



March 2020 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 meetings. However, you **MUST** be a member to participate in field trips. Yearly memberships are \$20 for individuals, or \$25 for households. A membership form is on our website, which includes a liability release for field trips.

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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, except for the month of the summer picnic. The November meeting is a potluck holiday get-together on a Sunday. There are no winter meetings (Dec-Feb).

Regular meetings are held at the Redmond Grange, 707 Kalama Avenue, Redmond, starting at 7:00 pm until 8:30 or 9:00 p.m.

What's New?

Deb Simon has decided to step down as the Club President, and Patricia Moreland has agreed to be the Club President until new elections are held in November. As mentioned in the Winter Update email, elections were held at the holiday party in November, 2019. Janet Murphy was elected Club Treasurer and Susie Morales was elected Club Secretary. Lori Sensibaugh volunteered to chair the Program committee. Ken Lawson is continuing to head up the Field Trip Committee.

Please consider helping out the Club in 2020. The office of Vice-President is vacant, and the Club also needs a new chair of the Hospitality Committee, who is responsible for bringing refreshments to the meetings. Please email any of the people on the cover page if you would like to volunteer in any capacity.

First Meeting of 2020 is Wednesday, March 18

Our first Club meeting of 2020 is on the third Wednesday of March, which is March 18. The general meeting starts at 7 p.m. There is a board meeting held at 6 p.m. right before the general meeting. All are welcome to attend the board meetings at any time.

The program for the March meeting is Show and Tell by the membership. Please bring your bragging rocks from last year to show and expect to see a wide assortment of interesting finds or purchases and great crafts.

Please remember, if you won a door prize at the last meeting, please bring one to the next meeting.

2020 Dues and Junior Membership

Please bring your check or cash for your 2020 membership dues to the March meeting. This year the club has a new category for membership. Grandparents may want to bring along a grandchild, or parents may want a companion for their child on a field trip. The Junior Membership for a minor costs \$5/year, and a consent form needs to be signed by the responsible adult who is a Club member. Please note: Children who live at the same address as the parents are automatically Club members under the Family Membership.

Program Ideas are needed

Please let Lori Sensibaugh know if you have any ideas on possible programs for the year. Your expertise is very welcome. You can talk with her at the meeting, or email her at lsensibaugh@crestviewcable.com .

First Field Trip is Sat. April 11

The club's first field trip of 2020 is to Pole Creek, off Camp Creek Road, back by popular demand. This area has blue/green petrified wood, agate and jasper, and is NOT in the rockhounding guidebooks. Details will be discussed at the March meeting along with samples of rocks that can be found at this site. If you aren't able to attend the March meeting, more info about the field trip will be in the April newsletter.

Save the dates of **Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, June 7** for two more field trips. The May site has not been finalized, but the June field trip is a special event. Roger Whitman has arranged a trip for our club to the MacDonald Ranch which is outside of Madras. This is a fee dig, meaning you will need to pay for any rocks that you take. They have agate, petrified wood, and thundereggs on the property. The pricing is very reasonable, and in the past varied from \$1-3/pound. Our field trip will be before the Prineville Show trip, so our club will have the first opportunity of this year to find material there. The MacDonald Ranch has exceptional angelwing agate and opalized petrified wood. You don't want to miss this trip!

Summer Rock Shows Planned

The Prineville Pow Wow is set for Thursday-Sunday, June 18-21, 2020. There is no cost for admission or parking. Over 30 vendors are there, and the Pow Wow has field trips scheduled. One popular field trip is to the tube agate site in the Ochocos, where they have a claim. Last year they brought in an excavator, and people found some large agates.

The Madras Rockhounds Pow Wow is scheduled for Thursday-Sunday, June 25-28. Again there is free admission and parking with a variety of vendors and field trips.

Other Northwest Rock Shows

The Northwest Federation Newsletter lists other rock shows held in the area. They are listed at the end of the monthly newsletters. Please see the March 2020 newsletter at <http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0320.pdf>

Our Club is a member of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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



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