



August 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 RSVP for Club Picnic on Sunday, August 22

In lieu of a regular meeting in August, CORC has scheduled the club picnic for Sunday, August 22, beginning at 11 a.m. We will hold the picnic again at the American Legion Park in Redmond located at 850 SW Rimrock Way. The picnic provides members with the opportunity to sell any rocks, jewelry or related items. If you plan to sell, please bring your own shade and tables. Please also plan to bring rocks you would like to donate to the club for the Silent Auction. The auction is our only fundraiser of the year, and many bargains will be available. Please bring a check or cash for the auction.

Set up starts around 10:30 a.m. Shopping starts around 11 a.m, and we plan to eat around 12 noon. The club will provide the main course and drinks as well as paper products. Please plan to bring a side that goes with our main course of hamburgers (beef and veggie), pulled pork and smoked chicken. The ice cream truck unfortunately cannot come, so feel free to bring a favorite dessert instead of a side. Don't forget to bring camp chairs as seating is very limited.

In order to have the right amount of food, please RSVP with your name and how many people plan to attend the picnic. You do not need to say what you are bringing. Please reply to the newsletter email, or send a new one to suziej49@gmail.com **Please respond by Wednesday, August 18.**

Club Meeting in September Planned at Redmond Grange

At this time we are planning to meet in person at the Redmond Grange hall for the September, 15th meeting. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. The address is 707 Kalama Ave, Redmond, right between Lowes and Fred Meyer. This is subject to change depending on the guidelines from the state. If there is a change of plan, it will be announced via email and in the September newsletter.

Eric Badzinski presented detailed and thorough Tips on How to Tumble Obsidian at the July meeting. CigarBoxLapidary donated several door prizes including a new vibratory tumbler. Many door prizes also came from member Steve Attelsberger who has moved to John Day, OR. He donated the rocks that he had no room for when he moved.

Please, if you received a rock as a door prize at the last meeting, bring one for the drawing at the next regular meeting which will be in September. The September program will be on lapidary and cabbing techniques.

CigarBoxLapidary has Links on their Website

You may already know that CigarBoxLapidary in Bend has rock equipment for sale as well as grit and other supplies. The store has been a supporter of our club for years and

has donated often. However, they also have items of interest on their website. Check out their website at <https://cigarboxrock.com> and go to Resources. You may also enjoy the information found on this link <https://cigarboxrock.com/websites-lapidary-interest/>

Info on the Dandy Dig (rock at \$.25/lb) is at <https://cigarboxrock.com/you-re-invited/>

CigarBoxRock is part of Instant Landscaping located across the highway from Target in Bend.

Your membership in CORC entitles you to a 10% discount on ALL purchases.

Upcoming Field Trips

Sunday, September 12 – Maury Mountains for jasper. The September newsletter will have details on where and when to meet.

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

Who's Who on the Executive Board: Lori Sensibaugh



Lori is the Program Committee chair, and she is very generous with her time to volunteer for that position to serve the club. Lori is a retired second grade teacher, and she has been a club member for the last seven years. Her favorite rocks are dinosaur bones and stilbite crystals (see picture) found at Pole Creek in the Brothers area. Denver and Lori are enjoying retirement, and they hike around five miles every day with their Corgis Rock and (Cinnamon) Roll.



Congrats to Ken Lawson in County Fair Competition

Ken Lawson entered his large rock basket covered with polished stones in the Deschutes County State Fair. He not only won first place, but he also received a "Best in Show" ribbon. A picture of the prize winning basket will be in next month's newsletter.

Suggested Resources from Mini-Miner Monthly

Diamond Dan Publications located at <http://diamonddanpublications.net> shares their resources with rock clubs. The emphasis of the Mini-Miner Monthly series is for the young rock/mineral collector. The issue this month focuses on Internet resources of interest to rock and mineral collectors. Some of the sites you may wish to visit are:

Mindat Free Mineralogy Book Downloads at

https://www.mindat.org/mindat_books.php

This page has PDF files of many old mineralogy books that would be almost impossible or very expensive to purchase. You can download these books as PDF files at no cost to you. In an earlier newsletter the website **Mindat.org** was recommended as an outstanding online mineral database with detailed mineral information, articles and pictures.

The Smithsonian Gem and Mineral Gallery at

<https://www.si.edu/spotlight/geogallery>

<https://geogallery.si.edu/gems-minerals-meteorites-rocks>

These sites highlight the gems and minerals located at the Smithsonian in Washington. The pictures are fabulous!

Bob's Rock Shop, one of the first on the Internet about rocks and rock collecting is at

www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/table.shtml Be sure to scroll down the page.

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 general link is <http://northwestfederation.org/newsletters.asp> This site also provides links to other Federation newsletters. The link to the American Federation website is <http://www.amfed.org/>

NEW: The link to the current Northwest Federation newsletter of July 2021 is found at <http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0721.pdf> The last page lists some upcoming rock shows in the Pacific Northwest.

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.

