



## August 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:

Sun Aug 12	Club Picnic	Ken and Roxanne Lawson, hosts
Sun Sept 9	Glass Buttes	Don Ross and John Moreau
Sat Oct 13	Congleton Hollow	Elizabeth Prindle

## **Upcoming Programs:**

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 for the CORC Meeting July 18, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Elizabeth Prindle, club President, welcomed members and guests. Everyone was reminded to sign in for door prizes and attendance. Approximately 30 members and guests were present.

**Program** – Don Ross discussed rock painting and brought samples of rocks that can be left in public places for others to find. He recommended first clean the rocks well and use acrylic paint matte finish for the best results. He suggested spraying the rock with outdoor clear acrylic spray to seal the paint. Glow in the dark paint can be used for fun. Don offered to help anyone interested in getting started with this hobby by calling him at 541-604-5741. This is a house phone and you can leave a message; no texts, please.

Don also showed an interesting PowerPoint presentation about Crater Rock Museum in Central Point, OR in the Medford area. Jack Benedict, CORC member, was formerly on the Board of Directors of this museum. Please go to <http://craterrock.com> for more information on the museum as far as days and hours of operation as well as admission costs. Another museum of interest in Oregon is the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals in Hillsboro in the Portland area. For more information, please go to <http://ricenorthwestmuseum.org> They are hosting their Summerfest on Aug. 4-5, 2018.

**Announcements** – The club is growing and may soon need a new meeting place. Currently CORC pays the Redmond Senior Center \$1/person per meeting. If you have any connections or ideas on where to hold meetings in 2019, please contact Elizabeth Prindle. Email addresses of all club officers and committee chairs are on the first page of every newsletter. You will soon receive an email survey asking questions about preferred meeting location, start time, and day of week.

**Treasurer Report** – Marty Betsch, club Treasurer, announced the ending balance. The club receives money by the annual club dues and the silent auction held at the summer club picnic. Members contribute rocks and other associated items such as rock-related books and magazines for the club to sell at the silent auction. Expenditures include the purchase of liability insurance, a new computer, room rental, postage costs to mail monthly newsletter to members without email, and food and beverages for the summer picnic and holiday party.

**NO REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST** - The Club Picnic on Sunday, August 12, will replace the regular meeting for the month of August. The picnic will be held at 1 p.m. at the home of Ken and Roxanne Lawson in Redmond. Their address is 3061 SW Meadow Ln, Redmond. The club provides hamburgers and hot dogs, paper goods and some beverages, and everyone is asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert. If possible, please also bring a lawn chair. If you have a shade canopy, please come early to help set up.

The picnic provides the opportunity for members to sell their own rock-related items, including jewelry, equipment, and, of course, rocks. If you plan to sell, please bring your own folding table. As mentioned already, the club picnic has a silent auction where members donate rocks and related items to the club. This is the only fundraiser of the year, so please help out. In past years, some excellent items have been sold at the auction. Marty Betsch, club Treasurer, will take cash or checks. If you plan to attend the picnic, please email Elizabeth at [pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com](mailto:pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com) so that we can have enough food for all.

**Field trip report** – There are no field trips scheduled in July and August. The remaining trips for the year are:

**Sunday, September 9** – **\*\*Change of location\*\*** Trip to Glass Buttes for obsidian. There are locations with gold sheen, silver sheen, mahogany, green, pumpkin, double flow, and rainbow obsidian that the club will be visiting. The trip will be led by Don Ross and John Moreau.

**Sept 24-30** – unofficial trip to the McDermitt area on the Nevada/Oregon border. There is a campground in town, and you can come a few days or the whole week. McDermitt has petrified wood along with several different types of agates and jaspers. There are also thundereggs in the eastern part of McDermitt.

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

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

**Programs** – This remainder of the year's meeting programs are as follows:

**August** - **NO REGULAR MEETING – Club picnic on August 12**

**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** – Al Liebetrau brought several examples of polished thundereggs from Friend's Ranch, and the McDermitt 79 bed. Suzie Meeker showed examples of obsidian that can be found at Glass Buttes, the location of the September field trip.

**Alex McDonald's Ranch** in the Ashwood area about 30 minutes from Madras will be open on most Saturdays from 9 to 3 and are open other days by appointment in the summer. Please call ahead to make arrangements. You can reach them at 541-489-3290. The ranch was the site of the June field trip this year. It is a fee dig, so bring cash. They have petrified wood, angel wing agate and thundereggs. Fees range from \$1-3 per pound.

Door prizes were distributed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

## **MCDONALD RANCH – SPECIAL EVENT CAMPING, ROCKHOUNDING, & STARGAZING**

Fri, Aug 10- Sun, 12th, 2018

You are cordially invited to McDonald Ranch, 6500 NE Trout Rd. Ashwood, OR, 97711

On the agenda:

Saturday, Aug 11th, STARGAZING!

The alignment of 5 planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn (visible after sunset.)

- AND -

Perseid Meteor Shower – watch between midnight and dawn

Rockhound Beds open daily, Petrified Wood, Angelwing and Thundereggs sold by the pound

Camping fees:

Tent: \$50.00 for 2 night/3 days, Motorhomes & Campers \$100.00 for 2 night/3 day stay

Options, #1, camp at the ranch, access to water, port-a-potty, cell range, stargazing, hike, bike.

No Fires, Extreme fire danger

Option#2 Observation site, elevation 3600 ft, zero light pollution, 360 degree panoramic views.

Dry Camping, Port-a-potty, Rockhound Bed location,

(may have cell service at observation site depending on carrier).

No fires, Extreme fire danger

Come and relax, reset, rejuvenate in the country. Contact Cheryl, Alex & Tom McDonald at [mcdonldranch@rconnects.com](mailto:mcdonldranch@rconnects.com) or 541-489-3290. No texts please, call for reservations.



**When?** August 12, Sunday, starting at 1 p.m.

**Where?** Ken and Roxanne Lawson's house, 3061 SW Meadow Ln, Redmond

**Who?** Club members and their guests

**What?** Please bring a dessert or a side dish. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and buns, paper goods and some beverages. Also, please bring a folding chair and a shade canopy if you have one.

**What else?** Please bring any rocks or rock-related items that you would like to donate to the club's Silent Auction, which is the only club fundraiser of the year. Marty will accept cash or checks.

**Vendors welcome!** You may sell any rocks, jewelry or rock-related items of your own – please bring a table and some shade.

**RSVP** – Please email Elizabeth Prindle at [pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com](mailto:pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com) by August 9 so there is enough food for all.

**FYI** – There will be a short business meeting at the picnic. There is **no** regular August meeting at the Redmond Senior Center. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 19 at the Redmond Senior Center.

**Business Cards:**

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



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