

C.O.R.C.

Central Oregon Rock Collectors

June 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.

April Meeting: A great attendance, 45 attendees. Also a fantastic, fact-filled Sunstone Presentation by Steven Douglas of Douglas Fine Jewelry in Bend. They do some beautiful work with the sunstones they collect themselves.

Field Trips:

Field Trip to Richardson Ranch: Making Lemonade by Sue Liebetrau

An intrepid group of CORCs turned a lemony field trip to the Richardson Ranch into lemonade on Sunday, May 22. Promise of collecting in the famed Blue Opal bed at the Ranch disappeared after rain poured over the area on Friday and Saturday, making the roads impossible. What a lemon!

However, the CORC plan for the day was “rain or shine,” so about 14 people showed up at Richardsons’ to collect whatever, wherever. And collect we did! A huge table of slabs attracted attention, as did piles of colorful labradorite and, especially, bins of beautifully patterned agate newly imported from Morocco. Also, buckets of thunder eggs from almost every bed on the

Ranch were there for the picking. No digging! **So we all had lots of “lemonade” fun, and the trip has been rescheduled for Sunday June 5.**

Come if you can. Even if you don’t dig, there are plenty of goodies for the taking.

In June members are encouraged to attend the Prineville and Madras Pow Wows which also have field trips. There is no charge for admission to the shows themselves, but their clubs will have you buy a membership in order to participate in the field trips. In addition, most field trips to private ranches have a per pound fee for material you wish to buy.

UPDATED Field trips calendar

June 17-19 Prineville Rockhounds Show

Field trips were announced April 20 via their Facebook page April 20 as follows:

No trips on Thursday.

Friday: Richardson's Rock Ranch.

Saturday: Wegner Canyon for limb casts.

Sunday: Split to Alex McDonald's for wood and eggs and Friend's Ranch for eggs.

June 23-26 Madras Pow Wow

<http://www.allrockhoundspowwowclubofamerica.com/#!/madras-flyer>

July 17 Sunflower Flats Jasper, Warm Springs Reservation

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 25 - 28 Delintment Lake area ammonites (4 day trip).

Oct 6 - 9 Warm Springs Reservoir/Beulah Lake (4 day trip).

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

Programs:

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.

August 17 meeting: Elizabeth Prindle will present her collecting experiences.

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

May 18, 2016 Draft Meeting Minutes:

Executive Meeting: The Vice President, Al Liebetrau, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. In attendance: Karen Cameron, Al Liebetrau, Sue Liebetrau, Suzie Meeker, Elizabeth Prindle, Deb Simon, Del Walker, Clara Walker, and Jules Wetzel.

Al prepared an agenda which was sent to executive committee members in advance. The Prineville Pow Wow will take place from June 16-19, the Madras Pow Wow from June 23-36, and the NFMS/AFMS Show from July 29-31 in Albany, Oregon. It was recommended that if members could only attend one show, the best one would be the one in Albany at the end of July. The following year the NFMS show will be held in Hamilton, Montana. Due to the complexities of competition at the Federation show, it was decided not to submit a club display. Individuals are welcome to compete or display noncompetitively. Rules are available online.

Del and Clara volunteered to put together a display case for the Prineville Pow-Wow and also have flyers on hand about CORC. The display case is locked and secure. Clara set June 1 as the deadline for members to contribute rocks for the display case. At the Madras Show club flyers will be available. Deb has prepared flyers with club logo and information. For members contributing rocks, the name of the rock and the member contributing should be included. All contributions of display rocks will be returned to the owners after the show. Don Ross is following up on creating a display at the Redmond Library, and Oregon specimens will be requested from Club members.

The members discussed having a fluorescent box available for view at the Prineville Pow-Wow. Al has the box and it was decided to bring the subject up at the general meeting to see if other members would be available to demonstrate at specific times during the Pow-Wow. The Club picnic is scheduled for July 24. Deb offered to contact Tom and Debbie Klug to confirm it will be at their home on that date. (The picnic date and location has been confirmed after the meeting). The picnic will replace the general meeting in July. In August Elizabeth has The Mt. Hood club is sponsoring a trip to the sunstone mines over Memorial Day. The July Field trip is scheduled for Sunflower Flats on the Indian Reservation. Elizabeth will confirm with Don that the Club has received permission for this date. Elizabeth plans to consult with an attorney regarding developing a Club liability waiver.

Al brought maps with rock collecting sites from past years. He plans to scan the maps, and then the locations can be verified before making available to any who are interested. The club discussed contacting commercial enterprises and making ads available in the newsletter. A 10% discount might then be offered to club members. Jules will follow up. Clara has name tags with pins and plans to use her printer to print member IDs with name and club logo. Those name tags would be proof of club membership.

Karen briefly brought up developing a club Facebook presence. The discussion was postponed until the following month. The discussion on the Organization and Leadership document was also postponed until the following month due to lack of time.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

General Meeting : President Deb Simon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Debby Simon introduced herself as the President and welcomed guests to the club. The guests introduced themselves. Approximately 45 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.

Presentation : The program presenter was introduced.

Steve Douglas, of Douglas Fine Jewelry Design, presented a series of slides showcasing Oregon Sunstones and mining operations. His jewelry store is located in Bend. Phone number is 541-389-2901, and the website is www.DouglasJewelry.com. His email address is info@DouglasJewelry.com . Steve showed slides with different colors of sunstone and gave a very interesting presentation.

Sharing : Members shared rockhounding experiences. Don Ross showed various cabs he had recently made. Sue Liebetrau brought a sunstone necklace she had made, and Steve Scott passed around a one caret sunstone.

Business: Treasurer's Report – approximately \$1850.

Secretary's Report : accepted as posted in the CORC newsletter

NFMS (Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies) Report - Clara Walker spoke about the Federation Show that will take place in Albany, OR on July 29-31. This show is the annual NFMS/AFMS Show and it is hosted by the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society. Vendors are in place and ready. Camp sites are filling fast for this popular event. More information on the Federation Show can be found at www.wamsi.org . There will be field trips following the Federation Show that will meet first in Prineville the following week. Most are free digs that start at 7 a.m.

Clara and Del also recently attended the mid-year meeting of NFMS held in Kennewick, WA. The endowment fund is healthy and discussion is taking place as to grant monies to special museums and classes, as requested. Federation directories are available for \$10, and Clara can pick them up at the next NFMS meeting.

The Prineville Pow Wow will take place on June 16-19. Clara and Del will bring a display case to showcase rocks from the club. June 1 is the deadline to get rocks to Clara to display. Please contact her at cdwalker@q.com . Al Liebetrau passed around a sign up sheet for members to demonstrate the fluorescent box at the Prineville Pow Wow at specified times. The Madras Pow Wow will take place on June 23-26. For more information please go to <http://www.allrockhoundspowwowclubofamerica.com/#!madras-flyer>

Don Ross is organizing a display case of Club members' rocks at the Redmond Library from July 1-Sept 30. Please contact him to help at 541-604-5741.

Programs – Sue Liebetrau reported that the July program will be the club picnic on July 24, 2016, at Tom and Debbie Klug's house in Redmond. There will be a silent auction. In addition, members can bring rock related items to sell at the picnic. All members are requested to bring a side dish. The June program presenter is Julian Gray from the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals. The August presenter is Elizabeth Prindle who will talk about her collecting adventures, and Don Ross may present in September.

Door prizes were distributed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Editorial: It has been pointed out to me that the editor is supposed to compile and edit, not necessarily write, so this summer is dedicated solely to your contributions. Please consider submitting material to the newsletter; personal experiences, tricks of the trade, requests for or offers of help, whatever. The coming months promise to be busy with a great many rockhounding opportunities. If you go on a good trip, let us know. Pictures are always appreciated.

As Del Walker has often said, clubs thrive with volunteers and die from the lack of same. Please offer to step in wherever you can volunteer.

Classified Ads:

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.