



May 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 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). 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.

Message from Patricia Moreland, Club President

Greetings Rockhounding Friends,

Hopefully everyone has been able to take advantage of the milder Spring days and visited one of their favorite local rockhounding sites. My rock buddies and I have been out exploring recently and we have come home with some nice pieces of jasper, agate and petrified wood; it's officially time to dust off the rock saws, tumblers, polishers--the fun begins!

If you were not able to attend our first field trip to Bear Creek, I'm happy to report everyone was able to find lots of petrified wood before a rainstorm came rolling through and we had to skedaddle. Our next two field trips in May will both be to Biggs Junction, which is only open to clubs with insurance. Thanks to Ken Lawson and Suzie Meeker for making all the arrangements.

Don't forget our first meeting in May, weather permitting, will be held at the American Legion Park in Redmond. It's a good time to start looking for one of your favorite rocks for our show and tell. Please consider volunteering for one of our open board positions (Veep, Secretary) or Webmaster/Facebook administrator. Our club is only what you make it.

Happy Hounding!

Patricia

Club Meeting in Person on May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

We are planning to finally meet in person on Wednesday, May 19, at the American Legion Park in Redmond. The address is 850 SW Rimrock Way. There is ample parking, as well as restrooms. We will be meeting on the amphitheater stage. We plan to start socializing around 5:30 and have the actual meeting begin at 5:45 p.m. We plan to finish around 7 p.m. Please bring folding or camp chairs. Our first meeting of the year is traditionally Show and Tell with club members bringing ONE rock they have either purchased or found that they would like to share with the club. Please let us know why this rock is special to you.

Unfortunately due to COVID there will be no refreshments at the meeting. Looking forward to see old friends and meeting new ones!



Field Trip Report from April

On Sunday, April 25, our club went to Bear Creek to dig for petrified wood. There were 14 participants who braved the threatening weather, and we found lots of wood there. Dave Morris found the prize of the day: a 9 inch



piece of petrified wood covered in crystals. We had several new members join the club before going on the field trip, and we welcome them. Interestingly, the Prineville PowWow plans a field trip to Beer Creek as part of the PowWow in June.

May Field Trips on May 8 and May 23

The trip on May 8 to the fee dig for Beers Mountain jasper and China Hollow jasper/agate in the Biggs area is full. However, there is still room on the Sunday, May 23 trip, if you are interested. If your plans change, be sure to let us know. You may email Ken Lawson at krlawson@bendcable.com We plan to meet at Madras near the gas station at Safeway on the north end of town at 6:30 a.m. If you are signing up for membership in the club, please have your membership form filled out in advance as it will speed up registration. Due to our liability insurance, only current members of CORC may participate in field trips.

Here is more information from Jay, who will be our guide for both trips.

The road to China Hollow is 4WD high clearance required; Beers Mtn is accessible by passenger car. We begin the day at the rock shop in Wasco at 0900 or sooner if all members are present. We head out to China Hollow, about a 20 minute drive. There are two sites, one for Agate & one for Jasper. At approximately 1230 we weigh the rocks and head to Beers Mtn. to finish the day. We accept cash or check for payment. There is an ATM in Wasco. There is rock on the ground that can be picked up or it can be dug. Gloves, safety glasses, and sturdy footwear is recommended. We come and go as a group so please bring anything you will need.

If you have signed up, please plan to come even if you do not have 4 wheel drive. We can easily carpool from Wasco. Numerous members of our club are now fully vaccinated. Please be sure to have a full tank of gas, cash for your rocks (fees vary) and your food and beverages for the day.

Repeated from previous newsletters: you can find more information and pictures about the Beers Mtn jasper/China Hollow site at <https://www.rockngem.com/something-new-at-biggs-junction/> This article provides information on how the jaspers were formed in

the Biggs area. For a quick review of the difference between jasper and agate, check out <https://www.barlowsgems.net/chalcedony-cabochons/> Jaspers from the Biggs area are often called picture jaspers due to the patterning of the bands.

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

Who's Who on the Executive Board: Janet Murphy

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. Janet Murphy is our club Treasurer. She is pictured in Australia in front of Ulluru, the most famous giant rock in the world!



Janet is a retired geologist and geophysicist. She worked in the oil industry over 40 years. Janet and her husband Tim Trueblood moved to Central Oregon in 2017. They have been club members for two years. Janet enjoys the many outdoor activities Central Oregon offers. She has been on several club field trips, and last year Janet and Tim visited the Tucson Gem shows as a result of one of the club programs on the topic.

Repeated from April -- 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.

Please let any of the officers or committee chair know of your interest either at the May meeting or by email.

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>

This month there is no new link to the Federation newsletter. You might enjoy looking at the newsletters from other rock federations around the US. Click on the link directly above and then on "Other Newsletter Links".

The link to the current newsletter of March 2021 is found at

<http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0321.pdf>

This 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.

Prineville PowWow will take place June 17-20

The website states the show is still taking place in Prineville in June. From our previous newsletter: Currently the 75th 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.

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



Jim also cuts slabs.

