

April, 2018

**“It’s in our name . . . It’s what 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.

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 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.**

### **Field Trips:**

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Our 2018 Field Trip Co-chairs are Ken Lawson ( [krlawson@bendcable.com](mailto:krlawson@bendcable.com) ) and John Moreau ( [john.b.moreau@icloud.com](mailto:john.b.moreau@icloud.com) ).

The the following are club field trips and leaders:

Sun April 15	Pole Creek	John Moreau
Sat May 12	White Fir Area, Ochocos	Ken Lawson
Sun June 10	McDonald Ranch, Antelope	Roger Whiteman
Sun Aug 12	Club Picnic	Ken and Roxanne Lawson, hosts
Sun Sept 9	Salt Creek area, Crook County	Patricia Moreland (tentative)
Sat Oct 13	Congleton Hollow	Elizabeth Prindle

\* Some members of the club are also joining with other clubs to collect in the Succor Creek area this spring. All are welcome to come along for an informal gathering of rockhounds. The Succor Creek expedition will assemble at the Succor Creek State Recreation Area starting on April 20 and run for 10 days. Come for all 10 days or as few as you want. Dry camping at Succor Creek, nearest motels and RV parks are at Homedale, ID, about 20 - 25 miles north.

The Succor Creek campground is located between Jordan Valley and Adrien Oregon. Suggested route is Bend to Vale, OR. Turn South toward Adrien, OR at the east end of Vale (I believe the highway signs reference Owyhee Reservoir). Drive to Adrien, OR and south on State Highway 201 toward Homedale ID. Just before entering Idaho, turn south on Succor Creek road. The camp is roughly 16 more miles of gravel and dirt road , right on the creek. WGS 84 GPS coordinates of the camp outhouse are 43.453545, -117.119889, decimal degrees.

For further details contact Roger Whiteman (email address above).

### **Upcoming Programs:**

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Program plans so far:

April 25	Mark Taylor,	Natures' Bling, Metaphysical Properties of Crystals
May 16	Jan Whiteman	Vibratory rock tumbling
June 20	Al Liebrau	Fluorescents
July 18	Don Ross	Rock Painting
August	Club Picnic	Silent Auction, good food, social gathering
Sept 19	Members' experiences in Tucson,	how to "do" the Tucson show
Oct 17	TBA	

### **Upcoming Shows:**

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**April 27 – 29: NFMS Show & Convention.** Central WA State Fair Park, Modern Living Building and Pioneer Hall, 1301 South Fair Avenue, Yakima, WA 98901. Fri & Sat 10-6; Sunday 10-4. [www.yakimarockclub.com](http://www.yakimarockclub.com)

## **Club News and Information**

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### **Minutes from March 21, 2018, CORC Board Meeting**

Attending were Elizabeth Prindle, President; Roger Whiteman, Vice-President; Marty Betsch, Treasurer; Jules and Jan Wetzel, Newsletter Editors; Del Walker, Federation Representative; John Moreau and Ken Lawson, Field Trip Co-Chairs; Don Ross, Program Chair, and Suzie Meeker, Secretary.

The Board had held a pre-season meeting on February 23, 2018, at Elizabeth's home. At that time it was determined that CORC does not need a post office box and CORC would not be joining the Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs. Further discussion was tabled on the topic of payment of speaker fees or travel reimbursement for volunteers leading field trips.

The Board authorized the Cigar Box to sell club memberships so that customers could qualify for the 10% discount on lapidary equipment and supplies immediately. The release of liability is now included on the club membership form, which Marty keeps when members turn in their annual dues. John Moreau volunteered to investigate the cost of purchasing liability coverage for club field trips.

Any expenditure of money must be put to a vote of club members. The Board discussed the idea of donating to the Rice Museum since they have sent speakers to club meetings for several years. Elizabeth and Suzie researched the purchase of a new computer that would be compatible with the projection device the club already owns. The purchase price with software and cables comes to approximately \$435. Both items will be put to a vote by club members.

Door prizes will be limited at club meetings to ten prizes. Elizabeth will store the computer, projector and screen. The amount in the treasury will no longer be published in club newsletters but will be announced at meetings. In order to change names on the club bank account, a copy of the minutes with names and titles for club president and treasurer is needed along with a copy of the driver's license.

### **Minutes for the CORC Meeting March 21, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Elizabeth Prindle, club president, welcomed new members and guests. She asked new members and guests to introduce themselves. Everyone was reminded to sign in for door prizes and attendance. Approximately 41 members and guests were present. The club officers and committee chairs were also introduced.

**Secretary/Treasurer** - The November, 2017, meeting minutes were published in the last newsletter. Margaret (Marty) Betsch gave the Treasurer's Report. Club dues for 2018 can be paid to Marty at the meeting. There is a short liability waiver on the membership form that members are asked to sign.

**Federation** – Del and Clara Walker announced that the annual Northwest Federation Rock Show will be held in Yakima, Washington, on April 27-29, 2018. There will be speakers and showcases as well as vendors from several different states. Please go to <http://www.yakimarockclub.com/2018-nfms-80th-annual-show-convention/> for further information. All members of Central Oregon Rock Collectors are members of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. CORC members receive a monthly Federation newsletter in print form. If you prefer an emailed version, please let Clara or Del know. It usually takes a month or so for new members to begin receiving the Federation newsletter.

**Announcements** – Elizabeth announced that Don Ross had recently given a presentation and hands-on demonstration of rock painting to primary students. Roxanne and Ken Lawson and Suzie Meeker gave rock collecting demonstrations to two pre-Kindergarten classes. The thank you letters from the students were at the meeting.

Elizabeth recommended two rockhounding books to get started with rock collecting in Oregon. They are *Gem Trails of Oregon* by Garret Romaine and *Rockhounding Oregon, A Falcon Guide* by Lars Johnson. The BLM office in Prineville also has information on rocks found in the Ochocos and the Prineville area along with samples of rocks that can be collected.

**Newsletter/Electronic Media** – The deadline for submissions to the April newsletter is Wednesday, March 28. The newsletter is published on the website and is also sent to members' email boxes or mailed if members do not have email. The club website is located at <https://corockcollectors.com/> The club Facebook site can be found under Central Oregon Rock Collectors. Informal rock collecting trips can be announced on this site.

**Business** – The members voted to donate \$100 to the Rice Museum as a thank you for providing speakers for past meetings. The members also voted to purchase a computer and software that is compatible with the equipment the club owns for presentations.

**Program** – Members shared rocks that they had collected or purchased during the last year. Roger Whiteman shared a gorgeous jasper cabochon (cab) cast in silver. New member Matthew showed a knife with a handle fashioned out of color Graveyard Point jasper and a handmade leather sheath. Jack Benedict displayed thundereggs from the White Fir area in the Ochocos along with knives knapped from obsidian. Paul Asman offered to give individual lessons in wirewrapping for \$10 each and will donate that amount to the club. He displayed cabs from limb casts from the Paulina area along with cabs made from other Oregon stones.

Al Liebetrau demonstrated several minerals with fluorescent properties. Jules Wetzel shared a polished rock from the Succor Creek area. Suzie Meeker had a green chlorite crystal from China that she purchased at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows! Sue Liebetrau shared a piece of glass from the Tucson Shows that looked like watermelon tourmaline. Eric shared a piece of blue agate and gold sheen obsidian.

**Field Trips** – Elizabeth announced the proposed field trips for 2018 as follows:

**Sunday, April 15** – Pole Creek which has agate, jasper, petrified wood and stilbite crystals. Club members will meet at Ray's Market at the east end of Prineville at 9 a.m. on Sunday

morning. Ride sharing is recommended as four wheel drive is needed to navigate the road into Pole Creek collecting areas. The trip will be led by John Moreau.

**April 20-30** – Succor Creek field trip with the Clackamette Gem Club. CORC members are welcome to join to look for agate, picture jasper, plant fossils and thundereggs. Camping is available at Succor Creek State Natural Area campground.

**Saturday, May 12** – White Fir area, Ochocos for jasper thundereggs. This trip will be led by Ken Lawson.

**Sunday, June 10** – McDonald Ranch in Ashwood for petrified wood, angelwing agate and thundereggs led by Roger Whiteman. This private ranch is a fee dig and it is not normally open for rock collectors.

### **June/July Rock Shows in Central Oregon:**

June 14-17 Prineville Pow Wow – see the website for additional info: <http://prineville.rocks/>

June 21-24 Madras – see the website for additional info:  
<http://www.allrockhoundspowwowclubofamerica.com/#!/madras-flyer>

June 30-July 4 Sisters – see the website for additional info:  
<http://www.sistersoregonguide.com/events-calendar.html>

**Sunday, August 12** - Annual Club Potluck Picnic and silent auction at Ken and Roxanne Lawson's house in Redmond. Additional details will be announced. There will be no regular club meeting in August.

**Sunday, September 9** – Possible trip to Salt Creek area in Crook County for leaf fossils, calcite and petrified wood. Details to be announced.

**Saturday, October 13** – Congleton Hollow for agate limb casts led by Elizabeth Prindle.

**November** – Annual Club Holiday party and Potluck – details to be announced.

**Programs** – This year's proposed meeting programs are as follows:

**April 18** – Mark Taylor from Nature's Bling store in Sisters on the Metaphysical Properties of Crystals

**May 16** – Tumbling Techniques by Jan Whiteman

**June 20** – Fluorescents by Al Liebetrau and Rock Painting by Don Ross

**July 18** – to be determined

**September 19** – Members' experiences with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows

**October 17** – to be determined

Please contact Don Ross if you have ideas on possible programs or you are willing to share your expertise.



Door prizes were distributed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

### Newsletter Editor Needed

Jan and I will be out of town the last weeks of the month for the rest of the spring. We are unable to continue producing the club newsletter after this issue. The club currently has right around 150 members on the roster. We have around 10 people doing all the work. Someone needs to step forward. **No Editor, No newsletter.** Simple as that. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as long as we did. We will certainly help with the transition. (email list, mailing labels, templates, etc.)

Jan and Jules Wetzel.

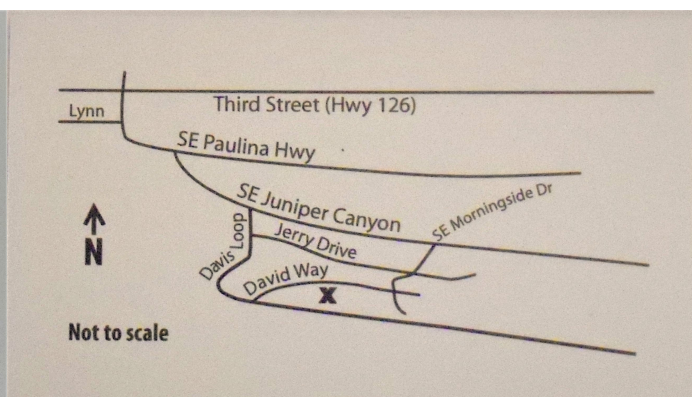
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