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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.

- **Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2017.**

Field Trips:

Please see the March 2017 minutes for the planned 2017 field trips. We will report on the trips as they occur.

Upcoming Programs:

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.

Please see the March 2017 minutes (below) for the planned 2017 programs.

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.

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.

Minutes from March 15, 2017 CORC Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Elizabeth Prindle. Attending were Vice President Roger Whiteman, Past President Deb Simon, Treasurer Marty Betsch, Secretary Suzie Meeker, Newsletter Editors Jan and Jules Wetzel, and NFMS/AFMS representatives Clara and Del Walker. For the Secretary's report, Suzie briefly reviewed the minutes from the last meeting in November, 2016. The minutes are posted in the newsletter and are normally approved by the club membership at the following month's meeting.

Marty reported that the Treasury has \$2301. The 2017 club dues are now due. The cost is \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership. The committee decided to set April 30 as the deadline for the 2017 dues. Members can give cash or a check to Marty at the meeting or mail it to her. The membership form is found at the end of each newsletter and on the club website.

The committee discussed the door prize distribution and other options were brought up, such as members bringing in rocks they could not identify for a round of "What the Heck is This?" When members win a door prize, it is requested that they bring a rock to contribute to the next door prize drawing at the next meeting, and it be a rock that they themselves would like to have. Clara has the new name badges for 2017 and will distribute to members who have paid their dues.

Deb announced the tentative schedule for the 2017 Field trips. A change in 2017 is that different leaders will be responsible for specific trips. For the Tentative Schedule for 2017 Field Trips, please see the CORC club meeting minutes that follow the Board Minutes.

The committee discussed the location of club equipment needed for presentations: projector, screen, and laptop. Most presenters bring their own laptops. Marty announced the Tentative Schedule for Programs at the 2017 club meetings. For the tentative list of programs, please see the CORC club meeting minutes that follow the Board Minutes.

Jules requested that items to be published in the newsletter be submitted no later than one week after the meeting.

Clara and Del announced the annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies on May 19-21 in Hamilton, Montana. The committee discussed having a presence at the local rock shows in Prineville and Madras. In past years the club has had a table with a member manning it to distribute membership information. Last year Clara and Del put together a display highlighting Oregon minerals and CORC flyers were available.

Elizabeth announced that 72 people viewed the webpage last month, and a total of 46 people have joined the Facebook group. Old business was briefly discussed. The Welcome Committee includes Laurie Sensibaugh who is responsible for refreshments and Ken Lawson who is the greeter for guests and new members. Members should be reminded to sign in and wear name badges. The status of Peterson's Rock Garden was tabled for the next meeting. Marty reported the phone had been disconnected, and more research is needed to see if CORC wants to participate. The Rock Garden closed due to insurance issues with safety. The Organization/Leadership discussion was tabled as well as Liability Waivers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes for the CORC meeting March 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Elizabeth Prindle, club President, welcomed new members and guests who were asked to introduce themselves. The club officers were introduced.

Secretary/Treasurer - The November, 2016, meeting minutes were approved. Marty Betsch gave the Treasurer's Report with \$2301 currently in the treasury. She explained that the club dues pay for the rental of the room, refreshments served at the meeting, and equipment needed by the club, plus some of the food served at the club picnic and holiday parties. She reminded the members that 2017 dues are due by the end of April. Members can pay their dues at the meeting directly to Marty by cash or check, or they may mail them to her. The membership form is found at the end of each newsletter and a link is provided on the club website page.

Door prizes - Elizabeth explained that door prizes are award at the end of each meeting. She asked that members who win bring a rock to the next meeting that is something they themselves would like to have; no "bonepile" rocks, please.

Field Trips - Deb Simon, Field Trip Committee chair, went over the 2017 Tentative Field Trip Schedule.

Saturday, April 1 – Post/Paulina Hwy for petrified wood, leaf fossils and horsetail cane fossils. Jules Wetzel and Don Ross – trip leaders. The members who wish to go plan to meet at Ray's Market in Prineville at the east end of town at 9 a.m. on the day of the trip. Be sure to bring rockhounding tools such as a shovel or rock pick, bucket or backpack, hat, gloves, sunscreen, water and food.

Sunday, May 7 – Quant's Crystals or Post Fossil Area. The specific location has not yet been determined. Don Ross – trip leader

Saturday, June 3 – Lucky Strike Mine for colorful thundereggs. Don Ross – trip leader

July – no field trips are planned due to the two local rock shows that occur in mid to end of June. The Prineville Pow Wow is June 15-18, 2017, and the Madras Show is June 22-25, 2017. Sisters also hosts a smaller rock show over the 4th of July weekend.

Sunday, August 6 – Gold Panning at the North Santiam River. Details will be forthcoming as more research is needed. Don Ross – trip leader

Saturday, September 9 – Hampton Butte for petrified wood, some green in color. Suzie Meeker – trip leader

Sunday, October 1 – Richardson's Rock Ranch outside of Madras for rock shop browsing and thunderegg beds.

Several overnight trips are tentatively planned. You may come for the entire week or stay for any number of days

April 16-22 – Weather permitting - Succor Creek in Idaho – camping at state park. No hookups are available. You can plan to come for a couple of days or the entire week.

May 14-20 - McDermitt on the Oregon/Nevada border – camping available at RV Park/limited number of motel rooms available

September 17-23 – McDermitt

Programs: Marty Betsch announced the Tentative Schedule for Programs for the 2017 year:

April 19 – Rice Museum on the scientific identification of rocks

May 17 – Demonstration of lapidary equipment by Don Ross

June 21 – Fossils of the Oregon Coast by Pat Blue Heron

July 19 – Rocks collected through world travels by Don Ross

August – The club picnic potluck date is to be determined. Highlights include the silent auction and opportunity to sell rock-related items.

September 30 – Meteorites

October – to be determined

November – club holiday party potluck date is to be determined. There is the opportunity for club members to sell rock-related items.

Jules reminded club members that all dates would be listed in the monthly newsletters that are emailed or mailed to club members. The newsletter also is posted on the club website at corockcollectors.com. There is a link at the bottom of the page on the club website to the club Facebook group.

NFMS - Clara Walker announced the annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies on May 19-21 in Hamilton, Montana. She explained that all members of CORC are automatically members of the Federation. More details about the Federation show can be found in the Federation newsletter that is mailed or emailed to club members. Presentations by experts are given, and a wide variety of vendors sell rocks, jewelry and related items. There are also showcases that include unusual rocks collected by individuals and clubs.

Clara also provided flyers for the Sweet Home Gem and Mineral Show on April 1 and 2 at 1641 Long Street in the High School Gym. Admission is 50 cents.

Program – Club members shared favorite rocks that they either found or purchased, and the rocks were passed among the members. Members enjoyed seeing the rocks and hearing the stories of where and how the rocks were acquired.

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

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

Club News:

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.]



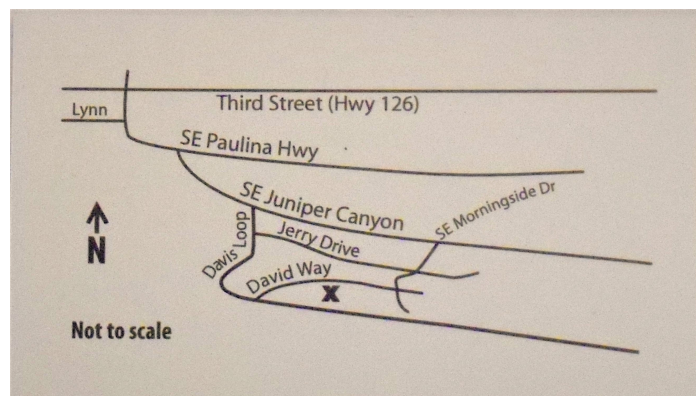
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