



September 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.

Wednesday, September 21 is the next CORC Meeting

Our September meeting will be held at our usual meeting site listed above. John Moreau will present a program on How to Use the OreRockOn DVD/thumb drive by Tim Fisher. This program provides detailed information on rockhounding sites throughout the Pacific Northwest. There are no meeting minutes from August as we celebrated at the annual picnic in place of a regular meeting.

Saturday, Sept. 10 Field Trip to McDonalds Ranch/Polka Dot

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. 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.

2022 List of CORC Planned Field Trips

Sunday, October 9 – Ochoco Mts. for jasper. We will make a stop at the Mitchell Rock Shop after the field trip and finish off our trip with a late lunch at the TigerTown Brewery in Mitchell.

From Patricia, CORC President

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

After a two year hiatus due to Covid, I'm excited to announce we will be having our annual Holiday Party on November 13th (more details in the newsletter below). Our Holiday Party is when we elect the CORC Board positions whose terms have ended, or open positions. This year we will be electing the President and VP for a two-year term, and the Treasurer and Secretary for one year.

The Nomination Committee has been busy, and we currently have members who are interested in each of the positions that are open, but don't be surprised if a board member asks you if you will consider being on the board. If you are interested in a position, don't wait to be asked, let us know! More information on the nomination procedure will follow shortly in a separate email.

The candidates for each position will be introduced at the October meeting, and also in the November newsletter, ahead of the vote on Nov 13th at the holiday party.

--Patricia

August Picnic was a HUGE success!

CORC had the biggest picnic yet on August 21, 2022. Over 135 members and guests signed in, and we estimate approximately 150 attended. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped put the Silent Auction together and who helped cook and organize the food. CORC made over \$1100 net profit from the Silent Auction and all costs of the picnic were covered. Thanks to all of you who contributed items for the auction and to those who purchased raffle tickets and/or auction items.



Save the Date – Sunday, Nov. 13 is the Holiday Party

As the final event for this year for CORC, the annual holiday party will be held on Sunday, Nov 13, at Redmond High School. The main course of turkey will be provided, and we will be asking members to bring dishes to create a fabulous holiday dinner. This is another opportunity for members to sell their own rocks or rock-related items. HINT: It's a great time to also do some holiday shopping. In addition, we will be electing CORC officer. We also have a gift exchange for those who want to participate. You are asked to bring one unwrapped gift. Names are drawn and you get to choose which gift you want. Please bring something special that is rock-related. For example, the first year I was a club member, I didn't have any interesting rocks, and I brought a new copy of one of the Oregon rockhounding books. As my gift I selected a wonderful polished slab of Gary Green (now called Freedom Jasper) that I still display. Jewelry is always popular as are crystals.--Suzie

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

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.

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