



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

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2010 Holiday Dinner
submitted by Kathy Bennett*

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The Pres. says:

Well those of you who missed the Christmas Dinner all I can say is, I am sorry. It was absolutely the best ever. There were close to 90+ members and relatives who came and it was just great.

Sale

The Salem Senior Center 50+ Lapidary Club have received some silver (wire, sheet, bezel, scrap, and solder) and some silversmith's tools. These items along with 5 buckets full of bags of tumbled rock (\$1.00 per bag) and a professional grade Lortone 12 # tumbler (\$200.00) will be offered for sale on at the Salem Senior Center 50+ in the craft room next to the Lapidary shop at 9 AM on January 8, 2011. There will be no pre sale sales Submitted by Tom Beaty.

First, I'd like to salute the Christmas Dinner Planning Commission: Kathy Bennett, Reyne and Phil Knutson, Rob Leedy and all of the rest of the hard-working crew who got to the Senior Center about three o'clock and waited to take over the room and get it set up for the rest of us. They fired up the ovens so that the dinner would be hot and first rate. It was that for sure. That also included holiday center pieces on each and every table.

And the food! Well, the succulent beef Bar-B-Q ribs, "Salmon ala Reyne ", and all of the other dishes and desserts were just downright delicious. In fact, I ate too much.

There was a lot happening at the dinner. We had the annual awards and they were:

Inspirational Award: Ed Pyritz

Field Trip Award: Dan Groah

Educational Award: Eric Becklund

Life Time Award: Karen Porter

Multifarious Award: Jim Shine

New Member of the Year: Debbie Straw

Member of the year: Chuck Hunt

Looking forward to the January meeting to kick off the New Year. New places to go, to dig, thing to find. I think that it is going to be a great year for the members of WAMS!

Best Wishes to all of you for the New Year.

Chuck Hunt

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Recipes from Reyne

As promised here are the recipes for 2 dishes that I made for the Christmas Party dinner, happy that you enjoyed them.

Reyne's BBQ Ribs

1 to 2 racks of Pork Baby Back Ribs, cut into 1 or 2 ribs per pc. In a large pot of boiling water drop in ribs, boil for 1/2 hour, drain ribs.

Sauce:

1/2 bottle Hickory Smoked BBQ sauce

3/4 bottle Ketchup

1/2 to 3/4 cups light brown sugar or more

1/2 Tbls. Grey Poupon dijon mustard

1/4 cup white vinegar

Note: You should have a sweet and sour tasting sauce Mix well in a med. size bowl. Dip each pc. in sauce and coat well. Put in 9 by 13 pan, can layer, pour 1 cup of water in the bottom (to steam the ribs). Cover with tin foil, air tight. Bake @ 350 deg. for 2 hours, the last half hour take off the tin foil, at this time NOTE: You can make this the day before with sauce on ribs and if you have left over sauce you can add more and continue to bake. just before baking. ENJOY!

refrigerate and bake the next day, add water just before baking. ENJOY!

Grilled Citrus Salmon

1 freshly squeezed juice from one lrg. lemon

3 Tbls. olive Oil

3 Tbls. butter (use butter, don't use fake)

1 Tbl. stone ground mustard

4 minced garlic cloves

2 dashes of cayenne pepper

2 dashes of salt

1 Tbl. dill

1 Tbl. basil

3 Tbls. capers

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

Place Salmon skin-side down on heavy tin foil. Pour the above evenly over the fish, and seal the tin foil all around the salmon.

Place the fish on a lipped cookie sheet and bake @ 350 deg. for 15 to 25 min., or until light pink in color when a knife is inserted in the center. Or BBQ over med. heat for 10 to 15 min. in Wrapped and sealed foil.



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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
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WAMS General Meeting

Thursday, January 6 - 6:30 pm
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GUESTS WELCOME!

What's Rocking?

The January program: "New Year Old Rocks"

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