, signup, I can call those on the WAMS list that maybe interest

in a last minute field trip. One can call me on the telephone to be placed on the roster or come to the meeting to sign up. Next month I will be talking more about safety and what to pack on fieldtrip outings. I will divide the lecture in parts because of the limit of time allowed at a monthly meeting. When I was giving the lecture about licking rocks and I could not remember about name of the disease. The disease I was trying to think of was Chorea and fungus that grows in the summer time in the dirt. Also, chemicals, like Arsenic, asbestos, copper sulfide, raw mercury, and etc., so, please everyone," Use a spray bottle"! The field trip in May is going to be an exciting one. This will be at Glass Butte. I already have some secret places we will go around area to collect certain types of Obsidians. If you have an ATV or Dirt bike bring them, this will save on fuel and save wear and tear on our main vehicles. Things to plan for at the May's Field Trip:

Bring 10 gallons extra gasoline, the nearest gas is 30 miles away.

Bring Miners pick, 6 foot long bar, round shovel, sledge hammer besides the regular tools. Do not forget eye protection and your own personal safety kit.

Bring 10 gallons of water; the nearest water is 30 miles away.

Pack extra heavy on ice before leaving Bend, Oregon. Again the nearest ice is 30 miles away at Riley, Oregon.

Do you have scrap wood to get rid of? Bring it and we will burn it in the community camp fire.

When driving into the site please drive very slow.

There are very many sharp rocks on the way into the camp site.

If, you need directions or help, questions or just need to join with a caravan call me.

Got Pictures

~submitted by Daniel Bontempo

In addition to pamphlets and mail-list signups, we will promote the club at this year's show with a slide show in a digital frame. It will show club meetings, picnics, field trips – whatever we can get pictures of. If you have a picture of a club activity, please send it to daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu. (If you don't have a digital picture, we can scan it and return you original. Call 541-497-7916). Then, look for you photo in the frame in the case where we have the special drawing prizes, mail-list signup sheets, club pamphlets, and promotional signage.

Virtual Cabbing

~submitted by Daniel Bontempo

At the March meeting we had a virtual cabbing program that proved very popular. Several folks have asked how they can learn more about doing this with

a computer instead of paper. Daniel Bontempo would be glad to give a 1 or 2 hour class in the computer lab at the senior center, possibly in May. The center computers have the inexpensive PhotoShop Elements program, which should work just fine. We need to know how many folks would be interested and check into how much the room rental would be. Hopefully the class could be offered for free, but might have a dollar cost – similar to the lapidary shop costs. If this interest you, please contact Daniel Bontempo (541-497-7916) or at daniel.bontempo@oregonstate.edu, or give you name and phone number to any of the club officers.

Minutes of WAMS Show Meeting Mar 9, 2009 at 6:30 PM at Sr. Center, Salem

~submitted by Linda Groah

Committee members are asked to give/send copies of their reports to Linda for the Show Chair book. Thank you!

Present were 11 people: Linda and Dan Groah, Emily Start, Geri Esch, Eric Becklund, Phil & Reyne Knutson, Kathy Bennett, Tom Robertson, Daniel Bontempo, Marvin Bartel.

Advertising: Daniel B said Aaron Currier is going to put ads in newspapers, for about \$650. Rock & Gem sent Linda a confirmation for our information in their on-line and print calendar. Daniel had Susan Appleby put ads in the NW Federation newspaper for March and April. Linda dropped off flyers at the Senior Center. Rob had told Linda by phone that the Polk County Fairgrounds wants flyers, which they pass out during other events. Emily said some flyers appeared on the check-in table at the last regular meeting, but no one knew where they came from. Emily will get some to Tom R for the Tualatin show, and for the Rice Museum. Linda will contact Janice to see if she is providing more flyers, and if not, Linda will get some printed for the next regular meeting, and get some to the Polk Co. Fairgrounds.

Kathy Bennett suggested getting on the TV stations event calendars. Daniel may put some business card size ads in other club newspapers. Aaron had an old postcard list, and Daniel and Aaron will use it to send out postcards, with bulk rate mailing cost at 13 cents each, with labels Daniel will print. Daniel and Susan A are creating a flyer coupon to go in the Friday kids' baskets, for them to get an egg, or other prize, if they come back on Saturday. This may look like monopoly money. Daniel is also trying to put a coupon on some of the ads, so people can get something when they bring the ad in to the show.

Brochures: Dan G sent information to Aaron C, Rudy A supplied some pictures, and Aaron is creating the brochure on Jasper. Tom R requested copies of the older brochures (which Phil has in storage) to give to the Rice Museum and Judy Elkins. Dan G requested some of the Thunderegg ones. It was suggested that Dan B (membership chair) put one of each of the previous brochures in the new member packets.

We need to know the cost of the printing the new brochures. We think it is about 10 cents each. Dan G will ask Aaron. We can sell older and new brochures at the magazine sales area.

Dealers: We are full, with 17, plus the coffee guy. Linda and Mary have received calls from as far away as Los Angeles and Edmonds, WA from dealers who want in the show. They will be sent applications and put on the waiting list. Linda created a dealers map, and gave it to Tom R who will confirm how we use our space. The Thursday eve dinner of spaghetti and bread will be provided by Annette's in West Salem. **We need attendees to bring desserts and salads.**

Demonstrators: Linda and Emily had further discussions about the rock saw guy. After Linda and Dan G went to the fairgrounds and talked to personnel there, it became clear that there is not enough room for noisy rock saws in the demo area. We thought it might work to have them outside, but we need to keep the back door of the cafeteria locked, and there is no electricity or enough covered area. Dan and Linda G went to the Klamath Falls show, where he does have an area inside, but it's around a corner, in a lot bigger space. So Emily called and told him not to come. Since we do have a dealer (Third Rock) who has a geode cutter that should enable people to have geodes cut at the show.

Phil told Emily that she or someone will need to provide extension cords and power strips for those using electricity. The coffee guy takes some of the outlets, but cords can be run down the side for others to use.

There are 6 demonstrators on each side, plus 1 in the back alcove. Plus the primitive arts people are in the Kids Area room. The bead maker wants 2 tables, Jerry Hughes from the coast is a faceter, and brings his own 4 foot tables, and sets up so kids can try faceting. Other demonstrators include the gold miners, Ed S with opal, Emily with wire wrap, Herb with bone carving, Aaron with fossils, Terry K with flint, African John with hand made beads, and the Applebys doing cabbing.

We do not charge demonstrators, unless they sell. Then we charge the table cost, \$4, plus \$24 (for an estimated 2 linear feet). We may need to revisit the whole idea of demonstrators that sell for a future show. Some shows do not allow any selling, others have no restrictions. We are trying for the middle

ground, but it is a hassle for the demo chair to "police" how much is put out for sale, and since the dealers are paying \$12 a foot for their space to sell, demonstrators are getting a "deal." Emily's letter to demonstrators clearly states that their main purpose is to DEMONSTRATE!

Display cases: Reyne told us there are 54 spaces (plus the oral auction/raffle cases). 36 have been spoken for, and she is confident the rest will be filled soon. She will give ribbons for the People's Choice winners. The voters can deposit their choice in the can set up on the "Touching" table. The awards will be made on Sunday at noon.

Friday Field trip Day: Joe VC told Linda last week there are about 400 signed up so far. **He needs more jasper for the teachers' buckets.** Ted J had passed on to Linda information about Holy Family Academy, and Linda referred Joe VC back to Ted last week to get details, to make sure they are invited.

Fluorescent Show: Tom R. and Dan G are working on this. Tom's tent will be used, but since he will not be there to pick it up, we need to make sure the tent, lights and rocks get picked up at the end of the show, and returned to him later. Tom got a better price on the light, originally was told it would be \$1275, but the new price is \$1072, plus the 2 extra bulbs (\$160 shortwave and \$100 long wave). Tom will get the borrowed light from Al & Susie L, and if a bulb is needed, we will replace it.

Tom and Dan will get the 4 cases ready soon, painting the insides black, and making the shelves. Aaron C will do the narration, on tape. Aaron and Joe VC will figure out the sequence for the lights. Phil will schedule 2 volunteers for that area for Friday, one inside and one at the exit. We need at least one volunteer for that area on Sat and Sun. The fluorescent show will be set up near the popcorn area.

Kids' area: Eric B reported that we filled all the bags at the work party. After further discussion, it was agreed that we sell the bags for \$1 each (put out only the smaller ones on Friday). The people who sew the bags felt that the cost they pay for the materials to make the bags plus their time should be considered. Since we put about 3 1/2 ounces of rock per bag, the \$1 would cover the cost of rock polishing and the bags. Eric thanked everyone who polishes rocks, as well as the bag makers.

There are about 3 buckets leftover from last year of the bigger bags of rocks, as well as the 800 we filled of the smaller size. For next year, Eric is designing a new game - a Rube Goldberg kind of random drop machine that kids could try. We are all looking forward to playing the game!

Phil and Reyne will bring the critters that are in storage or being created, on Thursday during set up time.

At the end of the show, Eric will count what's left in wheel of fortune prizes, grab bags, critters, etc to plan for next year.

Layout/Trailers: Tom R and Joe VC will get the final map ready. Phil sent a copy of the old map to Joe VC. Linda gave Tom the dealer information. Since Don will not be there Wednesday for electrical set-up, we will have to figure it out without him.

After discussion, it was decided to move the raffle to the middle sales area, next to the silent auction. It will be combined with the magazine/brochure sales area. The extra 8 feet at the front door will be used by the check-in people, so that we can get people in quicker, and not have them stand in the rain.

In the raffle area, we need 1000 flyers about the club to hand out, along with a clipboard to create a new mailing list. Linda will work with Susan A to create this flyer. Linda will talk to Janice about printing.

There will be a small sign at the check-in area, directing people to the raffle area for club information. Ted Johnson will bring over the new trailer and supervise the unloading (and hopefully reloading at the end of the show). Ivan will move the old trailer from fairgrounds storage to the back door.

We still need someone to help Tom R supervise the unloading and handle the reloading after the show. Set up people need to be sure the best tables are set up in the front selling areas for dealers and demonstrators, with the less sturdy ones for the back areas. Make sure the legs are "locked." When setting up cases, put the skirting on the bases before setting the cases on top. Be sure to use duct tape to cover the screws so they don't tear the skirting. During take down time, let the dealers take down their wares before volunteers take the skirting off the dealer tables. Last year there was a problem with some wares being damaged by overzealous workers. Someone had asked if all the glass fronts for the cases are in one trailer, and we were told yes. Rob had reminded us that someone needs to sweep out the trailer while they are empty and check to see if there are leaks, etc that need to be addressed. It was asked if Ted Johnson might be willing to do this. There has been discussion of putting the new trailer at the fairgrounds (in covered storage). Dan G will check with the fairgrounds person to see if this is possible.

Oral auction, treasure hunt, & road signs: Rob Leedy was unable to attend, because of his back problem. He may need surgery. If he is unable to attend the show, we will need more helpers to set up the treasure hunt (we need at least 6). Also, Rob was going to buy the candy, so we may need someone to go to Winco and get the bulk wrapped candy (about \$20 worth) to throw out for the treasure hunt. Rob

also request some LARGER pieces of Jasper or other rock to throw on the treasure hunt ground. There was some concern that these might not all get picked up and would cause a problem for the fairgrounds mower later. The loaded eggs are currently at Kathy Bennett's and she will bring them on Saturday. She will also bring about 20 eggs that will be loaded at the last minute, with dealer cards or coupons for free popcorn, etc.

Rob has collected about 9 items of the 20 needed for the oral auction. Linda got a phone call from Mary Haslebacher offering one or more nice gem trees and/or a good piece of jewelry from her mom's collection.

If Rob is not there, we will need someone else to be the auctioneer. Emily has offered a nice piece of jewelry for the auction, and so has Linda G. For next year, Reyne has offered to clean the leftover eggs after this year's show, so they will be ready to refill more easily. There were eggs in both trailers, but we suggest Reyne take them all home and then put them in ONE trailer for next year's work party. For road signs, Dan G will work with Rob to get these put out the week before the show. Rob has the signs right now, and will get the dates changed (with electrical tape). We need fence posts for these. Emily and Joe Start have a pounding driver, and Joe will help Dan G with the signs.

Raffle/Magazines/Door Prizes: Phil will sign up volunteers to take care of this. Since we moved it to the magazine area, the volunteers will have more to do this year. This is also where we will have club information. We designated Janice VC (who will be chair DURING the show) to collect items for the raffle case, and purchase one larger item from one of the dealers (about \$100) for the raffle. Janice will also be in charge of door prizes. We will not do any door prizes on Friday until after the kids have left. Door prizes for kids will include gift certificates for popcorn, wheel of fortune, bean bag toss. Prizes for adults will include \$5 gift certificate (business card from dealers, for which they can be reimbursed), or donations from club members. Club members need to bring their donations for this project.

Silent Auction: Bill Fricke was not at this meeting, and has a work schedule that includes evenings. Phil will make sure that Bill has instructions out for volunteers that state they cannot bid while they are working at the silent auction. This has caused some problems in the past, with "good" material not even getting put out for the auction. Since we are trying to have attendees enjoy the auction and get some material they want, we need the good stuff to be put out for bid. Rob had suggested we have shorter times for auctions when we are busy, for better turnover. We have about 50 buckets that were loaded during the work party for the silent auction. Additional items can be brought on Thursday during set up by

members wishing to donate for the silent auction. George Goetzelman has slabs to donate, but we need someone to pick them up from him.

It was suggested we have the cans of rocks (not bids, just one price) out on Friday, as some students like to buy them. We will not have silent auction going until after students leave.

Security: Joe S still needs one more person to help.

Touching table: Dan B would like about 10 large rocks for the "touching table." These should be about 30 lbs, so they won't "disappear" during the show. Any WAMS member can contribute these, and bring them on Thursday afternoon, and take them home again on Sunday eve.

Volunteers: Phil has been signing up people. Lots volunteer for the silent auction, but Phil will move some to the areas they are needed more. WAMS members are encouraged to sign up soon.

Work Party: Dan G, Don E and perhaps Bill Fricke will soon fill cans for the silent auction.

WAMS General Meeting March 5, 2009

~submitted by Lee Anne Settlemier

Daniel Bontempo, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 6:34.

President Rob Leedy was unable to attend because of back problems.

Board and Officers in Attendance: Daniel Bontempo, Vice President, Lee Anne Settlemier, Secretary, Kathy Bennett, Treasurer, Geri Esch, Chair of Board, Federation Representative, Marvin Bartel, Members-at-Large: Phil Knutson, Bob Manley, Larry Nassett, Ed Pyritz, and Joe Start.

Show and Tell: Was the letter P. Entries include Mexican flame Plume, various Petrified Woods, Paulina, Prineville, and Post Pink limb casts, pyrite and a nice variety of other P minerals.

Vacant Positions: There are a number of vacant volunteer positions that need to be filled. A list of them is in our Rockhound Rumbly newsletter.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kathy Bennett and approved.

Show Report: Reyne Knutson had display case applications available. Phil Knutson had sign up sheets for volunteers for the show. He mentioned that Friday and Saturday mornings are the two time slots when the most volunteers are needed. Linda Groah thanked members for the good turn out

for the show work party. She stated that more jasper is needed for the packets for the teachers, as each student that comes on Friday with a school will receive a piece of jasper. About 400 students had signed up as of this date. Plastic bags are needed for the silent auction. Please bring them to the next general meeting. In addition, we need rock related magazines to sell, such as Rock and Gem. The demonstrator's area is full. The next show meeting is scheduled for March 9.

Field Trips: Our new field trip chairman Richard Dowty gave a report on field trips. There will be a field trip on Memorial Day weekend to Glass Butte. He has a form for field trip suggestions and also for notification of field trips. His phone number is (503) 633 9800. He also mentioned we might join Mt. Hood club for field trips.

Program: Our program was on virtual cabs and was presented by Daniel Bontempo. He started the program with a presentation that discussed various aspects of creating a pleasing cab, including Presentation, Balance, Dominance, and Rhythm. He also showed the results from an on-line contest to create a virtual cab. The club members were given a picture of five slabs, and with templates furnished by Daniel, the club or personal templates, they positioned a cab on each of the pictures. The members then voted on their favorite cab for each picture. The cab for each picture that received the most votes won the actual slab.

New Members: Bob and Debbie Deenin and Bryan Dowell were welcomed to the club.

The Oregon Council had a display at the capital on February 14 for the state's 150th birthday. More than 1,200 school children come through and were presented with a rock.

Property Control: The club has 4 rotary tumblers and three vibrating tumblers. One of the 10 pound tumblers is available to be checked out.

Steve Lawrence, our Club Historian, still needs information for the last eight years.

Approval to pay the Bills: Kathy Bennett, treasurer, presented bills for approval from expenses for the food and plates for the work party, additional federation dues, newsletter expense, expense for the virtual cabbing program, show expense for critters and bags for the wheel area. The members approved paying the bills.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 5, 2008 general meeting and the February 23, 2008 board meeting were approved.

Scholarship Committee: An application for the Jon and Lucille Sams Scholarship fund was included in the January Newsletter, and must be turned in no later than the April meeting.

Board Meeting: March 16, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 at the Senior Center. Show and Tell letter is "Q". Dan Groah volunteered to bring the door and raffle prizes, and Eric, Jenny and Sonya volunteered to bring refreshments.

Board Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2009

~submitted by Lee Anne Settlemier

The Board was called to order at 6:30 by Board Chairman Geri Esch.

Members in Attendance: Kathy Bennett, Daniel Bontempo, Geri Esch, Phil Knutson, Bob Manley, and Lee Anne Settlemier. In addition, Dan Groah, Tom Robertson, and Richard Dowty attended.

2009 River of Gems Report: Dan Groah presented a report on the show for Linda. We still need some large rocks for the "touch" table. Other items needed are rock magazines, plastic bags, more tumbled and polished jasper pieces, and of course more volunteers. One of the fluorescent show cases has been set up, the others soon will be. Aaron Currier is working on a presentation to go with the fluorescent show. He is also working on our jasper brochure. Daniel Bontempo explained some of the things we are doing for publicity for the show, including the items that will be on the flyer the children receive on Friday. For a complete report on the show, refer to the WAMS show minutes for March 9, 2009.

Digital Photo Frame: Daniel Bontempo was authorized to purchase an 8" * 12" digital photo frame at a cost up to \$100 that will be used in the show case that will have club information. Since this photo frame will be used for more purposes than the show, it was voted to purchase it with general funds, not show funds.

Virtual Cabbing: Daniel has had a number of e-mail inquiries about virtual cabbing. He is going to research teaching virtual cabbing some evening at the Senior Center.

General Meeting Set-up: It was discussed again that the side of the meeting room we use does not contain the audio-visual equipment. If we are going to do presentations, like the one that we had at our last

general meeting on virtual cabbng, we need to either purchase an adequate projector or have the centers projector available.

CT12 Data: Kathy had some questions on this form. It was agreed that she will discuss this form with Janice sometime after April 15.

Club Brochures: It was voted to give 100 of each of our club brochures to the Rice Museum. These brochures are on agates, thunder eggs, fossils, and Insurance: Kathy will research our current policy coverage, and find out what coverage is provided for field trips.

Adjournment: The board adjourned at 7:55.

Support for the Back Country Land Use Designation

~submitted by Vicki Johnson

The Wilderness Act of 1964 established the National Wilderness Preservation System and, initially, 9.1 million acres were designated as Wilderness areas. Since then, Wilderness designation has already been applied to over 107.4 million acres of federally managed lands and each year new legislature is introduced to include even more land.

While the Wilderness designation - and the inherent protections and restrictions - is applicable to many areas, the designation is too restrictive to be applied to all lands worthy of preservation. There is a reasonable alternative that will preserve and protect the land while also allowing it to be used and enjoyed by the public. That alternative designation is Back Country.

The Back Country designation's first priority is to actually protect the environment and protect the character of the land. However, the designation is also inclusive, rather than exclusive: it allows the types of access and recreation preferred by over 95% of the Americans who visit National Forests. The very young, the elderly, and the physically challenged are all welcome in Back Country areas by means that will allow them to visit their public lands.

The Back Country designation encourages tolerance, diversity, and cooperation, as the lands are shared between many interest groups. The designation would allow responsible use of mountain bikes, trail bikes, SUVs, snowmobiles, and other mechanized and motorized means that a significant number of Americans already have, can afford, and desire to use.

And finally, the Back Country designations will provide future opportunities for non-Wilderness recreation while also providing stable long-term protection for the land.

For more information see:

---The American Trail's website:

<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/fedland/AltWildernessClark.html>

---The Blue Ribbon Coalition's website:

<http://www.sharetails.org/backcountry/>

---The Nevada Coalition of Counties Resolution #07-02: <http://www.nvnaco.org/resolutions.asp>

---Advocates for Access to Public Lands

(AAPL): <http://www.accessadvocates.org/background.htm>

--The Oregon Council's website:

<http://www.oregoncouncilrnc.org/>

Haiku

~submitted by Gene Gangle

April 2009

Rickreall Rock Show

Jasper is the theme-quartz that's
cryptocrystalline

Creature Feature- Fossil Animal of the Quarter

The Columbian Mammoth

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one of the most recognizable animals of the last ice-age; there were a few different species with the cold-weather adapted woolly mammoth probably being the most familiar. All was not ice and snow, however, in the ice age. The southern states, especially Florida, were nearly

as warm as they are today. There is evidence it may have a times been warmer than today.

The warmer climes of the ice age were the home of the Columbian mammoth which shared it's home with an enormous variety of other animals such as saber-tooth cats, jaguars, lions, short-faced bears, llamas, horses and more familiar animals of today such as alligators, opossum, raccoon and beavers. While nearly all the larger animals of the ice age went extinct approx. 10-12,000 years ago, many of the smaller animals live on today.

The Columbian Mammoth was somewhat larger than even a large African elephant of today which is it's closest relative. Not surprisingly, mammoths seemed to have lived a very similar lifestyle to elephants. They spent a large amount of time grazing on grasses and small flowering plants and the similarity of their teeth to elephants reflects this. The evidence points to herding behavior, matriarchal groups and fairly long-term care of their young. Mammoth tusks (which are actually specialized teeth) grew continually throughout their lifetime and could exceed 14' in total length. The tusks were used for both fighting and feeding as do modern elephants.

There has been some discussion recently (for right or wrong) about the possibility of resurrecting a mammoth through extracted DNA. It may be technically possible in the very near future that maybe the mammoths will walk again some day!

Columbian Mammoth Molar

Tooth- 10,000 to 1 million yrs old from the Peace River in Arcadia. Found by feel- yes, I actually stubbed my toe on it!

~reprinted from Paleo Discoveries



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AFMS News

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What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting
Thursday
April 2 - 6:30 pm
Salem Senior Center
2615 Portland Rd NE Salem, OR
Guests Welcome!

April Program
No program at this time
April Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters
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