



November 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.

Sunday, November 13 is the Potluck Holiday Party

You hopefully have already RSVP'd to the email invitation to the upcoming holiday party. If you have not RSVP'd, please respond by using the new club email address of corc.rocks@gmail.com . The party will be held at the cafeteria/commons area at **Redmond High School, 675 SW Rimrock Way**. Turn north on Rimrock from Hwy 126, and then turn left at the first entrance to the high school. We will enter the building through the main Redmond High School entrance. The timeline of the party is

9am Setup (this is also the arrival time if you are selling your own items)
11am Doors Open
12pm Food
1pm Close Raffles and Silent Auction, begin gift exchange
2pm Wind down and start cleaning up as appropriate

- The main course of turkey will be provided by the club, as well as drinks and paper goods. Please bring a dish to help create a fabulous holiday dinner.
- Club members may sell their own rocks or rock-related items. It's a great time to do some holiday shopping.
- There will be a silent auction and raffles of some special items that have been donated to the club. Checks and/or cash are accepted.
- One of the highlights of the party is the fun gift exchange for those who want to participate. You are asked to bring one unwrapped gift. Tickets will be drawn and you get to choose which gift you want (and you get to keep it!). Please bring something special that is rock-related.
- We will be voting by paper ballot on whether CORC should stay in the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.
- Tables are cafeteria picnic-type tables with bench seats attached. Feel free to bring your own chair if you prefer.

Congratulations to New CORC Officers

At the October meeting, the following officers were elected:

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

Many thanks to those volunteering to help lead the club and those who volunteer on club committees.

Federation Membership Question – Should CORC Stay?

Please Note: Additional comments are in the October Minutes

Pro – Staying in the Federation (same as in October newsletter—no new items were submitted): 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 and other resources are 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 for \$25/year. Federation shows do not require membership to attend 7) The Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs is a 501c4 which holds multiple seats on the Oregon Public Land Use Advisory Board. The cost is \$0.25/member which would be approximately \$100 for CORC annually.

Field Trip Report on October Trip



The October field trip to the Ochocos jasper was very well attended. The fall weather was perfect, and club members found interesting jasper despite the steep terrain.



Rockhounding Regulations

Courtesy of Crater Rock Museum

BLM Rockhounding Regulations:

BLM defines rockhounding as “the collection of reasonable amounts of mineral specimens, rocks, semi-precious gems, petrified wood, and invertebrate fossils.” Invertebrate fossils are remains of living creatures that don’t have bones such as corals or shellfish as well as common plant fossils.

- Generally, public lands are open to rockhounding unless it is at the National Monuments. Also, make sure to check the land you might be collecting rocks, minerals and fossils are in fact under BLM management since borders between different jurisdictions and owners are not always marked.
- The BLM regulations in Oregon and Washington limit the no-fee daily limit for collecting for personal use to 25 pounds plus one piece. The yearly limit is 250 pounds in total. Those include minerals, semi-precious gemstones, common invertebrate fossils, petrified wood, and other rocks.
- Only hand tools like shovels, picks, and hammers are allowed. Metal detectors are allowed too. Motorized, mechanized, heavy equipment as well as explosives are prohibited.
- A group of individuals can’t pool their yearly allowance to collect a mineral, rock, or a petrified wood piece larger than 250 pounds.
- Rockhounding is not allowed on developed recreational sites unless those are designated as rockhounding areas.
- For obtaining larger than 250 pounds of material you have to contact your local BLM office.
- Check with BLM for the current regulations and specific locations to find out if there are any are mining claims in the area.
- Rockhounding is restricted in Wilderness Area to the surface collection only.
- Native American and other historical artifacts such as arrowheads, pieces of pottery, human burial remains, etc. can’t be collected. Vertebrate fossils like fish, mammals, dinosaurs, or any other creature with a skeletal structure can’t be collected as well.

Please see <http://www.agmc.info/uploads/documents/BLM%20Regulations.pdf> for detailed information.

U.S. National Forest Regulations

The U.S. Forest Service permits recreational rockhounding on most National Forest lands. Recreational rock collecting is defined as

- Collection of small amounts of widespread, low-value, relatively common minerals and stones (common quartz crystals, agate, obsidian) for noncommercial use.
- Hobby mining activities; such as recreational gold panning or use of metal detectors to prospect for gold nuggets and other naturally occurring metals.
- The U.S. Forest Service limits amounts of specimens to a reasonable amount. A footnote indicates that is generally considered 10 pounds.
- Some lands within the National Forest are closed for collecting due to wilderness designation.
- Contact the U.S. Forest Service for up-to-date information.
- Vertebrate fossils like animals, dinosaurs, and fish bones can't be collected.
- Archaeological items like fragments of pottery, arrowheads, etc. can't be collected as well.

Please see https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r3/recreation/regulations/?cid=fsbdev3_022266 for detailed information.

Minutes of October 19, 2022 CORC Meeting

The meeting started at 6:00 PM, conducted by Patricia Moreland, President. A new member was welcomed. Marty Betsch nominated the following people for the election of officers: - April Anable for President. Ed seconded. Vote was unanimous. - Don Ross and Patricia Moreland for Co-Vice Presidents. Leah Sherman seconded. Vote was unanimous. - Tonia Smith for Secretary. Terri Coffey seconded. Vote was unanimous. - Terri Coffey for Treasurer. Ken Lawson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Vote on NFMS membership was postponed. April Anable talked about leaving the Federation. Very few people actually get the Federation newsletter emailed to them. We do not use their education resources. The cost will be \$860 next year. Every member's personal information is printed in a book that is available for other Federation members to purchase. The Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs is only \$85/year and is part of the Oregon Public Land Committee. People may join the Federation as a member at large for \$25/year. - Jules Wetzel talked about how our 392 members can help the Federation fight closures of areas we use to rock hunt. Larger numbers within a group help the group get more political attention. - Suzie Meeker asked if we are able to opt out of providing our private information. No one knows the answer. - Jan Wetzel talked about her experience at the rock hounding September workshop put on by the Federation this year. They had several trained instructors. \$395/week for cabin, food and

training. Maybe we should increase club dues to compensate. - Jeff Payne talked about another retreat put on by the Federation called Camp Paradise in California. You may become a member at large and still partake of the Federation Benefits. - Erik Badzinski asked if there was any fee to withdraw from the Federation. - Patricia said the Klamath Fall club has left the Federation and is now going back. - Terri Coffey believes the cost is high for the Federation. Said some of us cannot afford the \$395 to go to the retreats. The money would be better spent on our club. Our club members can train our own members. - Only a small few of our members have gone to Federation retreats or used their educational services. - Nancy Johnston asked what the Federation does for us. • They advocate to keep land open. They are affiliated with American Land Association. • They have free educational materials for members to borrow. • They have rock shows • They have retreats - Bruce VanderZanden motioned to put off the vote until December so we may gather more information. Ruth Pettit seconded. - How much of our budget do we pay the Federation. It is \$2.50/person for the Federation. Our membership is \$20/person and \$25/family. It is \$25/person to join the Federation as a member at large. - Al Liebetrau asked what are the 2 biggest expenses for the club. Insurance and Federation. - Scott asked for a fact sheet and a pro/con sheet. - Bruce made a motion to have a fact sheet, pro/con sheet and costs. Jules Wetzel seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Vote on the Claim. Erik Badzinski spoke - Board and club member viewed the potential claim site - There is an abundance of float - Great parking - Good terrain for everyone - Having a claim is to preserve a spot with good access and abundance of material for club members. - Erik walked the perimeter. It will need tightening up. - Materials, costs to file, location processing, etc. will cost \$343.93. It will cost \$165 yearly paid to BLM for maintenance fee. We would file after September 1, 2023 so we don't pay a fee for this year. - A vein is necessary to file a claim. You cannot file a load claim without a vein. - It is 1 1/2 hours from Redmond. - Terri Coffey made a motion to approve a budget for the claim. She presented a cab to Erik for his girlfriend as a thank you for doing all the research on the claim.

Holiday Party Sunday November 13 at RHS 10-2 - RSVP will be requested so we know how much food to order - Club is providing the main course. - Members will bring side dishes and desserts - There will be raffle items and a silent auction with 10 pieces donated from a private collection. - You may bring an unwrapped gift...rock, cab jewelry, etc. for the gift exchange. Tickets will be given out to all who participate. When your number is drawn you will have the opportunity choose a gift. - This is a time for you to sell your own wares. Honorary Membership forms are due November 1st. Current honorary members are Al and Sue and Paul Asmond.

New newsletter co-editors announced - Nancy Johnston and Tonia Smith. Thank you to Suzie Meeker for all the years she was the Newsletter Editor. Break. Erik Badzinski gave a presentation on budget friendly lapidary equipment. - He stated these are machines that will get you by until you can afford to purchase better ones. - Tabletop glass grinder • This is from the stained glass trade. • Used about \$50. New \$100-150. • Use it to ground out imperfections of tumbled rocks. • Different wheels are available • It is water fed - Standard Dremel and work station • Home Depot \$50 for station. Dremel up to \$200 • Good for drilling stones • You can use a model hobby vise to hold the stone. \$8-12 • Glass casserole dish works great to hold water and the stone • Hollow diamond bits. eBay and Covington have bits. About \$2.50/bit if you buy 10. • Works great if you use a light touch, back off, another light touch until you get to the end. Then

use a very soft light touch at the end. - Wet angle grinder • \$250-300 on Amazon • Has a garden hose attachment • Velcro diamond pads. \$25-60 for a set • You can use a wood hobby vise to hold the rock - Tile saws are a good, cheap start.

Suzie talked about the October field trip. About 50 people went. She talked the BLM/ Forest Service rock collection rules and will put them in the newsletter. John talked about the McDermitt overnight trip. 18 people went. 4 people joined on the trip. Susan Roemhildt from Cigarbox/Instant Landscaping announced they will be moving the house/office and their equipment and stock so they will be closing November 1st. They are relocating due to the realignment of Highway 97. They hope to reopen by the first of the year at the new place on the right side of the same road, where the storage units used to be. Door Prizes were awarded. The meeting concluded about 8 PM.

Northwest 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>

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The November, 2022, issue is not yet posted online.

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



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



NOTE: The_CigarBoxRock lapidary shop is currently closed. It will reopen at the new location in January, 2023.