



## May 2018 Newsletter

**“It’s in our name . . .**

**It’s what we do . . .**

**We collect rocks!!!!”**

The **CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS** (CORC) is an informal group dedicated to sharing the rock hound hobby. We meet for field trips, collecting rocks, monthly programs, 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. A membership form is on our website.

Visit **OUR WEBSITE** at <http://www.corockcollectors.com>

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

## **Field Trips:**

Our 2018 Field Trip Co-chairs are Ken Lawson and John Moreau.

The following are club field trips and leaders:

Sat May 12	White Fir Area, Ochocos	Ken Lawson
Sun June 10	McDonald Ranch, Antelope	Roger Whiteman
Sun Aug 12	Club Picnic	Ken and Roxanne Lawson, hosts
Sun Sept 9	Salt Creek area, Crook County	Patricia Moreland (tentative)
Sat Oct 13	Congleton Hollow	Elizabeth Prindle

## **Upcoming Programs:**

May 16	Jan Whiteman	Vibratory rock tumbling
June 20	Al Liebrau	Fluorescents
July 18	Don Ross	Rock Painting
August 12	Club Picnic	Silent Auction, good food, social gathering
Sept 19	Member experiences in Tucson, how to “do” the Tucson show	
Oct 17	TBA	

## **CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION**

### **Minutes of April 18, 2018 CORC Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Attending were Elizabeth Prindle, President; Roger Whiteman, Vice-President; Marty Betsch, Treasurer; Jules and Jan Wetzel, retiring Newsletter Editors; Carley Brantley new Newsletter Editor; Clara and Del Walker, Federation Representatives; John Moreau and Ken Lawson, Field Trip Co-Chairs; Don Ross, Program Chair, Deb Simon, Past President, Al Liebrau Past President, and Suzie Meeker, Secretary.

Elizabeth announced that Carley Brantley had volunteered to be the newsletter editor. Elizabeth thanked Jules and Jan for doing an outstanding job as newsletter editors.

John Moreau and Elizabeth Prindle paid \$650 for liability insurance to cover field trips and the club parties held off-site. The board discussed reimbursing John and Elizabeth, and it was decided to put it to the members for a vote.

The board discussed at length how to establish new officers on the club bank account. The pros and cons of becoming an LLC were discussed. Another option is to close the existing account and open a new account with current officers on it. Clara remarked that most of the Federation clubs she had contact with were 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organizations. Al, Clara and Del and Marty volunteered to research the options further and discuss again at a future board meeting.

Elizabeth brought up the web page and the appearance of ads at the bottom of the web page. Carley has web designer experience and will get in contact with Karen Cameron to look into hosting our own site.

Elizabeth purchased the new computer and software for the club and will keep all equipment with her to be used with presentations.

Roger noted that the June 10 field trip will be to the McDonald Ranch in the Ashwood area.  
The board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

## Minutes of CORC Meeting April 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Elizabeth Prindle, club president, welcomed new members and guests. She asked new members and guests to introduce themselves. Everyone was reminded to sign in for door prizes and attendance. Approximately 40 members and guests were present.

**Secretary/Treasurer** - The March 2018 meeting minutes were published in the last newsletter. Marty Betsch gave the Treasurer's Report. Expenditures included rent for the Redmond Senior Center and the purchase of a club computer and software to be used with presentations.

**Program** – Don Ross presented a very interesting and informative program on the metaphysical properties of rocks. He passed around many samples of various rocks along with their associated psychic properties. In addition, everyone attending the meeting received a printed copy of the properties associated with many different types of rocks and minerals.

**Announcements** – Elizabeth announced that she had lost a special black rock that she brought to a CORC meeting last year and asked if anyone had seen it. She thanked Jules and Jan for doing such a good job with the newsletter, and she introduced Carley Brantley as the newsletter editor. Please see Marty Betsch if you are not receiving the newsletter via email in the first week of each month from March through November. Those members without email receive the newsletter via regular mail.

**Federation** – Del and Clara Walker announced that the annual Northwest Federation Rock Show will be held in Yakima, Washington, on April 27-29, 2018. There will be speakers and showcases as well as vendors from several different states. Please go to <http://www.yakimarockclub.com/2018-nfms-80th-annual-show-convention/> for further information. The Federation publishes an annual directory of clubs in the Northwest as well as members' contact information. The cost is \$10. Please contact Del and Clara if you are interested in purchasing a copy. This guide can be very helpful when traveling as fellow rockhounds are often willing to show others their favorite digging sites. The Northwest Federations webpage is located at: <http://northwestfederation.org> which also lists various rock shows at <http://northwestfederation.org/Shows.asp> Most shows have demonstrations of various rock-related crafts.

Del is on the board of the Prineville Pow Wow and needs volunteers to help site up the site for vendors. The club normally hosts a display case and members volunteer to be there to answer questions and generate interest in the club. If you are interested in entering your own showcase at one of the federation shows, submission guidelines are usually published in the Federation newsletter as well as online.

**Newsletter/Electronic Media** – The deadline for submissions to the June newsletter is Wednesday, May 23. The club website is located at <https://corockcollectors.com/> The club Facebook site can be found under Central Oregon Rock Collectors and a link to it is also found on the club website. Informal rock collecting trips can be announced on Facebook.

**Business** – The members voted to reimburse John Moreau and Elizabeth for the cost of the liability insurance.

**Field Trips** – The field trip held on April 15 to Pole Creek was a big success. There were ten vehicles with over 30 people who traveled the backroads to find turquoise colored petrified wood, colorful jasper and even a few stilbite crystals. Thanks to John Moreau for organizing the trip so successfully.



**Announcements** – Elizabeth announced that Don Ross had recently given a presentation and hands-on demonstration of rock painting to primary students. Roxanne and Ken Lawson and Suzie Meeker gave rock collecting demonstrations to two pre-Kindergarten classes. The thank you letters from the students were at the meeting.

Elizabeth recommended two rockhounding books to get started with rock collecting in Oregon. They are *Gem Trails of Oregon* by Garret Romaine and *Rockhounding Oregon, A Falcon Guide* by Lars Johnson. The BLM office in Prineville also has information on rocks found in the Ochocos and the Prineville area along with samples of rocks that can be collected.

**Field Trips** – Elizabeth announced the proposed field trips for 2018 as follows:

**Saturday, May 12** – White Fir area, Ochoco Mts. for jasper thunderegg. This trip will be led by Ken Lawson. Club members will meet at Ray's Market at the east end of Prineville at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning to receive a map to the dig sites. Ken showed samples of several of the White Fir jasper thunderegg. Some float of partial thunderegg can be found but most has to be dug, so bring digging tools. The sites are on the side of a steep hill.

**Sunday, June 10** – McDonald Ranch in Ashwood for petrified wood, angelwing agate and thunderegg led by Roger Whiteman. This private ranch is a fee dig and it is not normally open for rock collectors. Please bring cash if you are interested in going on this trip as fees range from \$1 to \$3 per pound depending on the type of rock.

June/July Rock Shows in Central Oregon:

**June 14-17 Prineville Pow Wow** – see the website for additional info: <http://prineville.rocks/>

**June 21-24 Madras** – see the website for additional info:

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

**June 30-July 4 Sisters** – see the website for additional info:

<http://www.sistersoregonguide.com/events-calendar.html>

**Sunday, August 12** - Annual Club Potluck Picnic and silent auction at Ken and Roxanne Lawson's house in Redmond. Additional details will be announced. There will be no regular club meeting in August.

**Sunday, September 9** – Possible trip to Salt Creek area in Crook County for leaf fossils, calcite and petrified wood. Details to be announced.

**Saturday, October 13** – Congleton Hollow for agate limb casts led by Elizabeth Prindle.

**November** – Annual Club Holiday party and Potluck – details to be announced.

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**Programs** – This year's proposed meeting programs are as follows:

**May 16** – Tumbling Techniques by Jan Whiteman

**June 20** – Fluorescents by Al Liebetau and Rock Painting by Don Ross

**July 18** – to be determined

**August 12** – Club picnic at Ken and Roxanne Lawson's house. Members may bring rock related items to sell. The silent auction helps raise club funds.

**September 19** – Members' experiences with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows

**October 17** – to be determined

**November** – club holiday party and potluck. Date to be determined. Members may bring club related items to sell.

Please contact Don Ross if you have ideas on possible programs or you are willing to share your expertise.

**Sharing** – Paul Asman had samples of wire-wrapped cabs and carnelian from western Washington. Jack Benedict had some fossilized bones and Jules Wetzel had bookends from McDermitt rock. Several members showed samples of their finds from the Pole Creek field trip.

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

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

### **Business Cards:**

We are more than happy to include members' rock-related business cards in this section.



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