



September 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.

Club Meeting on September 15th Moved back to Redmond Park

The September 15th club meeting has been moved back to the American Legion Park in Redmond, located at 850 SW Rimrock Way. Please bring your own camp chairs and plan to socially distance. The meeting will begin at 5:30 and will conclude between 7-7:15 P.M. We will open nominations for club secretary, so please consider volunteering.

Please, if you received a rock as a door prize at the last regular meeting in July, bring one for the drawing. The September program will be on lapidary and cabbing techniques. Jules Wetzel, longtime club member, will share some tips.

Sunday, September 12 is the next field trip

We will be meeting at 8:30 AM at the parking lot of Ray's Market at the east end of Prineville. We will be going to a site close to Post that has petrified wood as well as jasper. This site involves a short hike to the BLM land where material can be found. Please wear boots and plan to take a backpack as well as water. This is not the site that we have visited near Milepost 32, but rather closer to Post. We will provide maps to the Maury Mountain site, but after making a scouting trip, the field trip committee decided that intense digging was required at the Maury Mountain site, and the site near Post may yield more material.

Saturday, October 9– This is the last field trip of the year. We will be going to the Ochoco Mountains for agates (some blue) and crystals. We plan to meet again in Prineville at the parking lot of Ray's Market. The time to meet will be announced in the next newsletter.

Central Oregon Daily News will feature CORC on September 20 By April Anable

Last month, Ken Lawson, Suzie Meeker, and I had the pleasure of taking Central Oregon Daily News reporter Meghan Glova and cameraman Gary Eidsmoe on a rockhounding adventure to Hampton Butte. The club will be featured on the September "Get Outside" segment. We had a blast introducing Meghan to the world of rockhounding, and even found a few treasures. Of course, Ken had to find the whopper after they stopped filming! The segment will air on KOHD-ABC and KBNZ-CBS on September 20th during the Good Morning Central Oregon newscasts at 5:00 AM and 6:00 AM, then again during the evening Central Oregon Daily news 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and 7:00 PM broadcasts. The video will also be available online and will be posted to the club Facebook group. I am hopeful that we will see many new faces at our upcoming meetings and events as a result!



Fall Trips to Consider

If you have not yet had an opportunity to visit the **Rice Museum of Rocks and Minerals** in Hillsboro near Portland, now might be the time to go. They are open Thursday through Sunday by reservation. This museum has an extensive collection of rocks and minerals—Don't miss it! For more information, go to <https://ricenorthwestmuseum.org/>

Mystery Mineral Day at the Rice Museum is scheduled for **Saturday, September 25, 2021** in the Northwest Gallery. The always-anticipated event runs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Every year, the Museum organizes a panel of experts in the fields of rock & mineral identification, fossil study, and meteorite analysis. We bring together experts from multiple fields to inspect your "mystery" finds and tell you what you've found. This event is **FREE** with admission. Capacity will be limited. **Reservations are recommended.** Limit 5 items ID'd per person.

Crater Rock Museum is located in Central Point, Oregon. This museum has a surprising number of exhibits of rocks, minerals and fossils. For more information go to <https://craterrock.com/>

Another day trip to consider is a trip to Mitchell, OR, about 40 miles east of Prineville. **The Lucky Strike Gift Shop and Museum** is located on the left up a hill as you come into Mitchell. It's open seven days a week from 8 AM to 5 PM. The Lucky Strike Mine is currently closed, but you can purchase their thundereggs at the gift shop.

Yet another day trip in Central Oregon is **Richardson's Rock Ranch** outside of Madras. Although actual digging in the thunderegg beds is permanently closed, their rock shop has quite a selection of thundereggs as well as rocks from around the world. For more info, please go to <https://richardsonrockranch.com/>

The Polka Dot Mine is also located outside of Madras. They have polka dot agate for sale as well as other material mined by West Coast Mining. They are open May through November from 8 AM to 8 PM. The phone number for more info is 360-957-8695.

Ken Lawson's winning basket in County Fair Competition

Here's Ken's basket that he entered in the Deschutes County Fair this year. He won Best in Show. All stones were tumbled at his house and almost all were found by Ken in Central Oregon.



Who's Who on the Executive Board: Patricia Moreland



Patricia is CORC's President. She says that she became Club President through attrition, but she has been enjoying the experience. She mentioned she is very grateful that during COVID the Executive Board has been easy to work with to keep the club going during challenging times. She enjoys field trips with the club as well as hunting for beach agates along the Oregon coast. Her favorite rocks are ones that sparkle: crystals, pyrite and then more crystals. Patricia retired after a career working in operations for Alaska Airlines. She is pictured with her rockhounding dog, Rosie.

Club Picnic is a Huge Success

The annual club picnic on August 22 was attended by over 90 club members and guests. The Silent Auction netted the club over \$750 in profit, and thanks to all who donated so generously and who bought items for sale. The food at the potluck was delicious, and copies of the recipe for Ruth Pettit's fabulous peach pie will be available at the September meeting. Thanks especially to CigarBoxLapidary for the saw donation.

Equipment for Sale by Club Members

Jimmy Jeffery has a 36" rock saw for sale. If interested, please contact him at 541-923-8395 or email him at jnajeffer@msn.com

Dave Sheppard has a 16" Covington slab polisher for sale. If interested, please contact him at 541-490-7958 or email him at shepp@hrecn.net

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/>

The current issue of the Federation newsletter is the same one as listed in the August newsletter. The 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. Before planning a trip, please check to be sure they are still taking place.

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.

