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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.

**** October Meeting Change of Location and Time ****

As you know, the September meeting was canceled due to the heavy smoke in our area. The meeting location on Wednesday, October 21, is the American Legion Park stage, where the August picnic was held. The address is 850 SW Rimrock Way in Redmond. There are restrooms and ample parking available. Please bring your own camp chairs. The main reason for the change is the noise factor. Because of shorter daylight hours, the meeting will start promptly at 5:30 p.m. and should end by 7:00 p.m. at the latest. It may be cool, so plan on bringing outdoor wear. The program will be "How to Make Stepping Stones" by Ken Lawson. Those who attended the club picnic saw two beautiful heart-shaped stepping stones that were donated by Ken to the silent auction. Ken will demonstrate the various steps on how to make your own, either with polished rocks and/or slabs. This will be the last club meeting of 2020

Normally elections are held at the end of the year. Nominations would be made at the September meeting and the vote would be at the October or November meeting. Since the September meeting was canceled, we are delaying the elections until next year, when the first meeting will hopefully be in March, 2021. All plans are pending state guidelines for indoor meetings.

Final Field Trip of 2020 on Saturday, Oct. 17

The final field trip will be to the Ochoco Mountains for thundereggs. We have permission to dig at the Mt. Hood "TNT" claim which has small thundereggs filled with agate and some crystals. We will also make a stop at the White Fir thunderegg location that Paul Asman discovered for the traditional White Fir eggs. We will meet at the Ray's Market parking lot at the east end of Prineville at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. The thunderegg bed is located a little over an hour east from Prineville. The road to the TNT bed is very bumpy; a



high clearance vehicle is recommended. Digging tools are necessary and the terrain is quite steep. The picture on the left is a sample of the traditional White Fir thunderegg. The picture on the right is an unpolished thunderegg found on the scouting trip to the "TNT" bed.



Field Trip Reports: McDermitt and Camp Creek Jasper

In September seven Club members went to McDermitt, located on the Oregon/Nevada border. They found petrified wood, jasper and some agate. Roger Severson took the time to share his geology expertise with the group explaining how the caldera was formed.

The September field trip was moved to October 4 due to smoky skies. The turnout was high: 45 adults and 9 children came on the trip in beautiful fall weather. Club members visited a newly located site on BLM land off Camp Creek Road with colorful jasper and even some agates and crystals.

We encourage all of you to explore new areas, keeping private property boundaries in mind. Please email ideas for field trips for 2021 to Ken Lawson, Field Trip Chair. We feel very fortunate that we will have been able to have a total of four trips in this most difficult of years. Following are some pics from the October field trip:



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. Currently this shop is closed due to COVID.

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



Jim also cuts slabs.

