

C.O.R.C.

Central Oregon Rock Collectors

December 2015, Newsletter

“It’s in our name... it’s what do we do... we collect rocks!!!!”

The **CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS** is an informal group dedicated to sharing the rock hound hobby. We meet for field trips, collecting rock, and related activities. You do not have to be a member to attend. However if you are interested in joining, yearly memberships are only \$20 for individuals, or \$25 for families. At the end of this newsletter is a form for joining the C.O.R.C.

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Welcome: Rockhounding is best when it is shared. We welcome visitors to our meetings, anytime. If anyone has any interesting adventures or unusual materials that they would like to share, we would love to hear about them.

The Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, March through October, the November meeting is a potluck holiday get-together on a Sunday. No winter meetings. Regular meetings are held at the Redmond Senior Center, 325 NE Dogwood Avenue, Redmond, starting at 6:00 pm until 8:30 or 9:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 16th, 2016 at the Redmond Senior Center.

November Meeting/Holiday Potluck Report:

Our last meeting of 2015 was a get-together/Potluck at the Powell Butte Community Center. We had 25 members attending. Dale Simon cooked the turkey and members contributed a delicious assortment of side dishes and desserts. Fantastic gifts were available to all. A short business meeting was held, the primary message being 2016 dues are payable on or before January, 2016. Please mail your check to Marty Betsch along with a membership form.

Marty Betsch
61561 Eastlake Drive
Bend, OR97702

We use the form to make sure our membership information is up to date, so please include your email address and phone number. The form is on the last page of this newsletter.

Field Trips:

There are no field trips scheduled this winter. Elizabeth Prindle is the Field Trip Chair this year. She would love to hear of any field trip suggestions or requests you might have. The committee will be working on 2016 field trips around the first of the year. There is still time to join the committee.

Contact her at pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com

Programs:

Sue Liebetau is the Program Chair once again. She will schedule a meeting in January to plan the year's programs. Be sure to let her know if you are interested in participating.

Contact her at liebetauam@msn.com

Nuggets of Knowledge / Collecting Sites

Tile Saw by Mickee Madden

If you have slabs that are too big for the bed of your 4" or 6" saw, try using a tile saw. It also handles slabs that are too thick to use with most trim saws—that is, without taking out a little-used blade. I purchase 7" diamond blades online--no brand names--and average about 3-4 litter buckets of cut material to one blade. These blades are thicker so you have to space your template shapes a little further apart. I also cut a lot of small thunder eggs and geodes on this machine. I purchased it five years ago at Harbor Freight, and it still stands up to the workload I feed it.

I set my tile saw in a large pan atop a granite slab. It catches all the water run-off. To empty the pan under the cutting bed, I use a small hose to syphon it down until I can take out the pan without sloshing water everywhere. I use plain water and sometimes water-soluble oil, depending on the hardness of the material I plan to cut.

It's a simple and relatively inexpensive solution to some cutting needs.



Courtesy of the Nov. 2015 GEODE – Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club

Notes from our President:

A couple of items. 1) Debbie Simon and Walkers have met with a spokesman for the Prineville Chamber of Commerce recently. The Chamber would like to see our club have a hand in promoting the rockhounding opportunities in Crook County. They discussed providing a case of material showing what is typically available for collecting locally, the case to be situated in the Chamber office. Additionally, the Chamber expects to sponsor an Easter function in Prineville, As of now, the club is invited to participate, possibly by providing a booth or doing some sort of Easter Egg hunt with tumbled rocks as prizes. Rock and Gem vendors from the club will be welcome. With that in mind, especially since Easter falls in March this year, be thinking now about how you might want to participate. Debbie also requests that if you have excess tumbled rocks, please donate them to the club and we can use them then. She would appreciate any help from folks willing to work with her on the Chamber projects.

Also at the potluck, we discussed a Classified Ad Section in this newsletter. If you have a rockhound related object you wish to sell, send the announcement to Jules Wetzel jjwetzel@bendbroadband.com and we'll post it. Remember – this newsletter goes on our

website. If you don't want your address, phone number or email address posted, submit your ad with only the specific contact information you do want published.

New Members:

There are three new members since October -

Jack Benedict

Suzie Meeker

Bill Quant

Welcome!! Be sure to introduce yourself and say hi when you see them.

From the Editors:

Seems like the dead of winter already, but cheer up, winter won't arrive until December 21 at 11:48 PM, EST. Several more weeks at least. We are working on – well so far just really thinking about – squaring away the club library. Jerry and Steph donated several good references at the October meeting. DVDs on metalworking and a book on opal cutting. We have stacks of old lapidary and rock and gem magazines for reference; maps and reference books on adjoining state collecting sites; etc. You might be amazed at what is here. Come give it a look-see and maybe find reading material that will help get through those long cold winter evenings.

We are trying to compile and distribute this newsletter as near the beginning of the month as possible. Please send submissions prior to the end of the preceding month if at all possible so that we can publish in a timely fashion.

Christmas, Hannuka, New Years, Kwanzaa, all are coming this month. Here's wishing you all a joyful holiday season from our house to yours.

Jules and Jan Wetzel

As Del Walker has often said, clubs thrive with volunteers and die from the lack of same. Please consider what you can contribute.

Classified Ads: There are none at this time

CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS (CORC)
2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

NAMES OF ADD'L FAMILY MEMBERS (+AGES IF UNDER 18):

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Paid: _____

How did you hear about CORC? (*new members only*)

NOTE: Annual dues are \$20/individuals and \$25/families. If you are paying by check:
Make your check out to **Central Oregon Rock Collectors** and mail it to:
Attn: Marty Betsch, 61561 Eastlake Drive, Bend, OR 97702.
