



June 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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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.

Club Meeting in Person on June 16 at 5:30 p.m.

We are planning to meet again in person on Wednesday, June 16, 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 – 7:15 p.m. Please bring folding or camp chairs. The program for this meeting will be Tumbling Basics and Tips. If you tumble rocks with either rotary or vibratory tumblers, please plan to share your suggestions.

Unfortunately due to COVID there will be no refreshments at the meeting. Looking forward to see old friends and meeting new ones! The June meeting had over 40 club members and guests in attendance. Thanks to all who shared favorite rocks. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit in person. John Moreau did a great job as moderator.

Prineville PowWow is on June 17-20

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. They are having several different field trips as well. For more info, please go to <http://prineville.rocks> The Madras show usually held in June has been cancelled.

Field Trip Report from May



In May we had two very successful trips to the Beers Mountain and China Hollow sites near Wasco. There were a total of 42 people who braved the hurricane force winds on the Columbia River Gorge to visit the private claims. Okay, maybe it wasn't quite that windy, but it was chilly! We enjoyed the expertise of several guides from Wasco, and everyone scored some interesting rocks.



June Field Trip on Sunday, June 13



The June field trip is to Glass Buttes for different types of obsidian. Please plan to meet at the Brothers Rest Area at 8:30 AM on Sunday, June 13. We are fortunate to have Eric Badzinski as our guide as he often visits this site. Please be sure to bring gloves and safety glasses if you have them as the obsidian is very sharp. A 4 WD vehicle is not required for all of the different locations we will visit, but it is highly recommended for some of them. Obsidian is formed when basalt gets cooled down rapidly and doesn't get a chance to

crystallize. It turns into a glass of sorts. Glass Buttes is considered by many as the largest deposit of high-quality obsidian in the world. Black is the most common color, but Glass Buttes has a variety as seen in the photo above. The indigenous people used obsidian for arrowheads.

Dates of Future Field Trips

Sunday, September 12 – Maury Mountains for jasper

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

Fall – Date TBD, Trip to Fallon, Nevada for wonderstone

Who's Who on the Executive Board: Suzie Meeker

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. Suzie Meeker is the newsletter editor.

Suzie is a retired high school teacher. She moved from the Phoenix area to Bend in 2015 to be near her son and three grandsons, and she joined CORC soon after moving.

Suzie's other passion involves volunteering for the Humane Society of Central Oregon. She traps community or feral cats for the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. She has

previously served as the secretary of CORC and is active on the field trip committee.



Club Picnic on Sunday, August 22

Our club picnic gives our members the opportunity to sell rocks and rock-related items as well as a chance to socialize and enjoy good food. One of the highlights of the picnic is the silent auction where members donate rocks and members bid on them. Some awesome bargains can be yours! Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 22. The picnic will be at the American Legion Park in Redmond. More details will be provided in future newsletters.

Rock Sale of a 40 Year Collection in June

Thanks to Clara and Del Walker for sharing this information. There is an upcoming sale of an extensive rock collection from two members of the Clackamette Rock Club. Jon and Sandy Metheany at 606 Mathias Rd in Molalla, Oregon, are selling their collection on June 10, 11 and 12 and June 24, 25 and 26 from 9-4 p.m. or by appointment. Please call 971-284-3594 for more information. They have thundereggs, jasper, agate, and petrified wood as well as some equipment.

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 current newsletter of May 2021 is found at <http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0521.PDF> The last pages list some upcoming rock shows in the Pacific Northwest. Rock shows are starting to return!

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



Jim also cuts slabs.

