



June 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 normally 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). Club address is CORC, PO Box 6265, Bend, OR 97708.

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

June 17 Club meeting Starts at 6 pm this time only

CORC will finally have its first official meeting of the year on Wednesday, June 17 at the Redmond Grange Hall. We plan to have everyone sit outside. Bring your own comfy camping chair or you may use the Grange Hall chairs. Indoor restrooms will be available for our use. We plan to start the meeting at 6 p.m. and end around 7:30 p.m. Please plan to bring a rock or related item if you would like to share a treasure from last year you either made, found or purchased. We will have tables set up for display. Please plan to label it with your name and the type of rock and where found, if known. Paper to label the display items will be provided at the meeting.

It helps to know how many to plan for, so please RSVP to this newsletter (responses only go to the editor) or to CORC President Patricia Moreland at oregonpat@gmail.com Please RSVP only if you plan to **attend** the meeting. If you require handicapped parking, please indicate that when RSVPing that you are attending. We plan to conform to social distancing recommendations. Sorry, but no refreshments will be provided at this meeting. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and beverages.

First Field Trip of 2020 is Sunday, June 7

The response for the signup to the McDonald Ranch has been excellent. The government guidelines are projected to change this week to increase the number of attendees allowed. We are still asking everyone who plans to attend the field trip to RSVP to either this newsletter or the field trip chair Ken Lawson at krlawson@bendcable.com It will expedite check in at the meeting site. We plan to ask for RSVP's for all future field trips.

New members may join at the meeting site. This is a fee dig, meaning you will need to pay for anything you decide to take home. There is a variety of places to go on the ranch with different pricing depending on what you buy: \$2/lb for petrified wood, jasper and thundereggs, and \$3/pound for angelwing agate. As it is a private ranch, it is not always open to the public, so we are very fortunate Roger and Jan Whiteman made the arrangements for this trip.

There is ample room for everyone to easily be more than 6 feet apart. All members will need to drive their own vehicles to the McDonald Ranch. Please, only members of the same household should be in the same vehicle. The road leading to the ranch is suitable for all types of vehicles. Plan to meet at the Madras Dairy Queen, 483 SE 5th St, Madras, at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 7.

As previously stated, only members current on their 2020 dues can participate on field trips due to insurance requirements. You may pay your dues at the meeting site for the field trip on Sunday. A household/family membership is \$25/year and the Individual membership is \$20/year. Membership forms will be available on Sunday for new members.

What do to with all those rocks you collected?

This is a common question asked by rockhounds (and their spouses). Ken Lawson, Field Trip Chair, found a unique way to use some of the rocks in his collection. Ken was interviewed by our newsletter editor as follows:

How did you become interested in rockhounding? Friends Jim and Stevie Jeffery invited me out on a trip to North Ochoco to look for jasper. I was hooked! As a retired mason, it was a natural transition for me.

What was your first piece of equipment? Friends from church gave me a tumbler and a 10" oil saw, both needing repair.

What gave you the idea for a waterfall? I had envisioned a water feature for some time. I had an old bathtub from a bathroom remodel, and the idea began to take shape that the tub could be the pool of water. I had collected quite a few "Kenny" rocks that were at least as big as a basketball, and they needed a home.



How long did it take to build? 38 days over three plus months.

When was it finished? I finally finished up in early November. For the last few rocks I had to thaw out mortar with a weed burner.

Where are the rocks from?

Oregon, Arizona, Washington, Northern California and Nevada. Almost all rocks are ones I collected on field trips either with the club or with friends.

What was the hardest part of building the waterfall? The plumbing!

What are your favorite collecting sites in Central Oregon? A private ranch near Brothers that has petrified wood and agate, and Pole Creek with petrified wood, jasper, agate and crystals.



Central Oregon Summer Rock Shows All cancelled

According to centraloregonshows.com all shows scheduled in Sisters during June, July and August are cancelled. As noted in the May newsletter The Prineville Pow Wow that was set for Thursday-Sunday, June 18-21, 2020, has been cancelled as well as the Madras Rockhounds Pow Wow that was scheduled for June 25-28.

Other Northwest Rock Shows

The Northwest Federation Newsletter lists other rock shows held in the region. They are listed at the end of the monthly newsletters. The May/June 2020 edition of the newsletter is now posted online. Please click on http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW05_0620.pdf If you do plan on attending one of the shows listed in the newsletter, please contact the hosting club to be sure that the show is taking place. This edition has several articles that may be of interest.

Our Club is a member of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, which in turn is a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. One show that IS taking place is from June 19-21 in Big Piney, Wyoming. Info from the May/June 2020 Northwest Federation newsletter follows. Thanks to Jules Wetzel for bringing it to our attention.

Northwest Federation Newsletter Editor's Note: June 19-21—**BIG PINEY, WYOMING:** Annual show; Sublette County Rock Hounds; Sublette County Fairgrounds, 10937 Hwy 189, Event Center; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults \$2, free admission for children; Show also serves as the annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the annual Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society show, with dealers selling rough, slabs, supplies, fossils, beads, jewelry; as well as fluorescent mineral display, demonstrations, exhibits, field trips, and activities for children.

2020 Multi-Federation Field Trip in Wyoming

By Doug True; AFMS Inter-Regional Field Trip Chair

The field trip scheduled at Blue Forest is still on, as is the Rocky Mountain Federation Show in Wyoming at the time of printing. Blue Forest for petrified wood, dig fish fossils (fee dig), and we're working on several other trips in the area, June 12-15, all in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Federation Show and Convention being held in Big Piney-Marbleton, Wyoming. Blue Forest is a well known collecting location in South-Western Wyoming with a large area in which to collect petrified wood. Some great material is found here every year. We will plan to dry camp in the collecting area and indulge in a potluck one evening. Camping is also at the BLM camp ground Slate Creek on the Green River. One day we will meet in Kemmerer for the fossil dig. So, make it a vacation and visit Wyoming.

A few notes of interest: • the elevation in this area is between 6-7,000 feet • the nights can get cold and the wind can BLOOOOW. • One of the best ways to find the petrified wood in this area is by probing with a steel rod. If you do not have one, you have time to make one now. This process will save you a lot of digging. For information about this trip, contact Doug True at dtruefossils12@yahoo.com. For show and other trip information contact Jim Gray. jimgray@wyoming.com. We are looking forward to this great show.

Business Cards:

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



*Canutts Gems is offering a 5% discount to members showing a CORC membership card.

Classified Ads: If you have a rockhound-related item you wish to advertise, send the announcement to Suzie Meeker at suziej49@gmail.com

