



**November 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 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.**

## **No Holiday Party in November**

The November holiday party has been cancelled due to meeting and masking restrictions indoors. Thanks to all of you who have been so flexible and willing to attend the outdoor meetings held through September. We sincerely hope that beginning in March, 2022, we will be able to meet indoors and can resume our usual schedule of events.

## **Field Trip Report from October**

We once again enjoyed beautiful fall weather in early October when the club held its last field trip of the year. About 55 people made the trek into the Ochocos to the hillside where agates and moss agates were found. Some were spectacular!

Please think about what you would like to share with the club for our first meeting of the year in 2022. Our first program of the year at the March meeting is traditionally show and tell by club members, and it would be great to see one example of what you might have recently found or purchased.

## **Flea Market Sale hosted by CigarBoxRocks in early December**

CigarBoxRocks, part of Instant Landscaping in Bend, will be holding a "Flea Market Sale". The date(s) will be in early December, and will be announced by an email from CigarBoxRocks. They are cleaning out storage containers and recently bought an estate. Lots of small stuff will be sold at low prices. There will be off-brand tumbler bases, used tumbler barrels, used dop wax warmers, jewelry findings, odd lots of grits, motors, and lots of misc!

## **Tucson Gem Shows in Jan. and Feb., 2022**

By Suzie Meeker

Wondering what to do over the winter? Perhaps you might consider visiting Tucson, AZ, for one of the largest gems shows in the world. Actually there are over 40 different shows with varying start and end dates spanning mid January through February 13, 2022.

Fortunately I have family in the Tucson area, and I've been able to visit several shows over the last few years. I'd like to share some of my favorites. At the end of my list are some helpful websites to plan your visit and give you some tips. If you have additional favorite places to visit or show tips to share, please post them on our club Facebook page.

Please NOTE: Some shows cater only to wholesale buyers, some are for wholesale buyers as well as the public, and most are open to the public. I'm listing some of the shows that I really enjoy visiting (and buying stuff at) that are open to the public.

- 1) **Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (Main Event)** Feb. 10-13, 2022 at the Tucson Convention Center. Our own Al Liebetrau is helping set up the 80 special exhibits of the Fluorescent Mineral Society at this show. This is the original show that started it all in the 1950s, and it is hosted by the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society. It is traditionally held on the last weekend of the show dates. There is a parking fee (\$10) plus \$13 admission charge. This is well worth the effort to visit as there are many showcases highlighting the theme of the show, as well as hundreds of vendors.
- 2) **Kino Gem and Mineral Show**, Jan 27-Feb. 13 at the Kino Sports Complex. There is free parking and admission. The emphasis of this show is on rough rocks and minerals. Village Originals is a favorite vendor with reasonable prices on rock stands and outstanding amethyst from Brazil.
- 3) **Miner's Co-op Rock Show**, Jan. 28-Feb. 13 at the Mike Jacobs Sports Park. There is free parking and admission. This show is similar to the Prineville PowWow where the dealers or miners have RV's or trailers and display their wares in front of them.
- 4) **22<sup>nd</sup> Street Show**, Jan. 27-Feb. 13 at their own tents near I-10 and 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Admission is free, but parking costs \$5/day during the week and \$10/day on weekends. This show has rocks as well as fossils and models of dinosaurs.
- 5) **The I-10 motels** along the west side of the freeway, varying start/end dates. These motels have a variety of names such as Rapa River Gem and Mineral Show, GIGM Motel 6 Gem and Mineral Show, and Pueblo Gem and Mineral Show. The motels have vendor tents as well as vendors who turn their rooms into pop-up stores. Check the show guides as motels can change names. Parking can be challenging but there is such variety to be found at these shows. Admission is free.
- 6) **The Rock Yard**, Jan.18-Feb. 13, specializes in Australian rocks. Parking and admission are free.

**Show Guides** – There are several that are available at all the show venues. These free booklets provide maps with show locations organized by area, as well as lists of vendors. And there are lots and lots of ads. These booklets can help you locate a specific vendor as they have maps of each show with booth/tent numbers.

**Websites to find out more about the Tucson Shows:** Again, this short list reflects just a few of the sites that are currently on the internet. If you interested in a particular show, many of the shows have their own web pages that list exhibitors. In 2020 there were over 5,000 different exhibitors in total at the various shows.

Schedule of Shows -- <https://tucsongemshow101.com/schedule-2022>

Another schedule of shows -- <https://www.tucsongemshows.net/coming.html>

Yet another schedule -- <https://xpopress.com/showcase/shows/1/tucson-gem-mineral-fossil-showcase>

Visitor's Guide to the Gem Shows -- <https://www.visitarizona.com/like-a-local/first-timer-s-guide-to-the-world-s-largest-gem-show/>

Another list of tips for the show -- <https://myitchytravelfeet.com/boomer-travel-tips-tucson-gem-show/> This article references the 2020 show so the dates are not accurate.

## **Northwest Federation Newsletter**

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

The current issue of the Federation newsletter is once again the same one as listed in the last three newsletters. 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 that the shows are still taking place.

Since the newsletter from our organization has not been updated recently, you may want to explore the newsletters from other federations around the United States. You can find them in the drop down menu titled "Other Newsletter Links" at <http://northwestfederation.org/newsletters.asp>

**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.

