



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon
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EDITOR'S NOTE

In April, I will pass the editorship of "Rockhound Rumbblings" to one of you, because surely a member will step up to serve...ahem!

Some members are trying to talk me into serving longer. Alas, I work in a middle school and don't bat an eye at saying "No." However, I'd be glad to work with the new editor for a couple months.

What's involved in this volunteer position? Only two things: produce a newsletter each month, and attend board meetings. You may ask a board member about meetings.

Each month I set a deadline and stick to it. Members are good about getting articles to me on time, and only a little nudging is ever needed.

Once I get articles, I do a little correcting, and then copy and paste articles into an old copy of a newsletter. I look up news of rock shows in our area, and copy and paste dates and locations into the rows. Last, I change the old month's "Letter of the Month," etc. to the new – done!

A little updating of addresses, proofreading by another member, and I'm ready for the printer.

I save the file and email it to CopyCats in West Salem. If they have questions, they call you. If you need a little help, they take care of your questions. This great business prints, collates, addresses, stamps, and mails the newsletters.

Last on my list is emailing the newsletter to our webmaster so it can be posted on the WAMS website.

For this job, I don't even have to leave my house. Have any questions? Give me a call or email at dhstraw@gmail.com, or 971-218-6710.

Debbie Straw

Rocks and Minerals Quiz

The "Rocks and Minerals Quiz" is on page 4. Write in your answers and name, and hand it in at the next general meeting. There will be prizes for the top three entries. Answers will be in the next bulletin.

Potluck Holiday Dinner

from the Holiday Committee

Don't forget the holiday dinner on December 11th. The celebration will start at 5 PM with the dinner at 5:30 PM at the Salem Senior Center. The only cost will be the delicious dish that you plan to bring. There will be a judging for the best dish, so bring out those treasured recipes. All members are invited, but **we do need to plan for how many will attend**, so you need to let us know. There was a signup sheet at the October meeting and another will be available at the November meeting. If you don't get the chance to be at either meeting, you can still call or e-mail Kathy Bennett with your name, the number of members attending, and what category of dish you will be bringing. Kathy's number is 503 363 4974 or e-mail bennettk@q.com.

The club is providing two kinds of meat, coffee, punch, rolls and butter. We will also have eating utensils and plates. Please be sure to mark your dish with your name and bring a serving utensil for your dish. So far we have 3 main dishes, 2 side dishes, 5 salads and 12 desserts.

At the dinner we will be installing new officers for the 2011 year as well as giving out awards. There will also be a game or two depending on the time.

We would like to see as many members attend as possible. Please, just let us know **before December 1st** so we can make all the preparations to make this a special time for all. This will be a time to catch up on what is going on in our lives as well as swap rock stories.

****Just a reminder that there is no general meeting in December. The dinner takes the place of the regular first Thursday meeting.****

GENERAL MEETING NOTES

October 8th, 2010

Submitted by Kathy Bennett

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President, Chuck Hunt.

Introduction of guest

Theresa Byrne announced Sonia & Bert Kleiner are having a garage sale this weekend.

Ken Settlemeier announced library books need to be returned for others to check out.

Show and Tell with the letter F

Ed Pyritz announced there will be a sign up sheet in case you are interested in an elected position in the club for 2011.

There was a sign up sheet for the holiday party. (You will get another chance at the next meeting.)

There were club rosters available at the greeters' table.

Tom Beatty gave a short speech regarding the A C Gilbert house. The motion was made and accepted to donate \$600 for the building of a display case for the children of the area to enjoy. Members have also been asked to loan rocks for the display. They will be changed out regularly. Ed Pyritz will be working with A C Gilbert employees on this display.

The program this month explained assorted terms that are used. Thanks to Janice Van Cura for coordinating this event, as well as explaining some terms. Thanks also to the other members involved. Thanks also to Debbie Straw for the use of the camera.

Break

The secretary's report was printed in the newsletter and accepted as printed.

The treasurer's report was given by Phil Knutson and accepted as read.

Debbie Straw was not able to attend, but did announce she will be the editor through April. In May, we will need a new volunteer. Please consider this position.

Christine Beatty gave the Sunshine report and said Jim Lind is doing well after his heart procedure.

The scholarship committee will have a meeting next month.

There are no field trips planned through the end of the year.

Stamps to Aaron or the greeters' table for cancer research.

Vicki Johnson gave the Oregon Council Report. She will put an article in the newsletter to explain areas that may be affected by the legislation. You can also Google the Marine Reserve regarding souvenir collecting.

Byron Otteson was voted in as a new member. Phil read the new bills and it was voted to pay the bills.

Aaron announced that long time member, Don Townsend, passed away and his funeral would be in Portland on Friday.

Thanks to Steve for bringing the door prize rocks. Larry will bring them next meeting.

Janice announced there was a show by Natural Geographic this weekend with photos of the Mexican crystal caves.

Show and Tell for next month is the letter G. October 18th is the next board meeting November 4th is the next general meeting.

Thanks to those who brought goodies this month. Next month's volunteers are Leonard, Reyne, and Etheleen.

Scholarship door prize numbers were drawn. Door prize numbers were drawn.

Meeting was adjourned by President, Chuck Hunt.

WAMS Board Meeting, October 18, 2010

submitted by Kathy Bennett

Attending: Debbie Straw, Chuck Hunt, Phil Knutson, Ed Pyritz, Leonard Cleary, & Kathy Bennett

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Hunt at 6:45 PM.

A budget was submitted for the holiday party and was approved as submitted. The total is dependent on the number of people attending. Members and immediate family are invited to attend.

A renewal membership application will be included in the November and December newsletters. We are asking all members to complete the renewal application so we can be sure to have all the updated information on each member. Please include your e-mail address. Phil will be accepting renewal payments at the November meeting, at the December social, or you can mail to the PO Box. Dues are to be in by the end of December.

Members at large will be calling to see who might be interested in filling the elected positions. We will be

needing three members at large and a Federation Director. We will also need someone to fill the editor position after April.

Ed mentioned that they received three copies of the bulletin because of three names in their household. Debbie will work with Copy Cats to correct this problem and only send one to each household.

We are trying to find the wording for the swearing in process in December. We will check will all we can to locate the wording.

The meeting was closed at 7:35 PM by President Chuck Hunt.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

You may have noticed the **renewal membership application** that is enclosed in this newsletter. Please be sure to complete the questionnaire for renewal. We want to make sure to get everyone's Correct information. **Renewal membership fees are due by December 31st of this year.**

You can pay your money at the November meeting, the December holiday get together or mail to WAMS, PO Box 13041, Salem, OR, 97309-1041.

Prez Says

Well here it is election time at the November meeting and I hope we have a lot of volunteers. Of course we need a Federation Director, some Members at Large. (How large I don't know but we need some anyway). Now if you have an idea about wanting to become involved but not the "heavy lifting" so to speak, becoming a member at large lets you get in on the ground floor to see how things are done in our society. We will also have a list for finalizing the number of people coming to the Christmas Dinner. Besides elections if we have time we also have a DVD on how they rockhound for crystals in France. Very interesting and a bit crazy! We will also be voting for the members that _____ in, for, and about the club etc.

Chuck

Rocks and Minerals Quiz

Name _____

1. The geologist played poker, but wound up losing his _____.
2. The bar where mineralogists break the Ten Commandments is called the _____ .
3. If we _____ rocks, we'll all lose our teeth.
4. There are four _____ to the gallon.
5. "What shall we give Mike?" "Let's give _____ new mineral for his collection!"
6. Fracture of the _____ column usually results in paralysis.
7. All of the talkative geology students were put in one row, soon christened the "_____".
8. When Fred Zir was swindled of his jewels, it was called the Great _____.
9. You sent her flowers? What a _____ thing to do.
10. If I don't get this _____, when someone walks in he'll fall through to the basement.
11. The mineral that is the very symbol of hunger. _____
12. The con man tried to _____ mineralogists with a fake ruby, but he got caught.
13. At the circus, a clown threw a fake rock at another and got a _____ in his face.
14. Put Nick's book _____ shelf where it belongs.
15. A baseball player's favorite gem. _____
16. If a rube is a type of hick, does it follow that hickeys are _____?
17. Says one hip geologist to another, "Hey, that's really _____ man."
18. How to insult a geologist: look into his ear and say, " _____ "
19. If you drop a rock on your foot while in polite company, you should say " _____ all!"
20. Of all things, we must never take rocks for _____.



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!

Website: www.wamsi.org

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WAMS General Meeting

Thursday, November 4th - 6:30 pm
Salem Senior Center
2615 Portland Rd NE Salem, OR
GUESTS WELCOME!

What's Rocking?

*The November's program: "Rockhounding
for Crystals in France" DVD*

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