

C.O.R.C.

Central Oregon Rock Collectors

April 2016, 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 7:00 pm until 8:30 or 9:00.

March Meeting:

30 people attended, had a great and varied show and tell session to start the year. See the minutes below. As always, there were a good number of door prizes. Remember, if you won a door prize this month, please bring a prize for next month.

Field Trips:

No report this month.

The Sunday, April 10 field trip will be to Congleton Hollow for an agate limb cast dig. As of last month, roads are suitable for any type vehicle to the camping area, catch a ride the short way up to the digging area if needed. Very little can be found on the surface, come prepared to dig for the good stuff.

Meet at Ray's Food Place parking lot (east end of Prineville north of hwy 26) at 9:00 am to convoy out.

Save the dates for:

May 22	Richardson's Agate Beds, Madras
May 28-30	Spectrum Sunstone Mine, Plush OR, Mt. Hood Club hosting https://www.facebook.com/events/1679407312317462/ http://tworockshounds.com/fieldtrips/
June Pow-Wows:	Prineville 16-19, Madras 23-26, numerous field trips
July 17	Sunflower Flats Jasper, Warm Springs
July 29-31	NFMS/AFMS show in Albany, OR http://www.amfed.org/nfms/FederationShow.asp
Aug 2-8	NMFS/AFMS field trips originating from Prineville.
Aug 28	Delintment Lake area ammonites.
Oct 12	Warm Springs Reservoir/Beulah Lk (3-4 day trip)

Contact: Elizabeth Prindle, Field Trip Chairperson at pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com

Programs:

April 20 meeting:	Jack Benedict will demonstrate knapping techniques.
May 18 meeting:	Steven Douglas, Douglas Jewelry Design in Bend will present on the Oregon Sunstone, History, Mining, and Jewelry making.
June 15 meeting:	Julian Gray, executive Director Rice Museum will have a presentation on crystal growth.
July 24 meeting:	Club potluck picnic and silent auction, short business meeting.

Contact: Sue Liebetrau, Program Chairperson at liebetrauam@msn.com

March Draft Minutes:

Executive Meeting: In the absence of the Vice President, Al Liebetrau, the meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Debby Simon.

In attendance: Elizabeth Prindle, Del Walker, Clara Walker, Debby Simon, Marty Betsch and Karen Cameron.

Club Logo presented to executive committee and approved. It will be presented to the members for a vote.

Easter Egg Hunt in Prineville - Set up at 9 a.m., hunt begins at 10 a.m. We will pass out handouts and give rocks to kids.

Program and Field Trips discussed. (Printed) Refining trips so everyone is in accord with trips.

Treasury report – approved (Marty)

Secretary's report – absent (Sue)

Web Site – (Karen) Facebook page was discussed and tabled for a later meeting to gather more info. Advertisement in the newsletter by Cigar Box was discussed and decided to have Marty approach them about a discount for Club members in exchange for advertising.

A Land Use Committee was discussed and decided to determine if anyone wanted to take on such a challenge or if our Club was too small to have that involvement.

Newsletter Editor – Jules/Jan. Jules asked that emails about activities concerning the Board be sent to all Board members and not to just one person.

General Meeting: Called to order at 7 p.m.

Debby Simon introduced herself as the President and welcomed guests to the club. The guests introduced themselves followed by the introduction of all members. Approximately 30 people attended the general meeting. The club website is located at www.corockcollectors.com and includes past newsletters, information on upcoming field trips and resources.

Show and Tell – Jerry Brown (rocks from Belize)

Pat Blue Heron (cabochons)

Mary James (cabochons)

David Morris (Thunder Eggs)

Paul Asman (Equipment for sale and wire-wrapped jewelry in lighted display cases)

Don Ross (Miscellaneous cabochons)

Elizabeth Prindle (Utah selenite, Brazilian agate)

Suzie Meeker (tourmaline, native Arizona copper, Crayola jasper)

Jack Benedict (faceted stones)

Debby Simon (collection from former job)

Business:

Treasurer's Report - \$1800 – expenses taken

Secretary's Report – absent

NW Federation of Mineralogical Societies Report by Clara Walker – Club members have option to opt out of receiving paper copy of newsletter and receiving only the electronic copy. Let Clara know your preference. You are automatically a member of the NW Federation when you join CORC. If you do not want your address and/or phone number to appear in the Federation Directory, please let Clara know.

The Federation Rock Show will be in Albany on July 29-31. Field trips the following week will take place from Prineville at no charge. Sign ups will be in Prineville. Campground space and hotel/motel accommodations are limited in Albany so make your plans early. Federation Directories are available for \$10. Please let Clara know if you would like one as it can help you when traveling to other states to get in contact with fellow rock hounders. Please begin saving canceled postage stamps, especially commemorative editions. They will help the Federation raise money for cancer research.

Programs – Marty. Next month Jack Benedict will present a demonstration on knapping. The club picnic will be on July 24. More details to follow.

Field Trips – Elizabeth Prindle. The Glass Butte Knap-In will take place from March 19-27. Don Ross will be at the entrance to the Glass Buttes area off Highway 20 at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, and Saturday, March 26, to distribute CORC information. The best source of information on the Glass Butte gathering is on the website www.pugetsoundknappers.com Specific information with a detailed map is at: <http://pugetsoundknappers.com/events/2016%20Glass%20Buttes%20Knap-in%20Announcement.html>

The first CORC field trip of 2016 will be on Sunday, April 10, to the Congleton Hollow area for limb casts. Dates and times of upcoming field trips will be in the newsletter. Normally the club meets at 9 a.m at Ray's Market in Prineville for trips leaving from Prineville.

Newsletter – Jules/Jan Wetzel. There is a classified ad section in the newsletter. Please contact Jules to list products you would like to sell.

A motion was made by Clara Walker to nominate Suzie Meeker as Secretary. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made by Pat Blue Heron to approve the new Club Logo designed by Roger Whiteman. The motion was seconded and approved.

March 26 is the East Egg Hunt at Ochoco Park for children in Prineville. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this event, and club members have donated rocks to distribute. Club members will begin setting up at 9 a.m. with the event taking place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Club members will also distribute flyers about CORC in the hope of recruiting new members.

Door prizes were distributed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

--Minutes taken by Del Walker and typed by Suzie Meeker

Membership:

Welcome new members:

David and Jo Ann Oswald Dayville Oregon
Diane Sparkling Redmond Oregon
James and Carrie January Bend, Oregon

It occurred to me that our club has grown quite a bit in the past few years, and many of our more recent members possibly haven't gotten acquainted with all of our long-time veterans. I will try to introduce you to a member a month, off and on, as I get a chance to talk with them.

Meet member Paul Asman

Paul Asman gives wire-wrapping lessons, and while taking advantage of that recently, I also asked a few questions and took a picture.



Polishing up a just-finished wire-wrapped cab.

Paul lives south of Prineville a few miles, where he and his wife, Bernice, settled after moving up from Moab, Utah about 12 years or so ago. Bernice passed away about 3 years ago. He has been rockhounding and cutting cabochons for roughly 50 years, starting after he got out of the service.

He was president of the San Jose rock club back in the 1960's, and president for two terms of the Moab rock club, which during his tenure the club hosted the Millenium show with the Utah Federation.

Paul hosted the club last year for a rock yard sale of material he accumulated over the years, and still has a large amount of good material for sale. He is still cutting and wire-wrapping, and sells at a number of shows every summer, including the Prineville Pow-wow and the Madras show. Additionally he will teach a wire-wrapping class one-on-one; approach him for details.

Paul is a personable wealth of knowledge. Take time to say hi and get to know him.

By Jules Wetzel

News From the Editors:

Jim and Faye Downs and Al and Sue Liebetrau are returning from the Southwest this month. We wish them a safe trip home, and expect some good rockhounding stories.

Also: please pay your dues for the 2016 season by the end of May so Marty can clean up her books

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

Classified Ads:

For Sale: 6500 lbs of Davis Creek Rainbow and Grey-banded obsidian. \$2.00/lb, less for tonnage. Call Jack Benedict. 541-973-8975

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.

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.
