



**April 2021**

**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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**Club Website – <http://corockcollectors.com>**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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). The Club address is CORC, PO Box 6265, Bend, OR 97708.**

**Regular indoor 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. Please note: Regular meetings have been rescheduled to an outside location due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

### **No April Meeting Planned**

No regular club meeting is planned for April due to the weather. However, we hope to have our May meeting outdoors at the American Legion Park at 850 SW Rimrock Way in Redmond. That meeting will be on the third Wednesday of the month, on May 19. It will start at 5:30 p.m. so we will have adequate lighting.

### **Field Trip Planned for April – Change of Location**

On Sunday, April 25, our club will be going to Bear Creek to dig for petrified wood. The road to the dig site is rutted, and a four-wheel drive high clearance vehicle is recommended. We have had good luck in the past locating some good sized chunks of wood.



We will meet at the Costco parking lot in Bend by the tire shop at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you have not yet paid your 2021 club dues, you may do so at the safety meeting at Costco. Please send in your dues if possible prior to the trip to speed up registration. Boots are suggested, along with digging tools. The Ochoco blue agates and crystal field trip has been moved to the fall as there is still snow on the Ochoco pass.

This 20 lb chunk of wood was dug at our last club field trip a few years ago.

### **May Field Trip sign ups start April 10**

**May** – Biggs jasper and China Hollow jasper/agate – fee dig (prices vary from \$1-\$5/lb). You may pay by cash or check. Due to a 24-person maximum per trip, we have scheduled two separate dates, **Saturday, May 8** and **Sunday, May 23**. Each trip will visit the same sites. You may sign up for one of these trips starting on April 10. To reserve space, please email Ken Lawson, field trip chair at [krlawson@bendcable.com](mailto:krlawson@bendcable.com) or newsletter editor Suzie Meeker at [suziej49@gmail.com](mailto:suziej49@gmail.com) Please provide your first and second choices of dates. If you are able to only go on one date, please let us know.

You will receive a confirmation email by the end of April. The trip takes about 2 hours from Madras each way, and we plan to leave at 7 a.m. from the Safeway parking lot in Madras. It will be a long day as we plan to visit three different sites. You must be a current member of CORC to be able to go on this trip. To speed things up at the safety meeting, it would be very helpful if you could send in your membership dues prior to the field trip. The site owners normally only allow clubs to dig at their sites because we have liability insurance.

For our new members, you can find more information and pictures about the Biggs jasper/China Hollow site at [https://www.rockngem.com/something-new-at-biggs-junction/](https://www.rockngem.com/something-new-at-biggs-<u>junction</u>/) We will have a waiting list in case the two scheduled trips fill up.

### **Dates of Future Field Trips**

**Saturday, June 12** – Glass Buttes obsidian. One of our club members has kindly offered to show us around the area including silver sheen, mahogany and rainbow obsidian. This is a trip for all types of vehicles and is a good site for families.

**Sunday, September 12** – Maury Mountains for jasper

**Saturday, October 9**– Ochoco Mountains for blue agate and crystals

### **Prineville PowWow will take place June 17-20**

Good news for rockhounds! Currently the 75<sup>th</sup> Prineville PowWow will take place in June at the Crook County Fairgrounds. The times are 9AM – 5 PM Thursday, June 17 through Saturday, June 19, and 9 AM – 4 PM on Sunday, June 20. Admission and parking are both free. This is an opportunity to check out rock, mineral and gem vendors from Central Oregon as well as out of state vendors. For more info, please go to <http://prineville.rocks> We will update you as time goes on regarding this show. The Madras show usually held in June has been cancelled due to COVID.

### **In Memoriam – Joe Morales**

We recently lost one of our club members, Joe Morales, due to cancer. Joe split his time between his charming log cabin in the Ochoco Mountains outside Prineville and San Diego. He retired from work as an electrical engineer in the San Diego area. Joe particularly enjoyed going on field trips with the love of his life, his wife Susie. We will miss you.



## Who's Who on the Executive Board: Ken Lawson

You see a list of names on the first page of the newsletter, but you may not know who those folks are. We will be highlighting one member per month in the newsletter. Ken Lawson is someone not easy to forget. If you are lucky enough to remember club meetings, Ken has been the club greeter for several years. He welcomes everyone, members and guests, and usually stands out courtesy of his many colorful hats. He also is the Field Trip Chair, and it is due to his leadership that the club has had many successful field trips in the past three years. First Ken was co-chair of the committee with John Moreau for two years, and last year Ken was the chair of the committee.



Ken is a retired mason, and he is most proud of his waterfall that stretches 19 feet in his backyard. His favorite rocks are blue agates, Hampton Butte and Pole Creek petrified wood, and wonderstone from Fallon, NV. Ken and his wife Roxanne moved to Central Oregon in 1977. They have been club members for five years. Ken values the friendships he has made through the club and has especially enjoyed the sharing of knowledge by club members.

## Vacancies on CORC Executive Board

The club needs volunteers in order to function. Without regular meetings last year, it has been very difficult to fill openings. Currently there are three openings for volunteers. The description of the office is paraphrased from our club By-Laws.

**Vice President** – The Vice President shall perform all presidential duties in the absence or illness of the President. When so acting, he or she will have all the powers of the President. He or she may perform other duties as assigned by the President or Executive Board. He or she will coordinate the yearly audit of the club's financial records.

**Secretary** - the Secretary shall attend and keep minutes of all regular, special, and Executive Board meetings. He or she shall monitor all correspondence pertaining to club business. The Secretary shall maintain a binder of club minutes, CORC By-Laws, and other records in compliance with rules for a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation. In addition, he or she shall maintain a log of club assets.

**Webmaster** – The Webmaster updates the club webpage on a monthly basis. Karen Cameron will gladly train anyone who is interested.

## **CORC 2021 Dues are now Due**

If you have not yet done so, please mail your 2021 dues to our club mailbox at

CORC  
PO Box 6265  
Bend, OR 97708

We are trying to update our records. Please mail in a NEW membership form, which can be found as a separate attachment. Please be sure to indicate whether you would prefer the Northwest Federation Newsletter in email or print version.

Your dues help pay for our club's liability insurance, as well as fees for meeting sites and part of the cost of our social events.

## **Northwest Federation Newsletter**

Our club is a member of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Please check back monthly at their website for the Federation newsletter, which normally lists many of the rock shows taking place in the Northwest. The link is <http://northwestfederation.org/newsletters.asp>

The link to the February 2021 newsletter is found at <http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0221.pdf>

The link to the current newsletter of March 2021 is found at <http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0321.pdf>

The March issue gives more details about the June American Federation Field trip to the Blue Forest in Wyoming.

If you are interested in attending regional events, check out the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, which is the parent group of the Northwest Federation. Look for the annual event that hosts the American Federation Show as well as regional federation shows which usually include field trips. See <http://www.amfed.org/> The American Federation site also includes current articles of interest to geologists and rockhounds alike.



**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. \* This store is currently closed.

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



Jim also cuts slabs.

