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“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.

Visit **OUR WEBSITE** at <http://www.corockcollectors.com>

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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 3rd 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.

- **First meeting this year will be Wednesday, March 15, 2017.**

Field Trips:

We are still looking for a Field Trip chair and committee members.

- Debbie Simon has called a **field trip planning meeting for Sunday March 5, 1:00 pm at Abbey's Pizza Parlor in Redmond.** All are welcome, bring ideas, wants, wishes, hopes, and especially commitment.
- Whitemans are planning a field trip to the McDermitt area in May and again possibly in September. (petrified wood, agate, jasper and possibly thundereggs) More detail and probable dates should be available at the March meeting.
- Pat Blue Heron is spending the last week of March and the first week of April at Bullard Beach State Park near Bandon on the Oregon coast. If anyone is interested in looking on the beaches for rocks, fossil shells, or petrified wood, please contact her at 541-598-7658 or email patblueheron@msn.com before March 20, to arrange a meeting time and place.

Upcoming Programs:

Programs at this point are in a bit of a limbo, since we haven't had any volunteers to chair or work on the agenda. If you have ideas, or are willing to contribute, please contact Sue Liebetrau at liebetrauam@msn.com

- The March meeting program will be a show and tell by the membership. Bring your bragging rocks from last year to show and expect to see a wide assortment of interesting finds and great crafts.
- The April meeting speaker will be Leslie Moclock, Curator of the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, in Hillsboro. She will talk to us about how scientists date rocks.

What does the Program committee chairman do? This is not a difficult job. The program head should see to it that a committee meets once or twice a year to plan the programs, should contact speakers and make sure they have everything they need for a program, should ensure that they get set up properly for the program and that they are thanked properly afterwards--or delegate someone to be responsible for these jobs. The chairman does not--and should not--have to do all these tasks.

Sue Liebetrau, committee member

Rock Shows and Miscellaneous:

- The 79th Annual NFMS Show and Convention is May 19th - 21st in Hamilton, Montana. There is still time to submit your advance registration. Forms are available on the Federation website.
- The Klamath Rock and Arrowhead Club show is March 11 & 12, 2017 at the Klamath County Fairgrounds, Klamath Falls, Oregon.
- This came as an email – it may interest some of you:

Lapidary Lovers – a blog just for us!

Lapidary lovers now have a blog just for us! www.LapidaryWhisperer.com has just come online and I hope you will check it out. It's an online community for lapidary lovers where I'll post a new blog entry every other Wednesday.

Yes, rocks and slabs whisper and tell me what they want to be, then I commit lapidary on them to bring out their stories.

You can receive it automatically every other Wednesday by subscribing to it in the little space at the top of the right side column. I'd love to hear what you think about the blog.

Let's enjoy this wonderful art and craft together!

Your Lapidary Whisperer, Donna Albrecht

Marty Betsch wishes to remind members that 2017 dues are due and payable by the March meeting. You need to pay dues in order to get our name tag/membership card that you can show to get the discounts our corporate members are offering.

Membership forms are available on our website <http://www.corockcollectors.com> . Please use the form when paying dues if you have address, telephone, email, etc. changes from last year so we can keep our records updated.

Club News:

In case you missed the November Potluck and short business meeting, terms of office for President and Vice President expired.

- Debbie Simon was the out-going President, Elizabeth Prindle was elected President for the upcoming 2017 - 2018 term.
- Al Liebetrau was the out-going Vice-President, Roger Whiteman was elected Vice-President for the upcoming 2017 - 2018 term.

Take time to tell them thanks for their service the next time you see Debbie or Al.

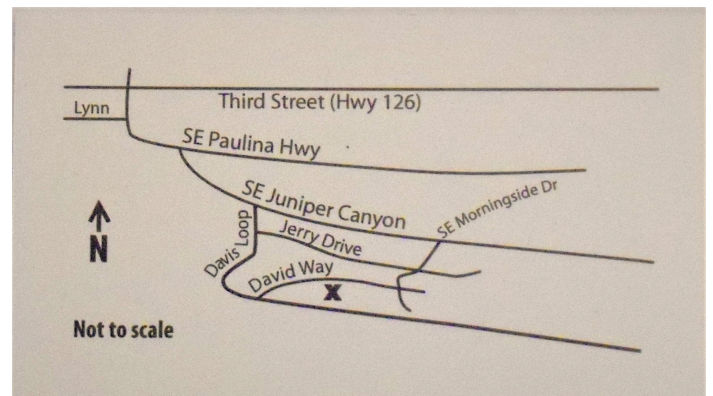
The club is always looking for members willing to help. Please offer to step in where-ever you can volunteer.

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 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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