



March 2022

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 6 PM until 7 or 7:30 PM.

First Meeting of 2022 is March 16 at 6 PM at the Grange Hall

We are excited to once again be meeting indoors at the Redmond Grange Hall at 707 SW Kalama, between Lowe's and Fred Meyer. The doors will be open for socializing and light refreshments at 5:30 PM, with the meeting beginning at 6 PM. The meeting is planned to last until 7 or 7:30 PM. The program for the March meeting is Show and Tell by club members. Please bring one item you acquired or made in the last year. This can be a rock you found or purchased, or a related item that you created. Since our group has grown considerably in the last few years, please limit yourself to one item. You may wish to share roughly where the item is from and why you chose it. The timing of the lifting of the Oregon state masking mandates was perfect to enable us to meet indoors. Please feel free to wear a mask if you wish, but it is no longer required indoors as of March 12. Also, as a reminder, daylight savings time begins on March 13.

2022 CORC Dues are now Due

If you have not yet done so, please mail in your 2022 CORC dues to our club address, CORC, PO Box 6265, Bend, OR 97708. You may also bring your check or cash to the club meeting. All are welcome at our meetings, but in order to go on field trips, you must be current with your dues for insurance purposes. A membership form is attached to this newsletter. It is not necessary to fill out a new form unless your contact information has changed. The yearly amount remains the same as previous years: \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family/household membership. The members of your family need to reside in the same household.

The dues are used to pay for the rental of the meeting locations, liability insurance, refreshments, postage and copying, and fees associated with being a non-profit corporation in Oregon.

Your membership in CORC entitles you to a 10% discount at CigarBox Lapidary Equipment, which sells new and refurbished equipment such as saws and tumblers, grit and rocks. The CigarBox is located at Instant Landscaping, 63160 Nels Anderson Rd in Bend, across from the Cascade Village Shopping Center.

2020 List of Planned Field Trips

One of the favorite activities of the club is going on the guided field trips. There are normally five trips planned per year. The trip guides provide examples of the rocks that can be found or dug and they point you in the right direction. Please consider joining the field trip committee to help scout out areas that are suitable for a club trip. All suggestions for where to find interesting material are welcome. Please email your ideas to Ken Lawson at krlawson@bendbroadband.com Below are the planned trips for 2022. The dates and locations may be changed due to weather, road and fire conditions.

Sunday, April 9 – Hampton Butte for jasper replacement petrified wood, some of which is green.

Saturday, May 7 – Ochoco Mts for tube agate

Sunday, June 12 – Pole Creek near Brothers (area not explored on previous club trips) for petrified wood, jasper and (rarely) stilbite crystals

Saturday, Sept 10 – Polka Dot Mine and McDonald's Ranch near Madras – fee digs meaning you pay for what you take with you -- for petrified wood, agate and thundereggs

Sunday, October 8 – Ochoco Mts. for jasper

Due to the number of club members who may want to attend the field trips, the trips will be limited to a specific number of cars that the site can accommodate. Signups in advance of the field trips by email or phone call will be necessary. If there is sufficient demand, the same trip may be offered twice in the same month.

Your Executive Board encourages You to Volunteer



The CORC Executive Board met recently to begin planning for the 2022 year. Pictured are (clockwise in order beginning with lower center seat) Patricia Moreland, President; Laurie Sensibaugh, Program Committee Chair; Suzie Meeker, Newsletter Editor; Ken Lawson, Field Trip Committee Chair; April Anable, Vice President; Walt and Gale Butler, Federation Representatives; and Janet Murphy, Treasurer. Not pictured: Becky Dolf, Secretary.

Please consider helping YOUR club be a success. We need volunteers for the Program Committee, Field Trip Committee, Refreshments, articles for the Newsletter, and other areas yet to be developed. Please email any of the people on the front page of the newsletter if you are interested.

Rocks and Thundereggs Requested

Denver and Laurie Sensibaugh are planning an Easter weekend agate and thunder egg hunt at Madras Trails in Madras. More information will be in the April newsletter. If you would like to contribute polished rocks or thunder eggs (thunder eggs don't need to be polished but need to be cut), please bring them to the March meeting.

Northwest Federation Rockhound Retreat Planned

This year's NW Rockhound Retreat will be held on Monday September 5th thru Sunday September 11th, 2022, at OMSI's Hancock Field Station. As usual campers cannot arrive before 3:00 PM on Sept 5th. The use of air conditioners is not allowed in cabins and RV's.

The cost of the retreat is the same as last year: Registration \$325.00, Workshop Fee \$50.00. The Fossil Beds Trip is \$35.00 if enough people sign up.

Camp Hancock is a primitive outdoor camp in central Oregon with dirt and gravel paths, ditches and hilly terrain and may not be suitable for all persons with disabilities. Because the COVID pandemic is ongoing, we do not know what restrictions or procedures will be required by the State of Oregon or OMSI concerning vaccinations, masks or distance between work stations.

If you want a Registration Form or have questions, please contact Walt Butler, at waltercbutler@comcast.net, Chair NW Rockhound Retreat.

The following classes are planned: Please note: class size is limited

Lapidary Shop (intro and advanced training in use of rock saws, grinding wheels and polishers)

Doublets and Triplets (making cabs with multiple layers)

Silversmithing (working with silver to make jewelry)

Intarsia (using multiple materials to make composite cabs)

Metal Techniques (using various metals, and tools, enameling to make jewelry)

Rock Carving (using grinding tools to carve soft rock)

Wire Wrapping (using wire to secure cabochons in pendants and bracelets)

Beading (making rings, necklaces, and bracelets with various beads and stones)

Upcoming Area Rock Shows

March 11-13 – Tualatin Valley Gem Club, Forest Grove National Guard Armory, 2950 Taylor Way, Forest Grove, OR, contact: Tiffany Jackson Viperlapidary@gmail.com

March 12-13 – Rock and Arrowhead Club of Klamath Falls, Klamath County Fairgrounds, 3531 S 6th St, Klamath Falls, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/klamathfallsrockclub/>

March 26-27 – Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society, Sweet Home High School Gym, 1641 Long Street, Sweet Home OR, contact: Joe Cota at 541-451-2740

April 23-24 – Yakima Rock and Mineral Club, Central Washington State Fair Park, 1301 South Fair Ave, Yakima, WA, contact Marti Sondgeroth 509-248-6401

May 6-8 – Mt Hood Rock Club, Kliever Memorial Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Dr, Portland, OR, website: www.mthoodrockclub.com

June 16-19 – Prineville Rockhound PowWow, Crook County Fairgrounds, 1280 Main Street, Prineville, OR, website: <http://Prineville.rocks>

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 of Mineralogical Societies website is <http://www.amfed.org/> This is the national organization, and you may enjoy investigating some of the links on their website.

The Northwest Federation newsletter for January, 2022, is found at <http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0122.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.

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



Jim also cuts slabs.

