



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

January 2010

Willamette Agate & Mineral Society's 2009 Annual Awards of Appreciation

Member of the Year Award

In recognition of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who most promoted the club.

Kathy Bennett

Horizon Award

In recognition of the Junior Member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society for support of the club and who most shows promise to be a lifelong rockhound.

Cory Pyritz

Program of the Year Award

In appreciation of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who provided the most entertaining program at a general meeting.

Daniel Bontempo - Create a cab contest

Community Awareness Award

In appreciation of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who most provided information to membership regarding important issues affecting the hobby of rock hounding.

Vicki Johnson

Inspirational Rockhound of the Year Award

In recognition of the member of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society who most promoted the hobby of rock hounding.

Dan Groah

Lifetime Achievement Award

In recognition of more than twenty years of continued dedication to the support and promotion of The Willamette Agate & Mineral Society.

Jerry Porter

Congratulations to all!!

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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 Road 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

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone had a great holiday.

I have decided to continue to do the newsletter through April. So someone will need to step up and take this over. Surely out of the 140 newsletters that are sent and received every month there is someone that will be willing to take this over.

I have listed all new officers and committee chairs for 2010. Please let me know if I need to make any corrections.

There is a show committee meeting January 4th at the senior center. All are welcomed to come.

As you can see there is no president at this time. Please think about volunteering for this. I have volunteered to be the show chair person and I am continuing to do the newsletter. By getting involved with the club you meet great people and can learn more about rocks and digging sites.

See you at the meeting.

Kristi

kmedwards2@comcast.net

Up Coming Shows

January 1-28	Desert Gardens International Gem and Mineral Show Quartzsite, AZ
January 1-31	Clouds Jamboree Laughlin, NV
January 8-10	A.L. Flagg Gem & Mineral Show 38 th Annual Mesa, AZ
January 22- 24	Gem Faire Hillsboro, OR
Jan 30-Feb 12	Gem and Mineral Show Tucson, AZ

WAMS Show Meeting Minutes

Mon. Nov 9, 2009 @ Senior Center, 6:30 PM
~submitted by Linda Groah

Present: Kristi (SHOW CHAIR) & Mark Edwards, Rob Leedy, Kathy Bennett, Reyne & Phil Knutson, Eric Becklund, Steve Lawrence, Dan & Linda Groah, Larry Lovell, Cindy Waters.

Show Theme

Rocks of Oregon

Contract: Dates of show are April 16-17-18. Kristi will call Tina at Fairgrounds and have contract sent to her.

Budget: We looked at figures of income and expenses for last year. Kathy submitted the expenses from last year's show. Some items to consider: Hall rent is about \$1800, plus we pay a cost for front tables used by vendors (last year 53 tables x \$4 per table = \$212), \$80 for popcorn machine rental, \$252 for each trailer. There will not be fees from demonstrators this year. Eric needs about \$200 for supplies for new games.

Advertising: Last year Aaron Currier did the newspaper ads. Does anyone have the list from Daniel B of who to send postcards to? We can put the "egg hunt" in the "Easter egg" free section of newspapers and Craigslist (although Easter is 2 weeks before the show). Kristi will take care of putting the show info in the Rock & Gem and Lapidary Journal (Jewelry Artist) magazines, as well as the NW Fed newspaper. **We do need a person to do the newspaper ads, and other advertising.**

Rob will get an estimate on new signs that include dates (with Velcro, for easier changes), and states that the WAMS Show is at the Polk County Fairgrounds. He suggests we have them made to use PVC pipe on top and bottom, with posts to brace.

Brochures: We don't need a new one, since "Rocks of Oregon" theme includes the ones we already have: thunder eggs, petrified wood, crystal, agate, jasper.

Dealers: About \$1000 of \$3000 has been received. Total will be \$4896 when all dealers have paid. Contracts are due back by Dec. 15. Kathy B is collecting them for Mary Haslebacher. They will work together on dealers this year.

Demonstrators: Emily Start has resigned as chair. Rob will get the information from her tomorrow. Kristi will ask Susan Appleby to be demonstrator chair. We need a contract to go out to the demonstrators earlier

this year. The current board policy is that there is no charge for demonstrators, but they may not sell supplies. Three from last year are not coming back this year. Since we need more room in the “kids” area, we may move the primitive arts demonstrators back to the demo area (if they are coming).

Display cases: Reyne Knudson will coordinate again. We have 56 cases (plus 4 additional are being used in the fluorescent area). We will have empty bases set up, and cover them with ply board again for the “touchy feely” rock area at the end of the row, like last year.

Egg hunt: Rob will coordinate again this year, and hopes to have help again from Joe and Janice Van Cura. Eggs have been cleaned and are at Reyne’s right now. She will bring them to the work party to be “loaded”. Rob needs 1 and ½ buckets of small tumbled polished stones, plus some coupons for popcorn, free spin, etc. He will also add dealer cards with “\$3 off” or whatever is

Friday kid’s day: Joe Van Cura handled the scheduling last year. Ann Gasser sent out letters to schools. Kristi will contact Joe and Janice Van Cura and ask them to coordinate again this year. **We also need greeters for that morning as the classes arrive.** We also need a bag of about 30 rocks for each class that comes.

Fluorescent Show: Tom Robertson had reminded Linda that we need to purchase another light (to replace the one we borrowed last year) and a spare bulb. Linda will ask Tom to get the order information to us. For tenting, Dan suggest two 10’ by 10’ pop-ups with side curtains. Kathy Bennett has some she will loan us to try this year. If need be, we will add darker side curtains/tarps. We may buy pop-ups for the following year, if it works OK. We also need a BIG sign that says “FREE fluorescent Show” in the area and better signage in the rest of the building so people can find it. We do need a Friday (at least) greeter for that area. Cory Pyritz did a great job last year.

Front Door: Phil Knutson will coordinate. He will purchase better cash boxes for the silent auction and front door area. He will also make nametags of dealers, demonstrators, and other people who need them.

Kids area: Eric Becklund, coordinator, has some rocks left from last year. Dan (& Joe VC?) are tumbling more. He needs about 30 pounds. Reyne and friends will make more critters. It is easier for them to do this at home, rather than at a work party. Christine Beatty has made 600 grab bags. We will fill them at a work party, using the scale to weigh each, as we did last year.

Eric is working on his “Rube Goldberg” machine. He also suggested “sandbox game”, where kids can pick up some rocks from a sandbox (set on a table) and then take their rocks to the “bingo” table, to identify them.

We would need more volunteers to staff these (2 people x 3 games = 6 volunteers at a time), but they would be educational for kids. Eric plans to get his own volunteers, so will work with Cindy Waters on this, so we don’t double-schedule anyone. In order to have more room for these games, we decided to move the Primitive Arts demonstrators back to the demo area. For the “sand” we considered vermiculite (Kristi has available) but it may be a health issue. Kristi will ask Tom R about this.

Layout: Joe Van Cura has this on his “cad” computer. Reyne has her map from last year, for the Showcases. We will ask Joe to update this, with new dealer info.

We discussed the Silent auction area, storage of “Easter eggs”, whether to have magazines sales and where, and raffle items.

Magazines: We have not decided where to do this; perhaps back by popcorn, if the Silent Auction needs more room.

Oral auction: There are several items that could be auctioned, including some gemstones and a 12” rock saw. The Scholarship Committee will decide if they want to have an oral auction. They may want to have a raffle for 1-2 upper end items. Last year’s oral auction netted about \$400.

Popcorn: Reyne will coordinate, and Kristi will make sure machine is clean before we start this year. Rob has some supplies at his house, and some are in the trailer. Reyne will not buy any more supplies until we use up what we have.

Program: Susan Appleby will hopefully do this again. Some visitors like to have a list of who the dealers and demonstrators are, and a list of activities and their times.

Raffle and Door Prizes: Items are donated by dealers, plus \$100 is spent on a bigger item. Janice has the information on how the raffle was conducted last year (Items are numbered, and raffle tickets are drawn for each prize in numeric order). Susan A has the coupons for door prize items - including “free spin on wheel”, popcorn, etc. She will make these up before the show. Kristi will either collect the dealer items for the raffle, or designate someone to do so.

Security: Joe Start has resigned from this duty. Rob will get the information from him tomorrow. We will

need a new person to handle this. Last year we used Prostar for about \$1200. We need to make sure all doors are locked at end of each day. Kristi will have a key from the Fairgrounds, and can designate the security person (ours or the paid) to do this. We paid \$15.30 per hour for unarmed guards last year. We will need guards from 6 PM Thursday, until 6 PM on Sunday, continuous.

Set-up and Take-down: We need a coordinator for this. Suggested are Steve Lawrence, Don Esch, Ted Johnson, and Mark Edwards. Reyne is willing to bring her big coffee pot for set-up and take down times, but we can't leave it in the fair employees "break room" as we used to do. There is no water or sink there.

We will provide pizza and snacks for both set-up and take-down, as they are lengthy operations, and we need about 20 volunteers for each process. Set-up runs from noon to 5 PM on Wed, about 5 hours.

Take-down runs from 4:30 till about 8 PM on Sunday night, if all goes well. This year Kristi and Mark will do the walk-through before the set-up starts, and make sure we have the list of what to do at the end.

We need to provide our own garbage can liners, and dealers and others need to NOT put dozens of empty boxes in the garbage. There was a cardboard recycle container, but they must be broken down. Dealers need this information ahead of time, and if they must leave cardboard, they need to break it down themselves and put it in the right container.

Last year Ivan Standley moved the trailers in (by noon on Wed) and Ted Johnson has also moved trailers. We need to coordinator to make sure this happens.

Silent auction: Larry Lovell will coordinate this. They will have 4 tables this year, as we are not having the "extra" raffle that Dan Bontempo had last year. Linda suggested they put down a tarp under the storage containers, as that was the area that had to be mopped last year. Larry will figure out a way to keep it cleaner. He will buy lights for the 4 tables (borrowed last year) and has trays to put the rocks in. Phil has lots of bags to donate to silent auction, for purchases. Steve Lawrence is slowly moving the auction rocks from the Esch house to his.

Trailers: They are both at the Fairgrounds, but do need to be moved in and out (see "Set up..." above).

Thursday eve dinner: We need to find the plates, cups, etc left over from last year. They may be in one of the trailers. Linda will coordinate this, asking Annette's again to cater spaghetti, bread and juice. Reyne might be willing to bring her coffee pot for the dinner, as well as set-up and take-down.

Volunteers: Cindy Waters will coordinate this. It involves asking people via newsletter, by phone, and at the meetings. We also suggest that we have some note cards made up for each volunteer to take and write their appointed time to work. (Just like at the doctor's office!). That way, people will not need to ask again when their work time is. Perhaps a contact number should be on the card, so if people need to call, they know who to call. A cell phone number would be best.

Cindy will work with Phil, who is handling the front door, to make sure we have volunteers there who can greet the public well and make change easily. Cindy will also work with Eric (kid's games) to make sure we don't double schedule anyone.

Work Party: Will be scheduled at the next meeting. We will probably have one in March. Would anyone like to volunteer their home? This is when we fill grab bags and eggs. Also, an outside work party to sort rock buckets for the silent auction needs to be done (at Steve's?). We have to work around weather!

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan 4, at the Senior Center, at 6:30. Anyone is welcome to come, and offer help!!!

WAMS General Meeting

November 5, 2009, 6:30 PM New Salem Senior Center

~submitted by Lee Anne Settlemier

Rob Leedy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45.

Officers and Board Members in Attendance:

President Rob Leedy, Treasurer Kathy Bennett, Secretary Lee Anne Settlemier, and Members at Large: Norm DeRoux, Phil Knutson and Ed Pyritz.

Show and Tell: Was the letter V.

Quorum: A count was made, and it was verified that we had a quorum of members so we could proceed with the election of officers.

Sunshine Report: We are glad that Norm and Nadine are back. Don Townsend has had pneumonia.

Oregon Council and Federation Director: No Report

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kathy Bennett and approved. Bills approved included insurance, Federation mileage and newsletter expense.

Scholarship Committee: The scholarship committee will be meeting November 18 to change the rules for participation next year.

Show Chairperson: Kristi Edwards has agreed to be show chair for the 2010 River of Gems. Thank you Kristi!

Can be viewed at www.amfed.org

Work Party: Because of the weather, the work party for Saturday was postponed. Members were asked to call first to find out if it is a go.

New Business: A jacket was left at Esch's at the company picnic. Call Don and Geri if you are missing a jacket.

Columbia Willamette Faceters are having a faceting class at the Rice Museum for the next five Saturdays from 1-5 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 4, 2009 general meeting and the June 15, 2009, board meeting were approved as published in the Rockhound Rumbblings.

Board Meeting: The next board meeting is November 16, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center.

Next General Meeting: The Show and Tell letter for the January 7, 2010 meeting is "W". Marty Hayen, Janice Van Cura, and Linda Groah volunteered to bring refreshments for the meeting.

Election of Officers The following officers were elected:

President	Not filled
Vice President	Eddie Hopper
Secretary	Kathy Bennett
Treasurer	Phil Knutson
Federation Director	Not filled
Members at Large	Don Esch Tom Beaty Ed Pyritz Leonard Cleary

WAMS Board Meeting

November 16, 2009, 6:30 PM New Salem Senior Center

There was not a quorum, so business could not be conducted. Board members present were Geri Esch, Board Chairperson, Jim Bennett, Vice President, Lee Anne Settlemier, Secretary, Kathy Bennett, Treasurer, Phil Knutson, Member-at-large.

FMS News

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

AFMS News

What's Rocking?

WAMS General Meeting
Thursday
January 7 - 6:30 pm
Salem Senior Center
2615 Portland Rd NE Salem, OR
Guests Welcome!

January Program
Presentation on Thunder Eggs
January Show and Tell
Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters
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