



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

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Remarkable Rocks

~submitted by Dan Groah

I don't collect or work with obsidian. But still I think it is an interesting rock and several of my articles will be obsidian related.

Highway 15 from Tepic toward Guadalajara in Mexico crosses some low ridges of dark-brittle rock before entering a town that supports an alcohol drink industry due to the abundance of maguay plants around it. The spirited drink distilled in that town is called tequila and that is the name of the town also. However, the town wasn't named after the drink, or visa-versa. The town took its name from an earlier industry. The low ridges outside the town are formed from obsidian, which the earlier people of the area mined to make implements and weapons just like many of the Indian populations in the North American west did. To these people the word obsidian didn't exist.

Using their native language, they called this very useful rock-- tequila, which means "rock that cuts?" *

*Credit goes to Carrol Howe in his book "Frontier Stories of Klamath County."

Work Party

This will be at Tom and Susan Robertson's house, 1785 Tumalo (East of Cordon Rd, off of Macleay Rd). We will meet on **Sat. March 6, at 10 AM** and work till about 2 PM, with pizza and drinks provided for lunch. All club members are invited (please call Tom at 503-363-9678 to confirm) to come and fill eggs for the treasure hunt, fill grab bags (bring small scales if you can), and fill classroom bags. We will also put together necklaces. These are all inside jobs, so rainy weather doesn't matter! This is a great way for members to get to know each other better, and it's easy work.

Volunteer Needed

My name is Rhonda Rupe, Life Enrichment Director at Tierra Rose Care Center. I am wondering if you have one or more people who would consider bringing rocks, gems, agates and the like, to the facility for a scheduled show and talk. I have a nice size day room and would like to have someone do this to provide something a little different for my residents. It would be with a small group of 10 - 15 residents and offer tactile and learning and sharing opportunities. Do you have someone who can do this for 30 - 40 minutes during the day in either March or April? Thank you, Rhonda Rupe 503-585-4602

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W.A.M.S. ROCKHOUND RUMBLINGS



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.

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Individual: \$15.00
Couple: \$24.00
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Editor's Message

We are getting very close to the WAMS show in April. We are in need of volunteers to make this show a success. We will have sign up sheets at the meeting in March to help at the show.

I want to thank all of those that helped me in the February meetings while I was ill. I thought I could fight off all the flu and colds that OSU was experiencing, but I guess this was my year to catch the bug. Thanks to Kathy, Linda and Susan for helping me out.

A big thank you to Chuck Hunt for stepping up to be President.

Again I want to let you know that I want a break from the newsletter. I know there is someone out there in the club that can do this. I stepped up when we needed a newsletter editor so the news could get out to the members. Please think about helping out. It really is not a thankless job. You do get corresponding from other clubs that is very interesting. So let me know if you are interested.

See you at the meeting.

Kristi

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Up Coming Shows

March 6-7	Thunder eggs Rock & Arrowhead Club Klamath Falls, OR
March 12-14	Back Again in 2010 Tualatin Valley Gem Club Hillsboro, OR
March 19-21	Gem Faire Washington County Fairgrounds Hillsboro, OR
April 2-4	Gem Faire Lane County Fairgrounds Eugene, OR
April 16-18	54th Annual Show Willamette Agate Mineral Society Rickreall, OR

AN OLD TIME FEE DIG

~submitted by Gene Gangle

One distinct advantage of belonging to a rock club is the chance to talk to the old-timer rock hounds. They have wonderful stories to tell, some of which are even true.

In the last thirty years, we have lost access to a number of dig sites like Holley Blue, Rogers Mountain, and Chandler Mountain. Also, rock hounds can no longer patronize fee digs like Drummonds or Moore's Carnelian Beds in Lebanon, Zeleney Woods near Scio, and Carey Plume near Prineville. But there are old-timers in our rock club who can share their knowledge of old-time digs – members like Tom and George and Bob and Phil and Judy and Jerry. Sorry, Dan. You don't qualify. You stand too tall. You are too good-looking. You're too young yet.

I brought in several pieces of Zeleney Wood for show-and-tell at the February club meeting. This wood came from an old-time fee dig. Around twenty years ago, another club member and I scouted out a wood dig site in Linn County and we arranged a price with the property owner for the wood we would dig and keep. Much later I found out that this dig, near Rogers Mountain, was an old-time fee dig. It turns out the price we had agreed with the farmer was a fraction of what the original fee dig site had charged years earlier.

As with any rock location, the quality at the site varied. Where we dug for the wood, we could only dig in the late summer and early fall when the spring-fed creek was low enough to allow us access. After a few seasons, I was talking with Tom Robertson, one of our club-member "old-timers", about this wonderful wood, and Tom said, "That's Zeleney Wood". (Jerry would have told me what side of the creek it came from). Tom went on to explain it was a fee dig back in the early '60's.

In the '80's, Zeleney sold the 330-acre property which was a mile from Crabtree Creek to Jacob Huber, whose interest in agate or wood or agatized wood was minimal. Jacob was amused at the sight of me coming up to the house as it was getting dark, absolutely covered with mud. Then Jacob became curious as to what could motivate such behavior. I would show Jacob some of the wood and I think, by the time he sold the property, he was almost a rock-hound himself.

By definition, collectors are obsessive-compulsive. Most rock hounds are collectors. Psychologists may consider that people who are obsessive-compulsive have a disorder. I say obsessive-compulsive goes

along with being a rock hound! The rock hound may have to have that opal that gives us a window into a universe with rainbow flashes of light, that emerald that has such an exquisite shade of green that we can only abide, not describe, it, that special tangerine-shade of spessartite garnet we never knew existed. These excessive-compulsive needs are special, necessary, real! Not a disorder!

After several seasons, Jacob Huber said we could bring other rock hounds to dig for the same fee, if we would vouch for them. Only a few, all from our club, were able to dig before Jacob sold the property in April 1998.

The very best of the wood that came from that location is blond-to-carnelian in color and fine-grained, showing distinct growth rings. I recall Mike Gaines, a former WAMS club member, also too tall, too good-looking, too young to be an old-timer, who now lives in Texas, dug a piece of wood four inches by three inches by one inch thick that was blood-red, fine-grained and completely translucent. He held it up to the light and it just glowed.

George Goetzelman, one of our club's old-timers, dug at Zeleney's fifty years ago, but not where we dug in the creek. He said it was up on a rise and he couldn't now say where it was. It turns out there was an article in the 1963 Lapidary Journal, which told of the Zeleney Wood fee dig. The price they charged was five dollars a pound. I would say, on average in 1963, most folks with a good job brought home between \$100 and \$125 a week. This means that, if I dug fifty pounds, picked out a couple of pieces that weighed four pounds total, I had to have, well, it would cost me a day's wages. The operative phrase is "had to have". Some of the Zeleney Wood was that special!

Don Esch, Rob Leedy, Bob Strayer and Ted Silver are other club members who were able to dig at Jacob Huber's -- used to be Zeleney's -- before it was sold.

I can add that the quality of this wood was such that I brought thirty pieces to China over several years time, to have carved. I am grateful that Jacob Huber, who now lives near Roseburg, allowed me to dig off what was an old-time fee dig. What used to be called Zeleney Wood, I have re-named "Huber Wood".

So, what is the process by which organic material converts to a form that forever preserves what was once living? The description I prefer is that silica surrounds even saturates, the wood under heat and pressure, such that, over time, the original structure is now preserved in stone. Now and forever. A spin-off of rock-hounding is that our activity (obsessive-

compulsive?) does transform us as silica transforms wood.

Who can say a parallel dynamic does not take place in the obsessive-compulsive process? Whether it is collecting art, collecting stamps or collecting rocks, the person who collects is taken out of quotidian cares. The person who collects is transported to a place without worry, without stress, without time.

Perhaps you have heard that rock-hounds --- collectors all --- never die. They just slowly --- petrify.

Field Trips

~submitted by Joe Van Cura

Our annual field trip to the coast was February 6th at Lost Creek. We had about 20 enthusiastic rock hounds and decent weather. All that was missing was some good gravel to search. There was a small patch of rock just south of the parking lot where most everyone started. There were a few nice agates found and lots of fossilized clams.

After meeting everyone up at the parking lot, I headed down about 10:15 and decided to head north where I could see some rock exposed. There were a few agates here as well, along with some jasper and again lots of fossils. I did manage to find a couple of "Newport Blues" but the picking was slim.

I headed back south and found that many club members were headed to lunch or on to Moolak beach. I decided to try again some other day when there is more rock exposed.

I am still working on a silver pick to Bruce Fergusons in April and don't forget the trip to Hampton Butte in May.

If you have any questions call Joe at 541-753-2401.

Scholarship Auction

~submitted by Joe Van Cura

This year at our annual show in April we are going to have the second annual oral auction to raise money for the Jon and Lucille Sams Scholarship fund. The auction will probably be on Sunday afternoon. The items to be auctioned off will be on display during the show.

Currently we are looking for items to be auctioned. Our goal is to have about 20 items. These items should be "higher-end" items with a starting value of about \$20 or more. These could be lots of rough material, finished pieces, specimens, or jewelry. The scholarship committee will be accepting donations up until the start of the show. The scholarship committee

includes Rob Leedy, Ted Johnson, Chuck Hunt and myself.

Please watch for additional upcoming information on the auction and look to see if you can find something to donate.

WAMS Show Meeting Minutes Mon. Feb 8, 2010 @ Senior Center, 6:30 PM ~submitted by Linda Groah

Present: Kathy Bennett, Chuck Hunt, Reyne & Phil Knutson, Eric Becklund, Tom Robertson, Dan & Linda Groah, Larry Lovell, Susan Appleby, Rob Leedy, Joe Van Cura. Show chair Kristi was ill and not there.

Show Theme: Rocks of Oregon

Contract: Dates of show April 16-17-18. \$300 cleaning deposit was paid, and insurance papers filed with the Fairgrounds.

Budget: Kristi, will present it at the next board meeting.

Advertising: Aaron Currier will do free advertising nickel ads, event calendars for TV and newspapers, etc.

Eric felt we do need an ad in the Statesman/Journal. Susan will contact Capi Lynn at the S/J to see how much that will cost, and if we can get an article also.

For the Federation show we put a few years ago, we gave coupons to some radio stations, for admittance of 2 people for 1 price. Even though we only charge \$2 to get in, we feel this could give us some additional advertising.

Brochures: Even though the club sent many to the Rice Museum, we should have plenty.

Dealers: Kathy will present the possible list of alternates at the next board meeting.

Demonstrators: Spaces are mostly filled, with some wire-wrappers (Vicky Johnson, Natera Hopper, Lyle Ang's wife) possibly sharing, as each on a different day. All demonstrators will be in the demo area. Others include Aaron Currier with fossils, Tom Beatty with silversmith, the gold miners, Terry Kramer, Ed Pyritz with opal, Rudy and Susan Appleby with cabachons, African John with bead making, Point in Time (primitive arts). Additional suggestions were

Chuck Norman (spheres), and Dave Sellers (faceting).

Display cases: Reyne Knutson has half the cases filled, with additional applications still to come in. She has sent out the letters to people outside the club who often enter cases. She will also coordinate the "touchy feely" area, with about a dozen large rocks. Dan G, Joe VC, Rob L will each bring some. Anyone in the club who wants to bring rocks, please talk to Reyne. Larry will buy two 4' x 8' plywood sheets @ \$4 each from Rick's Bargain Barn on 12th St. for the top of the area.

Phil asked about doing a Club case with the Electronic Picture Frame we used last year. The group agreed, and Phil will set it up, after Susan e-mails him some pictures to put in it. This case will show viewers a lot of information about the club activities, and include brochures and membership info.

No members passed away since the last show, so we will not have a memorial case this year.

Door Prizes: Susan will coupons for 1 free game at kids' area, 1 free popcorn, or dealer cards (so much off a cost, etc, which can be redeemed by dealers at the front desk, if they wish).

Egg hunt: Joe Van Cura and Dan G are still tumbling. Rob will get the candy. Eggs will be filled at the work party in March.

Friday kids day: Joe Van Cura is beginning the scheduling, as letters have come in from schools. We still need 2 greeters. The bags of rocks for each class will be filled at the work party. Susan will also prepare the information page for the teachers, which will be in the bag. The greeters will encourage the teachers to take their bag to the bus right away, as many have forgotten to take it as they leave.

Fluorescent Show: Tom Robertson will order the new lamp in March. The board approved the expenditure. Tom reminded the group that he purchased a 10 x 20' gray tarp last year for the fluorescent area. We will also need signs at the front door, on the tent, and a directional sign in the main room so people know where to go for the FREE Fluorescent Show. Tom will check into getting the plexiglass for the fronts of the cases.

Dan Groah, Rick and Ginny Taylor will set up the fluorescent show, and take it down. We have 4 cases, and they will sit on two tables. Most of the materials are at Van Cura's.

The recording was done on an I-pod last year, by Aaron. We may need to buy an I-pod to use it, and we need Aaron to give it to someone setting up.

Front Door: Phil Knutson has the list of dealers, and will get the demonstrator list from Susan so he can make nametags. People who want to be on the mailing list can pick up a slip at the front door, and fill it out and turn it in at the magazine (kids) area. The slip will tell people where to turn it in, and there will be a basket or can for them in the magazine area.

It was asked if we should do another tee-shirt order. Rob will ask Aaron about the procedure.

Kid's area: Eric Becklund passed out some pictures that show rocks to be used in the bingo game. He will use wheat grains in the "sand box" and will buy the leftovers for his farm use. He will get screens or colanders from the dollar store. The roller game is coming along. He has ordered parts, and Phil and Reyne are helping with the board. He will need about \$100 for supplies/prizes for each game, for a total of \$300. Kathy B will make sure there are enough empty grab bags. Filling will be done at the work party.

LAYOUT: Joe gave a blank to Kristi and would like a final copy after the show, to update for next year.

Magazines: Club members who want to donate Rock-related magazines should bring them to the dinner Thursday eve April 16. If that is not possible, they could bring them to the March or April meetings, and we will get them to the show.

Oral auction: Joe and Rob will coordinate the auction for the scholarship committee. They need rough rock donations, as well as finished jewelry, specimens, etc. They need about 30 "lots" to sell, which takes about an hour. The oral auction will be Sun. 2 PM. Contact either Joe or Rob about donating.

Popcorn: Reyne will wait until after Friday, to see if we really need to buy more popcorn.

Program: Susan Appleby will do the kids' program (will go in the teacher/kid packets) and the show program. She will make about 1000 programs for the kids' packets. They include information about the treasure hunt on Saturday. We will put these packets together at the work party.

Raffle Prizes: Kristi will buy an item for \$100 from a dealer for the "big" raffle prize, and will get donations from dealers and others who wish to donate an item.

Security: Kristi will get the bids. Phil will get last year's details to Kristi on costs. We will hire security from Thursday 6 PM to Sun 6 PM. We have 2 people during busy times, and 1 at other times.

During the show, if any club members see a problem, they should not try to handle it themselves, but notify the security person. Kathy, Joe and Susan will bring walkie-talkies for use at set-up, show and take-down.

Set-up and Take-down: We still need a coordinator for this. Kristi will ask Don Esch to coordinate set-up. Steve Lawrence will coordinate loading and unloading the trailers.

Someone will need to get the pizza and snacks and water for both set-up and take-down. Reyne is bringing coffee.

Tom will make sure the trailers are in place by noon on Wed. Some one else needs to get them moved back after the show. Any 1 ton pickup with a hitch should be able to do this.

Silent auction: Larry Lovell will coordinate this. They will have 5 tables this year. Larry, with Tom's help, will buy the lights. They cost about \$15 to \$20 at Staples, and also may be found at Harbor Freight.

Mark Bucholz was mentioned as a helper for the auction.

Phil will bring the clock with a second hand for the auction timing.

No tin cans will be used - they were not successful last year.

We **DO** need more donated slabs, as they are a big seller.

The club has 1700 pounds of rocks from the J2B2 sale last year, which are stored at Joe VC's. Larry and

Steve Lawrence will get the rocks moved.

Trailers: As stated (under Set-up), Tom will get them into place by Wed noon. But SOMEONE needs to get them moved back to their storage areas at the fairgrounds after the show. Any 1 ton pickup with a hitch should be able to do this. Contact Tom if you are willing.

Thursday eve dinner: Kathy and Linda will coordinate. Linda will find the plates, etc. Kathy will have the chicken (200 pieces). Everyone coming to

eat will need to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. We usually have about 80 people. The dinner will start at 6 PM this year.

Volunteers: Cindy Waters was not present. Kathy suggested that Eric, Phil, Rob, Reyne, and Larry decide how many volunteers are needed for each area during the show. Linda will make up cards for the next regular meeting, and will "man" the volunteer sign up table at the next two meetings, since Cindy is working with students at meetings. When a volunteer signs up, he/she will get their "appointment" card to take home, which tells when they will work.

Phil has the formats from last year. We decided that 2 hour shifts are long enough, although we have many volunteers who work all day, every day. For them, we need some fill-in people, so long-term workers can have some breaks.

Phil will need to bring (or give to Cindy or Linda) blank sign-up sheets, after the group decides how many we need at each position.

Someone (Cindy or other) will need to call additional volunteers after the April meeting, to fill spaces. This is the most important job, after show chair, as we have about 3000 people coming to the show, and we cannot do it without EVERY club member helping with set-up, take down, and at the popcorn, front door, kids' areas, fluorescent show, silent auction, the egg hunt or other jobs. PLEASE sign up!!!

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The next meeting will be Monday, Mar 8, at the Senior Center, at 6:30. Anyone is welcome to come, and offer help!!!

WAMS General Meeting February 4th, 2010

~submitted by Kathy Bennett

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Vice President, Eddie Hopper. The first item on the agenda was to elect a president. Chuck Hunt was

nominated and voted in as our president for 2010. Chuck gave a short speech. A big thank you to Chuck.

Eric Becklund and Reyne Knutson have volunteered to be the host and hostess. A big thanks goes to them also. There are 19 guests at the meeting today. They were asked to stand and introduce themselves and tell about their interest in rocks. Show and tell this month was X, Y and Z. Chuck introduced Cindy Waters and had her tell a little bit about the Junior Program. Cindy has some great ideas for the juniors to do during the meetings. Dan Groah, our program director, introduced Ed Pyritz from our club, who did an interesting program about opals. Next month the Show and Tell is A, so Dan has a program on agates he will show us. Kristi advised there was a change to an article in the newsletter. The gentleman from the coast said their show could be in May instead of June. He was asking if any of our dealers were interested in being in his show.

Aaron Currier gave an announcement about the Fossil Fest that will be on February 13th at the Hatfield Center in Newport from 10 till 4. Break, to be back around 7:30 for the business meeting.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by president, Chuck Hunt. The secretary report was printed in the newsletter and accepted as written. The treasury report was given by Phil Knutson and accepted as read. He also announced that the scholarship fund may be moved to a separate account. At the current time there is \$4011.31 in the scholarship fund. More about this later when it is decided.

Editor: Kristi Edwards is asking for a volunteer to take over. She will continue to be the editor until April.

Show Report:: Kristi Edwards: We still need lots of volunteers. Aaron has said he will handle the advertising. We need someone to welcome the schools as they arrive. We also need someone to co-ordinate finding a security company.

Sunshine Report:: Karen Porter- Clarence Cole is in the hospital and needs our support. Kristi also reported Daniel Bontempo has not been well. Our thoughts go out to both.

Federation Report:: Gene Gangle reports nothing new to report. Their next meeting is the same weekend as our April show.

Stamps: Aaron Currier collected the stamps. If Aaron is not there, Reyne Knutson will accept at the door and give to Aaron. (The stamps go for cancer research)

Field Trips: Joe Van Cura asked how many might be interested in a trip to Wyoming to the Blue Forest possibly in September. At the meeting Kristi, Dan Groah, Larry and Larry, Kit, Eddie, Rochelle and Jim & Kathy expressed an interest. If you are interested, please let Joe know. The February field trip is to the Oregon Coast. They are meeting at Lost Creek, south of Newport, on Saturday at 9 AM. If no rock is showing they may go to Moolock Beach. The March field trip has not been decided, but Joe announced in April there may be a trip to Bruce Ferguson's in Millersburg.

Scholarship fund: Joe Van Cura announced they may broaden the eligibility to outside the club for the study of earth sciences. They will take this to the board to discuss. You can get application forms from our website.

Nameplates: Ted Johnson is in charge of nameplates. At the present time there is a sign up sheet at the front desk if you need a nameplate. Ted and Eddie are working on possibly Eddie giving the names of new members and automatically making name tags. This will be discussed and a decision made.

Oregon Council: Vicki Johnson gave a report about collecting from the Oregon beaches. She will submit a report to the newsletter to explain.

Adjudication: will be in April and we still need judges. Four people expressed an interest in bringing items to be critiqued. (We may ask Ted if he is back to be a judge.)

Library: Bob Manley. He would still like a replacement librarian. Books and materials can be checked out. It is a self check out, return system. Chuck also mentioned we may be going through the library and clearing out a few of the old materials and updating to new books. In the meantime, Kathy will get the library out if Bob is not available.

Property: Phil Knutson, all tumblers are checked out at this time.

Old Business: Still need volunteers for educations, rules and awards, public relations, refreshment coordinator, and **EDITOR.**

New Business

- Bills to pay. Phil read the bills and it was voted to pay the bills.
- We have new member applications for Clyde Holmes, Ernest Ludington (Skip) and Magdalena Ludington, Kathy Gargiulo and Rachelle Christensen. These members were voted in.
- Art & Joyce Winters are now lifetime members.

- Need volunteers to organize the August picnic
- Rice Museum admission is free to club members and one guest for this year (because of the pamphlets we donated to the museum)
- Rob & Kathy volunteered to plan the holiday dinner
- Next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 16th, because of President's Day
- Thanks to Eric for bringing the door prizes. He will bring again next meeting.
- Refreshments next month will be Sonia, Nadara, Sandra and Chuck .
- Reyne announced there are still display cases available. See her for applications. It is a great way to showcase your treasures.
- Cindy Waters is in charge of organizing volunteers for the show. She will be calling to see what your availability will be. There will be sign up sheets at the door at the next meeting. Please help as much as you can.

WAMS Board Meeting, February 16, 2010

~submitted by Kathy Bennett

The meeting was called to order by President, Chuck Hunt at 6:35 PM at the Salem Senior Center. Attending the meeting were Chuck Hunt, Eddie Hopper, Phil Knutson, Tom Beatty, Ed Pyritz, Leonard Cleary, Cindy Waters and Kathy Bennett.

At the show meeting, Susan Appleby handed out demonstrator guidelines. These guidelines were presented to the board by Phil Knutson, and accepted as written.

Kathy Bennett contacted several security companies. Prostar was selected from the options, as the board felt they did a good job last year. Kathy was given the authority to contact them for a contract for the 2010 show. She will do this by the next meeting.

Kristi submitted a budget to the committee for the 2010 show and it was accepted as written.

The Polk Co Fairgrounds needs additional insurance papers. Kathy will contact our insurance provider and request the papers needed.

We have a full compliment of dealers for the 2010 show, but need to pick alternates in case someone cannot attend. We have several dealers that have shown interest in the past. The board was given information regarding the dealers who have shown an interest. Five were selected that are close in

proximity, and they will be contacted as alternates. Kathy will contact these five to get additional information. From this information, the board will select first alternate, second etc.

Gene Gangle has resigned as the Federation Director. A new volunteer will be needed.

The junior program was discussed as to how we can create new interest in the program. Cindy Waters is in charge of the junior program. She has some ideas that the juniors can work toward earning badges. If you have some ideas for the junior program, please contact Cindy as she is soliciting ideas from the members. Her phone number has changed and is now 503 400 1532.

At the last general meeting it was suggested that the Vice President, Eddie Hooper make badges for all new members. This was discussed and decided to continue to have the sign up sheet at the front door for those requesting badges. Several were made before and not picked up. Due to the cost to make these badges, it was decided to make sure they are wanted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM by President, Chuck Hunt.

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What's Rocking?

March Program

Presentation
Dan Groah

March Show and Tell

Bring rocks/minerals/gems beginning with the letters
A

WAMS General Meeting

Thursday

March 4 - 6:30 pm

Salem Senior Center

2615 Portland Rd NE Salem, OR

Guests Welcome!



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