

May 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 in August. 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 OSU Extension Service Deschutes County Annex Building (#3), 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond on the Deschutes County Fairgrounds property.

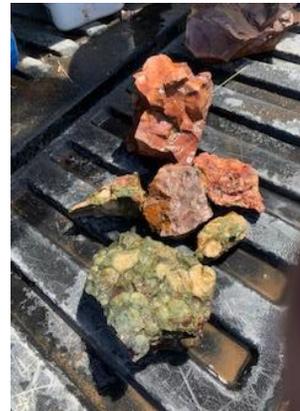
NEW MEETING LOCATION for Wednesday, May 18 at 6 PM

Starting in May, our club will be meeting at the OSU Extension Service Deschutes County office at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. The address is 3800 SW Airport Way in Redmond. If coming from Bend, turn right at Yew Avenue/SE Airport Way heading toward the Redmond Airport. Turn right on Mt. Jefferson Dr, which is the entrance to the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center. When the road deadends, turn left. The OSU Extension complex is the last group of buildings on the east side of the Fairgrounds. We are meeting in the Annex which is a new building and will accommodate our growing numbers. You may bring in drinks into the meeting area. There is ample free parking close to the building. Doors open at 5:30 PM.

Please feel free to wear a mask if you wish, but it is no longer required indoors as of March 12. If you received a door prize at the April meeting, please bring one to the May meeting. The program will be given by longtime club member and geologist Roger Severson on the geology of Glass Buttes (obsidian).

May Field Trips on May 7 and May 21 for Lily Pad Jasper

As previously announced, the location of the May field trips has been changed to lily pad jasper located between Terrebonne and Madras. The May 7 trip has been filled, but there still are openings for the May 17 field trip. Please email suziej49@gmail.com if you wish to come along. There is float but the best material has to be chiseled out.



There will be just one field trip on June 12 to Pole Creek in the Hampton Butte area due to the local area rock shows on two weekends in June. This site is a club favorite for petrified wood (some turquoise in color), jasper and rarely stilbite crystals, and this is one trip that should not be missed. Only high clearance vehicles can clear the very rutted dirt road leading to the site, so carpooling will be encouraged. Signups will begin at the May meeting on May 18, and then will continue by email or phone call.

Note from our President Patricia Moreland

Hello Everyone!

Let the rockhounding begin! In April we had two successful trips to Hampton Butte thanks to Ken Lawson and Suzie Meeker, with a total participation of over

70 clubmembers. Two Hampton rocks, named Norman (16.4 pounds) and Gerry (14.4 pounds), were brought to the April meeting by Gale Rivera. Are we possibly reviving the 1980's Pet Rock craze? Eric Badzinski gave an excellent presentation on claims, and the membership voted to begin the process of staking our first claim for CORC.



The rock giveaway at Roger and Jan's property on April 30th was a huge success. Almost 100 buckets of rocks found new homes with a huge thank you to Roger and Jan. We have much to look forward to this Spring; field trips, presentations and Rock Shows: check out the info in this issue of the newsletter.

Remember, there are no bad rocks, fill in all the holes you dig, and be kind and considerate to your fellow rock hounders.

Patricia, Rock Boss (self appointed :-)

April Field Trip Report on Hampton Butte Trips

Hardy souls braved the first trip in early April when the weather windy and chilly. However, many found jasper replaced petrified wood in a variety of colors. The second trip had a larger turnout and again many great rocks were located. If you were not able to make the guided trips, feel free to ask for a map at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting, email Suzie for either an emailed map or one can be texted to you.



My First Time Rockhounding **By Kaia Chopra, age 14**



It was absolutely amazing. There's no way to do it justice with words. The feeling that swells within you as your shovel scrapes a rock with a resounding clang. Maybe you'll dig down a little more and uncover a sliver of dark green peeking through the curtain of dirt and grime. That is what it feels like when you are just digging in search of rocks. As mundane as that sounds it's so much more. It's the community that admires your rock when you finally haul it out and jokes around that you should let them dig in your spot. My first time we hunted for green petrified wood and jasper. My brother Soren and I found lots. It was lovely to be there with lots of others who share your same passion

and all have a common goal. Find a lot of rocks. The veterans of the club led us to a good spot and from there we just dug. It's a great way to get outside with friends and family. Even if you aren't digging you can still just sit and admire others hard work. Anyway I'm definitely going on the next hunt.

What is the difference between agate and jasper?

<https://www.fossilera.com/pages/agate-jasper-chalcedony>

Please go to the above website for one of the better explanations on the Internet with pictures of jasper and agate.

Quoting from above web site, "chalcedony is a broad term to describe a microcrystalline form of silica". Agate is any type of chalcedony which is translucent, while jasper is any type of chalcedony which is opaque. "Pronunciations of chalcedony vary, but the one most commonly used by rockhounds appears to be "kal sid' don y". Simply put, the difference is if you can see light through the rock, it is agate. It does not have to be completely transparent to be an agate. If you cannot see light, it is jasper. Some rocks are combinations of both. However, they are both forms of quartz which is made of silica. Due to the volcanic activity in Oregon in the past, there are many types of special agates and jaspers. Angel wing agate is found in Central Oregon at McDonald's ranch, which we will visit later this year on a field trip. Picture jaspers can be found at several locations in Oregon. A book with excellent pictures of commonly found rocks in the Pacific Northwest is *Washington and Oregon Rocks & Minerals: a Field Guide to the Evergreen and Beaver States* which is available on Amazon.

Amazing Saturday at Roger and Jan's house

There was an amazing turnout at Roger and Jan's house in Bend when they generously donated most of their rock collection to club members. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped organize the event and the outstanding donation of over \$300 to the club by all the attendees. The pictures tell the story.



2022 List of Planned Field Trips

Below are the planned trips for 2022. The dates and locations may be changed due to weather, road and fire conditions.

Sunday, June 12– Pole Creek near Brothers 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 9 – 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 is necessary. If there is sufficient demand, the same trip may be offered twice in the same month. The first time to sign up for the June trip will be at the CORC meeting on May 18. After that time, sign ups will be by email or phone call.

Miscellaneous Items of Note

CORC Interest Survey Now Taking Place

Recently the club emailed out a link to an anonymous survey regarding the club. Please take the time to complete the survey online. Thank you in advance - we value your feedback!

Rock sale in Aumville, OR

Larry and Anne Ferguson - Rock and Equipment Sale on May 13,14,15 and May 20,21,22 -- 9 AM to 5 PM all six days. 6791 Peter Rd SE, Aumville Oregon 97325. Larry - cell 503-749-1104. They have several saws, a flat lap and grinders and other equipment. They will sell the equipment and rocks as follows: "The way the equipment is to be auctioned, I will entertain bids for each piece or one price for all. There will be a container and bid sheets at the pay table. It's simple fill out the paper and listing the highest price you are will to pay for it. At the end of the sale, we will call or email the winner. At the end of the sale, I also will consider selling the remainder of the entire rock collection. The rocks will be priced according to their value."

Delay in Membership Cards

The club membership cards had to be reprinted, again, due to amazing number of new members. We apologize for the delay and will be mailing them out as soon as possible. If you want to use the 10% discount at CigarBox Lapidary located at Instant Landscaping in Bend, you do not need your membership card. They have a current roster of our members, and you will receive your discount on lapidary supplies, equipment and rocks.

Local Rock Shows Planned

Both the Prineville and Madras rock shows will be held this year.

June 16-19 – Prineville Rockhound PowWow, Crook County Fairgrounds, 1280 Main Street, Prineville, OR, website: <http://Prineville.rocks> See Prineville PowWow's web page for list of field trips. The Prineville PowWow claim of agate meadow field trip date is Friday, June 17. You will need to sign up on Thursday, June 16 at the PowWow for a fee. There is free admission and parking to the Prineville PowWow.

June 23-26 – Madras Rock, Gem and Mineral Show, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Madras, OR, website: <http://madraspowwow.rocks> . There is free admission and parking. This show features mostly different vendors from the Prineville show.

Upcoming Area Rock Shows

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

May 7-8 – Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg, OR, contact: Brooke Jakubos, 541-784-7515

May 14-15 – Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society, Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 East Airport Rd, Hermiston, OR, contact: Mike Filarski 541-571-2593

May 21-22 – Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak, Kennewick, WA, contact: Larry Hustrom at rockhound132@charter.net

May 28-29 – Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club, Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby OR, website: www.clackamettegem.org

Minutes of CORC meeting on April 20, 2022

Meeting was called to order at six o'clock.

New members were introduced.

Announcements

Venue Change:

Effective May 28th the meeting venue has changed to the OSU Extension Office at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond. The address is: 3800 SE Airport Way Building #e. When you enter the Fairgrounds, turn left (east); it is the last building, the "Annex". There is plenty of parking, and drinks will be permitted in the meeting area. To help those hard of hearing, we will reserve the front 2 rows of seats.

Insurance

Our insurance has changed. Anyone participating on field trip, whether they are members or not, will be covered under our policy. It was decided that field trips are a benefit of being a member of CORC, and you must be a member to be eligible to sign up for field trips.

Refreshments:

A clipboard was passed around to sign up to bring refreshments. Those providing refreshments will be reimbursed.

Reports:

VP April Anable talked about the upcoming event at Roger and Jan Whiteman's and the donation of their rough rock collection. Details and location will be provided on Friday, April 29th.

Program – Laurie Sensibaugh: the next meeting's program will be Roger Severson on the geology of Glass Buttes.

Field Trips – Ken Lawson, The next field trip will be for Lily Pad Jasper and sign up at the break.

Membership Newsletter – Suzie Meeker, if you are not receiving the newsletter, check your email spam for newsletter and then contact Suzie.

Program

Eric Badzinski - Claims, He discussed the process of becoming a claim owner and the benefits of owning a claim. To check for current claims, he provided the following website mlrs.blm.gov. The club voted to form a claim committee.

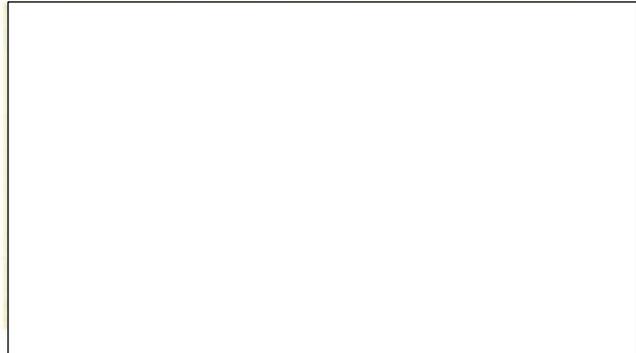
After the drawing for door prizes, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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>

Business Cards:

We are more than happy to include members' rock-related business cards in this section.



Classified Ads: If you have a rockhound-related item you wish to advertise, send the announcement to Suzie Meeker at suziej49@gmail.com

