



Newsletter of the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Salem, Oregon

May 2011

## River of Gems Show

*by Kristi Edwards*

We had a great show this year. It could not have happened without all the great volunteers we had helping with set up, front door, popcorn, kid's area and the tear down and clean up.

We had 521 students attending this year. It was a good turnout despite the furlough and in service days with many districts. We had many compliments from the teachers and students.

I would like to thank show committee members Kathy Bennett, Phil and Reyne Knutson, Eric Becklund, Ed Pyritz, Larry Lovell and Steve Lawrence for all your help.

You really made this show a success.

I am retiring after two years as the show chair. I had a great time and got to know many members in the club. I do plan on helping with the advertising next year. We will need a volunteer for this position and I would be more than willing to help get you started.

Again we had a great show!!!



Adults and kids look at items for sale. The dealer tables were very busy at times.

# Crabtree Creek Petrified Wood

by Gene Gangle

*Note: I have modified and added to the following article, which I wrote a long time ago (in the last century!).*

On the evening of November 19, 1999, I arrived in Salem with two suitcases filled with rock carvings from China – an odyssey begun years earlier.

Long-time WAMS member Phil Oakley has shared from time to time his expertise and enthusiasm for Chinese culture by giving presentations to the club and even inviting club members to see his private collection. Several years ago the Chinese government arranged with the Portland Art Museum the Imperial Tombs of China exhibit. Phil was a docent for that event and shared his enthusiasm and personal expertise with the club. We learned that China had a 4,000 year tradition, continuing to this day, of carving and shaping and working with metal, ivory and stone. Some of the best and most economical work today is being done in Beijing.

Thus sensitized, I began to consider how I might have Oregon material, which I had dug myself, treated within a tradition going back, not centuries, but millennia. In particular, I hoped to have Oregon's Crabtree Creek petrified wood shaped, carved, sanded and polished. This article is about that odyssey.

The petrified wood I had carved was material I had dug on privately-owned land. The owner, Jacob Huber, had a 330-acre farm some eight miles east of Scio in Linn County and he allowed a few people he knew to dig at fifty cents a pound for petrified wood. The dig site was located along a spring-fed creek which, by late summer, allowed a one or two-month window of opportunity to dig – the water level being low enough to manage before the fall rains came.

Like Holley Blue agate, however, the petrified wood dig is no longer available. Jacob Huber sold his farm to a timber company in April 1999 and moved away. Linn County is an area rich in gem-quality wood, but most of the Crabtree creek and Thomas Creek "Lacomb area" land is privately owned, so you have to know somebody (and

locate a deposit where you don't have to dig twelve feet down).

Rob Leedy has had WAMS field trip raft trips along Crabtree Creek and the effort was usually worth it, to which other WAMS members can attest. Tom Robertson and Bob Strayer are rock dealers and Don Esch and Rob Leedy are part-time rock dealers, all of them WAMS members, who have quantities of petrified wood from this area. Any or all of them have examples they can show or sell or trade. Dan Groah may have some wood also.

Let me put in a plug for these people in particular and for rock dealers in general. As public areas are increasingly subject to regulation and private areas are closed, we rock hounds face the uncertain prospect of locating material which was dug when these areas were still producing were still freely accessible. The hobby owes respect, gratitude and patronage to our rock dealers who are largely engaged, not only in helping supply, but also in educating us in our lapidary pursuits.

Enough editorializing. I'm now back on track. The Crabtree Creek wood often possesses the following traits: agatized, relatively fracture-free, fine-grained, size sufficient for lapidary treatment (one pound and larger). What especially appeals to the Chinese artisan, however, is that much of the material has three and four gradation zones of color. Like nephrite jade, the mineralization sometimes allows for contrasting zones in the material which can be worked ingeniously and artistically, such that the overall effect allows for dynamic presentation of whatever the artist creates.

Perhaps you have had the privilege of seeing 18<sup>th</sup>-century Chinese glass bowls with bas-relief figures and flowers carved out of the different color zones constituting the glass. By working the Crabtree wood, the Chinese artist uncovers the different zones of color, and sometimes wood-grain variation, such that waterfalls appear, trees grow

out of hillsides, travelers walk on mountain passes, clouds emphasize height, buildings perch on ridge-tops, animals confront the onlooker. Sometimes the vision of the carver-artist is so keen that a resonating sympathy fills and transforms the beholder. Just as wood is transmuted into stone and just as stone is transformed into a vision, we the viewers are transported across language and place and time into shared beauty. The artist who created the carving has carried us to a new place of wonder and sensitivity and awareness.



There are difficulties, however, in getting lapidary material carved in China. Material must be hand-carried to and from the carving factory. Culture

and language can be barriers. Quality of work can be an issue. Getting the same material back, and all of it, can be issues. Arranging transportation to and from the United States can be an issue. Choosing a hotel and deciding how long to stay can be issues. Air travel across the Pacific, varying from nine to thirteen hours, depending on jet stream and departure points, can be an issue. Both Chinese and our governments have sent mixed signals regarding willingness to accommodate change in trade.

One thing has become quite evident to me. I (and likely most rock hounds) am a collector. Collectors engage in sollopsistic management of reality: that is to say, we impose our egos on our transactions such that a distinction between our collection and ourselves is a tenuous one. It does give me great affirmation to view the body of work I have assembled. I create and I am created. The creative effort I have expended in each of the carvings – and I helped make it happen – is a kind of immortality. Just as silica transmutes wood to something new and timeless, my carvings inspire, instruct, elevate me beyond myself. Beyond time. You might feel this way too. Keats said it most truly: “A thing of beauty is a joy forever.”

I have digital pictures of these wood carvings downloaded onto a DVD and I will present this DVD at the May 5 WAMS meeting. I will bring some Crabtree Creek wood and each person can take a piece home (free). This is, indeed, wood that rocks!

## The Prez Sez,

Well, first I'd like to compliment all those members that participated at the Gem Show. The exhibitors, the people who worked double duty at different venues in the show. It didn't matter whether it was at the silent auction, the popcorn machine (who can forget the smell), the front desk, demonstrating, working in the kids' area (which I found to be a kick especially if you worked Eric's "Machine"! ) or being a floater waiting to fill in someone's position to give them a break. I think that was great.

Whereas, if you are a member and didn't participate, but had the time then shame on you. Yes I know that some had to work and couldn't get to the show to volunteer. We needed you to help out at the biggest function of the club during the whole year. And to those that did show up... A Great Big Thank You is in order!

The set up and take down was the most organized effort I have ever seen. Talk about smooth operators, that was great also. So Y'all just remember that there will be another show coming up April 2012. SO PLAN TO BE THERE!! Sincerely, Chuck Hunt

## WAMS General Meeting, April 7, 2011

*by Kathy Bennett*

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Chuck Hunt. We had 10 guests at the meeting and Chuck went to each and had them tell about their interest in rocks. Chuck then introduced all the officers. Show and Tell was the letter K. The program was a DVD on Mexican coconuts by Brad Cross. Next month's program will be on petrified wood and will be given by Tom Robertson, Gene Gangle and Dan Groah. Thanks to Ginny Taylor, Ann Fergesen, and Sonia Kleiner for the refreshments.

Kristi gave a show report. The signs were put up last weekend by Mark & Kristi Edwards and Kathy Bennett. We have 491 school children planning on attending our show on Friday morning. The advertising has been done. Don't forget the Thursday night dinner at 6 PM at the show. We will meet Wednesday at noon to do the set up. Cookies, coffee and water will be furnished. We really need everyone's help to make our show a success. Sign up sheets will be at the front table during the break. The trailers will be moved up to the building on Wednesday morning by Ivan Standley. After the show the trailers will be parked behind building C. When the signs are taken down, the short red stakes go in our trailer as Kristi and Mark are donating them to the club. The longer green stakes were borrowed from the fairgrounds and need to go back on the pile behind building C.

Kristi also commented on how good a job Theresa Byrne did on the bulletin

Aaron announced the T-shirts that have been ordered will be available at the show. They are \$10 for short sleeve and \$15 for long sleeve. They have two types of polo shirts, one made of t-shirt material and the other is a weave. He is ordering the weave for \$23. If you do not want the weave, let Aaron know at the break. (break)

The business meeting was called to order at 7:45 by President Chuck Hunt. There were 66 members in attendance at this meeting.

The secretary reports were approved as printed in the bulletin.

- Lee Anne Settlemier, our new treasurer, gave the treasury report and it was accepted as read.
- Theresa Byrne, our new editor, asked for articles and photos for the bulletin.
- The Sunshine report was given by Christine Beatty and she reported that Jodee Leshk had two broken ankles, but is doing well now.
- We still need a volunteer for education.
- Joe Van Cura reported the scholarship committee is still accepting donations for the oral auction to be held on Sunday at the show. They will award a scholarship in May.
- There will not be a field trip in April because of the show.
- Some people have asked if they will have another field trip to Bruce & Jim Ferguson's. Joe will contact them and report back at another meeting.
- Joe also announced he will be one of the field trip leaders at the Federation get together at Hampton Butte on Memorial weekend. He will also be a field trip leader at the Prineville show. He will put articles regarding these events in our bulletin as well as articles regarding the Madras show and Plush (sunstones).
- Rob suggested a possible water trip on the Willamette, but only Joe had a boat with a motor. Aaron said maybe later we could do a slow boat trip on the Willamette on drift boats and rafts. He has a raft at his house that Pam donated to the club years ago.
- Janice Van Cura, our Federation rep, was not at the meeting, but Joe announced for her that there is a Federation meeting next month, but Janice will not be able to attend. She has made arrangements to get notes from the meeting.
- Aaron Currier asked if anyone had any cancelled stamps. You can take them to

the show and he will collect them there. The stamps are sold and the money goes for cancer research. Leave about one inch around the cancelled stamp.

- Phil Knutson, Vice President, says the new club roster will be available at the next club meeting. All those who have not paid their annual dues will be deleted from the roster. There is a copy of the roster in the front and those who have not paid are highlighted in pink in case anyone wants to verify if you have paid.
- Ted Johnson announced if you want a name badge you will need to put your name on the list tonight and it will be available at the show.
- Vicki Johnson announced they need a volunteer to update the website for the Oregon Council. The Oregon Council is presently trying to get more rock clubs to join them. They are also currently trying to get permission from BLM to go into the Rogers Mountain area.
- Mark Edwards is the new property manager. Thanks for volunteering Mark.
- Lee Anne read the bills to pay and it was approved to pay the bills.
- Chuck made a motion to have a club sign made that is 2 foot by 4 foot and will have our name and club logo on it to take to functions like the schools or Gilbert House. It was approved to have the sign made. It will cost around \$90.
- Ed Pyritz announced he still needs about 20 Oregon rock specimens to put in the case at the Gilbert House. He has been changing them about every 3 to 4 months. They must be identified. The maximum depth is 7 inches and the maximum height is 10 inches.
- New members were voted in. They are Woody & Jan White, Penny & Walt Esplin and Jack Cole.
- Kathy Bennett made the comment that we should replace the old trailer.

- Thanks to Dan Groah for bringing the door prizes. Next month Tom Robertson and Steve Lawrence will bring rocks for the door prizes.
- Next month Chuck Hunt and Kathy Bennett volunteered to bring refreshments.
- The summer potluck picnic this year will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at Tom & Susan Robertson's home. Reyne Knutson and Kathy Bennett will chair the event.
- Show and Tell for next month will be the letter L.
- There will be a board/show meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the senior center.
- Our next general meeting will be on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> here at the senior center.
- \$80 was collected for the Scholarship fund, so 8 tickets were selected.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Joe Van Cura helps a family at the Wheel of Fortune. Mark Edwards sells popcorn in the background.

## Field Trip Report

*by Joe Van Cura*

The May field trip will be on the 14th to Bruce Ferguson's (otherwise known as J2B2 Rock & Equipment) place outside of Millersburg. The sale will start at 10:00 A.M. It will be similar to last year with several tons of rough rock to sort through. The rough will be 50 cents a pound. This year he will also have slabs for sale. The slabs will be individually priced and Bruce said that he will give club members a discount. For those of you who are not familiar with J2B2, they have a large variety of slabbed material. Most of it is high quality rock.

Bruce is located at 40235 Turnidge Rd. Millersburg. He said that you take exit 239 (Dever-Conner exit), go west to Cooper. Stay left on Cooper, then right on Turnidge. His place is about a mile down Turnidge on the right.

Don't forget about the Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip to Hampton Buttes. Thursday, May 26th is arrival day. We will have field trips Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to Hampton Butte, Paulina, and Camp Creek. We will be going to all three areas each day. Monday will be a field trip to Glass Buttes or you can return to any of the other areas. This should be a great trip and there is more detailed information in the Northwest Newsletter regarding camping on a private ranch, potlucks etc. Bring material to trade.

In June, I will be leading field trips from the Prineville Show along with Gary Buss. The show is June 23 through June 26, with field trips on the 24th, 25th, and 26th. We will be going to Richardson's Ranch, Ochoco Tube Agate deposit, and Bear Creek. We are not sure at this time where we will be going each day. It all depends on which day Richardson's wants us to come. We are hoping to go there Friday. I should have the schedule by May's meeting.

There are also field trips from the Madras show, which runs from June 29th through July 3rd. They have field trips every day, usually to the Ashwood area.

Rob is looking into a river trip for this summer and some people have asked me about a trip to the Ochocos. We will plan something for July and possibly August. Let me know if there is someplace you would like to go and Rob and I will try to make it happen.



Kids sift for rocks at the show.

## May Program

*by Dan Groah*

The program will be on Oregon petrified wood. If you have Gem Trails of Oregon, by James Mitchell, please bring it, as it will be used as a reference.

## Website Recommendation

*by Chuck Hunt*

[www.Sciencedaily.com](http://www.Sciencedaily.com) is a good site for info on fossils, archeology, just many many other sites there that one can explore. The one on fossils is usually added to daily. They are making finds all over the world.

## Club Picnic

Mark your calendar for the club picnic. It will be August 14<sup>th</sup> at Tom and Susan Robertson's house. There will be more information in future newsletters.

## Board/Show Meeting, April 25, 2011

by Kathy Bennett

Attending: Rob Leedy, Lee Anne Settlemier, Chuck Hunt, Kristi & Mark Edwards, Linda & Dan Groah, Eric Becklund, Phil & Reyne Knutson, Theresa Byrne, Larry Lovell, Jim Shine, Don Esch, Tom Beatty & Kathy Bennett

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman of the Board, Rob Leedy. He passed the meeting over to Kristi Edwards to conduct the show meeting portion first. Kristi reported we had some trouble with items that were misplaced that belong to the fairgrounds. There were two electric cords and two rugs that were missing. All but one rug was finally found, so we will lose about \$100 of our \$300 deposit to replace the missing rug. Don Esch reported someone said they would take the rug home to clean it, so if anyone picked up a rug that was placed by the dumpster, please contact Kristi.

Our club has been getting a reduced rate at the fairgrounds because of work that was done by some of the members a few years ago making electrical cords. The full price would be \$3400 and we are getting it for \$2720. Now the fairgrounds are asking us for either a donation or to have a work party to do something like fix tables. We must do some kind of work or donation to keep our rent low. (New tables cost \$130 each). We will need to decide what we are going to do as a club to satisfy this request.

Kristi has been the show chair now for two years and has now resigned as show chair. She did say she will do the advertising for next year's show. She asked the board if we wanted to do the radio ad again with KYKN for \$199. The board approved. The board thanked Kristi for all of her hard work on the show. Kristi did say she would do some notes for the next show chair. Kristi wanted to thank **everyone** that helped at the show for all their dedication and hard work to make the show a success.

An event survey must be completed and returned to the Fairgrounds. Kathy will complete and return. Phil reported we had 2060 paid adult

admissions for this year. Treasurer, Lee Anne Settlemier passed out copies of the Show treasury report. Some bills were given to her at this meeting, so it is not a final account of the show. The amounts will be given at our next meeting. There were a couple of complaints about one of the demonstrators. Tom Beatty expressed the fact that we need more specific guidelines for the demonstrators for next year.

Don Esch brought up an instance that someone tried to sell him some petrified wood at the show. It was pointed out that only paying dealers at the show can sell anything on the fairgrounds and if someone approaches you that is not a dealer, you must report this to the show chair as it is against our dealer rules. The person was asked to leave. It was mentioned we may want to educate all in our club of this rule. Rob reported he was not aware of this rule and did purchase an item from a person.

Linda Groah received an e-mail from one of the schools thanking our club for a great show for the kids. Larry Lovell and Steve Lawrence did a great job at the silent auction. Larry reported he will not head up the silent auction for next year. He did thank members for their donations to the silent auction including Tom Robertson, Dan Groah, Jack Cole and Ken & Lee Anne Settlemier. He did comment that if there are any donations to be made, please do so before the show. Someone brought a donation after he left and he was up the next night until 2 AM cleaning the rock for the next day.

Kristi commented that she would like the board to consider reimbursing her for the extra trips made to the fairgrounds to meet with them and to look for the missing items.

The show committee was not as happy with the security company this year. They were late on Thursday as the guard indicated he did not know the location of the fairgrounds. One night a guard went outside and was locked out. We are not sure how long he was outside. One of the guards did not show up for their shift, so another guard was called at the last minute and he was not prepared to go to work when he got there. The instructions

given were not passed to the next guard coming on duty. It was decided we will do a clipboard with instructions in the future so we are sure the instructions get passed on.

Kristi wanted to pass on to the next show chair that the cafeteria is to stay open until 30 to 60 minutes before we close. They closed early on both Friday and Saturday.

Eric was pleased with the amount of help he got in the kid's area. He said they even got breaks this year. Thanks to all that helped in this area.

Reyne got glowing reports from people of how good the showcases looked. It was suggested we continue buying the black fabric as they don't show the dirt as much as the white. Reyne got the fabric at half price so each cost \$11.11 to recover in the black. She thinks we should buy enough fabric to cover the 44 that are left. Phil reported there are four cases that need to be done from scratch, not just recovered. Jim commented it would be nice to have something better than the plastic bags to store them in. Don Esch reported we really need to replace some of the skirting. Kristi reported there was some more in the trailer that we got from the Federation show. She is not sure which kind though. Also some supports for the cases need to be fixed.

Kathy brought up that the old trailer really needs to be replaced. If we ever had to move the trailers, there is no way that trailer could safely be pulled with the condition it is in. Also it was very hard to open the door at the event. We need a trailer that is larger than the other trailer we purchased as well as more sturdy. It was suggested we have a committee look into this and bring some suggestions to the board with prices. Kathy resigns as assistant show chair as she will probably not be at next year's show because it is Kathy & Jim's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they will be on vacation.

Rob brought up a problem with an electrical cord in the demonstrator area. Ed took the cord home and will address this problem for next year. Jim Shine did a great job on the raffle. Dan Groah commented on a member that went on a field trip and has since been more active in the club. We need to have more field trips as this is a great way

to get people active in the club. Dan was asked where someone could get a rock cut and he indicated the Salem Senior Center. He wanted to check with Larry & Jim if that was ok and they said they do cut rocks for a donation to the Senior Center.

This was the end of the show meeting and we had a short break.

Attending the board meeting after the break were Rob, Chuck, Lee Anne, Kristi & Mark, Dan & Linda, Phil, Theresa, Jim, Tom & Kathy. The first item on the agenda was to pay the bills. This was approved. A further note about the show was to be sure to use the blue tape on the tables and not the duct tape. It was approved to pay Kristi at an amount used for non profit of .14 per mile which is the same as we do for the Federation Director to attend a Federation meeting for the club.

Chuck reported he has four travelling club cases that are in need of some repair (educational cases). They need to be sanded, painted, and generally just cleaned up. It also needs new signage etc. It was suggested to have a work party to get this done. Chuck has the paint. He will ask for volunteers at the next meeting.

Dealer problems were discussed at length and it was suggested the board go over the letters sent to the dealers at our next board meeting. The deadline for money and contract will be strictly enforced for next year. If the contract and money are not here by the deadline, the position will be filled with another dealer of the board's choosing. This will be highlighted in the letters sent to the dealers. Kathy will send a copy of the letters sent to the dealers to all board members to discuss the wording on the letters. Dealers must obey the rules. Exquisite Gems had requested a 16 foot space this year, but at the show decided next year to go back to the 24 foot space. Linda pointed out the current dealer letter did not have a space for items to be sold. This will be added to the letter for the next show.

Lee Anne asked the board if it was acceptable to change the checking account from a small business account to a non profit account. Currently there are restrictions on the small

business account that would not be on the non-profit. The board agreed.

Phil brought up there is about \$5000 in the scholarship fund that we may want a separate account from the WAMS money.

The summer picnic will be at Tom & Susan Robertson's home again this year (Thanks Tom & Susan. Your location really works well and we appreciate it). The date is August 14<sup>th</sup>. The board approved paying for a toilet and washing station for this event. The board also voted to have the Holiday party in December at the Senior Center again. They felt it worked out great. Is there anyone that would like to plan this party? We will check with the Senior Center to see if we can get the same rate and the availability of the rooms on the first or second Saturday in December. We will try to get it for more hours so we don't have to rush so much doing the decorations.

It was brought to the board's attention that we do not have insurance on the trailers (just the contents inside). There was a discussion saying we probably do not need insurance on the old trailer (which we probably could not get anyway), but should on the new trailer. Because of the time we did not come to a resolution on this point. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman of the Board, Rob Leedy.

## What is a Rockhound?

A Rockhound is a kind of nut  
Whose mind is slightly undercut.  
He swings a pick and drives a jeep,  
And dreams of agate in his sleep.  
He'll pick up any kind of stone  
Or piece of glass, or even bone.  
If he can't name it, he'll assert  
That he has found a piece of chert!

From Ghost Sheet, June 1988 via SCRIBE #1,V14-90

## BENCH TIPS by Brad Smith

### EMERY BOARDS

The sanding boards for doing your nails are one of my favorite finishing tools.

I use the ones with a thin foam core. They have enough resistance to sand just the high points off a flat surface and yet give a little when you're trying to smooth off a curved surface.

Plus they're inexpensive and come in a variety of grits. Some grits are so fine they give an almost finished surface. Pick up a few at a beauty supply company or at your local dug store.

### DENTAL FLOSS

When testing the fit of stone in a bezel, it's all too easy to get it stuck. Often the only way to free it is to drill a hole in the bottom and push it out with a needle.

To avoid this, lay a piece of dental floss over the top before you press the stone in.

Then just pull on the string to remove the stone.

### LOWERING THE NOISE

A simple way to cut down the noise when you're hammering on your mini anvil or bench block is to place it on an old mouse pad or other similar rubber material.

*More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/) or  
[facebook.com/BenchTips/](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips/)*

## Reminders

**Board Meeting:** Monday, May 16, 6:30 PM. Salem Center 50+. Members welcome.

**WAMS Newsletter:** Submit articles, photos, etc., at least two weeks before the next general meeting. If you'd like to see the photos in color, go to WAMS website, [www.wamsi.org](http://www.wamsi.org)

[www.wamsi.org](http://www.wamsi.org): Contains lots of photos, current and past issues of Rockhound Rumbblings, Cool Websites, Rock Specs (including Tips and Tricks), and more.

**NFMS Newsletter:** The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies newsletter (10 issues/year) includes a calendar of upcoming Gem and Mineral Shows. It can be viewed at [www.amfed.org/nfms](http://www.amfed.org/nfms)

**AFMS Newsletter:** The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies newsletter can be viewed at [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org), or by individual subscription at \$4.50 per year (9 issues).

**Stamps:** Save cancelled stamps, especially commemorative stamps. Leave about 1" around the stamp, and turn in at meetings. They are sold, with proceeds donated to cancer research.

**Tumblers:** WAMS has tumblers available for members to borrow. Contact Mark Edwards, Property Control.

**Sunshine:** Let Chris Beaty know if anyone in the club is sick.

**Library:** Books are available to be checked out or returned at the general meeting.

## Upcoming Shows in Oregon and Washington

<b>May 2011</b> 21st 10am - 6pm 22nd 10am - 4pm	Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society	<b>2011 Annual Gem &amp; Mineral Show</b>	Hermiston Conference Center 415 S Hwy 395 Hermiston, OR. 97838	Mike Filarski 541-922-5091 <a href="mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net">stonemorlin1@netscape.net</a>
<b>June 2011</b> 3th 12pm - 5pm 4th 10am - 5pm 5th 11am - 4pm	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	<b>Puyallup Valley Annual Show</b>	Fruitland Grange 11102 86th Ave. East Puyallup, WA 98373	Contacts:Nancy LeMay 253-952-6216 <a href="mailto:bees2knees@att.net">bees2knees@att.net</a> <a href="#">Club Website</a>
<b>JUNE 2011</b> 18th 10am - 6pm 19th 10am - 4:30pm	Oregon Coast Agate Club	<b>48th ANNUAL GEM &amp; MINER AL SHOW Rock'n The Coast</b>	<b>Yaquina View Elem. School Multipurpose Room 351 SE. Harney St. (just off Hwy 20, turn south at the light) Newport, OR</b>	K. Myers PO Box 293 Newport, OR 97365 541-265-2514 Mon-Sat 10-5
<b>June 2011</b> 23, 24, 25 9am-5pm 26th 9am - 4pm	Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow Assoc.	<b>SHOW AND POW WOW</b>	Crook Co. Fair Grounds 1280 S. Main Prineville, Oregon 97754	
<b>June/July 2011</b> June 29 <sup>th</sup> through July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Rockhound Pow Wow Club of America	<b>SHOW AND POW WOW</b>	Jefferson Co. Fair Grounds Madras, Oregon	



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Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Salem Center 50+ (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](http://www.wamsi.org)

### 2011 Elected Officers

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Salem Center 50+ (Senior Center)  
2615 Portland Rd NE Salem, OR

GUESTS WELCOME!

## ***What's Rocking?***

*May program: Three club members will give a presentation on Oregon Petrified Wood.*

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