



October 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.

PRESIDENT: Patricia Moreland..... oregonpat@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT: April Anable.....aprilanable@gmail.com

TREASURER: Janet Murphyjanetmurphy414@gmail.com

SECRETARY: Becky Dolf.....beckydolf@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Suzie Meeker..... suziej49@gmail.com

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE CHAIR: Ken Lawsonkrlawson@bendcable.com

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR: Laurie Sensibaugh.....lauriesensibaugh@gmail.com

NW FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES: Gayle & Walt Butler.gaylesmail@comcast.net

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBMASTER: April Anable.....aprilanable@gmail.com

Club Website – <http://corockcollectors.com>

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, October 19 is the next CORC Meeting

Our October meeting will be held at our usual meeting site listed above. The program will be presented by Eric Badinski on "Budget-Friendly Lapidary Equipment". We will be electing officers for 2023 and beyond. We will also be voting on the proposed withdrawal of our club from the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the establishment of our club claim for Ochoco moss agate. Please see articles below relating to the election and related votes on important issues.

Field Trip Report on September Trip



The September field trip to McDonald Ranch for petrified wood, angel wing agate, and thunder eggs was very successful. Over 50 club members attended and enjoyed exploring both locations. If you are interested in returning, the address of the McDonald Ranch is 6500 NE Trout Creek Rd in Ashwood, phone number 541-489-3290. Contact the Polka Dot Mine via Facebook. Both sites charge fees by the pound for the material. The October field trip and McDermitt overnight trip report will be in the next edition of the newsletter.



CORC Officers Election in October

The following list of Club members have volunteered to run in the upcoming election:

- April Anable, President
- Don Ross and Patricia Moreland, co-Vice-Presidents
- Tonia Smith, Secretary
- Terri Coffey, Treasurer
-

The election will be held on October 19. If you wish to volunteer to run for one of these offices, please be sure to attend the meeting.

Federation Membership Question – Should CORC Stay?

Pro – Staying in the Federation: 1) Federation Newsletter and list of regional shows 2) Ability to help plan kids' programs for future consideration 3) Extensive library and program resources 4) Northwest and American Federation rock shows 5) Connections to other rock clubs and their members 6) Northwest Rockhound Retreat for one week held once a year to learn lapidary skills and refine existing skills 7) Advocates for rockhounding issues such as keeping public lands open to rockhounding and educating the public.

Con – Leaving the Federation: 1) The cost increases when the membership increases with the amount due in January, 2023, of approximately \$850 (\$2.50/person). That includes a \$1/person offset. 2) The money paid to the Federation could be used for a club shop's startup fees (if club approved) or other educational experiences. 3) The Federation newsletter is available at no cost on their website. 4) CORC has not taken advantage of the Federation lending library in recent years 5) The Federation prints the contact information of all club members and distributes this info to any member who wants to purchase a copy. 6) Any CORC members who wishes to be part of the Federation can join as a member at large.

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. 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.

Newsletter Editor Needed in 2023

The CORC Newsletter needs a new editor. Please consider volunteering at the next meeting.

Minutes of September 21 CORC Meeting

The meeting started at 6:00 PM, conducted by Patricia Moreland, President. She welcomed one new member.

The November Holiday Party is set for November 13th @ Redmond High School. Marty Betsch talked about a change to the Board elections. Instead of having the elections at the holiday party we will have them at the October club meeting. Don Ross volunteered to run for Vice President

Honorary Members' nomination ballots will be available at the October club meeting and will also be emailed. Eric Badzinski gave a claim update.

- Found one seam in the Ochocos, which is almost six feet long. It is moss agate.
- The perimeter needs to be walked to see if there is enough float for the club. He would like to take some board members up there to do this before voting at October meeting.
- He is waiting to hear from Jennifer Abanathy, Forest Service, if we would be able to use power tools on the seam.
- Will get accurate prices for next meeting.
- Probably would not be able to stake it until next spring.

John Moreau showed us how to use the Tim Fisher OreRockOn DVD/thumb drive.

- \$30 for FTP Download, \$35 for DVD, \$41 for USB thumb drive, \$40 for MicroSD card.
- Tim Fisher is member of the Mt. Hood Rock Club
- You can go to OreRockOn.com, Oregon Rockhounds Online, to purchase.
- It has 700 sites, 1761 waypoints throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Montana and some in Nevada.
- There are site write ups, locations, book, new ways to look up claims, bonus features, etc.

- John used McDermitt to show how to use the maps.
- The club has a couple older DVD's/thumb drives for members to borrow.

Ken and Suzie gave field trip updates.

- October 9th will be in the Ochocos for jasper: red jasper, banded jasper, agate, crystals.
- Meet at Ray's in Prineville at 8:30 AM for the safety meeting.
- Safety goggles, chisel, hammer, backpacks are recommended.
- Do not park on the grassy areas please. We do not want to start a fire.
- It will still be hunting season so please wear bright clothing...Orange and neon green were recommended.
- Will be walking uphill and downhill.
- The club will be going to Mitchell afterwards to visit the rock shop/museum afterwards, then having a late lunch at Tiger Town Brewery.
- Show and tell from the recent field trip to McDonald's and Polka Dot Mine.

Alex McDonald's Ranch will open up for members. Need to call ahead. Suzie will put his number in the newsletter.

Ken conducted door prize drawings.

Meeting Concluded at 7:30 PM—submitted by Tonia Smith

Federation Newsletters – CORC is a Member

Northwest Federation Newsletters – The July and September issues of the Federation Newsletters are posted at

<http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0722.pdf>

<http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0922.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.

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



ASMAN & ASMAN
ENTERPRISE

Paul J. Asman
4425 SE David Way
Prineville, OR 97754
541-416-9153

Have Rocks • Do Wire Wrapping

From Nina Hurst -- I am a lapidary metal artist with a wide variety of jewelry for sale. For example, I have metal earrings, barrettes, bracelets made with stones and freshwater pearls. Just give me a call for a personal showing.

541-382-1921 or email me
nina.c.hurst@outlook.com



VINTAGE LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT
CigarBoxRock.com

63160 Nels Anderson Road
Bend, Oregon 97701
541 280-5574

Parent Co. WTEP Inc. 541-388-4563

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



ROCK HOUNDS

NEW DISCOUNT 10%

ALL LOCAL ROCK CLUB
MEMBERS

CigarBoxRock.com

Blades Equipment Supplies

Fabrication / Repair
541-280-5574



JIM JEFFERY
OWNER

T: (541)923.8395
C: (541)527.9155

✉ JNAJEFFERY@MSN.COM
🛒 JIMSGROUGHROCKS.ETSY.COM

1713 SW PUMICE AVE
REDMOND, OR 97756