



**MAY, 2017**

**“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. A membership form is on our website.

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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.

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

### **Field Trips:**

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The next field trip will be Sunday, May 7 to an agate and crystal site near Walton Lake. Meet in Ray's Food Place parking lot at the East end of Prineville at 9:00 am. Parking at the trip site is extremely limited, please car pool. Don Ross reports the hike from the road in is quite steep with some scree slopes. He recommends hiking staffs if you have such and a back pack rather than hand-carried buckets for your prizes.

An additional field trip opportunity is available, May 14 – 20 or 21. Several Club Members will be going to McDermitt, Oregon and staying at the Mitchell RV park. The McDermitt area is a well-known rock hounding location, offering thundereggs, quality petrified wood, bog agate and other materials. Join us if you can for a few days or all week. McDermitt is on US 95 at the Oregon/Nevada border. There is a motel and the casino offers meals at a reasonable price if you lack an RV. Roads in the rock-hounding area are generally pretty reasonable, a sedan might not be recommended, but most anything else will do, and we are not averse to car-pooling.

### **April Field Trip Reports:**

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Suzie Meeker reports that the trip was quite a success, about 25 people went and collected a variety of wood, leaf fossils and horsetail rush fossils. Some agatized wood replacement was also found.

It appears that Ken Lawson had the big find of the day!





Nine members came to Succor Creek State Recreation Area the week of April 16 through 22. We were able to collect leaf fossils, seam agate, some jasper and opal thundereggs in between a couple of rainy days. The opal eggs are primarily a beautiful robin's egg blue, but they may ultimately fade quite a bit.



Possibly our most interesting find at one Succor Creek site

### **Upcoming Programs:**

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The May meeting will feature our own Don Ross demonstrating lapidary equipment.

The Annual Summer Picnic is now scheduled for Sunday, August 13 at the Liebetrau residence. Save the date for good eats, socializing, a silent auction and a chance to sell your crafts.

### **Rock Shows and Miscellaneous:**

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The 79<sup>th</sup> Annual NFMS Show and Convention is May 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> in Hamilton, Montana.

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### **Minutes from April 19, 2017 CORC Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 representatives Clara and Del Walker. The minutes from the March, 2017, meeting were posted in the newsletter, and no corrections were made.

Marty reported that the club Treasury has \$2325. The 2017 club dues have been paid by 48 families or individuals. The committee briefly reviewed the names of the thirteen members who have not yet paid their dues, and removed the names of those who were known to have moved. Marty plans to contact the remaining members to see if they wish to continue their membership.

There will not be a board meeting in May since several members will be attending the NFMS meeting in Hamilton, Montana. Deb Simon volunteered to chair the regular meeting.

Don Ross requested that the club consider organizing a work party to help Quant's Rock Shop in Prineville with their move. Elizabeth planned to bring the idea to the membership. [This topic has been postponed as the planned move is now delayed.]

Karen Cameron had suggested that information about the club library be provided to the membership. Jules will be publishing an article in the newsletter about the contents and location of the club library.

The next planned club field trip is on Sunday, May 7. Don Ross has coordinated with Bill Quant to guide the club members to the Ochoco quartz crystals and blue agate located on private land. Elizabeth has visited the site, and she emphasized that the terrain is steep. Don planned to cover recommended equipment for the field trip at the regular club meeting. Club members and guests will be meeting at Ray's Market in Prineville at 9 a.m. Carpooling is recommended as parking will be along the roadway.

Suzie thanked Jules for planning the successful April field trip where more than 25 members and guests participated. The board discussed the possibility of archiving club field trip directions and the risks of posting them online. The plan is to put the directions in the club library and make them available to club members.

The informal club outing to Succor Creek has been postponed to the week of April 23 – 29. The McDermitt field trip will be the week of May 14-20, and participants plan to stay at the campground in the small town of McDermitt. Club members and guests are welcome for any or all of the dates for these outings.

The club picnic date and location have been finalized. It will be at Al and Sue Liebetrau's home in Powell Butte on Sunday, August 13. More details will follow at subsequent meetings and will also be announced in the newsletter.

The program presenter for tonight's meeting is Leslie Moclock from the Rice Museum near Portland. The May program will be Don Ross discussing lapidary tips and equipment.

The deadline for information to be included in the next newsletter is Wednesday, April 26.

Clara and Del as well as several other club members will be attending the annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies on May 19-21 in Hamilton, Montana. As they have done in previous years, Clara and Del offered to assemble a display case highlighting Oregon minerals and rocks for the upcoming Prineville Pow Wow on June 15-18. Club members will be invited to submit rocks for the display. Club members will also be asked to staff the display case in two hour shifts to answer questions and promote the club with flyers available.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

### **Minutes for the CORC Meeting April 9, 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. Everyone was reminded to sign in for door prizes and attendance. Over 40 members and guests were present.

**Presentation** – Leslie Moclock, curator and outreach coordinator at the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals near Portland, gave an interesting and detailed presentation on “Dating Rocks to tell Earth’s Story”. She discussed how geoscientists figure out the age of rocks, and she highlighted the difference between the relative age of rocks (younger/older sequence) versus the absolute age (in numbers). More information about the Rice Museum can be found at <https://ricenorthwestmuseum.org/>

**Secretary/Treasurer** - The March, 2016, meeting minutes were approved as published in the April newsletter. Marty Betsch gave the Treasurer’s Report with \$2325 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.

**Field Trips** – The next club field will be on Sunday, May 7. Club members and guests will be going to private land in the Ochocos looking for quartz crystals and blue agate. Meet at the Ray’s Market at the east end of Prineville at 9 a.m. Carpooling is recommended as parking will be along the roadway. Participants will be hiking up a fairly steep hill, and boots and hiking poles are recommended as well as a backpack for carrying your treasure. Don Ross has coordinated the field trip with Bill Quant of Quant’s Rock Shop in Prineville.

The club had a very successful field trip in April to the Post area. Jules coordinated the trip, and there were over 25 members and guests who attended. Ken Lawson displayed a large leaf fossil he found, and Jack Benedict showed two samples of petrified wood. He sent them to a friend at the Crater Lake Museum who dated the wood from 46-54 million years old.

Save the dates for the future club field trips: Saturday, June 3 – Lucky Strike Mine for large, colorful thundereggs. This is a fee dig.

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, held at the Crook County Fairgrounds, and the Madras Show is June 22-25, 2017. Sisters also hosts a smaller rock show over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Sunday, August 6 – Gold Panning at the North Santiam River.

Sunday, August 13 – Club picnic at Al and Sue Liebetrau’s home in Powell Butte

Saturday, September 9 – Hampton Butte for petrified wood

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

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

April 23-29 - Succor Creek in Idaho – camping at state park.

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

September 17-23 – McDermitt

**Programs** - The program for the May 17 club meeting will be the demonstration of lapidary equipment by Don Ross.

**Club Library** – Jules Wetzel is the club newsletter editor and he will be publishing a list of the contents of the club library in an upcoming edition.

**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. The Federation newsletter is mailed or emailed to club members, and it lists rock and mineral shows found throughout the Northwest. If you are interested in receiving an email version of the newsletter, please let Clara know. If you are a new member, it may take a month or two to receive the Federation newsletter.

Clara announced that the club will have a display case at the Prineville Pow Wow on June 15-18 at the Crook County Fairgrounds. She asked members to contact her if they would like to submit rocks or minerals found in Oregon.

Door prizes were distributed, and the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

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### **Club News and information:**

Those of you at the April Club Meeting heard Ms. Leslie Moclock highlight William Smith and the geologic map of England he developed as he surveyed canals during the late 1700's. If you are interested in learning further, our club library has the book *The Map That Changed the World, William Smith and the Birth of Modern Geology*, the story of William Smith and his life work mapping the geology of England available to loan.

We have a number of different resources; magazines, books, and cds, available for members to borrow. Contact Jules Wetzel, email in the masthead, to check out what's available.

A note from Suzie:

In March, the website had 137 visitors. 10 of the visitors came from an Amfed link and 5 came from Facebook.

The Facebook group has 58 members. Every week, there are more people that are asking to be



part of the group.

--Karen told me the Facebook page now has 68 members as of the end of April, so you can see how it is growing.

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

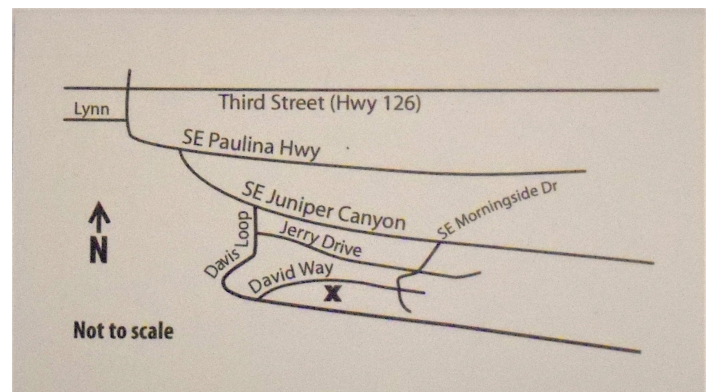
### **Business Cards:**

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[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.

- Pat Blue Heron is moving and will have a lot of rocks to give away. Also She has an **arbor with a motor** that can maybe be used by someone who is handy to build a cab grinding unit. The pedestal is cracked but the motor runs. Someone can come look at it and make me an offer. **Phone: 541-598-7658.**



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