



August 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.

Club Picnic is August 21—No Regular August Meeting

Our long-anticipated picnic is almost here. The date is Sunday, August 21. The picnic starts at 11 AM at the American Legion Park in Redmond, located at 850 SW Rimrock Way. You will be receiving a separate email to RSVP if you plan to attend. Please remember the picnic provides members with the opportunity to sell any rocks or related items including jewelry. If you plan to sell, please bring your own shade and tables. The CORC silent auction is our only fundraiser of the year, and many bargains will be available. Please bring rocks or related items to donate to the auction. The picnic is a potluck with the main course, paper goods and drinks provided by the club. Please bring either a dessert or a side that goes with the club-provided hamburgers, veggie burgers, brats and hotdogs. We will eat around noon. Please bring your own camp chairs, and guests are welcome. There will be NO regular meeting in August.

If you plan to help set up or you are planning to sell some of your own rocks or related items, please come at 10 AM. If you bring a canopy for shade, it must be weighted down on all four legs per park rules. More details are in the separate picnic email.

CORC Lapidary Workshop Committee Volunteers Needed

Earlier this year, club members completed a survey, indicating that our highest priority for future development of the club is a lapidary workshop. This project has the full backing of the board; however, volunteers are needed for the planning and implementation. We are hoping to begin this effort mid-August. If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise, please email April Anable aprilanable@gmail.com.

Two Field Trips Planned in September: McDonald Ranch/Polka Dot Mine and overnight trip to McDermitt OR/NV

The September field trip to McDonald Ranch for petrified wood, angel wing agate, and thunder eggs is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10. This is a fee dig so you will pay for what you take with you. The fees vary from \$2 - \$3/lb. The Polka Dot Mine is the second stop for the field trip, which is in the same area north of Madras. This is also a fee dig for polka dot agate and thundereggs. We will meet at 8:30 AM at the Madras Safeway parking lot, just on the north side of the Safeway gas station. Please bring cash for the rocks that you decide to buy at both locations. Please check out club member Bruce McKay's article in Rock & Gem Magazine about our past club field trip to McDonald's Ranch in 2020 at

<https://www.rockngem.com/club-corner-digging-at-mcdonald-ranch/>

The multi-day overnight trip to McDermitt on the Oregon/Nevada border is planned for Monday, Sept 26 – Saturday, October 1. John Moreau is leading the trip (email: john.b.moreau@icloud.com). Email John right away if you are interested in going. McDermitt has agate, several colors/types of jasper, and petrified wood (see picture). There is an RV park located in the tiny town if you have a trailer/RV, and there is also a motel. There is a grocery store in town and one restaurant at the Say When Casino.



2022 List of CORC Planned Field Trips

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.

Monday, Sept 26 – Saturday, Oct 1 – McDermitt on the OR/NV border overnight field trip, leader: John Moreau. There is one motel in town, one restaurant at the Say When Casino, and one RV park. You can come for part of the time if you wish. Monday and Saturday are travel days. Tuesday through Friday will be exploration of the rich areas outside of McDermitt for jasper, agate and petrified wood. Email John at john.b.moreau@icloud.com if interested.

Sunday, October 9 – Ochoco Mts. for jasper

Looking for Cool Places to View Rocks and Minerals?

We are fortunate to have two excellent rock and mineral museums in Oregon.

Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals – located at 26385 NW Groveland Dr, Hillsboro, OR. (near Portland) The Rice Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, and the hours are Wed/Th 10-4, and Fri-Sun 10-5. Reservations are suggested but not required. This museum has an outstanding collection of Pacific Northwest rocks and minerals as well as specimens from around the world. It is truly a MUST SEE. There are various special events throughout the year. All Oregon youth are admitted free with one adult regular admission through October 2. Check out the website at <https://ricenorthwestmuseum.org/> , phone 503-647-2418 They are also on Facebook.

Crater Rock Museum – located at 2002 Scenic Avenue, Central Point, OR. (near Medford) The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10-5 pm. This museum is surprisingly large with an outstanding collection of Oregon rocks and minerals. It is run by the Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral Society, and they have a reasonably priced gift shop. Please check out their website at <https://craterrock.com/> phone 541-664-6081. They are also on Facebook.

Federation Newsletters – CORC is a Member

Northwest Federation Newsletters – The most recent posted is still for May, 2022, at <http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0522.pdf>

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies – if you would like to see what is happening in the rock/mineral world in the US, please check out the American Federation website at <http://amfed.org> There is a menu at the top of the page, and the home page is lengthy with links to other US regional federations plus news articles and links to the AFMS convention.

Upcoming Area Rock Shows

Aug 5-7 – Far West Lapidary & Gem Society, The Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont St, North Bend, OR; contact Debbie McPherson at 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

Sept. 24-25 – Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W C St, Springfield, OR. Contact: macsbest13@gmail.com

Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2 -Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show, Wingspan Event and Conference Center at the Westside Commons, 801 NE 34th Ave, Hillsboro, OR. Contact: <http://www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com> . This show will also host the annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

CORC Minutes July20, 2022

Vice President April Anable conducted the meeting in the absence of Patricia Moreland.

Committee reports: Committee for a club shop needs volunteers, the survey said this was the highest priority. Please contact April if you are interested.

Facebook group continues to grow, we have had 244 new members in the past month. Claims committee. A scouting trip was made over the 4th of July weekend and a claimable vein was identified. More exploring and scouting is needed. Anyone who is interested should contact April.

Field Trip: The Pole Creek field trip was a success. The next field trip will be September 10th to McDonald Ranch and Polka Dot Mine. Prices vary from \$2/lb and up. These are both fee digs.

There is no regular meeting in August due to the Club picnic on August 21. (editor: Please see separate article for details).

The program was "Getting started with Wire Wrapping" by April Anable.

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



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