



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

*March 2011*

## WORK PARTY

Don't forget the work party on March 5th at 1:30  
at Tom & Susan Robertson's house.  
It should only be 2 hours or less if enough people show up.

### Prez Sez:

First off, I'd like to say how pleased I am at the amount of solid members who have stepped up in the past to fill open positions in the club. They say that about 20% of members of any organization do the yeo-man/yeo-woman work to make it all happen. I think in our club it is closer to 10% and what we need is for that other 10% to step up and get involved. I guess the appropriate word would be disappointment.

We have openings for treasurer, education program, property coordinator, a leader for the juniors (if we don't get one we won't have the program) and that is what gets a lot of the young pebble hounds interested. I know the position is a bit difficult, but if we had two people working with our juniors consistently that would probably do it.

A work party is coming up at Robertson's to work on items for the April show. We also need volunteers for the show itself. Just a couple of hours helps everyone, or just fill in when someone needs a break. With the people we have we put on a great show, according to guests, dealers and members from other clubs. So the emphasis is to get involved with YOUR club and see what's available and get in there and do it. This gives a chance for all you newcomers to get out and really meet your fellow members.

Today the 25th of Feb. Kathy Bennett, Gene Gangle and I took a trip south to Jefferson Elementary School in Jefferson. We spent an hour or so talking to some fifth graders who enjoyed our presentation and we even got some thumbs up. Of course the agates and petrified wood they received helped slant the positive to the whole program. In fact, a couple of the students came up afterwards and asked if they could keep the rocks. (They thought that they were just to look at.) When they found out the rocks were theirs they were elated!

So my message to the members of the Willamette Agate and Mineral Society is to take that first step... Step out there and volunteer and see where it leads you. It can be fun, interesting and you'll get to really know some of the other members you've been sitting with at the meetings! SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB!!

See you all soon, *Chuck*

## **Show Meeting, February 9, 2011**

*submitted by Kathy Bennett*

Attending: Kristi & Mark Edwards, Reyne & Phil Knutson, Eric Becklund, Ed Pyritz, Larry Lovell, & Kathy Bennett

Kristi opened the meeting. Eric reported we have 8 or 9 buckets of rock. Part of these will be used for the eggs and the treasure hunt.

Kristi reported that it is in the contract that Polk Co has the last say on what we can and cannot have at the show, and that the rock saw could not be used on the grounds.

Reyne has found some gloves that can be given as gifts for those filling cases with the letter of thanks to them. She will do this for the demonstrators also. They are \$2.50 a pair.

The question was raised as to whether we should award ribbons or not. Phil says we have a lot of them, so it was decided we will award ribbons. We will have a daily people's choice award as well as Reyne's pick. Kathy will handle the daily awards.

Kristi said she and Ed spoke regarding demonstrator rules and decided they would remain the same.

All dealers have paid at least half. We still need one contract. Kathy will contact them. Kathy will also bring water during all days of the show.

Reyne is working on the Thursday dinner. The concession stand is making shephard's pie. Reyne will make home made rolls and a big green salad. Kathy will write an article asking others to bring the side dishes.

Aaron is working on the brochures.

Larry asked if we could store the treasure hunt eggs and rocks in another location rather than behind the silent auction. It was discussed and decided they could be put in the trailer since it will be empty.

We will have a work party at Tom & Susan Robertson's house on March 5th, at 1:30. We will be filling eggs for the treasure hunt and making necklaces for the kid's area. It should only take a couple of hours if we get some volunteers to help.

Chuck Hunt will be going to a meeting at Polk Co fairgrounds on February 12th as Kristi and Kathy will both not be available that day. They will be discussing different items such as a possible

Kathy has an appointment to sign the security contract next week. The numbers are getting changed on the large signs so they will be ready.

There was a miscommunication on the school letters and they were supposed to be going out this week. Kristi will check to make sure they were sent.

Cory Pyritz will be available to work during the show. He may need a ride if Ed is not available. Kathy said she would pick up Cory if he needs a ride.

Mark has fixed three supports. They have other brackets available for the ones that need it.

Reyne is busy fixing the liners in 10 cases. We are replacing the liners 10 per year. Reyne will also do a memorial case as well as a club case. It was decided not to put the photo frame in as it gets too hot inside the case. It will be placed in the touch area.

The signs for the raffle were discussed and decided to use the ones made last year. Larry will do inventory with Tom Beatty and Don Miller on the rocks that were donated at the same time as the facet machine and trim saw. Larry does need some trays for the silent auction. He saw some at Cash & Carry for \$3.99 and went back and they were \$7 or so. He will wait to see if they come on sale again.

Tina at Polk Co has put our name in for the third full weekend in April for our show for the next three years.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS ESPECIALLY IN THE KID'S AREA.**

Kathy will contact the insurance company to get a liability endorsement for the show.

Kristi will contact Joe Van Cura to get the back tables in the floor diagram. Ed will contact Susan Appleby for the floor plan for the demonstrators.

We are trying to contact the Statesman to see if they will do another article for the show. Don Esch's name came up as a possible person to interview. Kristi will contact Don. Kristi is also working on other advertising venues.

A question came up asking about door prizes. Susan Appleby will print up the certificates.

We discussed teacher's bags. We have snakeskin agate purchased from Bob Strayer. We decided to use some of this for the teacher bags. Mark & Kristi will fill the bags. The two remaining buckets went to Eric for the kid's area and Reyne for critters. Kathy will pick up 35 gallon trash bags for the trash cans. Kristi

reminded all that the tables must be done right or we will lose our \$300 deposit. The meeting was closed.

## **Board Meeting Notes**

February 23, 2011

*submitted by Kathy Bennett*

The board meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 by Chairman of the Board, Rob Leedy. In attendance were Rob Leedy, Chuck Hunt, Phil Knutson, Tom Beaty, Jim Shine, Bob Deenin, Debbie Straw and Kathy Bennett.

Chuck asked about the specimen cases that were used to take to the schools. Phil advised he has them at his house as they had been in storage. Chuck had gotten one from Ann Gasser that she had. Phil advised some of the cases were in bad shape and the rocks in some were not the best. Phil is going to fix the cases that need fixing and Chuck is going to work on the rocks. Chuck Hunt, Gene Gangle and Kathy Bennett are scheduled to go to the Jefferson grade school this Friday, February 25th. Kathy will pick up cases from Phil on Friday to give to Chuck on their way to the Jefferson School. These were cases that used to be used to go to the schools to show the children.

Editor Debbie Straw announced that someone may be interested in doing the newsletter. She will show them this Friday what she does in putting out the newsletter. She is also putting together a job description to give to the next editor. Next month she will show the person again and then they will decide if they will take on the position. Kristi Edwards has also said she would be available if there were any questions. Debbie also clarified the two months we do not send out the paper and that is August and December, (the two months we do not have meetings because of the picnic and holiday dinner).

Debbie was also asked to put the phone numbers of the members at large in the newsletter. We discussed what upcoming shows to put in the newsletter and it was decided as many of the northwest shows as space allows without putting in an additional page.

Debbie also brought up a question about ads in the newsletter. Someone may be interested in a larger ad and wanted to know the price. The price is listed in the newsletter for a business card or 1/10 of a page and if larger charge accordingly. (twice the size, 2x the cost etc).

Phil Knutson, Vice President, has put together a directory and has sent to the board. He wants to wait until after the show to delete the members that have not paid their renewal. If dues are not paid, the members will be dropped from the membership list

At that time, Phil will have a copy to have available at the May meeting for anyone that wants a copy.

Rob brought up the unfilled positions in our club. WE REALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS. He is asking every board member to contact members to see if they would be willing to help the club. The positions needing filled are Treasurer, Property Control, Education, Bulletin Editor and someone to head the Juniors Program. Each board member is to keep a list of who they talked to and if they said yes or no. In the newsletter we are taking off the rules and awards, refreshments and coffee showing volunteers needed.

Kristi couldn't attend the meeting. She said that she'd pick up the eggs from the trailer for the work party on March 5th at Tom & Susan Robertson's house at 1:30. Eric has the rocks to fill the eggs and will bring the materials to make the necklaces.

We have decided to go over the bylaws in the June meeting. Each board member is asked to go over the bylaws to see if there is anything that needs to be addressed. If any member sees anything in the bylaws that they feel needs attention, please contact a member at large or any member of the board. Bring your thoughts to the June meeting.

Chuck brought in some cases he found for \$5 and was wondering if the club would be interested.

One of our dealers called that day and said they only want 16 feet instead of 24. Kathy brought this to the board's attention, but it was tabled until we could decide as a group what to do with this as the dealer's location is presenting some problems. The area currently has three 24 foot spots with two gaps and it is between two doors. The dealer wanted to keep the same location, but we cannot add another space between the tables, so there are some issues to discuss. It was decided that we would not make a decision as Kristi was not there and the group needs to discuss the options.

The board voted to pay the listed bills to Reyne Knutson for fabric for cases and Ann Gasser for money spent sending the letters to the schools.

We discussed the furlough day for the schools. One option discussed was to let parents in on Friday for free (admission free with child). We discussed sending something to the teachers. This will be discussed more at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

## General Meeting February 3, 2011

*submitted by Kathy Bennett*

The meeting was called to order by President, Chuck Hunt at 6:32 PM at the Salem Senior Center. We had 6 guests attending and Chuck spoke with each and asked what their interests were in rocks. Show and tell was rocks starting with I for this month. The program presented by Dan Groah this month was a DVD by Eugene Mueller about his adventures collecting agate and jasper in the US and Mexico. Next month's program will be Dr. William Orr giving a presentation about a sloth that was found in the Albany area. Aaron said he may be bringing some fossil books to sale.

Kristi spoke regarding the upcoming April Show. She is making a plea for someone to be a volunteer coordinator. She brought sign up sheets to the meeting and asked that people sign up during the break. There will be a work party at Rob's house on March 5th (the Saturday after the next meeting) to fill eggs, etc for the treasure hunt. He suggested having a potluck and he will supply a main dish. Rob was at work so was unable to be at the meeting, so we can talk more about this at the next meeting. Kristi introduced the members of the show team. Their main duties are:

Kristi Edwards – Show chair, advertising, contract, raffle prizes

Kathy Bennett- Assistant show chair, Dealer chair, security, signs

Eric Becklund- Master game maker, Kids area chair

Reyne Knutson-Cases, popcorn, Thursday dinner

Jim Shine-Raffle Man

Phil Knutson-Treasurer, nametags,

Ed Pyritz-Demonstrator chair

Don Esch-set up, electrical

Rob Leedy-treasure hunt, Thursday dinner

Linda Groah-school sign ups

Ann Gasser- sending school letters

Claudia Wise- welcoming the students on Friday

Aaron Currier-working on the brochure for the club

Ivan Standley-moving the trailers up to the building

Ted Johnson & Steve Lawrence-trailers

Steve Lawrence & Larry Lovell-Silent auction

Joe Van Cura & Ted Johnson-Oral scholarship auction

Joe Van Cura-floor plan

Apologies to anyone I may have missed.

Thursday dinner at the show will be Sheppard's pie (made by the concession stand), a green salad and homemade rolls made by our very own Reyne Knutson. We are asking people attending to bring other side salads, desserts, side dishes etc. There will be more on this in a separate article.

Thanks to Sonja, Marty, Thor & Joe for bringing refreshments. Tickets for the scholarship raffle will be on sale at the break for \$1 or six for \$5.

Kristi also announced an e-mail she received from a rock club in Arkansas. They would like to know if as a club, or any individuals, would like to do a rock swap using a USPS flat rate box for \$10.70. It has to be at least 10 pounds of minerals or fossil specimen (please no leaverites on either side). Contact Kristi Edwards or Kathy Bennett for details if you are interested. Examples of what they have on their end ready to go are pink dolomite with chalcopyrite, staurolite, drusy quartz, galena, geode, rhyolite wonderstone, quartz crystal, coral fossil head fossils and satin spar gypsum. Their specimens were collected on field trips or club member vacations. Each specimen must be individually wrapped and identified and they will do the same. (Break)

**Old Business-** Aaron Currier is working on the club brochure and hopes to have it done by the show in April. Phil is working on the club roster and will have it done by the April meeting.

### ***New business-***

Clyde Holmes announced he has 5 gallon buckets he would like to trade for rough rock.

Chuck announced we have two opportunities to help the community and promote the club

Mackenzie Beals is a student teacher in Jefferson and would like a guest speaker to come and address her 5th grade class at the end of February. Please contact Chuck.

Bobbie Snead is the Education Consultant for the Straub Environmental Learning Center in Salem, which will have a Family Nature Night at Swegle Elementary School on May 3, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30. The event will feature 12-15 nature/science booths with interactive, engaging things to see and touch. They will have representatives from Fish & Wildlife, Oregon State Parks, Native Plant Society, Salem Audubon, etc. They'd like someone to provide a display of rocks and gems for the event as well as a well versed person to answer questions and talk about it. Please contact Chuck if you are interested. They are expecting 250 to 300 people.

Aaron Currier announced that if we get at least 12 shirts ordered by the March show that they will be done before the April show. The price for t-shirts for members is \$10, \$15 for non-members. There is a sign up sheet at the host/hostess desk at the general meeting, or call Aaron Currier at 503 385 5649 with the size, color and type of shirt you want. Aaron can give you the other options of shirt types and their price. Also, be specific with your colors because for instance they have 5 shades of blue. Another option is to e-mail Aaron at [fossils@curriergraphics.com](mailto:fossils@curriergraphics.com)

The board meeting falls on Presidents day for February and the center will be closed. Kathy will contact Rob to see when the board meeting will be and then will contact the members of the board.

The secretary's report for the January meeting and show/board combination meeting were in the newsletter and accepted as printed.

Phil Knutson gave the treasury report and it was accepted as read.

Debbie Straw was not in attendance for the editor's report, but it was announced she will only be the editor through April. After that we will not have a paper unless someone steps up to volunteer.

Sunshine Report was given by Christine Beaty. Kathy Bennett had carpal tunnel surgery and was sent a card. (Thanks for the card).

Scholarship committee- Ted Johnson announced tickets on sale. Items are needed for the Sunday Oral auction that will benefit the Scholarship Committee.

Field Trips- they were planning a trip to the coast, but Rob has been in daily contact with a friend at the coast and the rocks are covered with sand. He will let us know if they do get uncovered. Don Esch said he will be going over on the 16th if you want a last minute update, you can call Don.

Stamps-Aaron Currier- had a lengthy conversation with the woman from the Federation that collects the stamps for money for cancer research. She said she goes through all the stamps and takes them to a local stamp dealer (Aaron thinks she is in Montana), who gives her money for the stamps.

Oregon Council: No report; article was in newsletter.

Property equipment- we need a volunteer to take over this position. Phil is already the vice president and doing the treasurer duties since we do not have another volunteer. We currently have one tumbler that is available for members to check out.

**WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR CLUB. WE REALLY NEED PEOPLE TO LEAD THE JUNIOR'S PROGRAM, TREASURER, EDITOR, PROPERTY EQUIPMENT, ETC. PLEASE HELP YOUR CLUB.**

Phil Knutson read the bills to pay and it was approved to pay the bills.

Ed Pyritz gave a report on Gilbert House. There was an open house on the 22nd of January to dedicate the new Oregon Room where we have our exhibit. Tom and Christine Beatty, Kathy Bennett and Ed Pyritz were there to answer questions about the rocks and the club. Ed left fliers about our upcoming April show. The rocks have been on display for almost 3 months, so Ed is looking for more "loans" for the case. Rocks will be on display for three months at Gilbert House. Ed needs about 16 to 18 Oregon Rocks. You need to put what the rock is and where found. They will note who owns the rock. Contact Ed if you have some specimens from Oregon you'd be willing to put in the sealed case for three months.

Thanks to everyone who brought rocks for the door and scholarship fund. Larry Ferguson brought some

rocks donated in Bob Strayers name. Don & Geri Esch donated some rock as well as others.

**Announcements:** Jim Shine will bring in door prize rocks for the next meeting and Ted Johnson will bring in rock for scholarship door prizes drawings.

Christine Beatty, Linda Groah, Vicki Johnson and Jackie Lord volunteered to bring refreshments to the next meeting.

Show and tell for next month will be the letter J.

Board members will be notified when the date is determined for the meeting as the third Monday is on President's Day and the Center is closed.

The next show meeting will be February 9th at 6:30 at the Senior Center in classroom B.

\$83 was collected for the scholarship fund, so 9 rock prizes were drawn. The door prize tickets were drawn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 by President, Chuck Hunt.

## March Rock Shows

12th 9-5	Rock and Arrowhead Club
13th 10-4	Klamath County Fairgrounds 3531 South 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Klamath Falls OR
11th 10-6	Tualatin Valley Gem Club
12th 10-6	Washington County Fairgrounds
13th 10-5	873 NE 34th Avenue Hillsboro OR
26th 10-6	Sweet Home Rock&Mineral
27th 10-5	Sweet Home High School 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR

## Reyne's Barbecue Ribs

1 to 2 racks of pork ribs cut into separate ribs, drop into boiling water for 1/2 hr.  
Drain off water and cool to handle.

Sauce:

- 1/2 bottle smoked barbecue sauce
- 1/2 bottle of ketchup
- 1 tsp. Grey Poupon mustard
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar or more

Mix all together well, should have a sweet tangy taste. You may need to add more sugar, for your taste. I dip each rib in sauce to coat. Line 9 x 13 pan with tin foil and lay or stack ribs in pan; add 1 cup of water to bottom of pan (to steam them). Cover with

for 2 hrs. The last \_ hour take the cover off and add more sauce and continue to bake.

Enjoy!

## Grilled Citrus Salmon (Adapted from Portland Palate)

- 1 Freshly squeezed juice from a large lemon
- 3 Tbls olive oil
- 3 Tbls butter
- 1 Tbls stone ground mustard
- 4 Minced garlic cloves
- 2 Dashes Cayenne pepper
- 2 Dashes of salt
- 1 Tbls dill
- 1 Tbls basil
- 3 Tbls Capers

In a small sauté pan over medium heat, combine all of the above until it comes to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer while stirring for 5 min.

Place 1/2 of a filleted salmon skin side down on heavy tin foil. Pour the above evenly over the fish, and seal the tinfoil all around the salmon.

Place the fish on a lipped cookie sheet and bake at 350 for 15-25 min, or until light pink in color when a knife is inserted in the center.or, BBQ over medium heat for 10-15 min. in wrapped and sealed foil. Serve and enjoy.



## The Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, Inc.

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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.

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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:

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## **WAMS General Meeting**

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GUESTS WELCOME!

## **What's Rocking?**

*The March program will be a presentation by Dr.  
William Orr on a sloth found near Albany.*

*MARCH'S LETTER IS "J"*



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