



**September, 2016**

**“It’s in our name . . . It’s what do 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. 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 CORC.

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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 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, March through October, the November meeting is a potluck holiday get-together on a Sunday. No winter meetings. Regular meetings are held at the Redmond Senior Center, 325 NE Dogwood Avenue, Redmond, starting at 7:00 pm until 8:30 or 9:00.**

### **August Meeting:**

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Our third Wednesday of the month meeting at the senior center featured Elizabeth Prindle showing slides and circulating samples from her rock collecting forays across the Northwest and Utah. Samples included trilobites, topaz, garnets and pyrite among the more exotic specimens. 30 members and guests were in attendance. Please see the minutes for a more complete report. Thank you Elizabeth.

### **Field Trips:**

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Eleven members and guests attended the August 28<sup>th</sup> field trip to the Brachiopod, clam and ammonite collecting areas north of Delintment Lake. Brachiopods and clams were abundant in several locations, ammonites not so much, but we did collect a few. Thanks are in order to Elizabeth, Ruth, and new member, Suzanne Adams, for scouting the area prior and finding a couple of additional sites.



Josh Oswald found this ammonite cast.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Prindle

### **Coming Field Trips:**

An opportunity for another field trip has presented itself. We plan to rendezvous with the Clackamette Club in McDermitt, on the OR/NV border. This will take place Thursday, Sept. 22 through Sunday Sept. 25. The area is large with many sites, so this will be a multi-day trip. There is dry camping at the rockhounding area, but very rugged. There is an RV park as well as a motel in McDermitt. Final details at the Wednesday, Sept. 21, meeting!

**Oct 8 - 9** Warm Springs Reservoir/Beulah Lake (overnight) pending weather and fire conditions. Details to follow.

Contact: Elizabeth Prindle, Field Trip Chairperson at [pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com](mailto:pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com)

## **Programs:**

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**September 21:** Don Ross' friend Pam Garzine who does painting and art work using rocks.

**October:** the plan is to have experts on meteorites.

Contact: Sue Liebetrau, Program Chairperson at [liebetrauam@msn.com](mailto:liebetrauam@msn.com)

## **August 17, 2016 Draft Minutes:**      Suzie Meeker, Secretary

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**Executive Meeting:** The President, Deb Simon, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. In attendance: Marty Betsch, Karen Cameron, Suzie Meeker, Elizabeth Prindle, Deb Simon, Del Walker, Clara Walker, and Jules Wetzel.

The July picnic was well attended and the silent auction was profitable. Thanks to all. Deb Simon proposed a new plan for future field trips. She suggested making a list of the top 15 sites to visit in the Central Oregon area. The club would visit five sites the first year, five sites the second year, and then five sites the third year. The field trips would then go through the rotation again. The members recommended setting a permanent date, such as the first Sunday of each month, for the field trips so that the members could plan in advance. Volunteers would be needed to coordinate the implementation of this new plan. The committee decided to discuss the options further since implementation would not begin until 2017.

Commercial entities and advertising was discussed. One-half page of free advertising in the newsletter will be allowed for businesses that are rock-related as long as the business provides a discount for members showing club identification. Marty contacted several area businesses. The Cigar Box will offer a 15% discount. (Cigar Box Rock has contacted us and reduced that to 10% - editor). Canutt's will provide a 5% discount. Marty was unable to reach Quant's Rock Shop in Prineville, and Richardson's declined to provide a discount.

Elizabeth is checking with her attorney regarding developing a liability waiver for CORC field trips. The Powell Butte sale will be on 9/17/16. Please contact Sue if you are interested in selling any items. At least one person is needed to help set up.

Marty reported that there is a balance of \$2,213.78 in the treasury. There was a brief discussion of expenditures and possible future purchases. One of the impediments to purchasing equipment is lack of space to store it. It is difficult to find a meeting place for a reasonable amount. As the club grows, a new meeting place may need to be located.

Elizabeth reported that the next field trip to Delintment Lake was scheduled for 8/28/16. She will be arriving several days in advance to survey the best sites. Jules will meet the club members in

Prineville. The club has been invited to join the Clackamas Club on a field trip to McDermitt OR/NV on September 22 to 25.

Karen reported that a club Facebook page is now online. Members of CORC will need to request joining the group. There were 120 visitors to the website last month. Jules reminded all that items for the next newsletter are due before the first of the month.

Clara will give a report on the July Albany show at the general meeting. She will also provide the name badges for club members. The program next month will be Don Ross' friend Pam Garzine who does painting and art work using rocks. In October the plan is to have experts on meteorites.

Deb brought up the issue of too much noise at the general membership meeting. She asked executive committee members to be supportive. Clara offered to assist with the awarding of the door prizes so that it could flow faster.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**General Meeting:** President Deb Simon called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Debby Simon introduced herself as the President and welcomed guests to the club. The guests introduced themselves. Approximately 30 people attended the general meeting. The club website is located at [www.corockcollectors.com](http://www.corockcollectors.com) and includes past newsletters, information on upcoming field trips and resources.

**Presentation:** Elizabeth Prindle shared some of her rockhounding adventures. She provided maps of the regions she visited along with pictures and entertaining stories of the areas. She also passed around samples of rocks collected in Oregon, Nevada, Utah, and Idaho. She shared pictures of some of her favorite museums with outstanding rock collections including the Rice Museum near Portland.

**Sharing:** Clara Walker, Ken Lawson and Suzie Meeker shared some of their recent collecting experiences.

**Business:**

**Treasurer's Report** – approximately \$2213.

**Secretary's Report** – accepted as posted in the CORC newsletter

**Announcements** – Please plan to visit the CORC display at the Redmond Library by the end of the month. The club now has a Facebook page, and you may send a request to join the group. Only rock-related posts will be on the club's Facebook page. Pictures are welcome.

If you are interested in selling any arts and crafts items, including rock-related items, at the Powell Butte show on September 17, please contact Al and Sue Liebetrau.

Thanks to the members for the attendance at the July club picnic. The silent auction added \$412 to the club treasury. Special thanks to Tom and Debbi Klug who hosted the picnic at their home.



NW Federation of Mineralogical Societies Report - Clara Walker announced that the Albany show had 40 vendors and 165 display cases. Several club members attended the show. The 2017 show will be in Hamilton, Montana. Please save your cancelled stamps and bring to club meetings. Money collected from selling the stamps goes to cancer research. Please do not bring any "Forever" stamps.

Clara will send out an email about BLM and US Forest Service and possible future road closures.

Programs – In September Pam Garzine will present her painting and art work on rocks. In October the plans are tentative to have meteorite experts.

Field Trips – The August trip is planned for August 28 at Delintment Lake for ammonite fossils and shells. Please see the August newsletter for additional details. Jules and Jan Wetzel will meet club members at the Ray's parking lot in Prineville at 8 a.m. Mosquito spray is recommended.

An additional field trip has been added for September 22 to 25. The Clackamas Club has invited CORC members to join them on a visit to the McDermitt OR/NV area. The area is famous for thundereggs, petrified wood, jasper and agate.

Website – Karen Cameron reported that there were 120 visitors last month to the club website.

Door prizes were distributed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**Guest Editorial:** Our club and this newsletter has had discussions regarding efforts to designate federal lands for special uses which would severely limit or even block our rock hounding/collecting hobby. To carry that conversation on, specifically regarding tracking the movements to block access to public lands, I would like the club to know there is a group in Malheur County that is trying to fight the designation of the Owyhee canyonlands as a wilderness area. They have a web site [www.OurLandOurVoice.com](http://www.OurLandOurVoice.com) and are also on facebook under the same name: Our Land Our Voice. If you are on facebook friending them will keep you updated on activity in that part of our state. - Ruth Pettit

**The club is always looking for members willing to help. Please offer to step in where-ever you can volunteer.**

### The Club Display Case at the Redmond Library:

In case you didn't get a chance to view the display -



Photo courtesy of Karen Cameron

### Business Cards:

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





Canutts Gems is offering a 5% discount to members showing a CORC membership card

**Classified Ads:**

If you have a rockhound related object you wish to sell, send the announcement to Jules Wetzel [jjwetzel@bendbroadband.com](mailto:jjwetzel@bendbroadband.com) and we'll post it. If you don't want your address, phone number or email address posted, submit your ad with only the specific contact information you do want published.

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