



## June 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

### **Next CORC Meeting is Wednesday, June 15**

This month's program is by Ken Lawson and Suzie Meeker. The topic is "Tools of the Trade". If you have a favorite item(s) you take when in the field, please bring it along to share. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the meeting starts at 6 PM. The sign in sheet will not be located at the front door, but please do plan to sign in at some point during the evening. We are closely monitoring the number of attendees. Also, if you want to be in the drawing for a door prize at the end of the evening, please be sure to ask for a raffle ticket. 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 May meeting, please bring one if possible to the June meeting. It is not required!

As a reminder, our club is now 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 dead ends, turn left. The OSU Extension complex is the last group of buildings on the east side of the Fairgrounds. Look for the Annex. You may bring in drinks into the meeting area. There is ample free parking close to the building. We are closest to parking Lot J.

### **Field Trip on June 12 to Pole Creek near Hampton Butte**

We have had an enthusiastic turnout to sign up for the one field trip this month on June 12 to Pole Creek in the Hampton Butte area. 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 (the last 4-5 miles), so carpooling will be encouraged. Please be patient when arriving for the safety meeting. We will be matching up carpool passengers as quickly as possible.

If you have not yet signed up for this trip yet, please email Suzie at [suziej49@gmail.com](mailto:suziej49@gmail.com). If you have already RSVP'd or signed up at the May meeting, you will receive a confirmation email by Wednesday, June 8, with more details.

### **May Field Trip Report on Lily Pad Jasper**

The two May trips to the lily pad jasper site were very successful. Over 65 club members total came on one of the trips (and a few even came twice!) Enjoy the photos.



## **Rockhounding Code of Ethics from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies**

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting materials in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning materials – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the Rockhound Project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

- I will cooperate with Field Trip Leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my Club of Federation Officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood, or other material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations and for public education and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of Natural Resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use good outdoor manners, and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.

### **Save the date: Club Picnic will be Sunday, August 21**

This popular event will be held at the American Legion Park in Redmond, located at 850 SW Rimrock Way. If you wish, you will have an opportunity to sell rocks or rock-related items including jewelry, and it is a potluck with the main course provided by the club. One of the favorite activities is your chance to get an amazing bargain at the Silent Auction, where club members "recycle" rocks they no longer want, and instead donate to the club for the sale. More details will be in future newsletters. Save Sunday, August 21!

### **June is Show Time in Central Oregon**

Both the Prineville and Madras rock shows will be held this year. Admission and parking are free for both shows. You can learn so much just by wandering around and talking to the vendors. You can also spend lots of \$\$\$. Most vendors prefer cash.

**June 16-19** – Prineville Rockhound PowWow, Crook County Fairgrounds, 1280 Main Street, Prineville, OR, website: <http://Prineville.rocks> Thurs-Sat 9 AM-5PM, Sun 9 AM-4.

The Prineville PowWow's claim of agate meadow has a field trip date of Friday, June 17. You will need to sign up on Thursday, June 16 at the PowWow for a \$10 insurance fee. Their Saturday trip is to the McDonald ranch where our club will also be going in September. Sunday is a trip to White Fir to dig for thundereggs. The field trips leave at 7 AM and you must register in advance.

**June 23-26** – Madras Rock, Gem and Mineral Show, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 430 SW Fairgrounds Rd, Madras, OR, website: <http://madraspowwow.rocks> . This show features mostly different vendors from the Prineville show. Hours are 9 AM – 6 PM. The locations of their field trips are not listed on their web site. Cost for the field trip participation is \$7.50 for a membership or \$15 for a family which includes children 17 and under.

## 2022 List of Planned Field Trips

**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

## Upcoming Area Rock Shows

**June 11-12** – West Seattle Rock Club, Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Seattle, WA. More info at [www.westseattlerockclub.org](http://www.westseattlerockclub.org)

**June 17-19** – Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society, Reedsport Community Center/City Hall, Reedsport OR. More info at <http://reedsportcc.org/rock-gem-show/>

**Aug 5-7** – Far West Lapidary & Gem Society, The Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont St, North Bend, OR; contact Debbie McPherson at [mcpersonclan@frontier.com](mailto:mcpersonclan@frontier.com)

**Aug 13-15** – Mt. Hood Club's Rock, Mineral and Gem Show, Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd, Portland OR. Contact: Wayne King, [mhrcdc@gmail.com](mailto:mhrcdc@gmail.com)

## CORC Minutes May 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM at our new meeting venue, the OSU Extension Office in Redmond. New members were welcomed. Marty Betsch (thank you!) was acting as secretary for Becky Dolf who was not able to attend. Thank you, Linda Tockey and Sue Peringer, for bringing refreshments. The club now has over 290 members; last year in June, 2021, we had 180.

### Business:

The meeting notes from the April meeting, which were published in the May newsletter, were approved by the membership.

### Committee Reports:

**Field Trip:** Ken Lawson and Suzie Meeker talked about the first field trip to lily pad jasper and brought examples of what could be found both there and at Pole Creek. The site was windy, so dress accordingly. Signup at the break for the June field trip to Pole Creek on Sunday, June 12. Meeting place was announced where carpooling will be planned. High clearance vehicles are strongly suggested.

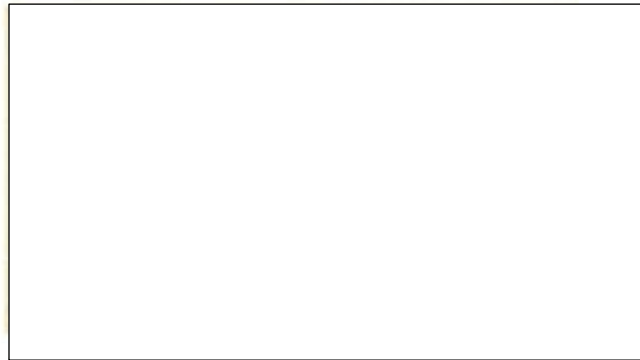
**Program:** The program for the meeting was given by Roger Severson on the geology of Glass Buttes. During the presentation many geology topics were discussed including the Ring of Fire, Brothers' Fault Zone, the Newberry Caldera, and the mercury contamination and clean up at Glass Buttes. If you are interested in learning more about the geology of Central Oregon, Roger recommended the website <http://cogeosoc.com> and also books by Marli Miller.

**Survey Results:** April Anable discussed the results of the survey, which are also available on our website. Thank you to the 80 plus participants.

**Rockhounding Roadtrip:** John Moreau gave a brief talk about a recent field trip to eastern Oregon and Northern Nevada with examples of what he had found.

**Overnight Field Trip:** John also agreed to coordinate a fall overnight field trip to McDermitt for some new sites that have not been claimed. Dates and details to follow. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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](mailto:suziej49@gmail.com)

