

*C.O.R.C.*

## *Central Oregon Rock Collectors*

**September 2015, Newsletter**

**“It’s in our name... it’s what do we do... we collect rocks!!!!”**

The **CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS** is an informal group dedicated to sharing the rock hound hobby. We meet for field trips, collecting rock, and related activities. You do not have to be a member to attend. However if you are interested in joining, yearly memberships are only \$20 for individuals, or \$25 for families. At the end of this newsletter is a form for joining the C.O.R.C.

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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. Our next regular meeting will be the third Wednesday of September (Sept 16th) at the Redmond Senior Center at 7:00 PM. We will be in the conference room at the east end of the center. Club officers meet at 6:00 pm.

**Nuggets of Knowledge:**

Jerry and Stephanie Brown will be holding a “Silver Pick” rock sale at their place outside Prineville from 10 to 4 on September 11 and 12. Bargains galore, rocks from all over the west, rough, slabs, and specimens. Also tools and equipment. 541-729-2905 Directions below.

Carol Van Dorn, the Prineville geologist who hosted us at the Prineville BLM office on August 12, would like some help with the rock hound site signs. She has scheduled October 8 from 10-12 for sign assembly at the BLM office. Then on October 29 the signs will be taken to area sites. The signs are to be posted at all the sites in the district that are on the BLM Rockhound map so that boundaries will be clear. Anyone who can volunteer to help please call Carol at 541-416-6700.

**Field trip information:**

**Next field trip: Sunday, September 13th to the Pole Creek** area for petrified wood, jaspers, some agate and some stilbite crystals. It will be primarily surface collecting over a wide area of juniper woodlands. When you find an exposed log, you may want to pick at it to get some of the more solid material, so a rock hammer or geopick would be useful. Van Lake and Camp Creek roads are graded gravel. The last 3 miles into the site, off the Camp Creek road, is a rough road. Meet at the junction of Hwy 20 and the Van Lake road (about 50 miles east of Bend) at 9:00 Sunday morning. Debby Simon has volunteered to lead the expedition.

**August field trip:** We had a very large turnout at the Prineville Office of the BLM for a review of some of the minerals and stones available on BLM land in the Prineville district, complete with samples, locations and directions to the sites. Afterwards many of us drove to Steve Langer's home to look at and purchase his surplus thunder eggs he had collected over the years.

**Our Upcoming Programs :**

- September – Jerry and Stephanie Brown will present Rockhounding Adventures in Utah.
- October – Bill Quant, son and co-pro prospector with Central Oregon legend, Shirts Quant, will informally discuss their rockhounding and prospecting adventures.
- November - The CORC end of the season holiday banquet.

**Our Upcoming Field trips:**

- **September** - Pole Creek to look for petrified wood, agate, jasper and stilbite
- **October** – East of Madras for colorful opalite.
- **NFMS Field Trip** September 16 – 20. Four experienced local field trip leaders from the Owyhee area will lead us to several nice locations where we will find burnt wood, colorful wood, moss agate, plume agate, jasper and blue opalized thunder eggs. We will be traveling to Graveyard

Point, Succor Creek, Wagon Town, Grassy Mountain and Hoodoo Basin. You need to be registered with Warren Rood to attend. email: warrenrood@yahoo.com

**As there was no formal meeting in August, there are no minutes this month.** However the club picnic at the Wetzels was a great success. Thanks, Jan and Jules. We had a large turnout, enjoyed burgers and grilled chicken plus a lot of great side dishes and desserts. The bidding at the silent auction was spirited, raising a substantial amount for the club. Jerry and Stephanie were presented with a lovely award recognizing their years of service to the club. Editor's note: Al and Sue have been with us every step of the way and they were here long before. They deserve recognition as well.

**Upcoming shows:**

October 9, 10, & 11 - Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association  
Washington County Fair Complex, 873 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro OR 97124  
L. Smith, [Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.com](mailto:Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.com)

October 17 & 18 - Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society  
Hermiston Conference Center, Highway 395 South, Hermiston OR  
Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net

October 24 & 25 - Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club  
Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 Ne. 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013  
Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net

**Photos from recent activities.**



Members viewing various specimens from the BLM rockhound collections.



Silver picking for thunder eggs at Steve Langer's.



The action was hot and heavy at the silent auction table.



Al Liebetrau presenting Stephanie and Jerry with a service award.

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From US 26 at Ochoco Plaza at the east end of Prineville, turn south on OR 380, Combs Flat Rd. There are signs to Prineville Reservoir. After about 3/4 mile bear left & continue about 1/2 mile. Turn right on SE Juniper Canyon Rd. You will continue for almost 8 miles until you reach the second intersection with SE Davis Loop. Turn right & follow Davis Loop about 2 miles. Turn left on Cayuse where there are numerous mailboxes for Prineville Lake Acres 2. Continue about a mile, then turn left at the second intersection with SE Pawnee. Take the second right on S Paiute. Paiute jogs left after about 1/2 mile to become Cayuga. Continue another 1/2 mile then turn right at SE Moki. Our place is at the lower end of Moki where you will see our big red barn & our wind generator. Please keep your speed on the gravel sections of the roads to about 25 mph.

CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS (CORC)  
2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF ADD'L FAMILY MEMBERS (+AGES IF UNDER 18):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about CORC? (*new members only*)

**NOTE:** Annual dues are \$20/individuals and \$25/families. If you are paying by check:

Make your check out to **Central Oregon Rock Collectors** and mail it to:

**Attn: Marty Betsch, 61561 Eastlake Drive, Bend, OR 97702.**

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